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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jean-Paul Tedeschi



Hi everyone

The first edition by a new editor, Di Van Santen, Welcome Di, but they are all the same (editors) they are always chasing me for my message.

A very special thank you goes to

Betty Roberts for the great job she did so well as editor for over 3 years and for carefully and generously guiding Di into her new role.

Well here it is. The year started well with Australia Day where the management committee forgot to put up the decorations, but made up with the lamb on the BBQ All went well.

February saw the start of our competitions with the *Day time pairs*, well done to all winners. The mix and match followed. Great job by the organizer and the players ,strong or weak well done.

Mixed pairs in early March saw two weeks of intense competition, again well done to all participants, and winners.

The *busy bee* was very well attended, with cleaning, pruning, digging, by a cheerful bunch of members and some planting as well.

The *library shelves* were revamped, new bidding boxes, and old ones refreshed. All was done in preparation for the congress the following week.

Just before the congress Dianne Barker sewed the *new tables cloths*. for the playing room Great job Dianne all in a couple of days. Thank you Di.

OK what about the *congress* under the watchful eyes of Denise Borger. Perfect has usual, the catering with Carol Littlechild went without a hitch and thanks to all the members for the food, cake, sandwiches etc., etc. and all the helpers on the day .Without them the congress would have been very different.

I hope all the members have had a look at the new web page, new colors to reflect a more modern view, we hope to add more items to the web, one of them being the minutes of the management meeting every month. If members would like to see mores items just advise the management committee.

I hope that covid in the club will be finished once and for all, and that everyone has recovered well.

See you at the table. JP

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AROUND THE CLUB

NEW MEMBERS



The Kalamunda District Bridge Club welcomes **Geoff Blacklaws** as a new member, and **Dinah Lang** and **Ivana Farka** as returning members. We look forward to seeing you at regular club sessions.

RECENT RANK PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to these members who have achieved a Masterpoint promotion:

- Peter Clarke promoted to Life Member (with at least 300 masterpoints)
- Wendy Dodd now has 15+ masterpoints

GRAND SLAMS Jan-Mar 2023

JIM STEEL / JOHN SHINNICK	7NT N	FRIDAY (3-MAR-23)
NICOLAS MONIODIS / BETTY ROBERTS	7NT N	FRIDAY (3-MAR-23)
JEAN-PAUL TEDESCHI / ALAN HARPER	7NT N	FRIDAY (3-MAR-23)
ERIK MOLLER / ROSS PRINGLE	7NT N	FRIDAY (3-MAR-23)
SANDRA HOFFMAN / CHERRY ZAMUDIO	7S N	FRIDAY (3-MAR-23)
SHEILA PRYCE / GORDON BROWN	7NT N	FRIDAY (3-MAR-23)
CAROLE LITTLECHILD / KAYE PRANCE	7S N	FRIDAY (3-MAR-23)
DIANE SMITH / TOSH TIELEMAN	7S N	SIDE MOVEMENT (1-MAR-23)
BRIAN DAVISON / BETTY ROBERTS	7NT S	DAYTIME PAIRS S2 (24-FEB-23)
JUDITH POOLE / BERNARD SZALKOWSKI	7NT S	SATURDAY (11-FEB-23)
DENISE BORGER / BARBARA BIBBY	7NT N	SATURDAY (11-FEB-23)
JUDITH POOLE / BERNARD SZALKOWSKI	7S S	SATURDAY (11-FEB-23)
SITA WEGGELAAR / BERNADETTE MCSTRAVICK	7NT N	SATURDAY (11-FEB-23)
CAROLE LITTLECHILD / WENDY DODD	7NT N	SATURDAY (11-FEB-23)
JUDITH POOLE / LYNNE ROBERTS	7D W	SATURDAY (4-FEB-23)
STEPHEN THYER / PETER CLARKE	7NT N	WEDNESDAY (1-FEB-23)
ALAN PUCKEY / ROSS PRINGLE	7NT S	WEDNESDAY (1-FEB-23)
MICHAEL PEPPER / JIM STEEL	7NT E	MONDAY (30-JAN-23)
SANDRA HOFFMAN / JOSCELYN CHARTERS	7NT W	MONDAY (30-JAN-23)
JULIE BECHELLI / DAVID HARRIS	7NT W	MONDAY (30-JAN-23)
BETTY ROBERTS / BRIAN DAVISON	7H S	MONDAY (23-JAN-23)
SANDRA HOFFMAN / CHERRY ZAMUDIO	7H N	FRIDAY (13-JAN-23)

70% CLUB

PHANTOM - ROBIN WARD	70.8%	THU 27-OCT-22
NICOLAS MONIODIS - CARMEN JACKSON	75.5%	MON 21-NOV-22
GORDON BROWN - SHEILA PRYCE	70.2%	SAT 21-JAN-23

AROUND THE CLUB (continued)

NEW BTG EDITOR

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NOTE: Please send me any photos, current news or stories (e.g. holiday reports, special birthdays etc.), jokes, notices or articles to include in our next Newsletter.

Please advise if you'd like your profile photo to be updated for future use!

And thank you again to Betty Roberts for helping Di so generously to take the over the editing reins.



Our members at CONGRESS STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

MANDURAH CONGRESS Masterpoints

Brown, Gordon	1.85
Daly, Gerry	3.69
Gaudet, Joseph	1.18
Haman, Wendy	0.38
Lemann, Tom	3.69
Pryce, Sheila	1.85
Tedeschi, Jean-Paul	1.18

SOUTH PERTH SWISS PAIRS

Daly, Gerry	2.04
Haman, Wendy	0.72
Lemann, Tom	2.04
Smith, Diane	0.45

ALBANY BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

Team winners: Joe Louis - Wendy Harman
- Ian Bailey - David Dale

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April

Madge Myburgh
Carol Dickie
Jackie Harper
Jo Collings
Mary Pepper
Mike Grenfell
Derick Johnston
Adele Silcox
Ross Pringle
David Kininmonth
John-Claude Pondevie
Margaret Wood
Shirley Simonson
Dennis McKinley

May

Elizabeth Bazen
Bruce Cowen
Peter Daniel
Carole Littlechild
Tom Lemann
Jenny Tedeschi
Denise Borger
Russell Bourne
Anita Davis
John Ewing
Robert McMahon
Brenda Harris
Alan Puckey
Rosana McKie
Gigi Hesterman
Donna Reed
Pat Edington
Ronnie Wood

June

Carole Sexton
Barbara Bibby
Peter Bolden
Cora Brown
Gordon Brown
Brian Davison
Helen Ottosson
Les Harris
Lesley Ellies
Ann MacGeehan

AROUND THE CLUB (continued)

Support for our novice players

Great support and practice is provided for our beginners with supervised Bridge on Monday nights. Those attending need to be seated by 6:50pm for 7:00pm start.

Lucky beginners may have the opportunity of even being mentored at socially organised home sessions. Here Diane Smith was coaching Mari McKie, Di van Santen and



From our President:

Talking about members we have a great one in Peter Daniel who organized the revamp of the library and the removal of the big stump in the car park well done Peter and thank you.

Thursday Bridge with Director, Cora

You're welcome to come along without a partner on Thursday afternoons to play without supervised assistance. You'll need to be seated by 12:15 for the afternoon's game.



CLUB EVENTS AND RESULTS

25 Jan 2023 Australia Day Competition

The day started with a sausage sizzle, followed by Bridge with sumptuous dessert at half-time. 14 pairs played on the day.



RESULTS:

North/South

East/West

Winners: NICOLAS MONIODIS - CARMEN JACKSON

JOSEPH GAUDET - JOE LOUIS



Runners up: JOHN OFFER - ROSEMARY OFFER

PETER CLARKE - STEPHEN THYER

11 Feb 2023 Mix-'n-Match

This event also started with a sausage sizzle organised by Di and Mike Barker, followed by Bridge with players of various abilities matched as partners for the afternoon. 19 pairs played on the day.



RESULTS:

North/South

East/West

Winners: JUDITH POOLE - BERNARD SZALKOWSKI

GUDRUN KEMMER - KATE SAYER



Runners up: DENISE BORGER - BARBARA BIBBY

SHERRILL DUNCAN - DAVID KININMONTH



CLUB EVENTS AND RESULTS (continued)

17-24 FEB 2023 Daytime Pairs Under 300 master points

16 Mixed Pairs played in each of the two sessions a week apart.

RESULTS:

Winners:

ALAN PUCKEY - GUDRUN KEMMER



Runners up:

JOSCELYN CHARTERS - JENNY TEDESCHI



Third: CAROLE MCMAHON - ROBERT MCMAHON



1 & 8 March 2023 Mixed Pairs

RESULTS:

Winners:

KIT LEMANN - TOM LEMANN



Runners up:

STEPHEN THYER - CARMEN JACKSON



Third:

JOE LOUIS - WENDY HARMAN



CLUB EVENTS AND RESULTS (continued)

2023 KALAMUNDA CONGRESS

After a two-year hiatus, the Congress was a success thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of all members involved.

A big thank you to all the members who contributed their time and lovely food for the weekend Congress.



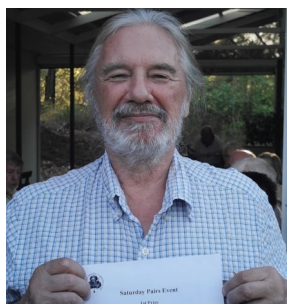
11 March 2023 KALAMUNDA SWISS PAIRS

42pairs played on the day.

RESULTS:

Winners:

MIMI PACKER - JONATHAN FREE



Sixth: TOM LEMANN / KIT LEMANN

Runners up:

VIV WOOD - GERRY DALY



12 March 2023 KALAMUNDA SWISS TEAMS

16 teams played on the day.

RESULTS:

Winners: PACKER TEAM

Johnathon Free - Dave Munro - Gwyneira Brahma - Mimi Packer

Runners up: DUTTON TEAM

Alan Cransberg - Kimberley Zhao - Nigel Dutton - Marie-Fran Merven

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS



YOUR 2023 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE: Contact details for ALL club members, including these members of our Management Committee, and club members with other roles can be found in the *Kalamunda District Bridge Club 2023 Handbook*

President: Jean-Paul Tedeschi

Vice-President: Carole Littlechild

Secretary: Barbara Bibby

Treasurer: Dianne Barker

Members: Jenny Tedeschi

Kate Sayer

Ian Purcell

Ross Pringle

Bernard Szalkowski

DIRECTORS' CORNER

DIRECTING TEAM 2023



Chief Director
Alan Harper



Denise Borger



Rob McMahon



Jean-Paul Tedeschi



Cora Brown

NOTE: We have a need of Directors urgently and the training in house for budding directors is available. Talk to Rob, Denise, or Alan Harper I am sure they will look after you well.

STORIES AND ARTICLES FROM MEMBERS

Did You Know?

By the Numbers

Here are some interesting number facts pertaining to bridge.

Eddie Kantar, American teacher and expert, tells his students: 'Count your losers and then count your winners. If the answer does not come to 13, count your cards!'

Amongst all the games and sports, bridge surely has the biggest age gap between the oldest and youngest players. Florence Chadwick of Yorkshire, England, followed the tournament circuit at the age of 103. Meanwhile players as young as 7 have competed in bridge events.

A game called 'five-suit bridge', played with 65 cards was devised in 1937. The fifth suit ranked above no-trumps and was worth 50 points per trick. Since the hands each contained 16 cards the 'book' was set at 8 tricks. The 65th card was placed face-up and known

as the 'widow'. The eventual declarer was allowed to replace any card in his hand with the widow card before play started.

The odds for a finesse when you lead towards an ace-queen combination is 50%. No surprises there.

The record for the youngest player to achieve the rank of Lifemaster is held by Danny Hirschman of Southfield, Michigan, USA. He was 10 years and 2 months old when he accumulated the necessary 300 master points. Americans take an average of 20 years of playing bridge to achieve this level. Danny Hirschman achieved it in 15 months.

A hand that contains no card higher than a nine is known as a Yarborough. It is so named after Lord Yarborough who used to offer players odds of 1000 to 1 against picking up such a poor hand. He knew he was on a good thing because the odds against being dealt a Yarborough are 1827 to 1.

Thank you to Peter Daniel

(to be continued)



Joan Andrews, a life member, on her 98th birthday at Villa Maria Nursing Home with Julie Bechelli.

Joan's birthday is on 23rd Dec so it was a Christmas party as well as her 98th.

CLUB NOTICES

Club Library

To stocktake and replenish our great club library could members please do the following:

1. donate books and jigsaw puzzles.
2. before new bridge books are ordered, return any you may



Raffles

Last year was another year of successful raffles. Many thanks to everyone who contributed, especially the Kalamunda Hotel and Best Drop Tavern who have supported for years, and, more recently, First Avenue.

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that the raffle monies help provide your Friday wine, cheese and nibbles, Saturday BBQ's and all the meals for events during the year, so please give generously.

BAWA WA Bridge Focus magazine

Would member's of KDBC please read March 23 page 17 by David Schokman

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WELLBEING OFFICER

Please contact Anita Davis on 0448282164 or at the club if you know of a member who is ill, hospitalised or suffering bereavement and Anita will respond accordingly on behalf of the club.

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