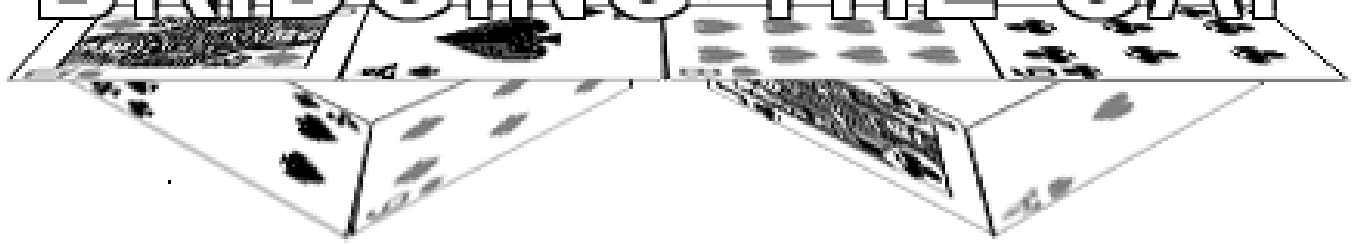


BRIDGING THE GAP



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CRABB'S KALAMUNDA



Grants

The bid has now been submitted to the shire. We have three letters of support for the bid so thanks to Renee (Probus) and Bert (Rotary). The third letter was from the Kalamunda learning centre.

Thanks also to Carole and Jenny who visited IKEA to obtain the figures for the kitchen. This is of course for the lottery bid but we needed to include it in the Shire bid. I have a copy of the bid should anyone be interested.

The bid is forty one pages long which reflects the work that went into preparing it so thanks to Julie for all her time.

As everyone is aware there are a number of bids being submitted and we need a structure to cope assuming they are all successful. Members have been approached and I am delighted to report that Alan has agreed to be responsible for the new computer system (which includes

the screen and peripherals), Bert has agreed to mastermind the construction of the kitchen (although we will need the men to roll up their sleeves again) and Gordon will take control of the suspended ceiling. All we need is for the bids to succeed!

The Lottery bid has been prepared and I am waiting for an informal meeting with our lotteries officer before formally submitting it.

Monthly Prize Winners

The most improved pair in December were Bente and Jackie and the latter was also the best player of the month. In January Rosemary and John were the most improved pair for all sessions. Len was the best player with Denise and Bente as runners up.

Mark Goddard won the individual so congratulations to them all.

Congress

Both events are full so congratulations to all those involved, and especially Denise. The cookbook has been prepared so thanks to all the members who contributed recipes, to Liz for co-ordinating and to Jean Paul who made such a wonderful job laying it out.

To prepare the club for the congress there is a busy bee on Sunday March 11th so names in the book please.

We have already revarnished the outside tables and repainted the front door so many thanks to Brian, Peter, Eugene, John, John Paul and Rob for their efforts. If anyone is unhappy with the colour of the front door I have a paintbrush.....

There is now a list for food so if you can contribute something, even if you are not playing, it would be appreciated.

Kalamunda Learning Centre

We advertised bridge classes through the centre but only had three takers. They were contacted and have all joined our Monday beginners class.

New Learners classes

The teaching team have done their job and sixteen beginners have now been enrolled into the club.(and there are two more possibles). We now need to integrate them into club sessions. This is where we need your help. Anita and I will be/have approached experienced pairs who play acol

and asked them to split and take on a learner. The process is a matter of negotiation but we need volunteers so we have a list of players who will help introduce new players into the club.

Without club members becoming involved at this stage we risk losing the beginners and without them there will not be a Kalamunda club. The teaching team have done there job so it is now over to you.

New lessons for beginners (16 enrolled) began on Feb 13th. No rest for the wicked. The format has been changed and we now have a timetable for Mondays until August. You can see it below:

- FEB 13 Beginners-introduction
- 20 Counting winners and 1NT opening
- 27 Responses to a 1NT opening part 1

- MAR 5 Playing the NT hand
- 12 Responses to 1NT opening part 2
- 19 Responses to a 1NT opening part 3
- 26 Supervised club session/s beginners practice

- APR 2 **Intermediate lesson-balancing**/beginners practice
- 9 Opening with a suit bid
- 16 Responding to a suit bid
- 23 Supervised club session/ beginners practice
- 30 Beginners practice

- MAY 7 Openers rebid part 1
- 14 openers rebid part 2
- 21 **Intermediate lesson-opening leads**
- 28 Supervised club session

JUNE 4 Beginners practice
11 Responders rebid
18 Playing a suit contract
25 Supervised club session

JULY 2 **Intermediate lesson-
signals/beginners practice**
9 Competitive auctions
16 **Intermediate lessons-tba**
23 **Intermediate lessons-tba**
30 Supervised club session

There are two main changes. Firstly on the fourth Monday of each month there will be a supervised session with Bert as the director. This will be a normal session except that there will be a supervisor(s) on hand to assist in the bidding should they be required. ABF points will be awarded. It is hoped this session will attract members who do not usually attend on Mondays. Again we are using this session to help incorporate beginners into the club. We need members to turn up and play. It is your club and this is a way you can help.

Secondly there will be Mondays when there will be intermediate lessons. These are supported by a booklet which any club member can obtain. We will advertise them in advance just to remind you.

Saturdays

We are now playing on every Saturday. Again we are using this session to integrate some of the new members so your presence is welcome (I was tempted to say required!) and I will be approaching some club members to ask them to play with a beginner. I will be playing with a learner on each session but help is needed.

Again if you want a Kalamunda bridge club in the future, please give the club some support on these new sessions. Our last session had 5.5 tables and there were 7 from our beginners lessons. We need more club members so please turn up to support the club.

Handbook secretary

Cherry has agreed to take on the above position and will be responsible for the next handbook. Hopefully we can make it even more informative and who knows we might even obtain some advertising!

Competitions

The committee have decided that there will only be one daytime championship each year but that day will be rotated. This year the championship will be on three Wednesdays; next year it will be on a Friday and then a Monday. This will give every one a chance.

At the next committee meeting we will be considering the competitions schedule as currently it is difficult to include the new players on evening sessions. We need to make the club more suitable for new members as currently our competitions schedule really excludes beginners despite our adding a handicapped teams event. There seems little point in putting in all the time teaching learners if they have to go elsewhere to play! Many of our new learners are still working and integrating them with our current sessions is difficult - hence the Saturday opening.

Marketing

No doubt you all saw Rory on the front page of the Echo. He gave up a Saturday afternoon to come into the club to be interviewed so thanks to Rory for giving up his time so we obtained some great publicity.

Four thousand dollars has now been allocated for marketing until the AGM. It has also been agreed that a maximum of six thousand will be allocated for the year commencing in August but the exact amount will depend on the success in integrating new players into the club.

Subject to finance the draft programme is as below

2012	Message	Cost	Paper
Feb	Sat bridge	495+GST	Echo
April	Friendly; inclusive etc	422 inc	KR
June	tba	495+GST	Echo
July	Bridge is for all ages	422 inc	KR
Aug*2	Beginners lessons	422 inc	KR
		495	Echo
Approx Total		\$3000	

2012/2013

Nov	Friendly		Echo
Jan*2	Beginners lessons		KR/ Echo
March	tba		KR
May	tba		KR
July	tba		KR
Aug*2	Beginners lessons		KR/Echo
	Est Cost	\$4000	

Prices are for a quarter page colour advert and we obtain an 18% discount in the KR if we book 8 adverts at one time . The Echo distributes to both the shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring and so we will cover

Midland and Swan. The Kalamunda Reporter covers Kalamunda plus and has a 33,000 circulation and is delivered to all the homes in Forrestfield

Curtin radio have agreed to advertise the club regularly. As I write they are recording the advert and the advert should now be on air. It is free!

Roger Patterson has agreed to assist in the marketing of the club which will include writing the copy for the BAWA news (I can now edit his material rather than edit myself!) so if anyone has any bridge news please contact Roger. He is also producing copy for the adverts for the committee to consider. It is great that a new member is becoming involved in the running of the club. I am sure Roger is the first of many.

Bridge is easy for the experts

A few Thursdays ago I was north and held the following hand

S 7
H A J 10 5 4 3
D 8 6 4 3
C 9 7

West opened 1NT and east raised to 3NT.

I had to lead. Beginners are taught to lead the fourth highest unless..... This is one of the exceptions. From a holding of A J 10 x x you lead the J. If the opponents win then when partner gains the lead they return a heart and if west only has three hearts they are gone. The actual hand was as below

	N	
	♠ 7	
	♥ A J 10 5 4 3	
	♦ 8 6 4 3	
	♣ 9 7	
W		E
♠ K J 6 3 2		♠ 9 5
♥ K 9 2		♥ Q 6
♦ K Q 2		♦ A J 10 5
♣ K 6		♣ A Q 8 5 3
	S	
	♠ A Q 10 8 4	
	♥ 8 7	
	♦ 9 7	
	♣ J 10 4 2	

You can see what happens if you lead the fourth highest. Declarer makes the contract easily. East played the Q on the J and the rest is history. Could it have been played differently? See next issue for the answer.

Jokes

Seen at our oncologists
 "denial is not a river in Egypt"

Below is a collection of letters sent to a South of England Newspaper who asked for examples of stupidity - courtesy of Alan.

IDIOT SIGHTING No.1

My daughter and I went to the McDonald's drive through check-out window to pay our bill and I gave the clerk a £5 note. Our total bill was £4.20, so I also handed her a 20 pence piece. She said, 'You gave me too much money. I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me £1 back. She sighed and went to get the Manager who

asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 20 pence and said 'We're sorry but we do not do that kind of thing. The clerk then proceeded to give me back 80 pence in change.

Do not confuse the clerks at MacDonald's

IDIOT SIGHTING No2

We had to have the garage door repaired. The GARADOR repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a moment, and said that we had the largest one GARADOR made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, 'Lady, you need a 1/4 horsepower. I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.

We haven't used Garador repair since. Happened in Moor Park, near Watford

IDIOT SIGHTING No3

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the Highways Department to request the removal of the 'DEER CROSSING' sign from our road. The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars on this stretch of road! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing, anymore.

Story from Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

IDIOT SIGHTING No 4

My daughter went to a local Kentucky Fried Chicken and ordered a Taco. She asked the person behind the counter for

'minimal lettuce. He said he was sorry, but they only had Iceberg Lettuce.

From South Oxhey , Hertfordshire.

IDIOT SIGHTING No 5

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge? To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know? He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

Happened at Luton Airport

IDIOT SIGHTING No 6

The traffic light on the corner buzzes when the lights turn red and it is safe to cross the road. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged friend of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?

She is a Local County Council employee in Harrow , Middlesex. (And she's NOT blonde)

IDIOT SIGHTING No7

When my husband and I arrived at our local Ford dealer to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the Service Department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door-handle and discovered that it was unlocked.

'Hey,' I announced to the Fitter/Mechanic, 'it's open! His reply: 'I know. I already did that side.

This was at the Ford dealership in St Albans , Hertfordshire.