



# BRIDGING THE GAP



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## President's Report

March has come and gone, and our Congress is well and truly over. Everything went splendidly, thanks to Di Barker as Convener, and Directors Lynne Roberts and Rory O'Hanlon. You, our club members, have risen to the occasion with a wonderful and plentiful supply of food to feed the hungry players. The Catering Committee, under the watchful eye of Carole Littlechild did a fabulous job. My thanks go to everyone for helping to make a successful Congress.

I would like to make special mention of two players, Kate Sayer and Gerry Emmons - for their super effort on the Saturday of Congress in the pairs competition. Well done to you both.

As the President of the KDBC I was very proud to see our club looking so good and I have received, on your behalf, lots of very good comments. This was in part due to the great help from a small but dedicated team of people who attended the Busy Bee the week before; we had a very good turn-out and all jobs were achieved thanks to all the helpers. I would personally like to thank these people. They know who they are, and without them we would not have been able to achieve the desired result of a club that we can be proud of.

The competitions have started and I am happy to see new names on the top.

The youth program is on the way and further details will be available to the members after the next management meeting in March.

To all, please play well.

Be kind to each other.

Your President JP

## Coming Events - Additional details on [KDBC Webpage](#)

**KDBC Restricted Pairs Congress <300MPs Red Dot**

Saturday 23 May 2026

Seating time: 09:50am

Start time: 10:00am

BYO lunch

**Daytime Teams Competition <300MPs Red Dot**

Thursday 28 May 2026 (over 2 Thursdays)

Seating time: 12:15pm

Start time: 12:30pm



**BTG Editor**

**Kay Hyde**

Don't hesitate to provide me with ideas or items you would like in your newsletter.

Please feel free to send any photos, current news, articles or stories that you would like included in the newsletter.

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**Wellbeing Officer and Partnership Coordinator**

**Anita Davis**

Anita is happy to assist anyone who has any difficulties in finding a partner for Bridge.

*Please feel free to contact Anita* or you can also write your name on the board on the internal door at the club rooms.

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalised or suffering bereavement, please contact Anita and she will respond accordingly on behalf of the club.

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## KDBC - Coming Events

April 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 Closed for Good Friday	4	5
6 Daytime Pairs Competition <300MPs Red point event	7	8	9	10 Beginners Revision Classes	11 Saturday sausage sizzle	12
13	14	15	16	17 Beginners Revision Classes	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Beginners Revision Classes Open Pairs Competition Red point event	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Beginners Revision Classes Open Pairs Competition Red point event	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Saturday sausage sizzle	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 KDBC Restricted Pairs Congress <300MPs	24
25	26	27	28 Daytime Teams Competition <300MPs	29	30	31

# KDBC - Coming Events

June 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4 <b>Teams Competition</b> <300MPs	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <b>Saturday sausage sizzle</b>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <b>Mixed Pairs Competition</b> <i>Red point event</i>	30 <b>KDBC Membership Subs due</b>					



*How about I come over to your place and pick out what I want?*



*TWAS THE KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS..*

**Don't forget Xmas in July!**



*What do you call Santa without a GPS?  
A lost claus!*

July 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <b>Mixed Pairs Competition</b> <300MPs <i>Red point event</i>	7	8	9	10	11 <b>Saturday sausage sizzle</b>	12
13	14	15	16 <b>Restricted Pairs Competition</b> <50MPs	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <b>Open Pairs Competition</b> <i>Red point event</i>	25 <b>Christmas in July</b> <i>Green point event</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31		

The Annual Awards for 2025 were presented by the club President Jean-Paul Tedeschi at the Christmas Party. The successful club members who won the 2025 competitions were congratulated on receiving their respective awards. There was a large attendance for the awards and subsequent bridge competition held on the day.



Directors preparing for the competition





**WINNERS**

**North/South**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sandra Hoffman/Madge Myburgh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Cameron/Elijah Guest



**East/West**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Clarke/Joe Louis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Daniel/Julie Bechelli
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kate Sayer/Ronnie Malthouse



**The Directors**

Without the Directors there would not be any bridge games held to determine players' achievements!

A big thank you to all the Directors for their organisation and guidance for all the bridge sessions.

A token of thanks to these great people was awarded by the President Jean-Paul Tedeschi.



(L-R Rory O'Hanlon, Lynne Roberts, Jean-Paul Tedeschi, Cora Brown, Rob McMahon. (Missing - Ross Pringle)

**individual  
Championship**  
*Frank Parker Plate*

**Ronnie Malthouse**

Runner-up: Marie Pagotto



**Men's Open Pairs**  
*Rex Mizen Cup*

**Tom Lemann**  
**Stephen Thyer**  
**Alan Puckey**  
**Ross Pringle (missing)**



**Women's Pairs  
Championship**  
*Constance McCullough  
Cup*

**Sandra Hoffman**  
**Carole Sexton**



**Mixed Pairs  
Championship**  
*Trophy Elfrida MacLean*

**Gudrun Kemmer**  
**David Kininmonth**



**Daytime Pairs  
Championship**  
*DVG Cup*

(Less than 300MPs)  
**Lynne Roberts**  
**Jim Steele**  
(M Pepper accepting)



**Daytime Teams  
Championship**  
*Perpetual Trophy*

(Less than 300MPs)  
**Robin Ward**  
**Alan Puckey**  
**Helen Ottosson**  
**Bernard Szalkowski**  
**Denise Borger**  
(missing)



**Open Pairs  
Championship**  
*Mike Hopper Shield*

**Alan Puckey**  
**Denise Borger**  
(missing)



**Restricted Pairs  
Championship**  
*Susan Collinson Vase*

(Fewer than 50 MPs)  
**Shar Snow**  
**George Snow**  
  
**Runners-up**  
Mari McKie  
Patricia Edington



**Open Teams  
Championship**  
*Sylvia Parker Plate*  
  
**(Tie for first place)**

**Peter Cameron  
Doug Hegarty  
Joe Louis  
Wendy Hareman**

**Tom Lemann  
Kit Lemann  
Stephen Thyer  
Madge Myburgh**



*No picture available of entire teams*

**Novice Pairs  
Championship**  
*Susan Collinson Plate*  
  
**(Fewer than 15 MPs)**  
**Shar Snow  
George Snow**



**Most Improved Pair**  
  
*Mercia O'Meara  
Trophy*  
  
**Mike Grenfell  
(missing)  
Eileen Bresland**



**Runners-up**  
Mari McKie  
Patricia Edington

**Runners-up**  
Anita Davis  
Renee Wylie

**Monday Champion Pair**  
*Vera Kenworthy Memorial  
Trophy*



**Wednesday  
Champion Pair**  
*Doris Broad Plate*



**Peter Clarke  
Joe Louis**

**Peter Clarke  
Stephen Thyer**

**Runners-up**  
Nick Moniodis  
Carmen Jackson

**Runners-up**  
Sandra Hoffman  
Carole Sexton

**Friday Champion Pair**  
*Venture Cup*



**Saturday Champion  
Pair**  
*Mike Nestor Cup*



**Madge Myburgh  
Stephen Thyer**

**Tom Lemann  
Kit Lemann**

**Runners-up**  
Sandra Hoffman  
Peter Clarke

**Runners-up**  
Stephen Thyer  
Carmen Jackson

**Most Masterpoints**  
*Helen Wolyniec Trophy*



**Interclub Teams of 4  
Trophy**



**Stephen Thyer - 25.71**

**Rory O'Hanlon  
Lynne Roberts  
Kate Sayer  
Ronnie Malthouse**

**Runner-up**  
Sandra Hoffman - 17.02

**The Awards and  
Trophies**



Australia Day Event

26 January 2026



Chefs - Mike Barker and JP Tedeschi



Lining up for roast lamb



Long line!



Section A	
North / South	
1	Carole Littlechild / Dianne Barker
2	Stephen Thyer / Jo Collings
3	Suzanne Dewar / Mari McKie
East / West	
1	Peter Clarke / Joe Louis
2	Helen Ottosson / Robin Ward
3	Bernadette McStravick / Ronnie Malthouse





**Section B**

**North / South**

- 1 Peter Walczak / Jeanne Walczak
- 2 Jenny Tedeschi / Margaret McRobbie
- 2 Ross Pringle / Alan Harper
- 4 Anita Davis / Renee Wylie

**East / West**

- 1 John Shinnick / Lyn Shinnick
- 2 Elizabeth McMillen / Colin Meek
- 2 Sandra Hoffman / Joscelyn Charters
- 4 Gudrun Kemmer / Julie Bechelli



A well attended event on the holiday weekend of 26 January 2026. There were 31 pairs present to play bridge on the day.

A hearty lunch of lamb and trimmings was prepared; and the lamb was well cooked by the chefs of the day JP Tedeschi and Mike Barker.

## KDBC – Events and Results

### Mix & Match Event

14 February 2026



The Mix & Match event was held on Valentines Day this year (February 14<sup>th</sup>). There were five tables of players, and a great day was had by all. Members enjoyed the sausage sizzle pre-game and the Valentines Day theme to the afternoon tea!



	Winners – North/South	Winners – East/West
1	Wendy Dodd / Michael Grenfell	Peter Daniel / Gerry Emmons
2	Cora Brown / Lina Zampichelli	Wesley Huber / Geoff Blacklaws
3	Andrea Emmons / Philippa Kerr	Elizabeth McMillen / Phil Snook
4	Helen Ottosson / Delys Syme	David Kininmonth / Lyn Shinnick

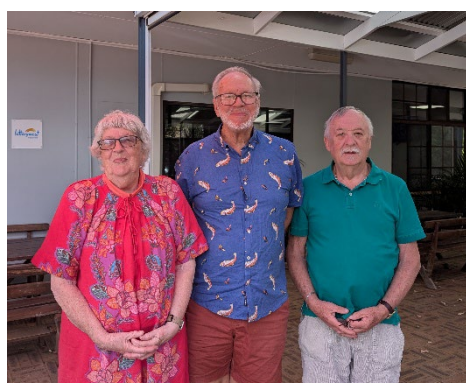
### Individual Competition

26 February & 5 March 2026

There were 29 players in this event which was held over two weeks. Congratulations to the winners and a big thanks to the Director (Rob McMahon) who watched over this event.

Place	Player	Score
1	Bruce Cowan	312.0
2	Sandra Hoffman	298.3
3	Robin Ward	295.1
4	Stephen Thyer	288.4

Place	Player	Score
5	Gerry Emmons	287.5
6	Lorraine Stivey	281.4
7	Sheila Bradshaw	276.4
8	Peter Daniel	274.4
9	Michelle McDiarmid	273.0
10	Ronnie Malthouse	267.4
11	Cora Brown	267.0
12	Ann MacGeehan	262.0
13	Patricia Edington	262.0
14	Andrea Emmons	257.6



Winners 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> of the championship  
Sandra Hoffman and Bruce Cowan;  
and Gerry Emmons

## Convenor’s Report Kalamunda Open Congress

14 March 2026

Once again Kalamunda Bridge club have excelled in hosting their Open Congress for 2026. Our members once again surpassed expectations in firstly assisting with the busy week prior and secondly in their donations of the most amazing food for the two days. Thank you everyone!

Taking over as Congress Convenor from Denise Borger was always going to be a hard act to follow. Due to medical issues Denise was unable to organise this year’s congress and hopefully she is now on the mend and looking forward to her holiday.

Saturday’s Pairs event attracted only 21 tables, not the 22 tables we had hoped for. In previous years there were six prizes as well as Best Kalamunda Pair. This year it was decided to increase the prize money and decrease the number of prizes awarded. It was great to see that all participants on both days were at the club well before the start time.

The highlight on Saturday was the superb showing by Kalamunda members Kate Sayer and Gerry Emmons who were seated at Table 1 for three rounds and Table 2 for two rounds. Bearing in mind this partnership was a last-minute rush as they had never played together before. Kate was originally playing with Ronnie Malthouse who was taken ill in the days prior to the Congress. We hope you are also on the mend Ronnie and look forward to seeing you back at the bridge table in the very near future. Kate and Gerry were also the Best Kalamunda Pair and finished in fifth place overall.

Sunday’s Teams event went as expected with the more experienced state players taking the main prizes. There were only 20 tables, but it allowed for easier movement near the doorway. It was terrific to see the club’s youngest member Elijah Guest participating in the event along with his mum Karlee and grandmother Rhonda. The best Kalamunda Team consisted of Joscelyn Charters, Mark Goddard, Wendy Harman and Joe Louis. Well done!


Finally, some thanks are due to a few people for their outstanding efforts over the weekend. Our president JP who was there at the crack of dawn both days blowing away the leaves and setting up the trestles and chairs as well as packing them away at the end of each day. Also, for picking up and returning the hired chairs.

Our amazing Director Lynne Roberts and her sidekick Rory O’Hanlon for a terrific job in maintaining peace and providing well-informed decisions over the weekend. Thank you both!




To Carole Littlechild who kept the food coming for the two days as well as ensuring tea and coffee was always available. Thank you Carole.

And finally, to our standby pair and team members who were there at the start of both days. Thank you all.

*Dianne Barker*

	Winners – Swiss Pairs	Imps	VPs	
1	Kimberley Zhao / Alan Cransberg	91.15	89.11	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Swiss Pairs</b> Alan Cransberg and Kimberly Zhao (Convenor - Di Barker centre)</p>
2	Tuya Cooke / Kaiping Chen	67.60	81.44	
3	Dave Munro / David Schokman	50.45	77.24	
4	Trish Christy / Mei Zhao	46.25	74.73	
5	Gerry Emmons / Kate Sayer	39.40	73.67	

Winners Teams	
1	Geoffrey Pocock / Nigel Zeller / Daniel Wallwork / Avon Wilsmore
2	Dave Munro / Cynthia Belonogoff / / David Schockman / Vinod Nasta
3	Gwyneira Brahma / Deana Wilson / James Steer / Stella Steer
4	Chris Ingham / Andrew Swider / Val Biltoft / Tad Bieganski
5	Tuya Cooke / Lilia Male / Kaiping Chen / Beata Bieganski

 <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Teams</b></p> <p>Dave Munro and David Schokman <i>(members missing Cynthia Belonogoff and Vinod Nasta)</i></p>	 <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pairs</b></p> <p>Kaipin Chen and Tuya Cooke</p>	 <p><b>Best Kalamunda Pair</b></p> <p>Kate Sayer and Gerry Emmons <i>(Convenor - Di Barker centre)</i></p>
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### In the news!

*The West Australian Saturday 21 March 2026*

#### Bridge **NIGEL DUTTON**

The first time I played at a bridge club would have been in the mid-1970s. Knowing approximately nothing, we walked into the WABC in Dalkeith. Sitting South at our table was a boy I estimated to be no more than 10 years old. It was Avon Wilsmore. As a young adult, Avon moved to Sydney to pursue his career and, at the same time, became one of Australia's leading players. Avon is back briefly in WA and has made his presence felt by captaining his team to a win at last weekend's Kalamunda Congress.

Some years later, I remember reading an article where Avon suggested that if you were serious about improving your bridge: "Your copy of Clyde Love's Bridge Squeezes Complete should be dog-eared with use." I purchased the book, along with Norman Squire's Squeeze Play Simplified; both were excellent.

Today's hand is about a squeeze; don't panic, I'm going to give you a few simple rules and away you go. Every South played 5C, and nobody made it. Have a

look and see if you can work it out. There are an obvious 10 tricks and no easy prospect for an 11th, so the first simple rule is: A squeeze will be your only chance. Rule 2: You must be only one trick shy of your contract. Rule 3: You must have lost all the tricks you can afford to lose before the squeeze can work. That's it – almost. I'll mention the most important rule shortly.

North opened 1S and rebid 2H over South's 2C response. I think South's 5C to finish the auction was sound. Yes, the 4-4 diamond break allows 3NT to make, but we need to be serious here. West led the obvious SK, which was taken with the ace. Back to Rule 1 – check. Rule 2 – check. Rule 3: You must lose your obvious diamond losers now. This is vital; in technical terms, you are removing idle cards from the defenders' hands, so when you feed them seven clubs, they will be squeezed in the majors. You don't need to understand this – just do it.

At trick two, play a diamond from dummy. Whoever wins cannot afford to attack either major suit, as the tens in

dummy make it too dangerous. The best defence will be three rounds of diamonds, with South ruffing the third.

Now we inflict some pain. Play six rounds of clubs, leaving just three cards in dummy: S10 and HA10. Your job will be to decide which three cards West keeps. The best they can do is to keep the SQ and the HK9. This is where most players now go wrong; they are reluctant to play the last club – just in case.

The most important rule: PLAY YOUR LAST CLUB and watch West surrender. Just make sure you don't mess it up by playing the wrong card from dummy.

The Kalamunda Congress Swiss Pairs was won by Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg. The Congress Teams went to Avon Wilsmore, Daniel Wallwork, Geoffrey Pocock and Nigel Zeller.

<p>♠ KQJ5. ♥ K942. ♦ AJ83. ♣ 8.</p>	<p>DEALER: NORTH VUL: N/S</p>	<p>♠ A10873. ♥ A1073. ♦ Q65 ♣ 5.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N — E W — S</p> <p>♠ 96. ♥ J65. ♦ K1097. ♣ 1092.</p> <p>♠ 4. ♥ Q8. ♦ 42. ♣ AKQJ7643.</p>
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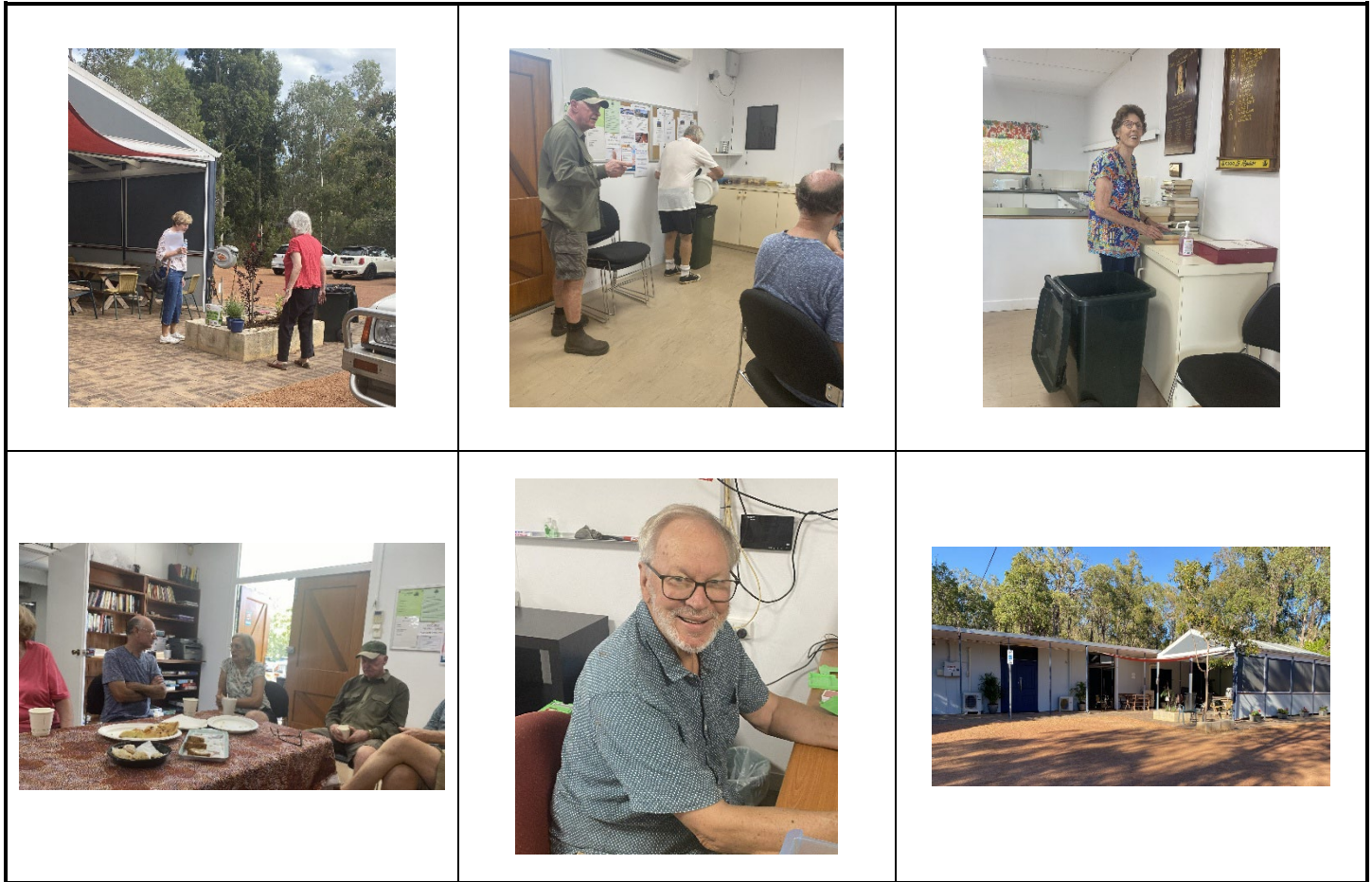
# Around the Club – Items of interest

Busy Bee

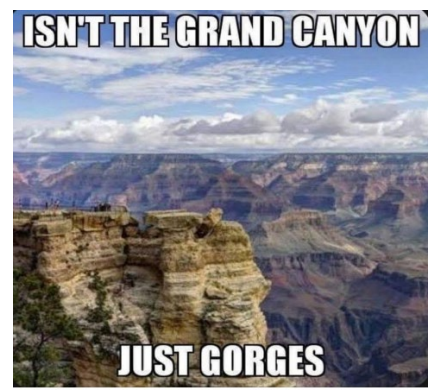
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There were lots of jobs for members to undertake around the club. The President would like to thank all those members who volunteered their assistance at the Busy Bee. The work carried out both inside and outside of the clubhouse made a big difference to the appearance of the Kalamunda District Bridge Club, which enabled the club to show the club rooms and surrounds in the best possible way.

And of course, the morning tea was very well received – thank you Carole!



## Thinking about holidays?



### Ten most common bridge declarer play mistakes

- 1 Just cashing your tricks, rather than establishing suits.
- 2 Leading honours, rather than leading towards your honours.
- 3 Not finessing, or finessing by leading an honour card.  
\* Remember: Missing a Queen, 8 EVER – 9 NEVER  
- With 8 cards missing the Queen finesse EVERY time.  
- 9 cards missing the Queen NEVER finesse.  
- PLAY the Ace then the King hoping the Queen will fall.
- 4 Getting stuck in the wrong hand, taking care of entries.
- 5 Not ducking or ducking when inappropriate.

### In suit contracts

- 6 Not drawing trumps.
- 7 Drawing trumps when you should delay this.  
\* Draw trumps if/when appropriate, some hands you need to ruff  
- before the trumps have been drawn, or  
- discard a loser, before losing control.
- 8 Ruffing in the “long” hand when you should delay this  
\* Play a loser on loser instead
- 9 Ruffing low and being over ruffed.
- 10 Drawing the last high trump held by an opponent, without good reason.

*Interesting articles found 'around' other clubs.*

*Thanks for the items, Dennis.*

*Some things to keep in mind!*



### Ten Commandments of Basic Bridge Play

1. Thou shalt respond to partner with 6+ HCP.
2. Thou shalt lead partner's suit.
3. Thou shalt return partner's lead
4. Thou shalt play low in second position.
5. Thou shalt count winners in NT, losers in suits.
6. Thy Aces are for Kings, thy Kings for Queens.
7. Thou shalt devalue 4 3 3 3
8. Thou shalt lead through strength.
9. Thou shalt trump in the short suit.
10. Misfits are devils – renounce them quickly!

## Around the Club

### Acknowledgements

#### Judy Poole



On behalf of the President, Committee Members and all Club Members, we wish to extend our many thanks to Judy Poole for her years of service to the club.



Judy's role in arranging the raffle over the years at many club events is not just selling raffle tickets. To get to that point Judy has given up a lot of her time to arrange sponsorship, to collect donations from sponsors, to gather donations from club members, to present the raffle prizes with amazing arrangements and of course to have the responsibility of selling tickets. The club raffles have created fun and delight at the drawing of the raffle.

Judy is well known to most of the club members as a person who silently carries out her tasks for the good of the club.

Judy's involvement to arrange the raffles would have contributed many thousands of dollars over the years for the club, something for which we can all be grateful.

Judy has now handed over this role to Margaret Weir and Anne Kerr to focus on other things in her life.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO JUDY** for your valued contribution and as such have made it a better club for all members.

#### Kaye Prance



On behalf of the President, Committee Members and all Club Members, we wish to extend our many thanks to Kaye Prance for her years of service to the club.



Kaye has been a staunch member and volunteer to the club for many, many years. She has assisted with all events in the social/catering area – preparing food, serving food, clearing up after the event, the kitchen clean-up and much more. She has also been a prominent helper at the Supervised sessions held on a Monday evening, providing important support and mentoring to those beginning their Bridge experience.

Kaye is well known to most of the club members as a person who silently carries out her tasks selflessly, for the good of the club, even when she is not playing bridge.

Kaye is now stepping back from these roles to focus her energy on other things in her life and perhaps more bridge playing?

**A BIG THANK YOU TO KAYE** for all the ways that you have assisted to keep our club running over the years and as such have made it a better club for all members.

## Grand Slams and 70 Percenters

Grand Slams		November 2025 - March 2026	
Stephen Thyer / Carmen Jackson	7NT S	Saturday	15 Nov 2025
Peter Cameron / Doug Hegarty	7S S	Wednesday	19 Nov 2025
Carol Dickie / Julie Bechelli	7NT E	Wednesday	26 Nov 2025
Nicolas Moniodis / Carol Dickie	7NT S	Friday	28 Nov 2025
Andrea Emmons / Gerry Emmons	7C S	Friday	28 Nov 2025
Elizabeth McMillen / Suzanne Hillan	7NT E	Saturday	6 Dec 2026
Ross Pringle / Eric Moller	7NT N	Friday	12 Dec 2026
Peter Cameron / Doug Hegarty	7S S	Wednesday	7 Jan 2026
Elija Guest / Karlee Guest	7S S	Monday Sect A	26 Jan 2026
Peter Clarke / Joe Louis	7NT W	Monday Sect A	26 Jan 2026
Renee Wylie / Anita Davis	7NT W	Monday	23 Feb 2026
Suzanne Dewar / Mari McKie	7H W	Monday	23 Feb 2026
Jean-Paul Tedeschi / Alan Puckey	7NT E	Monday	23 Feb 2026
Kimberley Zhao / Alan Cransberg	7H E	Kala Congress Swiss Pairs 2026 - Match 5	14 Mar 2026
Team names unavailable	7S W	Kala Congress Swiss Teams - Match 5	15 Mar 2026



70 Percenters		November 2025 - March 2026	
Stephen Thyer / Carmen Jackson	74.6%	Saturday	1 Nov 2025
Peter Daniel / Bronwyn Chisholm	76.6%	Thursday	20 Nov 2025
Kit Lemann / Tom Lemann	73.6%	Saturday	7 Feb 2026
Ross Pringle / Alan Puckey	72%	Wednesday	18 Feb 2026
Bernard Szalkowski / Jo Collings	70.1%	Wednesday	25 Mar 2026

Scientists have successfully grown human vocal cords from stem cells in the lab.

The results speak for themselves!

**My friend Jack claims he can communicate with vegetables.**

**Jack and the beans talk!**

**What do you call 52 pieces of bread?**

**A deck of carbs!**

In a safety meeting at work, they asked me what steps I'd take in the event of a fire.

Apparently "Really big ones" was the wrong answer!!

Having had the Coles' misleading advertising campaign of lies and obfuscations blasted at us for so long we'd probably prefer not to hear that word again, but it's difficult to avoid. We hear it often in every session of bridge. For example, dummy goes **down**, players move up, boards move **down**, two tricks **down** and so on. My trusty old Websters dictionary (2305 pages, including world atlas, published in 1956) lists 141 meanings and derivatives of the word **down**, such as **downhearted** and **down-in-the-dumps** which is how we occasionally feel when we have a **downturn** in our bridge playing.

The word is of Anglo-Saxon origin, with the famous Ashdown Forest south of London featuring prominently in early southern English life and literature. The forest is in East Sussex and was the inspiration for the Hundred Acre Wood of 'Winnie the Pooh' fame. A. A. Milne lived nearby and often took his son Christopher Robin walking **down** there. It's near where King Harold foolishly used his eye in an attempt to stop a Norman arrow, which didn't end well. He went **down**. Silly really, since the English army was well equipped with top-quality shields and other weaponry. He was one of four English kings to have died in battle. (As with so many of the famous, oft-quoted stories from history, there is some doubt about the cause of Harold's death, but it makes a good story).

My wife's maiden name is Ashdown. The family tree has been traced back about a thousand years, so I reckon there would be a few Ashdowns floating around in that part of the old dard. Kerin's mob are all short and swarthy, probably from their Saxon forebears.

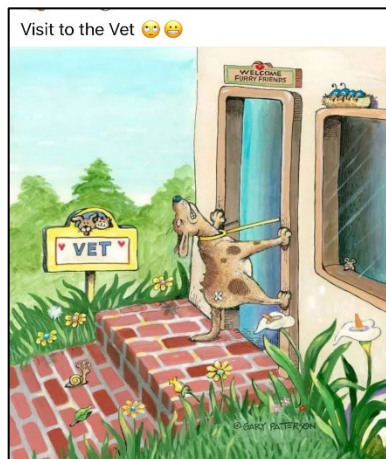
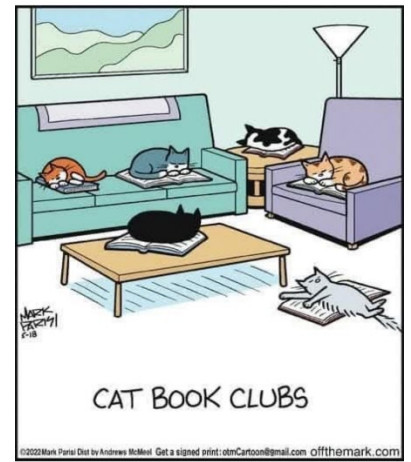
So, what is the origin of the word **down**? Websters has two origins, one is from the Scandinavian region (that's the **down** of soft feathers and has a connection to ice) and the other from Middle English meaning hill. The word dune has the same origin. It's thought that the word Ashdown probably derived from the name of an individual named Aesca combined with dun - thus Aesca's down.

So, every time you hear or use the word **down** while playing bridge you are using a very old word indeed. Since being absorbed into the English lexicon it has proliferated and become extremely versatile, including, of course, being blasted at us in a modern-day commercial scam. Chances are the producers of that advertising campaign didn't realise they were relentlessly singing 'hill, hill' at us. Doesn't have the same ring to it, does it?

***Footnote:** After a long investigation the ACCC concluded that Coles had 'misled' us. Now there's an understatement. How about deliberately and knowingly scammed us and ripped us off for large amounts of money? Seems to me that Coles should have been taken **down** a peg or two.*

# On the Funny Side

## Animals



## Life's like that!

How do you console an English teacher?

There, Their, They're...

My father owned a coal company, but mostly kept it to himself.

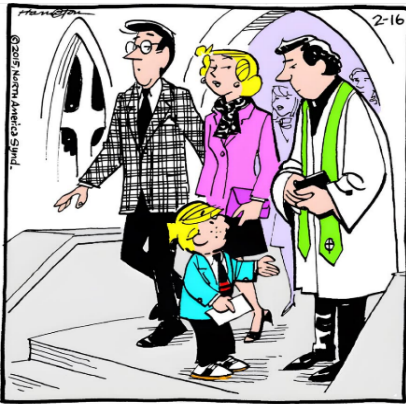
Mined his own business!

A comma, a period and an exclamation mark were called into court.

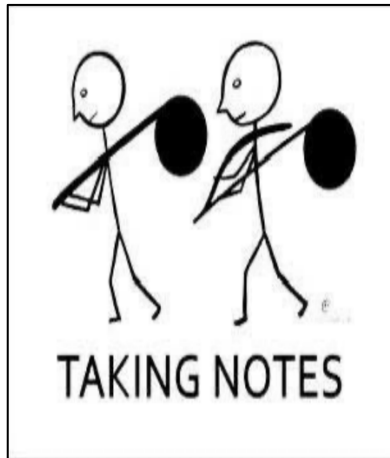
They were being sentenced!

# On the Funny Side

## Children



"GREAT SERMON, PASTOR. MY DAD SAID 'HALLELUJAH' WHEN IT WAS OVER!"



## Hmmm...



So a neighbour of mine  
knocked on my front door at  
3AM...  
3AM!!!

Luckily I was already up  
playing the bagpipes.

I hate it when my wife isn't  
in the car!

How do I know when to  
brake, stop, turn or park!!!

Whoever came up with the  
word dentures really missed  
the opportunity to call them  
"substitooths"!

## Meet the KDBC Sponsors



Did you know that the following businesses sponsor the Kalamunda District Bridge Club?



Jadran Wines was established in 1929 by Vladimir Radojkovich in Orange Grove and is now a 3rd generation, family owned and run winery.

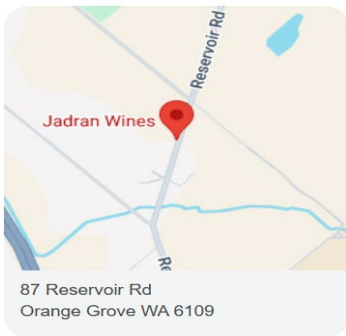
Jadran Wines is well known for its premium table and fortified wines.

All our grapes are sourced from multiple Western Australian regions, and our wines are produced and bottled on site at the winery. We are open for cellar door tastings and sales 7 days a week

**Open 10-7pm Mon-Sat, 11-6 Sun.**

Outdoor seating available for BYO picnics, or nibbles with your wine.

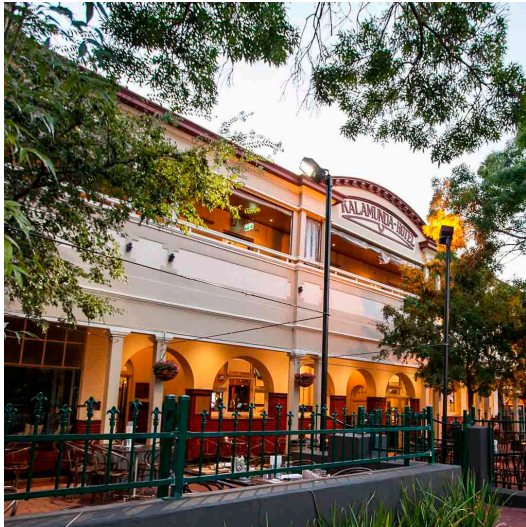
We offer free delivery to Perth metro areas.



*Drop in and taste their wines and tell them that you are a member of the KDBC!*



## Meet the KDBC Sponsors



43 Railway Road Kalamunda WA 6076

**Tel:** (08) 9257 1084

**Reservations:** [kalamundahotel.com.au](http://kalamundahotel.com.au)

Sprawling, Federation-era pub with high ceilings offering:

- Pub grub
- Terrace seating
- Great cocktails
- Live music
- Sports Bar
- Functions

### General opening hours:

- Sun – Wed: 10am to 11.00pm
- Thurs – Sat: 10.00am to 12.00am

### Kitchen Hours

Every day: 11.00am to 9.00pm

Sitting in the heart of the hills, the Kalamunda Hotel has been serving locals and visitors since 1902.

Whether it's a regular weekly dinner, or an overdue family catch up, our light-filled Family Bistro is sure to be everything you need

We have a **senior's menu** and **kids' menu** to satisfy all ages.

### Functions

Our private function spaces can cater for up to 200 people, cocktail style and up to 100 guests seated.

Our function spaces can accommodate a variety of occasions including birthday celebrations, children's parties, work meetings, weddings and any other special function.

We offer a range of facilities to make your event special including food packages and presentation facilities.

## Meet the KDBC Sponsors



18 Haynes Street, Kalamunda WA 60678

**Tel:** 9293 2993

### Opening hours

- Mon - Thurs: 11:30am to 9:30pm
- Fri: 11:30am to 11:00pm
- Sat: 11:30am to 10:30pm
- Sun: 11:30am to 9:30pm

Wheelchair-accessible car park, entrance and toilet.

Great beer selection  
Great cocktails  
Great wine list  
Live music  
Sport

For over 50 years, The Best Drop Tavern Kalamunda has been a destination for both locals and those enjoying a leisurely drive in Perth's beautiful Eastern Hills.

A busy little tavern with the cosy ambience of a traditional English pub, we offer a large selection of tap beers, wines and spirits, as well as great quality, honest, down-to-earth bistro fare and classic pub dishes.

Whether it's a beverage to accompany your meal, or a relaxing end-of-day catch-up with friends, The Best Drop's beverage lists will not disappoint. We have 16 beers on tap, over 30 wines on our list, 50-plus spirits and liqueurs to choose from, as well as a cocktail list featuring both the traditional and the quirky.

### Functions

The Best Drop Tavern in Kalamunda offers full function facilities for a large range of occasions.

We're only small, which means we're Kalamunda's BEST spot for gatherings of 20 -30 people. Whether it's finger food, al-a-carte, buffet or set menu you're looking for, we'll work with you to design menus and price points that work. Our upstairs room is also perfect for meetings, seminars and presentations.

Want the whole pub to yourself? We can even talk to you about that.

# Meet the KDBC Sponsors



241 Lesmurdie Road  
Lesmurdie WA 6076

**Phone:** (08) 291 6685

**Opening Hours:**

Monday to Sunday: 7.00am to 7.00pm

