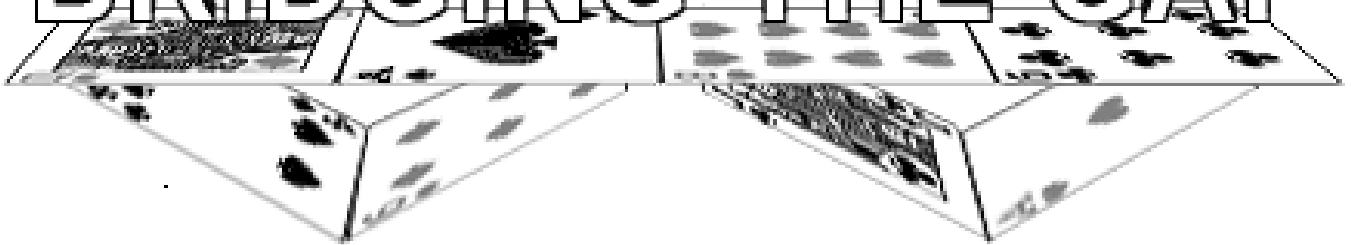




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Hello Everyone,
This Newsletter, although to December 2016, will be published very soon after New Year.



I do hope that everyone had a very merry Christmas and all good wishes for 2017.

The year has passed us by with seemingly undesirable speed! From last Christmas to this, time seems to have disappeared very quickly. No sooner were we celebrating Easter followed by a prolonged winter than we are planning Christmas and all that it means to us.

How is it that as a child, it seems an eternity between Christmas and the following Christmas. We all celebrate in a different manner, but I remember my children waiting and waiting and waiting for Santa's visit where he managed, with a huge sack, to squeeze himself down the chimney or through a window. In Africa, a member of the family or extended family would run around the garden ringing a bell, and I am not sure who was most excited, he or the children when on each Christmas Eve, the children rushed to the window to look out for Santa. They never ever saw him but they knew he was there!! I do hope that you too, did not have to squeeze down that chimney!

Cherry Zamudio

FROM THE PRESIDENT December 2016

Greetings of the Season to all! It is the time of year we enjoy those around and close to us and review the highs and lows of the year completed.

There were six very busy weeks for yours truly from the AGM until the end of September, because I was leaving WA on 4 October for 9 ½ weeks! One pressing issue raised at the AGM demanded immediate attention:

Wendy asked if the Open Teams Competition in October 2016 could be moved to Thursday evenings, as quite a few people found that Competitions on Tuesday evenings were inconvenient. After some discussion at the AGM, Gordon proposed that Wendy's request be taken back to the Competitions Committee to be reviewed at their next meeting.

The Competitions Committee considered issues relating to **Evening Red Points Events** as follows:

- 2014 – Competitions all held on Thursdays closed these sessions to visitors, turning players away.
- 2015 – Competitions all held on Wednesday Evenings, adversely affected numbers attending on Thursday evenings.
- 2016 – Competitions all scheduled for Tuesday Evenings, found inconvenient by some club members.
- The number of Red Point Events a Bridge Club may hold in a year is allocated by the Australian Bridge Federation in accordance with the number of Green Masterpoints awarded across all playing sessions throughout the preceding year.

In light of this, the following proposals from the Competitions Committee were approved by the Management Committee:

- 2016 Open Teams Event in October be re-scheduled and held on Thursday Evenings
- All Red Point Events be held on regular club playing sessions
- Red point Events be spread evenly over all regular playing sessions including Saturdays
- GNOP and GNOT Events to be held on Thursday Evenings.

The Competitions Calendar for 2017 has been prepared by the Competitions Committee using these guidelines.

While travelling overseas, access to internet varied from non-existent, to poor, or on rare occasions to possible. While in Acapulco, I received 2 emails from Carole McMahon advising:

1. Fiske Warren Revision Course for Monday Nights during the month of November AND
2. The 3 month trial of Social Friday Afternoons after Bridge on the first Friday of the month.

I knew when I left home that Kalamunda Club has a competent Committee team in place. Reading news of 2 excellent ideas being approved and implemented in my absence confirmed this – warmed my heart actually.

Detailed news my trip will be printed in the next issue of BTG, due to the amount of submissions already received for this edition.

I arrived in Fremantle on Friday 9th December, just in time for the Club Christmas Party the next day. Once again, a great celebration was enjoyed by all of us in attendance. My personal thanks to:

- ☺ Carole Littlechild, Vice President, and the Management Committee for organising trophies.
- ☺ Our Social Committee, once again organising a sumptuous meal
- ☺ Our club members for contributing food and coming along to enjoy the day together.

I would like to close by extending my appreciation to Doug Hegarty. In September I approached Doug with a request to for a custom-made cabinet for storing the drawers of playing boards. The plastic drawers are purchased with a plastic frame. However, the combined weight of 32 boards and 32 packs of cards is more than the plastic drawers and plastic framework are designed to hold. When I discussed the

problems we were having with the lower drawers being trapped by the weight of the upper drawers, Doug agreed to have “something suitable” built.

Imagine my delight to return to find the quality cabinet now installed. It far exceeds my expectations, and allows drawers of dealt boards to be easily removed and replaced. Doug, many thanks.

Finally, my best wishes to each and every one for Christmas and the New Year; may we continue to enjoy playing Bridge into another year. See you all in 2017.

Cheers

Denise

VALE– ANN SPRING

It is with great sadness that we, announce the passing of **Ann Spring** on Christmas Day. Ann has been a member of Kalamunda Bridge Club for many years. Always a smiling face, always beautifully dressed in her flowing skirts, and always a kind word. Unfortunately, due to ill health we have not seen Ann at the Club for a number of years now, but she will always be remembered and missed. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her husband and family.

VALE – WENDY FARQUHAR

I am so sad to have to tell you that **Wendy Farquhar** passed away very recently. Wendy and Blair are relatively new members to our Club but Wendy will be remembered for her ever ready smile, her engaging personality and her determination. Our deepest sympathy to Blair and to their family.



Do you have any idea who this may be? Discover her identity later ! There is something about her that she feels is an absolute give away!!!!

A Spanish Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. ‘HOUSE’ for instance, is feminine: ‘la casa.’ ‘PENCIL,’ however, is masculine: ‘el lapiz.’

A STUDENT ASKED, ‘WHAT GENDER IS ‘COMPUTER’?’

Instead of giving the answer the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether ‘computer’ should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'),

BECAUSE:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval;
AND
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay check on accessories for it.

(THIS GET'S BETTER!)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador'),

BECAUSE:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem;
and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realise that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

THE WOMEN WON!

DIRECTORS CORNER

For this edition, I decided to move from the norm and instead of bringing you the Do's and Do Not's of bridge, I had a chat with **VALERIE PARKER** and her views on becoming a Director, as Val has been an 'understudy' for some time and has recently sat the exams for full Directorship and is awaiting the results, although from all indications, they are favourable.

When Val understood that Kalamunda Bridge Club were looking for new Directors she approached Denise in order to find out all the details and was quickly enrolled as a trainee Director. I asked Val her views and experiences in the early days. Her words were, enjoyable, engaging, nerve racking but mostly and definitely enjoyable.

Initially Val went on a Director's Course for teaching Directors. Participants were divided into two groups, those at level one and coming into Directorship for the first time and those who already had experience and were moving to another level. At each level, they had teachers and at each level they played out possible scenarios which may occur during play. The students met others in their section and were able to collaborate and discuss the various situations. Val said she found the experience very rewarding and very useful.

There seemed to be so much to take in. Setting up the computer for the session, the Laws which seem endless, basic situations at Club level and even today Val is still studying but all of this going hand with satisfaction and enjoyment.

Initially at the club, Val followed other Directors, and watched and listened to the various problems and complaints at the tables, and eventually she stepped in and under the watchful eye of a more senior Director made day to day decisions on infringements. Any anomalies picked up at other clubs are shared with Kalamunda which is so worthwhile. Val praised all the Directors at Kalamunda and wanted to thank them for their help and said that Denise and Elizabeth have sat

with her on numerous occasions discussing the various possible scenarios all of which Val felt was invaluable.

When I asked Val if she would do it again the answer was an emphatic 'YES'. For the past seven weeks, Val has successfully, been running the Thursday evening session on her own, and Val went on to say she would encourage anybody else who may wish to join the rank of Directors to do so. Initially it is a little overwhelming but all becomes clear as time goes on but mostly it is rewarding and very certainly enjoyable.



Something we sometimes do not remember: It applies to so many applicationseven Bridge

It's your road, yours alone. Others may walk it with you, but no one can walk it for you!!

NEWS OF CLUB MEMBERS

Jean Paul and Jenny Tedeschi's recent holiday

Our overseas trip this year was a bittersweet one. Three days before our departure Jean Paul's father died. He had been unwell for some time and at 94 had had a good innings.

We arrived in time for the funeral and were very happy to be able to spend time with his mother in the days following the funeral. We took trips down memory lane to where she grew up and to where JP,s parents met in the post war days. It was hard to leave but we had arranged to meet my sister in France where we would stay for a week with her, her husband, children and grandchildren. Enroute to the Dordogne we spent a night in the beautiful Loire Valley in a gorgeous country hotel. (see picture).

Our destination of Bourdeilles was a lovely village 10 kilometres from the beautiful village of Brantome. My sister Fiona had rented a property with two houses, (one for the oldies and one for the children and grandchildren). Brilliant idea! The young ones spent time in the pool, while we the older generation did our sightseeing and lunching and markets etc. in the surrounding countryside. The Dordogne is a wonderful area full of beautiful villages, markets, scenery and of course delicious food and wine. Our daily breakfast of fresh croissants, pastries and baguettes were always something to look forward to. We took turns in cooking at night so there was a dinner party every evening by the pool (once the children were in bed)

From the Dordogne JP and I drove south towards our next destination of Spain. We stopped for lunch in the beautiful and famous village of St Emillion, which sits perched on a hill overlooking the gorgeous vineyards of Aquitaine. From there we drove to the Pyrenees and on to our first stop in Spain on the north coast and to a fishing village called Lekeitio. It was a perfect spot for visiting various interesting places such as Bilbao where we visited the famous Peggy Guggenheim museum and San Sebastian a beautiful resort where we experienced our first tapas bar. We then travelled south to the Rioja district which is the famous wine area of Spain.

Staying in a very tiny village we visited many ancient villages and stopped to taste wine in some of the many bodegas of the region.

We then headed east towards Barcelona staying overnight in the ancient village of Olite. During our three days in Barcelona we walked the city, taking in the wonderful sights, architecture and atmosphere that this exciting city has to offer.

It was time to head back towards Paris for the homeward journey. Driving north we stopped for a few hours (and lunch of course) in a charming village just over the border in France called Ceret. Then our next stay was Narbonne for a couple of nights before ending up in Versailles the day before leaving for home. We had planned on visiting the Palace of Versailles, but unbeknown to us it is always closed on a Monday. However, one can visit the gardens for free, and have a good look at the palace from the outside without the crowds. Which was exactly what we did and was so enjoyable as there were no queues which are usually so long one gets second thoughts about the visit.

We had decided in the interests of jet lag we would break our journey home by having a couple of nights in Dubai. What an amazing place. We did a bit of dune bashing out in the desert and were taken to a special concert and Arabian dinner in the evening. A very exciting way to finish our trip. All in all, it was another great holiday but always nice to come home and get back to the bridge table.



Jenny

It is not very often that the club has a wedding to celebrate, but I am delighted to report on the wedding of club member **Jim Steel to Helen O'Brian on 25 September 2016**. The wedding took place in their beautiful garden on a brilliant sunny day with Helen looking beautiful and Jim resplendent in his kilt. Helen made cup cakes with the emblem of Kalamunda Bridge Club. Many congratulations to them both and I speak on behalf of all the members when we wish them happiness in the future.



One of the beautiful cupcakes



We have had a number of members with illness and accidents and operations:

It is good to see 'Hop-along', John Shinnick free of his 'Moon Boot'

Also, it is great to see Barbara Bibby back at the club, albeit, with her ankle in plaster.

Recently, Kris Nunn also managed to break her ankle, in dramatic circumstances, and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

We won't even mention Cherry and her car accident, managing to roll the car and coming out with hardly a bruise but being breathalysed while still upside down and still in the car! What an experience that was! I felt sorrier for my poor car than I did for myself. It has been a good friend.

If I have left anybody out you will probably be relieved!!

2nd Jan just before printing – quick update...Barbara is out of plaster and driving so now it is just Kris and even she with moon boot was back to bridge last week!

GO WELL EVERYONE!!

SUPERVISED BRIDGE/ MIX N' MATCH

Supervised bridge continues to flourish. We are delighted at the commitment of the players and the

commitment of those who continue to give their support in helping newer players and encouraging them to love the game just as much as those regular players in our sessions.

We have a **Mix n' Match Day** coming up on **Saturday 14th January**. This will be incorporated in our monthly Sausage Sizzle. You will be given prior notice but players are asked to be at the club absolutely no later than 12 noon when the Sausage Sizzle will be available and play will commence promptly at 12:30 pm. Our aim is to match newer comers to bridge with those who have been playing for a longer time and in this way, we hope that on both sides of the coin the partnerships may learn from one another. The more experienced players will understand the problems the newer players face, and the newer players will hopefully pick up on a tip or two. This day is in no way a teaching session it is for enjoyment and anything gleaned is a bonus. Partnerships will be arranged in advance and people will be placed together who we feel will gain the most advantage from the day. So please mark the **14th January** into your diary with a huge * and come along and have a good day. A plate of snacks for either afternoon tea, or to go with wine at the end of the session would be appreciated. You will receive a notice prior to the 14th January just in case it has slipped your mind!! But please put your names on the list at the club or phone Cherry on9293 3150.....Thank you!

OUR MEMBER PERSONALITY FOR THIS EDITION:

Yes it is **Julie Bechelli**, and if you could not fathom the clue it is her long legs!

Julie grew up on a Poultry Farm in Bassendean, owned and managed by her parents. Julie was the youngest of four children and the only girl and she described her childhood as idyllic. Swimming in the Swan River, in the Ocean and Christmas holidays were always spent in the sun and on the beach at Yanchep Lagoon.

Julie remembers her father as such a resourceful man. He built the family a boat by soaking planks of wood into boiling water and bending them and he also built a caravan in the same manner. The family always



camped on a hill looking down at the ocean and the days were spent in the sun, on the beach and in the water. Happy, happy times! Crayfish were abundant and the family thought nothing of each having one crayfish for a meal. Deliveries of milk and bread were made once a week but apart from that the family caught fish and took other provisions with them.

Back in Bassendean, Julie attended the local Primary School and then went to Governor Stirling High School. I asked Julie if she enjoyed school and the answer was an emphatic 'yes'. After High School Julie attended Stott's Business College and sat for the Junior Certificate exams as well as Graduating with a Secretarial Diploma. Now into the big wide world and her first position was with a Real Estate Company which Julie remembers as being 'bored silly'. Swimming and Judo were a part of her activities and Julie well remembers being dressed in dress of net and voile and doing a Judo presentation for Sir Charles Gardiner at her local Youth Club. Young women in those days wore very full petticoats of net and voile and after throwing a man (her attacker) over her shoulder, net and voile was scattered far and wide! Later in the evening, Julie was called into the VIP Room to be introduced to Sir Charles Gardiner. He was so apologetic that the petticoat was ruined that he funded another Petticoat for Julie!(Of course she was sworn to secrecy – not a word to the press!) Her girlfriends still laugh at the incident! When Stott's Business College invited Julie to return to the College to train as a Junior Teacher in Business Education, Julie jumped at the opportunity and graduated with a Teachers Diploma.

In 1966 Julie married Ernie Bechelli an orchardist and the two of them went to live on an orchard in Pickering Brook. Julie decided to put her career on hold and worked and packed fruit on the family orchard, a far cry from her previous work. But Julie said they were happy years and she enjoyed being out in the fresh air with all the magnificent fresh fruit but the work was hard and exhausting but it was such a healthy life style. During the ten years' the family were on the orchard they built a home and raised three children, one boy and two girls but times were tough and Ernie and Julie decided on a different path in life.

Ernie went into the timber industry, felling timber and eventually training and certifying timber fellers State wide. Several years later Ernie and his brother owned and ran a logging operation for many years. It was now and with the children no longer babies that Julie decided to resume her career. She went back into teaching at a number of Business and International Colleges where many overseas students were struggling with the English language and so Julie took on studies of teaching English as a second language, known as TESLA. Julie found it far more satisfying than teaching Business subjects. For many years, Julie commuted from Pickering Brook to the city but finally decided to change direction and to work with the long term unemployed at the Armadale Training Centre which was a Government funded project. Many of the participants had huge barriers to learning, which in many cases impeded their progress towards employment. The three years as the centre left a lasting impression on Julie and a much deeper understanding of human frailties than one could ever imagine. A mixture of dire situations, so many heartaches and some hilariously funny incidences. A change of Government brought a different mindset, with the introduction of new policies and projects. Very exasperating for all concerned in this work.

Julie's next job was with an International College and they specialised in Travel, Tourism, Business and Hospitality. Julie taught the Business subjects and was Head of Administration monitoring overseas students' attendance, their visas, health insurance etc. Time tabling courses was also her responsibility, but after five years Julie was pleased to move on and an advert appeared in the West Australian Newspaper seeking a shorthand teacher to train cadet journalists. Julie decided to apply for the position with the application and the resume written in shorthand together with a transcript. This novel application caught the attention of the Management and Julie was offered the job. Julie stayed in this position until the end of her working life, loved her work and looked forward to each and every day. Julie has incredible memories of young cadets in her care. Some were University graduates and others from Regional Community Paper outlets. Below is a copy of a certificate given to the students:

Caricatures of the students

And written underneath: On behalf of the late, great, cruel and sadistic Isaac Pitman, we certify that each member of the 2003 intake of journalists for the West Australian has battled fatigue, frustration, RSI, hangover and migraine to pass 120 words-a-minute shorthand.

Signed: David Hummerston
Editorial Counsellor

Signed: Julie Bechelli
Shorthand Instructor

Shorthand Certificate



So now where does Bridge come into all of this? Julie and a friend joined a group in the Kalamunda High School Building to learn bridge. Bob Prince and Roy Goddard were such good teachers that Julie was hooked on the game. But two years later, it was necessary for her to return to the work force and there was no way Julie could do this and bring up three children, and so bridge was reluctantly put onto the back burner for twenty eight years.

Julie and Ernie moved from Pickering Brook to Kalamunda thirteen years ago, and now have four grandchildren and two grand dogs and Julie and Ernie happily share their grandparent duties.

Julie looked back on their holidays of which there have been a number to Canada, England, Ireland, France and Asian countries but the most memorable was on the 'Maple Leaf' which is one of the smaller of the tall ships. They sailed throughout the islands of the West Coast of Vancouver taking in the magnificent scenery of towering trees, snow-capped mountains and calm waters. In Vancouver Julie and Ernie stayed with Julie's brother who has a beautiful home on Salt Spring Island to the west of Vancouver. They also travelled to Tuscany and stayed in a home built into the mountains which was still owned by relatives, followed by Rome, Milan and Verona. England, Scotland Ireland and Wales are great favourites and Julie and Ernie toured extensively, even visiting Mount Snowdon in Wales. All of these have been marvellous holidays but Julie was very quick to point that they also enjoy travelling throughout Australia in their caravan. Such wonderful experiences and such wonderful places to visit.

We are all delighted that Julie has now and for some years been at the Bridge Club, and has contributed so much towards the Supervised Bridge lessons and Bridge in general. Julie in this year won the Individual Bridge trophy. Well done Julie. As always, we look forward to see her ever smiling face at the bridge table.

What is the difference between a CAT and a COMMA?

One has claws at the end of its paws and one is a pause at the end of a clause!

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

SEPTEMBER:

Most Consistent Player: Bente Hansen,

Runner-up: Mel Foster

Most Improved Player: Helen Browne-Cooper and Mary Simmonds

Runner-up: Alan and Jackie Harper

OCTOBER:

Most Consistent Player: Mike Klasztorny

Runner-up: Stephen Thyer

Most Improved Player: Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

Runner-up: Julie Bechelli and Jenny Tedeschi

NOVEMBER:

Most Consistent Player: Brian and Carole Daxter

Runner-Up : Wendy Harman

Most Improved Player: John Shinnick and Jim Steel

Runner-up: Mike and Mary Pepper

OPEN TEAMS:

1st. Alf and Sheelagh Dupont, Peter Cameron and Doug Hegarty

2nd. Alan Harper, Anita Davis, Sandy and Don Sutton Mattocks

3rd. Carmen Jackson, Wendy Harman, Bente Hansen and Madge Myburgh

DAYTIME PAIRS:

1st. Ann Todd and Carmen Jackson

2nd Joe Louis and Guy Gaudet

3rd Anita Davis and Eugene Murphy

OTHER CONGRESS RESULTS

BAWA:

Masters in Teams of Three

Twenty two teams competed, and Nigel Dutton said in his introduction, that had he known earlier and had had sufficient Masters to play, there may have been twenty four teams which is a wonderful turn out. Daioand this team played other teams in the competition. The Master allocated was on a lottery type basis but without doubt each team felt that they were privileged with their allocation. There were several Kalamunda teams which was a great effort. I will not list all the Kalamunda results but just the top few.



1st Laurie Money, Richard Harris
Frank Thorogood with Gerry Daly as Master



2nd Garth Scotford, Cherry Zamudio
Carol Dickie with Marnie Leybourne as Master

1st. Gerry Daly as Master led a South Perth Team.

2nd Garth Scotford, Cherry Zamudio and Carol Dickie with Marnie Leybourne as Master. Marnie was a magnificent leader. Never any recriminations, always encouragement and only advice if it was asked and always praise if something was well executed. A lesson in play which I believe we can all learn from.

7th John Ewing, David Kininmonth, Valerie Parker with Dave Munro as Master.

GOLDEN SWISS PAIRS

2ND Gerry Daly and Viv Wood.

I only list the first three placings of Kalamunda Bridge Club Members

MELBOURNE CUP

Another great day, but for this occasion just thirteen tables, fascinating hats, fascinators, and some unconventional, but absolutely great outfits. We can always rely on Steve to create a theme for the day!



Carole McMahon Hat Winner



Stephen from Mexico



Some of the beautiful hats



From around the room!

BRIDGE RESULTS:

North/South

1st Peter Cameron and Susan Collison

2nd Carole and Brian Daxter

3rd Carole Sexton and Rory O'Toole

East/West

1st Jane Pike and Anita Davis

2nd Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown

3rd Julie Bechelli and Sandra Hoffman

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES WON.

We had a great turnout and in this case split into two sections each playing different boards and each scoring in their separate sections. A great day and a great party!

Section A:

North/South

1st: Mike and Mary Pepper

2nd: Rob and Carole McMahon

3rd: Alan and Jackie Harper

East/West:

1st: Mike and Dianne Barker

2nd: Val Parker and David Kinnimonth

3rd: Marlene Robertson and Lyn Shinnick

Section B:

North/South

1st: Alf and Sheila DuPont

2nd: George Bozanich and Rosemary Offer

3rd: Carole Sexton and Rory O'Toole

East/West

1st: Gerry Daly and Stephen Thyer

2nd: Guy Gaudet and Mike Klasztorny

3rd: Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown



PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES WON THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

I list below the winners of the trophies and below that, photographs from the presentation:

MOST IMPROVED PAIR

NOVICE PAIRS

INDIVIDUAL

MEN'S PAIRS

WOMEN'S PAIRS

MIXED PAIRS

DAYTIME OPEN PAIRS

DAYTIME TEAMS

OPEN PAIRS

OPEN TEAMS

KNOCKOUT PAIRS

CHAMPION PAIRS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

THURSDAY EVENING

JOHN AND ROSEMARY OFFER

DAVID HARRIS AND CLIFF WELLS

JULIE BECHELLI

BRIAN DAVISON AND GORDON BROWN

BENTE HANSEN AND WENDY HARMAN

CARMEN JACKSON AND MARK GODDARD

ANN TODD AND CARMEN JACKSON

SHEILA PRYCE, GORDON BROWN

STEPHEN THYER, GUY GAUDET, MARY PEPPER

GERRY DALY AND STEPHEN THYER

PETER CAMERON, DOUG HEGARTY

ALF AND SHEELAGH DuPONT

GORDON BROWN AND SHEILA PRYCE

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CARMEN JACKSON AND ANN TODD

JOE LOUIS AND NICK MONIODIS





As we head into the New Year, happy bridge, lots of laughs, great companionship, nail biting finishes, good results but more even than that.....**happy days!**

I have decided that after almost five years of compiling and writing Bridging the Gap that it is time for me to hand over the pen and welcome another member of Kalamunda Bridge Club as your Editor with a new way of writing, with new ideas, her own approach, her own enthusiasm and most of all her own 'signature' on this magazine. I have loved every minute of my time as Editor, and feel really sad to be coming to the end of this edition. I feel that over these years, I have come to know you, to laugh with you, to enjoy your articles, and to be a small part of your lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to **thank you** wholeheartedly so very much and to so many people for helping me with this Magazine. Without your inclusions, your successes in Bridge and your never ending support this would be a difficult undertaking, but one I have enjoyed enormously.

I am delighted to announce that **Julie Bechelli** has agreed to be your next Editor and it will be Julie who will be writing the next edition of this Magazine. Please give Julie all of the support you have given to me. I wish her well and will always be here to give her my help and my support.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL AND WITH SO MUCH APPRECIATION!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cherry".

Cherry Zamudio

And my final quotation:

'To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe!'

Anatole France (1844-1924) - French Poet

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