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FROM THE EDITOR

It is that time of the year when we come together to celebrate Christmas and reflect on the 12 months just gone. While perhaps not as chaotic as 2020 it has still been unusual with WA enjoying the freedom other States envied. Lets hope things get back to normal in the New Year when WA opens its borders - but hopefully not a Covid outbreak.

I would like to thank the following members who contributed articles for the 2021 newsletters:

Member Profile	Holiday
David Harris Renee Wylie	Cherry Zamudio - Darwin (but not Queensland (as planned!)

Rory O'Toole birthday visit Carole Sexton and Vicki Russell

I would also like to thank Julie Bechelli for proof reading the newsletters, Jenny Tedeschi for photos and Jean-Paul Tedeschi for his prompt production of the newsletters.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carole Littlechild



Here we are almost at Year. What a great Christmas party, as usual, and a membership. big thank you to everyone who contributed to, not only this one, but all the other social events held throughout 2021.

Regardless of the threat of Covid our Club has been able to continue as normal for most of the year. However, Covid will be with us for a long time and 2022 will test us all with the opening of the borders. Your committee will endeavour to make decisions to keep the Club and its Members as safe as possible.

My thanks to Jenny Tedeschi and her team Christmas and the New who conducted two sets of lessons during the year which has resulted in the growth of our

> With the refurbishments of the clubhouse now complete and the patio Improvements well underway we have a much improved Club facility going into 2022.

> And so I conclude by wishing all members a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year and excellent bridge for the coming New Year



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Masterpoints Explained

Many newcomers to the game of Bridge find business". What is it all about?

Put guite simply Bridge like many other sports (tennis, golf and others), has developed a points' system to express the relative playing strengths and competences of its players. Parallel to the points comes a rank.

In Australia we have Masterpoints (MP) in the 3 colours of gold, red and green. Roughly speaking one can win green points for good results at the local, affiliated club, red points at regional tournaments and gold points at national events. All points you win keep accumulating over the time of one's Bridge career. The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) does the necessary bookkeeping for you.

When one reaches a certain threshold points themselves a bit puzzled at this "points figure, one reaches the next rank. This starts at 2 MP, when you become a Graduate, next is 5 MP (Club Master), and continues to 300 MP (Life Master) all the way to 1000 MP (Grand Master). I believe the highest ranked players in Australia at present are Emerald Grand Masters (>10,000 MP), of which there are only 8. The club reads out the names of players who reach a new rank in order to acknowledge their achievements. Players also receive a Bridge Ranking Certificate issued by the ABF.

> All further details on the Masterpoints, including your personal account, can be found on the website of:

www.abfmasterpoints.com.au

A Beautiful Christmas Poem

Clement Clarke Moore wrote one of the oldest and most popular Christmas poems of all time -'Twas the Night Before Christmas' - in 1823. A much-later anonymous bridge playing poet imagined what Moore might have written if he too played bridge.

As Moore signed off in his original:

'Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!'

Bridging The Gap

'Twas The Night Before Christmas'

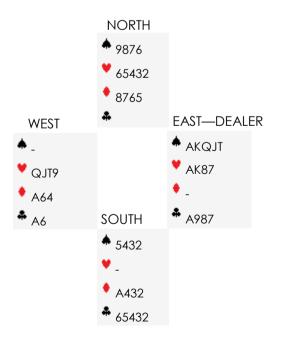
(Anonymous)

Two guests in our house Were playing some bridge With me and my spouse.

"Please tell me," she shouted "Why didn't you double? Twas plain from the start We had them in trouble."

"Tis futile, my Dear --I am taking no stand. So please stop your nagging Let's play the next hand." "Remember next time" She said with a frown "To double a contract That's sure to go down."

So I picked up my cards In a downtrodden state. Then I opened one Spade and awaited my fate.



The guy sitting South Was like many I've known. He bid and played In a world all his own.

"Two Diamonds," he countered The other two passed With scarcely a care. The Ace in his hand Gave him courage to spare.

My wife, smiling faintly And tossing her head, Leaned over the table. "Double," she said.

And North for some reason I cannot determine Bid two Hearts. like preaching a sermon.

I grinned as I doubled Eniovina the fun, And turned round to South To see where he would run. But South, undistressed Not at loss for a word came forth with "two Spades" --Did I hear what I heard?

And in sheer disbelief I said "Double, my friend, That'll bring you to grief."

South passed with a nod His composure serene. My wife with a flourish Led out the Heart Queen.

I sat there and chuckled Inside o'er their fix. But South very calmly Ran off his eight tricks.

He ruffed the first Heart In his hand right away. And then trumped a Club On the very next play.

He cross-ruffed the hand At a breathtaking pace, 'Til I was left holding Five Spades to the Ace.

In anguish my wife cried "Your mind's growing old. You should see that Six No Trump for us is ice-cold!"

By doubling this time I'd committed a sin. It just goes to prove That you never can win.



Advice to dummies from Fiske Warren's Grandmother:

When Fiske was a little fellow and learning the rudiments of the game from his grandmother she gave him the following advice when instructing him in the duties of dummy:

'If you are not demented quite,

Place the trumps upon your right.'

This rhyme has stayed with Fiske and he quotes his arandmother's advice to participants in his Bridge Beginners course when explaining the role of dummy.

AROUND THE CLUB

RECENT RANK PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved a Masterpoint promotion:

Meg Bowness Helen Ottosson Cora Brown Alan Puckey

Graduate Club Bronze Local Bronze Local Robin Ward Jim Steel Jo Collings Sheila Pryce Bronze Local Regional Regional Bronze Life





The Kalamunda District Bridge Club welcomes the following new members. It is pleasing to see so many joining the club following the recent lessons conducted by Fiske Warren. We look forward to seeing you all at regular club sessions in the very near future.

Ken Bowness Mi Lesley Ellies Hil Gigi Hesterman Ly Ann MacGeehan Su Diana Moniodis Ma

Michael Reed Hilary Danskin Lydia Gronbek Susan Lewis Mari McKie Donna Reed Tony Robinson Gerry Davies

GRAND SLAMS

lay 6 December
nesday 10 November
lay 1 November
20 October
20 October
20 October

70% CLUB

Guy Gaudet/Stephen Thyer Suzanne Hillan/Pamela Forsyth Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown Peter Clarke/Joe Louis



7NT W	Friday 20 October
7NT E	Friday 20 October
72.02%	Monday 27 September
70.8%	Wednesday 13 October

70.2%Friday 29 October73.18%Monday 8 November

to the following members who will celebrate birthdays over the following three months:

JANUARY

Kerry Elliman, Wendy Dodd, Maureen Keast, Anne Todd, Eleanor Rowley, Bruce Gardiner, Barbara Daniels, Sandra de Boer

FEBRUARY

Betty Roberts, Kaye Prance, Nic Moniodis, Mike Pepper, Judith Poole, John Offer, Doug Hegarty, Kristine Nunn, Lyn Shinnick, Kate Sayer, Tosh Tielman, Eileen Bresland, Lee Sharp, Hilary Danskin

MARCH

Shirley Eaton, Sheila Pryce, Marlene Robertson, Ian Medlycott, Marie-France Van Hall, Alan Sharp

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Due to Covid restrictions, Sheila Thomas had to postpone her 80th birthday celebrations. She certainly made up for it recently with an "Anything under the Sun, Cape to Cairo" theme party. It was a fun night and a 3.30 am bedtime.



The Queen of Sheba and her two Kittens (Carole Littlechild (L) and Carole McMahon)

RESULTS OF CLUB EVENTS

MENS PAIRS

Winners - Tom Lemann/Stephen Thyer



Runners/up - Brian Davison/Gordon Brown



The 'Trifecta Club' Doubles in Membership

The Open pairs was first played in the year the who is still playing strong bridge at South Perth, club was founded (1970-71), the Mixed pairs achieved the feat. For the next 35 years Martin was added 4 years later (1974-75), but it was remained the sole member of the 'trifecta' not until 1983 that the Men's and Ladies pairs club, however, when the gold lettering goes on were added to the club competition calendar. the Honour Boards later this year he will be From that year on it was possible for a club joined by Tom Lemann who was a member of member to achieve the 'trifecta' and be part the winning pair in all 3 competitions this year. of the winning Open, Mixed and either the Tom also matched Martin's accomplishment in Men's or Ladies pairs competitions. After only a another aspect; they both partnered their short wait the club welcomed its first member of spouses in winning the mixed pairs. the 'trifecta' club when in 1986 Martin Cleeve.

LADIES PAIRS

Winners - Joscelyn Charters/Sheila Pryce



Runners/up - Elizabeth McMillen/Jane Pike





Once again the club came together for Melbourne Cup Celebrations and an enjoyable day was had by all, although the numbers were a little disappointing.

Winners on the day:

1st N/S - Robert & Carole McMahon



1st E/W - Bruce Cowen/Robin Ward



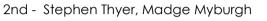
Other members enjoying the day:



Carole McMahon & Judith Poole



Rosemary Offer & Barbara Bibby





2nd - Ken & Meg Bowness





Back row L/R Jean Rackham, Lorraine Stivey, Wendy Dodd Front row L/R Jenny Tedeschi, Madge Myburgh, Margaret McRobbie



Jane Pike, Marie-France Van Hall & Dianne Barker



Anita Davis, Sherrill Duncan, Wendy Dodd, Helen Brown-Cooper

CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATIONS 11 December 2021



- Section A Winners
- N/S Bente Hansen/Madge MyburgR/up Michael Barker/David HarrisE/W Rob & Carole McMahonR/up Sandra Hoffman/Joscelyn Charters

Section B Winners

- N/S Tom & Kit Lemann E/W – Elizabeth McMillen/ Bernard Szalkowski
- R/up Stephen Thyer/Carmen Jackson R/up Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS





PRESENTATION OF AWARDS - COMPETITION WINNERS

Individual – Frank Parker Plate Guy Gaudet - R/up Stephen Thyer

Men's Pairs - Rex Mizen Cup Tom Lemann/Stephen Thyer R/up Brian Davison/Gordon Brown

Women's Pairs - Constance McCullough Cup Joscelyn Charters/Sheila Pryce R/up Elizabeth McMillen/Jane Pike

Mixed Pairs - Elfreida MacLean Trophy Kit & Tom Lemann R/up Madge Myburg/Stephen Thyer

Daytime Pairs - (<300 M/points) **Sponsor - DVG Cup** Elizabeth Bazen/Denise Borger R/up Judith Poole/Lynne Roberts

Daytime Teams Kit & Tom Lemann, Stephen Thyer, Peter Clarke Joanne Payne R/up Alan Puckey, Denise Borger, David Kininmonth, Robert Willemsen, John Ewing

Open Pairs - Mike Hopper Shield Kit & Tom Lemann R/up Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce

Open Pairs - Consolation Winners Joscelyn Charters/Jill Jenkins R/up Peter Clarke/Joe Louis

Open Teams - Sylvia Parker Plate Joe Louis, Nic Moniodis, Kit & Tom Lemann R/up Ann Todd, Carmen Jackson, Stephen Thyer, Peter Clarke **Restricted Pairs** - (<50 m/points) **Gerry Riley Vase Trophy** Lynne Roberts/Judith Poole R/up Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel

Novice Pairs (<15 m/points) - Susan Collinson Plate Helen Ottosson/Bernard Szalkowski R/up Jenny Pitney/Kate Sayer

Knockout Pairs Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce R/up Ross Pringle/Alan Puckey

Most Improved Pair - Mercia O'Meara Trophy Mary & Mike Pepper R/up Bente Hansen/Madge Myburgh

Champion Pair (Monday Morning) - Vera Kenworthy Memorial Trophy Carmen Jackson/Nic Moniodis R/up Guy Gaudet/Stephen Thyer

Champion Pair (Wednesday Afternoon) -Doris Broad Plate Anne Todd/Carmen Jackson R/up Peter Clarke/Stephen Thyer

Champion Pair (Friday Afternoon) - Venture Cup Bente Hansen/Madge Myburgh R/up Alan Harper/Stephen Thyer

Champion Pair (Saturday Afternoon) - Mike Nestor Cup Elizabeth Bazen/Denise Borger R/up Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce

Most Masterpoints - Helen Wolyniec Trophy Stephen Thyer - R/up Sheila Pryce

AWARD RECIPIENTS



Lynne Roberts/Judith Poole



Bernard Zsalkowski/Helen Ottosson



Gordon Brown/Sheila Price



Peter Clarke, Kit Lemann, Tom Lemann, Stephen Thyer



Carole Littlechild/Guy Gaudet



Madge Myburg/Bente Hansen



Elizabeth Bazen/Denise Borger



Sheila Pryce/Joscelyn Charters



Michael & Mary Pepper



Carmen Jackson



Tom & Kit Lemann



Stephen Thyer

RENOVATIONS UPDATE

The renovations to the club house are all but complete, just waiting on blinds to go on the patio area. What a difference the changes have made, in particular to the patio area. Thanks go to all the members involved in securing the funding to do this task.



THANK YOU

The President thanked all members of the team responsible for the renovation project, in particular the contribution made by Tom Lemann. Tom provided all the technical input and advice pro bono and his excellent rapport with the tradesmen meant the project ran smoothly.



The President, Carole Littlechild, presented Tom with a small gift from the Club in appreciation of his contribution to the renovation project.









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WELFARE 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.

Note from the Editor

As editor I would like to encourage you all to pass on anything you think will be of interest to members of the Bridge Club. Please contact the committee or Betty Roberts - 0433700847