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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

Cherry Zamudio - Darwin (but not Queensland (as planned!))

Renee Wylie

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 Christmas and the New Year. What a great Christmas party, as usual, and a 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 who conducted two sets of lessons during the year which has resulted in the growth of our membership.

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 themselves a bit puzzled at this "points business". What is it all about?

Put quite 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 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.

NORTH		
♠ 9876		
♥ 65432		
♦ 8765		
♣		
WEST		EAST—DEALER
♠ -		♠ AKQJT
♥ QJT9		♥ AK87
♦ A64		♦ -
♣ A6		♣ A987
SOUTH		
♠ 5432		
♥ -		
♦ A432		
♣ 65432		

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

"Two Diamonds," he countered
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
Enjoying 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?

The other two passed
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 grandmother'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	Graduate	Robin Ward	Bronze Local
Helen Ottosson	Club	Jim Steel	Regional
Cora Brown	Bronze Local	Jo Collings	Regional
Alan Puckey	Bronze Local	Sheila Pryce	Bronze Life

NEW MEMBERS



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	Michael Reed	Donna Reed
Lesley Ellies	Hilary Danskin	Tony Robinson
Gigi Hesterman	Lydia Gronbek	Gerry Davies
Ann MacGeehan	Susan Lewis	
Diana Moniodis	Mari McKie	

GRAND SLAMS

Jean-Paul Tedeschi/Elizabeth McMillen	7H S	Monday 6 December
Jean-Paul Tedeschi/Michael Barker	7DX N	Wednesday 10 November
Michael Pepper/Jim Steel	7NT W	Monday 1 November
Sherrill Duncan/Wendy Dodd	7NT E	Friday 20 October
Jean-Paul Tedeschi/Colin Meek	7NT W	Friday 20 October
Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown	7NT E	Friday 20 October

70% CLUB

Guy Gaudet/Stephen Thyer	72.02%	Monday 27 September
Suzanne Hillan/Pamela Forsyth	70.8%	Wednesday 13 October
Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown	70.2%	Friday 29 October
Peter Clarke/Joe Louis	73.18%	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 club was founded (1970-71), the Mixed pairs was added 4 years later (1974-75), but it was not until 1983 that the Men's and Ladies pairs were added to the club competition calendar. From that year on it was possible for a club member to achieve the 'trifecta' and be part of the winning Open, Mixed and either the Men's or Ladies pairs competitions. After only a short wait the club welcomed its first member of the 'trifecta' club when in 1986 Martin Cleeve,

who is still playing strong bridge at South Perth, achieved the feat. For the next 35 years Martin remained the sole member of the 'trifecta' club, however, when the gold lettering goes on the Honour Boards later this year he will be joined by Tom Lemann who was a member of the winning pair in all 3 competitions this year. Tom also matched Martin's accomplishment in another aspect; they both partnered their spouses in winning the mixed pairs.

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



2nd - Stephen Thyer, Madge Myburgh



1st E/W - Bruce Cowen/Robin Ward



2nd - Ken & Meg Bowness



Other members enjoying the day:



Carole McMahon &
Judith Poole



Rosemary Offer & Barbara Bibby



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



The Christmas party was very well attended with 17 tables, split into two sections. Results for the day:

Section A Winners N/S - Bente Hansen/Madge Myburg R/up Michael Barker/David Harris
 E/W - Rob & Carole McMahon R/up Sandra Hoffman/Joscelyn Charters

Section B Winners N/S – Tom & Kit Lemann R/up Stephen Thyer/Carmen Jackson
 E/W – Elizabeth McMillen/
 Bernard Szalkowski 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 - Elfrieda 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 Willemssen, 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



Carole Littlechild/Guy Gaudet



Michael & Mary Pepper



Bernard Zsalkowski/Helen Ottosson



Madge Myburg/Bente Hansen



Carmen Jackson



Gordon Brown/Sheila Price



Elizabeth Bazen/Denise Borger



Tom & Kit Lemann



*Peter Clarke, Kit Lemann,
Tom Lemann, Stephen Thyer*



Sheila Pryce/Joscelyn Charters



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.

Before



After



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