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EDITORIAL

Hello Club Members

By the time you read this edition of BTG, it will be the middle of winter and hopefully the long-awaited rain will be filling our dams, creeks and rivers. I know you will agree with me that bridge is a pastime for all the seasons, but in winter, members do spend many a session, dry and comfortable in our club rooms with the rain beating down on the iron roof. Such a comforting sound.

Now on another note, how often are bridge clubs able to count new mothers among their club members? Well, KDBC did just that recently. On 18th April, 2017, Elizabeth Bazen, her husband Peter and their son Dominic welcomed Jasper Antony into their family. Elizabeth has been a valuable club member and Director for many years so we were all very happy to share their excitement. Maybe 15 years or so down the track we will see two new Bazen names registered as Club members, following in the footsteps of their mum, Elizabeth, and grandmother, Denise Borger. One can only hope!!

Julie Bechelli



WELCOME TO A NEW CLUB MEMBER – APRIL TO JUNE 2017

KDBC welcomes Trish Christy, as a new member to our Club. It is wonderful to see a new face among our members and we wish Trish many happy hours of playing bridge.



Trish Christy joined KDBC on 21/04/2017. She left Kenya 2 years ago to go to the UK and is now in WA. Trish is a hypnotherapist.



Jasper Antony, born 18th April, 2017, is the second son of Elizabeth and Peter Bazen. His birth has given his Mum, Dad and big brother Dominic, much joy.

Jasper Bazen appears on this page, as he is a potential new member. No pressure Elizabeth!

CLUB EVENTS

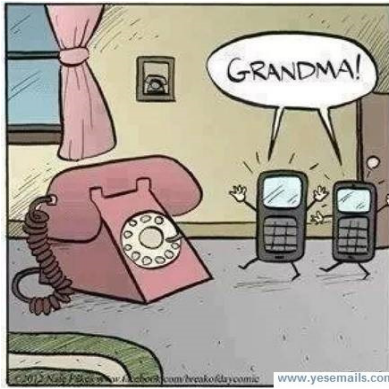


There are many events that take place over the year, but one event that we didn't anticipate was that of Heather Jewell-Tait and her husband, Clive, leaving Western Australia to live near their daughter Elizabeth, and her family in Melbourne.

Heather is a founding member and is a very keen and astute bridge player. She will be missed by her partner of many years, Sandra Hoffman, and the many members that she has created life-long friendships with.

We wish Heather and Clive a safe journey and good health and happiness in her new home. I am sure we will see Heather on one of her visits back to WA to visit other family members sometime in the future.

THE WORLD OF BRIDGE and TECHNOLOGY



Some of our senior members may think they have been left behind in technology, and our younger Club members are few, so how do we attract young people to bridge?

No, our senior members are not antiquated as illustrated above, as we use bridgemates for all bridge sessions and our website publishes results daily. However, the real challenge is to convince our youth to learn bridge, as well as use their technology! With that in mind, I asked a Club member of long standing to write an article on that experience.

28 YEARS ON

■ Sheelagh Dupont

When Julie Bechelli, the BTG Editor, asked me to write something about the Interschool Bridge Competition, I agreed enthusiastically. It evinced wonderful memories and I thought it would be a piece of cake to write.

How wrong I was! My first port of call was Dennis Yovich who had been president of BAWA at the time and is currently playing with an ex-KDBC president, Bob Prince, but no luck there. The present BAWA president, Nigel Dutton, was also unable to help and two other key players, John Ashworth and Megan Griffiths are no longer with us.

Being an ex-journalist, I am nothing if not determined and focused my research on other angles, namely the players themselves, my co-teacher, Maureen Knight and the BTG, which Julie was able to peruse for me and extract details of the competition.

I had, at home, an old BAWA magazine, which said that the competition had been organized in 1990 by Scotch College. Nine teams entered the competition, which was won by Guildford Grammar. All the student winners received a \$100 prize and the school received \$2,000 worth of books, a trophy and an honour board, all donated by an anonymous donor.

KDBC's involvement began the following year and we entered two teams, a combined Lesmurdie and Kalamunda SHS team, The Hills Team, and one from St Brigid's.

It was a natural progression for me because Alf and I were lucky enough to have two sons who were passionate about bridge at a very young age and, in fact, had won numerous prizes partnering us whenever possible.

Martin, by this time, (1991) was at uni, but Greg managed to get some of his mates interested both at his school, Lesmurdie SHS and Kalamunda, the latter through Pift, a joint primary school programme for talented kids. Both Matthew West and Adam were from Kalamunda SHS but the friendships had remained alive and it was natural that they and a friend, Tom Clare, would form the nucleus of the team.

Lyn Southam, a KDBC member, was also a teacher at St Brigid's and it was she who supplied the pupils for us to teach. They were all so busy, with their normal subjects and extra curricula activities that it was extremely difficult to arrange times that suited them all but, when we got together, it was magic and they were eager learners and great fun to be with.

There are no records of who played what, when; however, Julie found a letter dated 2nd July 1991, from St Brigid's, commenting on their successes, one against Scotch College, and saying that we were 'an inspiration' to those students who wish to enjoy and learn about bridge. I cannot remember them losing a single match but I most certainly cannot state categorically that they did not.

Remember, these were young people who knew nothing about bridge, so may I urge all you lovely KDBC members to think seriously about setting up a new Interschool Competition. Neither Maureen nor I are teachers; she is currently President of the Geraldton Bridge Club, whilst Lyn Southam has disappeared without a trace! Also be aware that KDBC supported these young people every inch of the way, making the Clubrooms available for teaching and matches and giving lots of moral support to Maureen and I.

In September 1992, KDBC (The Hills Team of Four) and Kelmscott SHS, the only other State school, were in the finals.

Flageolot, the BTG editor, wrote the following: To date, Kelmscott is first, leading by IMPS, with the Hills Team second and unbeaten. We await the final play-off with anticipation. West Coast Eagles are not the only ones.... Greg Dupont and Matthew West are members of KDBC. So, Kelmscott won and two of their team, Paul Brayshaw and Matt Raisin, together with our two sons, went on to represent West Australia and Australia.

Paul Brayshaw's only disappointment was that they never got a chance to play St Brigid's — I have no idea why. Kelmscott's advantage was that they had a teacher at the school who loved bridge and tutored them.

Our lovely young people at St Brigid's and the two local high schools did us all proud. Who knows if any of the others continued playing. They all left school and the machine ground to a stop. Maybe someone reading this will be brave enough to start it up again - you can rely on my support if you do!

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Daytime Teams 2017

19th April 2017

1st Stephen Thyer, George Bozanich, Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown

2nd Bente Hanson, Wendy Harman, Ann Todd and Carmen Jackson

3rd Brian Davison, Anita Davis, Alan Harper and Jackie Harper

GNOT Qualification 2017

25th May, 2017

1st Carmen Jackson, Wendy Harman, Bente Hanson, Madge Myberg, Ann Todd

2nd Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown, Mark Goddard, Thomas Peacock

3rd Peter Cameron, Dough Hegarty, Alf Dupont, Sheelagh Dupont

Open Pairs 2017

24th June, 2017

1st Joanne Payne and Stephen Thyer

2nd Alan Harper and Jackie Harper

3rd Alf Dupont and Sheelagh Dupont



Linda Bedford Brown, Editor of the Focus Magazine, kindly forwarded this photo of Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce who competed in the ANC Restricted Butler Pairs and came 2nd. They will now compete in the ANC Finals in Canberra on Saturday 22nd July. Only two pairs from WA were selected to compete in the Restricted Finals. KDBC extends sincere congratulations to them on their wonderful achievement.

Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

Our Kalamunda team consisting of Peter Clark, Joe Louis, Garth Scotford and Cherry Zamudio played in the South Perth Easter Congress and came 17th overall in the Swiss Teams event. **However, they won the prize for the 'Best Team restricted to all players having under 300 Master Points'.** Amazing! Congratulations for their well-earned achievements.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - JUNE 2017

■ Denise Borger

A lot of bridge has been played since our last BTG, and that is what should happen at a bridge club. With membership of 151, our playing sessions and competitions are well supported.

Many of our Members contribute to the maintenance and running of our Club. All these Members provide their time, expertise and energy in a voluntary capacity, which is hugely appreciated. The club couldn't continue to run without these volunteers, who ensure:

- Bills are paid;
- Boards are dealt;
- Tea, coffee and biscuits are on tap;
- Bridge sessions are run;
- Masterpoints are processed;
- Kitchen is kept in good order;
- Office supplies are ordered;
- Printing requirements are met;
- Maintenance and repairs to building are undertaken as required;
- Competitions are listed, advertised and run;
- Inter-club teams' events are played; and
- BTGs are issued quarterly.

Recruitment and training is in excellent hands. New lessons with Fiske Warren are taking place on Friday mornings with an intake of new players to our Club. Monday night's supervised session has a regular group of players, and some of these players are venturing into regular sessions. This is awesome; please encourage your colleagues to join you!

Thank you to the committee member who put forward the idea of Friday social afternoons and the social sub-committee who share the organisation which ensures their success. It is easy to see

why these events are so popular. As well as the opportunity to chat with friends, the selection of cheeses is delicious! And accompanies the wine delightfully. Come along on the last Friday of the month to enjoy bridge, cheese, wine and conversation.



BEGINNER LESSONS by Fiske Warren now taking place at KDBC.

Back L-R: Linda Barker, Kevin Bishop, Cora Brown and Ronny Malthouse

Front L-R: Tim Comber, Jenny Tedeschi (Head of Training) Meri Comber and Ian Packham

The highlight for me and our Management Committee during the last 3 months is the adoption of the new constitution by the Special General Meeting on Wednesday 31 May 2017. The new Constitution was approved by more than the required 75% majority of the members in attendance at this meeting. A big **THANK YOU** to the 27 club members who attended this meeting, providing a valid quorum. For those members unable to attend, I have outlined some information relating to the development of the new Constitution, which was made available to the Special General Meeting.

A Sub-Committee was appointed by Management Committee and met intermittently, commencing January 2017. Their task was to rewrite the existing constitution of September 2013 to comply with the new *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*. Early drafts had multiple corrections, additions and deletions. Thank you to John Shinnick, who put in a huge effort listing these, implementing them and presenting the next draft to the sub-committee.

Elizabeth Bazen, currently employed as a policy officer for the Building Commissioner, became our Editor in Chief. Her current knowledge proved vital with clauses relevant to governing bodies of the Act and crown grants, in light of the changes to the public sector announced by the new government. On 2 May, the sixth draft was presented to the Management Committee and all members with a proforma requesting comments. The committee appreciated the pertinent and mostly positive feedback received from members.

The draft constitution was amended in response to issues identified. The final version approved by the Management Committee on 26 May 2017 was draft 16. Needless to say, the number of amendments goes far beyond the tiny number of 16. This document was presented at the Special General Meeting. With two minor amendments approved at the meeting, the constitution was adopted and will now be submitted to the Department of Commerce. With this Special General Meeting behind us, I now hope to hibernate until the AGM in August! My thanks and best wishes for contributing and enjoying your bridge club.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

■ **Elizabeth Bazen**

Scoring

It is the players' responsibility to ensure the correct information is entered into the bridgemate for each board. The North/South pair are responsible for entering information, and the East/West pair are responsible for checking it.

If incorrect information is entered into a bridgemate, the Director can correct it if:

1. It's obvious that cards were misboarded, for example if a hand is played successfully in 4 spades by both north/south and east/west pairs; or
2. All four players agree that the information that was entered is incorrect, and needs to be changed. If all four players can't agree, the bridgemate's information can't be changed.

Jean-Paul was also asked if he would supply an article for our magazine and set out below is what he submitted... Who says Directors don't have a sense of humour?!

■ **Jean-Paul Tedeschi**

REVISED RULES FOR BRIDGE as at 30th June 2017

- 1 Pick up your cards as dealt. You will be ready to bid ahead of the others.
- 2 If your hand is rotten, mention it. It will guide your partner in his bid and play.
- 3 If your partner bids first, don't hesitate to raise. He has to play it.
- 4 Never hurry. Try several cards on a trick until you are sure which one you prefer.
- 5 Occasionally ask what is trumps. It will show you are interested in the game.
- 6 Don't show lack of interest when you are dummy. Help your partner out with suggestions.
- 7 Walk around the table when you are dummy and look at the other hands. Tell them what cards are good and how many tricks they can take if they play right.
- 8 Talk about other subjects during the game. It makes for good fellowship.
- 9 Feel free to criticise your partner. He will do much better as a result

- 10 Always trump your partner's tricks, never take a chance.
- 11 Don't try to remember the rules. It is too confusing.
- 12 If it is a money game, always stop when you are ahead. It will leave a lasting impression and folks will remember you.
- 13 Always explain your plays, particularly when set. It shows your card knowledge.
- 14 Disagree with established rules and conventions. People will know you are a person of independent mind.
- 15 If holding poor cards, expose an honour and demand a new deal.
- 16 Eat chocolate caramels or other adhesive sweets while playing. It keeps the cards from skidding.

A HAND OF INTEREST.

It is very unlikely that you could be dealt a hand such as this. In fact, this hand was set up to fail. I remember reading about this sometime ago and decided to share it with our newer members, as most of our more experienced members would be familiar with it.

Can you imagine your surprise when opening up this hand for first the time? My heart would be racing....no losers and 29 HCP! The final contract is 6H by South but with the obvious lead of a diamond from West, South can only make 6 tricks. What a disappointment!!

It is known as the Mississippi Heart Hand and was used by Whist cardsharps on the Mississippi River steamboats during the late 1800's. Of course, South would be encouraged to bid a substantial amount of money on the hand, but it was doomed from the start.

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LEADS

As all bridge players know, the opening lead can make or break the defence. To help us with that decision, I have set out below opening leads **as recommended by Ron Klinger**.

When leading to your partner's suit in which you hold 3 cards:

- 1 **Lead top** from 2 touching cards headed by an honour eg A K x, K Q x, Q J x, J 10 x, 10 9 x.
- 2 **Lead middle card** with no honour in the suit. From 3 rag cards, lead middle (**and follow with the top card – middle-up-down or M U D**). The purpose is to deny a doubleton. With a doubleton, the order is higher-then-lower. With either method, partner will see lower-then-higher and then know that your lead was not a doubleton and that you hold a third card. This is useful, when partner is working out if you or the opposition will ruff the third round.
- 3 **Lead lowest** from one honour eg Q x x, K x x. The low card is usually promising an honour. It is safe to **lead top-of-nothing** when partner knows you cannot hold a doubleton eg when you have supported his 1H bid with 2H (you having minimum 3 or 4 and no honour) eg 9 7 4. Lead to honours not away from them.

In a trump contract do not lead from an Ace high suit, unless the suit is headed by the Ace and King. If the ace is lead, the opposition's K and Q could be set up as winners.

Leading the A promises your partner a King. **Leading the K** promises the Q, **leading the Q** promises the J.

With Trump length, lead from your own long suit. When you hold 4 or more trumps and declarer has only 5 or 6, force declarer to ruff and ruff again by leading your long suit. This reduces their trumps, and you may take control and draw declarer's remaining trumps and then play your winners.

Against a trump contract do not lead a singleton from a strong hand. A singleton is best reserved for weak hands. For a short-suit lead to be useful, **partner needs entries** and with the opposition bidding to game (showing strength) along with your own strong hand, partner is unlikely to have entries to give you a ruff.



BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

Is there ever a time when etiquette can be ignored? As children, etiquette and good manners were instilled in us at home and school while growing up. I can still hear my parents telling me not to put my elbows on the table at meal times and so on. I am sure that our newer members are very much aware that etiquette is also very much part of bridge. Did you know that to appear overexuberant at bringing down the opposition's contract is thought to be inconsiderate? I know that we sometimes laugh at others' adversity but exchanging high fives or clapping hands is not accepted very well by the opposition.

Also, once the contract has been agreed, the bidding cards must be left on the table in full view of all until the opening lead is faced. This allows the person making the lead to consider all options. The same applies once the contract has been played: all cards must be left on the table so tricks can be counted and both parties agree on the final count. Scooping the cards up before agreement is reached can create a problem as to the final count.

For all those interested, we have cards printed with the required table etiquette and these can be found in our Club rooms. We also have one pinned on the notice board. However, each edition of our BTG will cover those rules that are being overlooked and will serve as a reminder to us all.

THE INTREPID BUSH TURKEYS

I received this article from five of our Club members who are not only addicted to playing bridge, but are also clearly addicted to travelling in their caravans. As far as I know, there is no remedy to counteract this problem. So, I am sharing this with you so we can keep tabs on them while they traverse our continent. This is their story.

TRIP TO THE ANNE BEADELL AND CONNIE SUE HIGHWAYS

John Shinnick

We did it - Dianne and Michael Barker, Jean-Paul Tedeschi (JP's not only a celebrity Chef, but also the official photographer) and Lyn and John Shinnick.

Why did we do it - Because we could and it was on our bucket lists.

Who are we - we are a like-minded lot who felt a long way out of our comfort zones - hence the reason we named ourselves the Bush Turks, created a logo and had the motto of "The Journey, Not the Destination Matters".

Where are the highways - East of Laverton on dirt roads for over 1,500 kilometres exiting at Balladonia on the Eyre Highway near the Nullarbor Plain.

How did it happen: Michael was responsible for the plan, safety advice, bookings, on-road leadership, area tours and all round campsite coordination. Jean-Paul was our wizard around the campsites - he was the photographer, chef for the trip's duration, he bought the provisions, planned and cooked the meals and was always first with his own camp setup. Dianne excelled as the navigator and radio operator and Lynette and John came along as the 4 Wheel Drive novices.



THE 7 DAY ROUTE

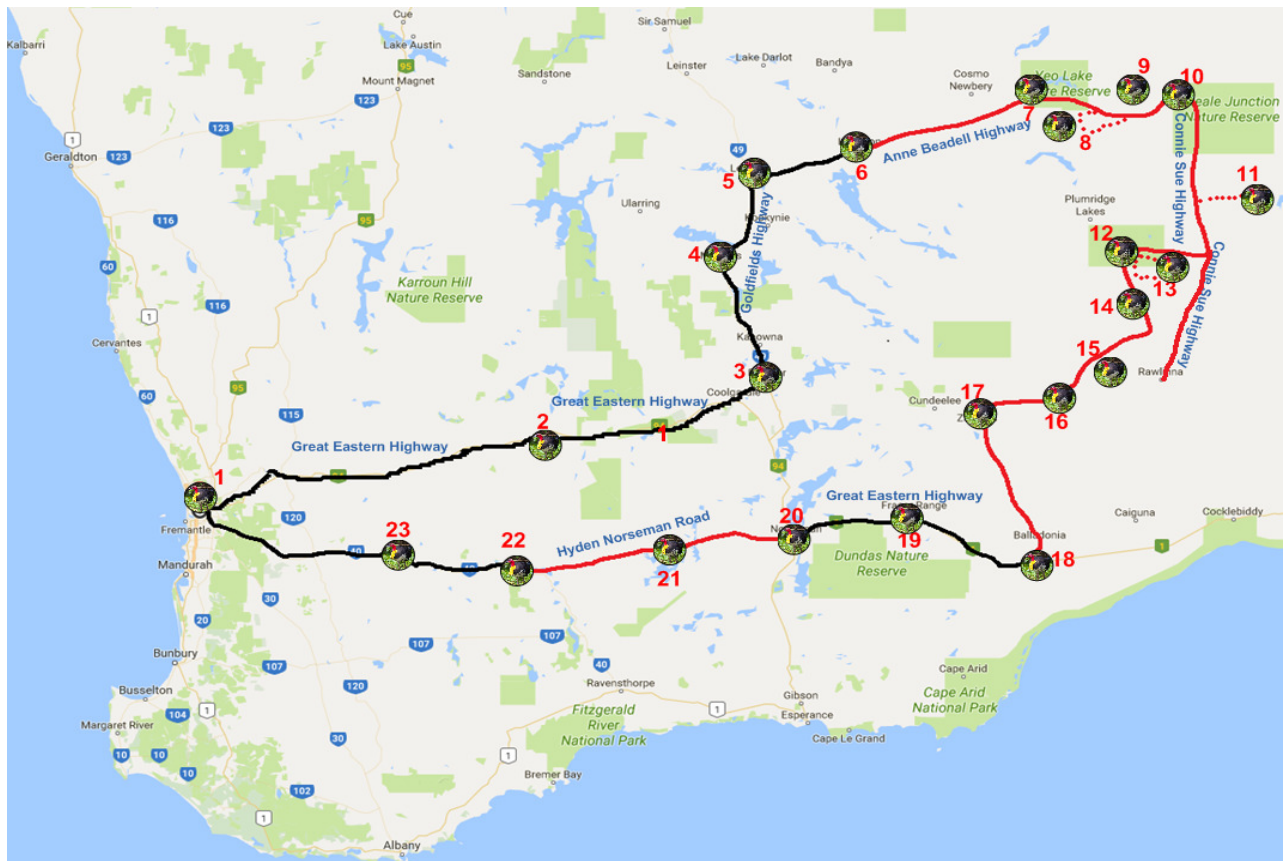
Michael's plan included the intrepid Bush Turkeys travelling and overnighing in Kalgoorlie on the first day. We were then to spend four dusty days in the bush and reward ourselves with first showers, accommodation and "restaurant" meal at Frasers Range Station. The final day would be an 800-kilometre dash, including 300 kilometres of dirt road from Norseman to Hyden to the luxury of home.

The following table is a snapshot of our travels over the seven enjoyable days:




Date	Day	Destinations	Distance	Progressive Distance
27/11	Sunday	Perth to Kalgoorlie	600	600
28/11	Monday	Kalgoorlie to Yeo Lake	567	1,167
29/11	Tuesday	Yeo Lake to Neal Junction	165	1,332
30/11	Wednesday	Neales Junction to Plumridge Lakes	203	1,535
1/12	Thursday	Plumridge Lakes to Trans Line	250	1,785
2/12	Friday	Trans Line to Frasers Range	250	2,035
3/12	Saturday	Frasers Range to Perth	800	2,835

THE MAP

The following map supported by the legend table describes the Bush Turkeys' travels and stops over the whirlwind journey:



LEGEND

Reference	Description	Reference	Description
	Bitumen Road	11	Neale Breakaway Excursion
	Unsealed Road	12	Campsite 3–Plumridge Lakes
	Bush Track	13	Sandalwood Woodcutters Excursion
1	Perth – Our Start/End location	14	Location of Lost Rubbish
2	Southern Cross	15	Point we left the Rawlina Road
3	Kalgoorlie–Motel Accommodation	16	Campsite 4–Trans Continental Line
4	Menzies	17	Zanthus
5	Leonora	18	Balladonia–Back to the bitumen
6	Laverton – On to Unsealed Roads	19	Frazers Range- Accommodation
7	Campsite 1–Yamarna Homestead	20	Norseman–My Hometown
8	Turkey Point Off-Road Excursion	21	Lake Johnson Lookout
9	Site of threatening bushfire	22	Hyden–Back to the bitumen again
10	Campsite 2 – Neale Junction	23	Corrigin– Shinnicks left for home

THE ADVENTURE

Adventure it was and all of us emerged safely from our ordeal. However, without giving too much away the following synopsis gives a good picture of our fun-loving exploits:

Mistakes galore - we had so much fun laughing at one another's failings and faux pas. At last count, there were 16 occasions where a team member created a laughable incident. John won the prize with over 70% of the count.

Bush loops - on many occasions Michael took us off road to another must see destination. This often involved bush bashing, lost tracks and at least three staked tyres.

Campsite living - this was done in fashion. Home style accommodation, campfires, restaurant style meals and a good amount of banter supported with wine and beer made our end-of-day a highlight of the journey.

Nature's input - the unique country and flora, unsealed roads, the isolation, unbelievable skies and quiet together with a bushfire, fauna and sand flies all added up to a complete outback adventure.

OUR EPILOGUE

The value to us all is best depicted in the following group epilogue:

"Most importantly we were an enthusiastic lot that were able to:

- enjoy companionships that only come with the best of friends
- enjoy the natural magnificence of outback WA
- experience multiple off-road 4-wheel drive adventures
- enjoy the honing or learning of camping skills in the most remote of areas
- eat like royalty
- laugh at ourselves and
- achieve the adventure with unforgettable and rewarding memories "

As a group, we are so committed to the next opportunity to travel away together - **stay tuned for our next caravan adventure that will include JP's wife, Jenny.**

MONTHLY SOCIAL AFTERNOON

The once-a-month social afternoon following Friday bridge has proven to be very popular with members enjoying nibbles and drinks provided by the Club. It's a great way to wind down after a week of bridge with its many highs and lows. It reminded me of that wonderful feeling at the end of a working week when Friday night took on a rosy glow – no work for two whole days. However, on reflection, that rosy glow could have been the result of the glass of red heartily consumed

THE BRIDGEMATES

■ Mary Pepper

We call ourselves The Bridgemates (this is our collective name).and we meet Friday mornings at my house with Anita Davis. This morning we are celebrating Anita's birthday. I do the cheese straws and Anita helps us all improve our Bridge. Fiske Warren joined us one Friday to help us with Doubling. It is very pleasing that the new players have all now joined into the regular club sessions which is the aim of the group meetings. To all the BRIDGEMATES: the only way is UP!!



Left to right: Joanne James, Evonne Sarich, Judy Poole, Trish Cristy, Bruce Cowen, Robin Ward, Anita Davis and Derick Johnston

Oh, how the year is disappearing. We are halfway through and it's already at the end of the 2016-2017 financial year, with our AGM looming ahead in August. We have so much to look forward to during the second half of the year, with friendships and partnerships being created, never a dull moment. I would like to leave you with these thoughts:

■ **Joseph Addison**

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. These are but trifles, to be sure, but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable.

Julie Bechelli

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