



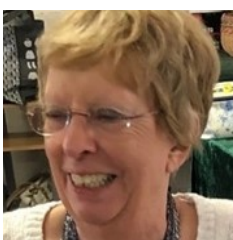
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carole Littlechild



Welcome everyone to this new edition of the BTG and to all our new members.

We are still awaiting funds from the State Government to start our renovations. Hopefully they will come through soon and we can get started.

We are still under restrictions regarding Covid 19 and I thank all members for adhering to the measures we have in place. As you are all aware these can change from time to time and we must abide by these.

Subs are now due and our AGM will soon be upon us. The form for nominations for the committee will be on the noticeboard shortly. If interested, please put your name up.

We have now reinstated the nibbles and wine after bridge on the first Friday of the month. This is a very sociable event which, along with the monthly Saturday sausage sizzle, enables everyone to get to know members they may not come across during play.

Our next major social function will be Christmas in July. Please try and come along as this is usually a great day. Details will be on the notice board soon.



VALE EUGENE MURPHY—1941-2021



It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Eugene Murphy on Friday 23 April 2021.

Eugene joined the club in 2007 and played the majority of his games partnered by Anita. Eugene was a truly wonderful gentleman in the true meaning of the word and always had a good word for everyone. He played at the club during ill health and did not give up playing until it just became too much.

AROUND THE CLUB

RECENT RANK PROMOTIONS

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

Stephen Thyer	Silver National
Nic Moniodis	Bronze National
Kit Lemann	Silver Local
Mary Simmonds	Silver Local
Elizabeth Bazen	Bronze Regional
Lorraine Stivey	Local
Bruce Cowen	Local
Bernadette McStravick	Graduate

GRAND SLAMS

Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown	7NTE	Wednesday 21 April
Elizabeth McMillen/Jenny Tedeschi	7NTE	Wednesday 21 April
Kristine Nunn/Derick Johnston	7HE	Monday 19 April
Joanne Payne/Stephen Thyer	7SW	Saturday 10 April
Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown	7SW	Saturday 10 April
Mary & Michael Pepper	7NTN	Wednesday 7 April
Bernard Szalkowski/Jenny Pitney	7HS	Monday 13 May (Restrict Pairs Session 1)
Joe Louis/Wendy Harman	7NTW	Friday 28 May
Alan Puckey/Denise Borger	7NTW	Friday 28 May
Jane Pike/Elizabeth McMillen	7NTW	Friday 28 May
Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown	7HE	Friday 28 May
Sandra Hoffman/Joscelyn Charters	7NTW	Friday 28 May
Brian Davison/Anita Davis	7SN	Wednesday 19 May

70% CLUB

Carmen Jackson/Ann Todd	72.4%	Wednesday 31 March
Tom & Kit Lemann	70.3%	Friday 23 April
Tom & Kit Lemann	71.0%	Wednesday 3 March (Mixed Pairs Session 2)
Gerry Daly/Stephen Thyer	70.4%	Saturday 20 March
Carmen Jackson/Wendy Harman	70.8%	Saturday 15 May

NEW MEMBERS



The Kalamunda District Bridge Club welcomes new members - Yvette Wallis, Sandy De Boer, Patricia Eglington, Anne Kerr and Margaret Wood. We look forward to seeing you all at regular club sessions in the very near future.

Annual fees are due by 30 June 2021 - \$50 for members; \$25 for alternate members.

Pay on line, cash or cheque.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14 August 2021

10.30 am

RESULTS OF CLUB EVENTS

DAYTIME TEAMS

Winning Team	Stephen Thyer, Kit Lemann, Tom Lemann, Joanne Payne
R/up	Rob McMahon, Carole McMahon, David Harris Michael Barker

MIX-N-MATCH

NORTH/SOUTH

1st Jim Steel/Kaye Prance
R/up Joanne Payne/Jean Rackham

EAST WEST

1st Elizabeth McMillen/Bruce Cowen
R/up Peter Bolden/Dianne Barker

RESTRICTED PAIRS

Winners	Judith Poole/Lynne Roberts
R/up	Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel



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

JULY

Alan Harper, Philip Snook, Peter Clarke, Lorraine Stivey, Julie Bechelli, Michael Barker, Helen Browne-Cooper, Ronnie Malthouse, Joanne Payne, Diane Smith, Bernard Szalkowski, Sheilagh Thomas, Catherine Gabites

AUGUST

JP Tedeschi, Sandra Hoffman, Carole Daxter, Audrey Totterdell, Guy Gaudet, Carmen Jackson, Kit Lemann, Robert Williamson, Sherrill Duncan

SEPTEMBER

Barbara Guelfi, Mary Simmonds, Jim Steel, Sita Weggelaar, Brian Daxter, Bernadette McStravick, Mark Pezzali, Renee Wylie, Cherry Zamudio, Bente Hansen, Jennifer Pitney

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY



80th birthday celebrations for David Kininmonth. It was unfortunate that the COVID lockdown on the weekend of 24/25 April spoilt celebrating his OBE (Octogenarian Birthday Event). I am sure he made up for it. Congratulations David.

Message from Dawn Snook, Secretary, KDBC



Thank You to Covid-19 Temperature Taking and Cleaning Teams.

The MC (Management Committee) would like to express their great appreciation to the members who stepped up in December 2020 and volunteered to help the MC members with the pre and post bridge session Covid-19 rosters. Their service and contribution enabled KDBC to continue to meet the WA Government's Covid-19 hygiene requirements and most importantly, kept all our members playing bridge safely. We congratulate ourselves because these duties, and members handwashing and absence if they were sick, has given us a long run without the usual cases of flu, let alone Covid-19.

Thank you to:

Lorraine Stivey, Kris Nunn, Julie Bechelli, Carol Sexton, Sheila Pryce, Anne Todd, Kate Sayer, Alan Puckey, Mary Pepper, Barbara Bibby, Vicki Russell, Philip Snook, Jenny Pitney and Carmen Jackson.

Thank you also to the MC members who took these tasks on in mid-July 2020 and enabled KDBC to re-open after the long Covid-19 shut down - and continued with them for eight months! Quite a commitment to be proud of.

Even though the pandemic is not over I am sure members are hoping, as is the MC, that we never have to do these tasks again!

Thank you and well done.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Recently Stephen Thyer was in Mandurah and while on a walk around town he caught sight of this photo outside an office in Mandurah.



He had no idea of the meaning behind the sign, but being curious researched the organisation to gain an understanding of the other 'BTG'.

Bridging the Gap (BTG) is a Peel region Not for Profit/Charity that delivers a wide variety of Federal and State Government funded employment, career development and training services to local people who find seeking employment difficult and need assistance to 'Bridge the Gap' from welfare to employment.

Bridging the Gap was formed in Melbourne in March 1979 and now has offices around the country, but didn't come to Perth until the mid-80s, so we were first in WA!

MEMBER PROFILE

RENEE WYLIE (*Nee Briotti*)

MY JOURNEY



I was born in the country town of Koorda, the youngest of four children. My heritage is a Northern Italian father and an English mother, both immigrating to Australia for a better life.

After many years of working hard, from driving a beer truck in Kalgoorlie to dam sinking in many areas, my father had saved enough money to purchase a farm in the Koorda area. At this time he met and married my mother who was working in the area.

I had an idyllic childhood, living a carefree life on the farm with my siblings, in a loving and caring family, lots of pets, lots of fun things to do, lots of love.

I don't remember much of my early school days although sports days were always most important to me. When it was time to go to high school my father bought a house in Mt Lawley so we could advance our education. My two sisters went to business college, my brother to Perth Boys and I went to Perth Girls High School. I really enjoyed my years at high school, making new friends – some I am still in contact with today. My study ethic had greatly improved and I was rewarded with good marks. Also the sporting activities were extensive. I played tennis, softball and netball, continuing these into my teenage years.

My first employment was as a junior Dental Nurse for an orthodontist on the Terrace – very flash. I held this position until I married. I met my husband Don during these years and following the tradition of the time, we married young.

In the following years we were blessed with three children, 1 boy and 2 girls. Life went on smoothly during the following years. We always had a holiday in the September school break, travelling to many places in our State.

Some of these holidays were 'roughed' quite often - a station wagon, a tent, 3 kids and a dog - no 4 star accommodation for us.

When our youngest child was at high school I went back to work. I had done some additional study in accounting while at home with the children.

My first position was with the Sunday Times in the Advertising Department, enjoying many happy years there, then moved on to Woodside Offshore Petroleum where I stayed till I retired. During these years we travelled abroad to many places and yes, now we could afford 4 star accommodation. By now we were the happy grandparents to 2 boys and 4 girls, all now doing well in their chosen field.

Tragedy struck in 2002 when we lost our youngest daughter to cancer, leaving two little girls aged 11 and 8 years. Together with their father, we started on another journey of being co-parents to the girls, helping to supervise their education, taking them on holidays both within Australia and abroad. Today we are proud to say they are professional women, the elder a Pharmacist and the younger a Nurse. Their relationship with us is magical, we are truly blessed.

When I retired I volunteered at a local school for many years. Being in the classroom with children was very rewarding for me and helped me greatly with my grief.

I am an active member of the Kalamunda Probus Club and have held most committee positions over the years. It was through Probus that I met Anne Boekelaar who encouraged me to try my hand at bridge. I did do some lessons and continue to play today (although not as good as I would like). I also play indoor bowls. Both these activities I find very rewarding and enjoy the comradery associated with them.

Our family is expanding, we are now great-grandparents to 2 little girls in Sydney, 2 small boys in Albany and another boy due in November. This one will be just down the hill in Maida Vale. We are truly lucky.

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

The March beginners lessons included 10 ladies and 2 men. They were a keen and friendly bunch of people who all seemed to really enjoy the lessons given by Fiske!

After doing a 4 week revision course offered by the club I am pleased to say that 10 of the 12 people have now joined the club.

At present they are all coming to Monday evening supervised sessions.

The next beginners lessons are planned for the end of August.

Jenny Tedeschi
Committee Chair



Left to right—Alan Sharp , Sandy de Boer, Pat Edington,
Margaret Wood, Tosh Tielman, Yvette Wallis
Kneeling—Lee Sharp and Di van Santen



GERALDTON BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

Sheila Pryce, Anita Davis, Mickey (Lina) Zampichelli and Betty Roberts played in the Geraldton Congress held 11-13 June. It was an enjoyable event. Sheila and Anita came third in the Welcome Pairs and as a team we were placed 4th, just pipped out of 3rd place.

With Mickey and Betty being from Northam we found it amazing how many players we met who had ties to Northam having either been born there or lived there at some stage in their life.

Like all country people, everyone was very warm, welcoming and hospitable. Certainly a 'go' to congress next year.

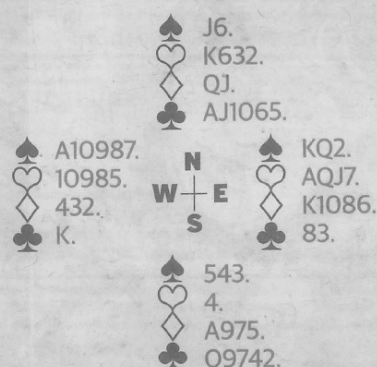


Members may be interested in this article by Nigel Dutton from 2019 that mentions two of our club members - Mike Hopper (dec) and Gerry Daly.

Bridge

NIGEL DUTTON

Mike Hopper was a pioneer in the early history of bridge in WA. He was a great player who believed firmly that your stopper was as good as the opponents thought it was. He would regularly and annoyingly bid 3NT after an opponent's interference with no hint of a real stopper in his hand. I could never believe he managed to get away with it for so long and so often.



DEALER: SOUTH. VUL: ALL.

five-card major. Gerry now proposed 2H which, after a 2D response, is non-forcing and suggests a place to play. Trevor now clearly influenced by Gerry's enthusiasm, his great heart suit and his doubleton club, with no honour upgraded his hand and suggested 3H. Well with such a great hand Gerry had no hesitation in raising to 4H. Somewhat surprisingly out of the 32 tables this was the only 4H contract.

North is on lead and believing the auction, particularly the bit about the club stopper, led a very reasonable JS. Plan your play. Gerry had a quick look around trying to locate the club stopper and then settled down to make what, Deep Finesse suggests, is a cold contract. As is, incidentally, four spades.

The contract has chances; with north bidding; the KH and maybe the AD are one side thus making 5 spades, 4 hearts, maybe 5, and a diamond. As is often the case the key play is at trick one. The reason you need to think at trick one is that your once great hand is suddenly short of entries and there is a danger that you are going to block the spade suit. So beware of Greeks bearing gifts and play the QS from dummy and overtake with your ace. Now the H10 was run, good news, it holds and then the second heart wins in dummy, not so good news. Now Gerry needs to get back to hand and tried a club to the king hoping the opponents

With that in mind and coupled with last week's discussion about most 1C openings where nobody at the table, other than the opener, has any idea about the number of clubs being shown, I thought Trevor Fuller and Gerry Daly's efforts on today's hand worthy of mention. Worthy not only because of the auction but also the excellent declarer play predicated on serious thinking before playing at trick one. The hand was from the recent Nedlands Congress.

North kicked off proceedings with a Standard American 1C; Trevor, channelling Mike Hopper, chose a 1NT overcall; traditionally 15-18 with a club stopper. I quite like this bid. Double would misrepresent the spade suit and if partner passes he will likely hold some club values. There is also the bonus of everybody else at the table believing east did indeed possess a club stopper.

Gerry, clearly influenced by his poker experience, straights in 3 suits (10987, 1098(5) 432) and the fact that his partner had shown a club stopper to go with his singleton king upgraded his hand by more than perhaps you or I might have done. With visions of game he started with 2C; a Laving's inquiry asking about major suits and range; it shows at least invitational values (cough). Trevor's 2D response showed a minimum hand with no

attempt to cash a second club. No such luck, out pops the queen of diamonds, king, ace. Anyway, all was good, south, seeing the dangerous D10 in dummy plays a second club, ruff and claim.

At most tables north opened with 1C and east doubled. Can south now jump, perhaps to 4C, without knowing how many clubs north has? Not easy. Of course, the Acoll players had fewer problems when north's 1C showed 4+.

An interesting aspect of the hand is the diamond position, 22 pairs were in spade contracts with the QD as a popular lead or the ace clubs followed by the QD. With K1086 in dummy a number of wests ducked the QD, covered the jack and were very disappointed to have the third diamond ruffed. Was there any value ducking the DQ? No, I don't think so. Consequently, only two declarers in 4S managed to make 10 tricks worth a very pleasant 10.26 IMP.

The GNOT final results: first Tim Munro, Chris Mulley, Ron Cooper and Paul Brayshaw From Virginia Seward, Rose Moore, Mimi Packer, Jane Reynolds and Jonathan Free with Beata and Tad Bieganski, John Beddow and Egmont Melton third. The Provincial Final was won by Christine Bacon, Jane Adams, Divyesh and Rina Shah. They will all be off to Tweed Heads in late November.

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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

Thanks again to those members who willingly shared their stories for this edition.