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EDITORIAL

Hello Club Members

As I sit at my computer to prepare my first BTG, and the first for 2017, I reflect on all those enthusiastic, diligent editors who have preceded me. The most recent being Cherry Zamudio who has spent many hours zealously interviewing, writing, photographing, collecting snippets, reporting club news and competition results all for the pleasure of our very own Club members. A very big thank you for the past 5 years' efforts Cherry.

With the New Year celebrations behind us and now heading towards Easter, it is time to report on the events over the last 3 months – and it has certainly been a very busy 3 months. Our committees who work behind the scenes preparing for Club events and competitions, cheerfully volunteer their time so generously. So many visitors and people from other clubs comment on the friendly atmosphere at the KDBC and I know that whenever I walk into our Club, I am always greeted with a smile, a cheerful hello and even cheeky banter, and that is very welcoming.

Julie Bechelli

WELCOME TO NEW CLUB MEMBERS – JANUARY TO MARCH, 2017

Are you wondering who those new faces are at the bridge table? When did they join? What do they do? Where do they come from? Well, read on.....

It gives me great pleasure to introduce two new members, Judith Poole and Matthew Duxbury. I know I can speak for all our members in wishing them many happy hours of bridge playing at KDBC.

Judith Poole joined KDBC 8/02/2017 after attending Fiske Warren's lessons in 2016. Her frequent trips overseas to visit children and grandchildren kept her from joining until now.



Judith retired in 2016 after working as a Medical Receptionist since emigrating from England in 1970.

Matthew Duxbury re-joined KDBC 22/02/2017. He remembers playing bridge when the Club's sessions were held in the Kalamunda High School. His parents, Pat and Bill, were foundation members.



Matthew works in Engineering Management in the computer industry.

NEW BEGINNER CLASSES WITH FISKE WARREN

Classes begin on 19th May for 8 weeks through to 7th July commencing at 9.30am to 11.30am. A 4-week Revision course will follow the lessons, commencing on 14th July through to 4th August also at 9.30am to 11.30am.

A one-off lesson on the Stayman convention on 21st April, 9.30am to 11.30 will also be presented by Fiske. Beginners and intermediate players will appreciate the opportunity to explore the number of different times that this convention can be used.

Fiske's lessons have proven very popular with our members who have enjoyed the many lessons presented in our Club rooms at KDBC.

CLUB EVENTS 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST MARCH 2017

The first social event for the year on the 6th January, was a social gathering at the end of the Friday afternoon bridge. It was such a great way to relax and chat with other Club members where people could laugh, spin a few yarns and generally enjoy themselves without having to 'keep the noise down'.

The very successful **Mix 'n Match** pairs on 14th January was combined with the popular sausage sizzle, cooked by our very own Celebrity Chef, Jean-Paul Tedeschi and his wife, Jenny. The aroma of the sausages sizzling, made one's mouth water and not many could say no to such a treat. Such a good way to start a game of bridge!

Many of our experienced members were there to encourage and play with the not so experienced. The chatter and laughter at the end of the session, while enjoying a glass of wine along with nibbles, was indicative of a good time being had by all. It was an opportunity for all members to relax and join in the camaraderie.

Below are some of the newer Club members who took advantage of playing with the more advanced players at the Mix 'n Match pairs event.



From left to right: Elizabeth Bazen (an experienced player), Bernadette McStravick, Mary Pepper (an experienced player), Robin Ward, Joanne James and Derek Johnston.



The Australia Day celebrations this year were held at our Club on Wednesday, 25th January and not the 26th, as Wednesday is our regular session. It was very well attended and our Social Committee served buns filled with delicious slices of lamb (the best yet) and a variety of salads followed by lamingtons and pavlova. I think you would all agree that was as Aussie as you can get. There is one thing our Club excels in, and that is to feed us to capacity. The following verse is one that I remember from my teenage years: **'I have had elegant sufficiency and superfluity, and if I had any more it would be detrimental to my bombastic capacity'.** Now *that* is a mouthful. Excuse the pun!!

Below are some of our members enjoying the Australia Day celebrations.



Mary Simmonds, Sita Weggelaar, Liz Houghton



Anita Davis dresses for the occasion.

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Individual Championship 2017

30th January 2017

1st Joseph Gaudet

2nd Nicolas Moniodis

Day Time Open Pairs 2017

17th February, 2017

1st Arfah Yusof and Nicolas Moniodis

2nd Don Sutton-Mattocks and Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

ANC Butlers Qualifying Heat

23rd February, 2017

1st Peter Cameron and Doug Hegarty

2nd Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown

Not only do our members achieve great results in our own club, but a number of our members attended **Mandurah Summer Congress** on 28th & 29th January. Gerry Daly was 4th overall in the Swiss Pairs and Carole and Rob McMahon received the prize for the best pair below State Master.

Gerry Daly's team in the teams' event was 3rd overall and the team of Sheila Pryce, Joe Louis, Guy Gaudet and Gordon Brown won the prize for the best team under 300 points. Such good results for both the Swiss Pairs and Teams. Well done.

KALAMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB 2017 CONGRESS - 18TH & 19TH MARCH

Held annually, this is the biggest event of the year for our Club and is booked out within weeks of appearing on the BAWA website. It attracts people from clubs around the State who come each year to enjoy great bridge, the wonderful ambience and as always, amazing food.

This year was no different. Great excitement and anticipation as Club members and visitors filled our Club room to capacity. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces among the visitors as they settled for a day, or weekend, of competitive bridge.

Denise Borger, our Club President and Convenor, welcomed all visitors and Club members to our 2017 Congress.

Our dedicated Club members spent countless hours ensuring that every essential detail had been meticulously taken care of. Check lists, meetings, food preparation, and the setting up of the tables, bridge mates and boards were just some of the tasks undertaken.

SWISS PAIRS:1st: Tim Munro & Gerry Daly



2nd: Nigel Dutton & Marie-France Merven
Unfortunately, a photograph is not available

3rd Dave Munro & David Schokman
Unfortunately, a photo is not available

BEST UNDER 300 MP:



Peter Clarke & Guy Gaudet

BEST UNDER 50 MP:



Robert & Carole McMahon

BEST KALAMUNDA PAIR not qualifying for other prizes:



Stephen Thyer & Joanne Payne

TEAMS EVENT:



1st: Robert & Joan Prince, Phil & Kathy Power,



2nd: Maura & Rick Rhodes, Deborah Frankel & Deidre Greenfield

BEST KALAMUNDA TEAM:



3rd Madge Myburgh, Wendy Harman, Carmen Jackson & Bente Hanson



Gordon Brown, Sheila Pryce, Mel Foster & Mark Goddard **not qualifying for other prizes**

FROM THE PRESIDENT - MARCH 2017

■ Denise Borger

Greetings to all. By the time you read this edition of BTG the Congress will be behind us for another year.

There are so many people to thank for contributing to Kalamunda Bridge Club!

New members from Monday Night Supervised Sessions, spreading their wings to play in regular Club Event Sessions. Wonderful to meet you again.

Congratulations, keep it up, you are valued! We have two Competitions for new members later in the year:

Saturday 14 October, Novices Plate for members with 15 or less Masterpoints

Wednesday 6 & 13 September, Restricted Pairs for members with 50 or less Masterpoints

Thank you to our Club Members willing to volunteer for:

- tasks leading up to the Congress
- vital roles on Saturday and Sunday of the Congress
- generous donations of food for the tea breaks during the Congress

Thank you to the Management Committee for:

- Replacement of an air-conditioner, a refrigerator, worn playing boards and 5 Bridgemates
- Upgrades to the Club computer
- Development of a Bush Fire Emergency Plan – Peter Daniel
- Addressing the Re-Writing of the Constitution, as required by the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 – John Shinnick and Sub-Committee for this task
- Updating Honour Boards
- Organising Mix 'n Match Saturday – Cherry Zamudio
- Introducing Friday Social Afternoons

Bridgemates

BTG Editor, Julie Bechelli suggested that I expand on the issues that we have been facing with the Bridgemates.

Frustrating, confusing problems for players are a whole lot worse for Directors. The Director's role is to keep the session running smoothly. Problems over the last half year have not been easy to identify or solve!

What the Directing Team have done to improve Bridgemate scoring:

- Identified 5 Bridgemates to be replaced;
- Upgraded the computer to speed up the processing time;

- Learned procedures for substituting one Bridgmate for another during a session; and
- Stored Bridgemates below the directors' desk.

What players can do to improve Bridgmate scoring:

- Enter data into the Bridgmate before filling in hand records;
- Read and verify results;
- Treat electronic keys gently;
- Call the Director to correct errors as they occur; and
- Ensure that drinks are placed on side tables, below the Bridgemates.

Bridgemates cost \$220 each; our set of 22 cost the club \$4840.00. If everyone takes care of them, they should last us for many years.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your contributions throughout the year that collectively make our club the success that it is. The strong support from so many members make the role of President less daunting than it might otherwise be.

Many thanks

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

■ Elizabeth Bazen

Dummy's responsibilities

Do:

- Play dummy's cards promptly as instructed by Declarer.
- Keep track of tricks won and lost.
 - Place dummy's cards upright or sideways at the end of each trick, and watch the direction other players lay their cards down.
- Ask Declarer whether he or she has any cards in the suit led: "No clubs, partner?"
- Try to prevent irregularities by declarer: e.g. by pointing out which hand is on lead.
- If (and only if) another player draws attention to an irregularity, Dummy may call the Director during play.
- Give information to the Director.
- After play of the hand is complete Dummy may point out irregularities, like revokes, and call the Director.

Don't:

- Make any comments to Declarer or defenders after play commences.

- This is so easy for a Director to say, but very difficult for a player to do! As a playing director, I have to bite my tongue as I lay down my dummy hand, to stop myself saying “I’m very sorry partner, but I did pass; you saw me pass!”
- Dummy is also not to make any comments regarding tricks they expect to be won, e.g. “The table’s good now.”
- Touch or indicate any card to be played to a trick before Declarer calls for it.
 - This is another one that can be hard, e.g. when Dummy’s hand only has a single card in the suit led. Declarers can be equally guilty here, assuming that Dummy will play the only available card. Dummy may not choose a card to play, even if it’s the only one – Declarer must call for it.
- Indicate by any means – such as by hovering or placing their hand on or near a card – which card or suit they expect Declarer to call for.



Farewell to our friends Anne Spring and Wendy Farquhar.

Sadly, Anne passed away on Christmas Day, 2016. A number of our club members were among the many family and friends who attended the service at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Kalamunda on 3rd January, 2017. The tributes that flowed from her extended family told of an amazing wife, mother, sister, and friend - one who valued family and faith above all else. Friends and family were asked to close their eyes and picture Anne as she was before her illness – a beautiful lady with just a hint of mischievousness in her smile.

Soon after, on 27th December 2016, Wendy also passed away. Ever cheerful at the bridge table with enthusiasm that belied her state of health. ‘Wendy loved bridge so much that she would play 7 days a week if she could’. These were the words of Blair, her loving husband of 49 years at her Remembrance Day. Many memories were shared, some sad but mostly of happy times. A life lived with exuberance and joy that was contagious to all who had the privilege to share her journey.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Can you pick anything wrong with the following bidding? They are common mistakes.

1

Vul:Both

Dlr: West

♠KQ76	♠AJ932
♥A2	♥K43
♦AK865	♦J2
♣K5	♣A82

West	North	East	South
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1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
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4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
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Circle below the bid you think is wrong:

1♦ 1♠ 4♣ Pass More than one error

Answer is on page 15.

2

Vul:Both

Dlr: West

♠52	♠AJ76
♥AQ72	♥K43
♦QJ764	♦82
♣A3	♣9842

West	North	East	South
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1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
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2♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
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Circle below the bid you think is wrong:

1♦ 1♠ 2♥ Pass More than one error

Answer is on page 15.

THE DARING HOBBY OF A CLUB MEMBER

■ Philip Snook

I entered this world in July 1948 and spent my childhood in Swanbourne WA. When I was 14 my dad got a job in Burma working for the Food & Agricultural Branch of the UN. I was fortunate to live in Rangoon for twelve months with my family before returning to boarding school in Perth. After three years at Christ Church Grammar School, I studied engineering at UWA. In my last year at school I met Dawn on a blind date and we've been together ever since.

I've earned my living doing a variety of different jobs. Starting in steel construction, a stint in oil refining, a couple of years on the land farming at Margaret River, then running my own transport business carting stone fruit three times a week, from Pickering Brook to the local Metropolitan Markets in West Perth. I would begin collecting the fruit from the growers late afternoon and be finished close to midnight. I would then need to be at the markets by 5:00 am to distribute the fruit to the different market outlets. During the height of the summer season there could be up to 600 boxes of fruit on the truck from an average of 25 growers. One never knew how much fruit was to be collected, making for some interesting stacks of fruit. There was no standard packaging at the time, so knitting the cases into a stable load was an art form. My two-way radio call sign was "Fruitsalad 1". During this time, Dawn and I produced three children Gabrielle, Alistair and Verity. We now have 7 grandchildren.

I then returned to construction and managed an industrial painting works processing 7000 tonnes of steel a year.

Moving within the industrial painting industry I managed an operation in Henderson painting ships and submarines. During this time, I managed the repainting of the hull & flight deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln – the aircraft carrier was a mini city with 5000 personnel parked in Gage Roads. The hull was washed & repainted in 5 days via 7 cherry pickers on a barge, with a tug to move it around the ship. We carried fresh water to wash down the hull out to the ship in two additional barges, propelled by a tug. We worked at night to avoid the daily sea breeze & too rough conditions. The ship was initially returning to its home port of San Diego but plans changed and after two weeks the ship returned to Fremantle before deployment back to Iraq. The flight deck was good for only 7000 landings and needed repainting. We removed 400 square metres of old non-slip flight deck coating by ultra-high pressure cleaning, then abrasive blast cleaned the deck, and then applied 3mm of non-slip deck coating – we had 12 days to do the job and a crew of 180 men worked 2 by 12 hour shifts a day to complete it. The job was a challenge ensuring none of the debris from the flight deck contaminated other parts of the deck or went into the sea.

Again, changing direction within the corrosion protection field, I spent the last 10 years designing, installing and maintaining cathodic protection systems within the 12 berths of Fremantle Inner and Outer harbours.

I have pursued a variety of hobbies over the years. As a youngster, I was an avid surfer morphing into sail boarding and finally into kite boarding, which I still do. **I took up my current sporting passion, gliding, three years ago flying with the Narrogin Gliding Club. I purchased my own glider in 2016.**



■ Julie Bechelli

Thank you, Phil, for sharing your life story and hobbies with us. I understand your passion for flying, as I have had the pleasure of being in a glider 3,200 feet up in the sky without a motor, and feeling quite safe with the plane sitting on a thermal, but I must admit, when we landed it was a little bumpy!!

Now that you are playing bridge, hopefully we will see that adventurous spirit of yours bidding many slam contracts in the days and years ahead.

A little advice – always laugh when you can as it is cheap medicine.

A patient, ready to undergo an operation, was asked by his doctor, if he had health insurance and the patient replied he had none. The doctor then asked if he had a wife or partner, and again he replied no. Once again the doctor asked the patient if he had any siblings and to this the patient replied, ‘Yes, I have a sister but she is a nun and she isn’t married and doesn’t have any money!’. To this the doctor replied, ‘But she is married. She is married to God’. Now the exasperated patient replied, Well, send the bill to my brother-in-law!

London to Fremantle via the Far Side of the Globe

■ Denise Borger

My husband Gerry and I, left WA on 4 October 2016. We spent 4 days in Singapore where our priority stop was The Gardens by the Bay. The Flower Dome and Cloud Mountain exhibits spoilt us for any other gardens we encountered during the rest of our holiday. Although Singapore is hot and humid, the massive domes that house these two gardens are cool. From there we walked over to the Marina Bay Sands Hotel, built in 3 separate towers, joined across the top with a section in the shape of ship. The view across Singapore from the café bar on the top level adds to the enjoyment of the drinks!

On to London for 8 days, where our focus was to explore the traditional London icons – ordinary for those who have already done it, wonderful if you haven't. We took a day off to visit our friend in Hertfordshire; she is planning to visit WA in 2017 because she really, really wants to go to Menzies!

On 16 October, we met the Astor in Tilbury, and left the UK for our 53-day cruise to Fremantle. The ship can carry 600 passengers, and was almost full. We were surprised by the number of Australian and New Zealanders on board.

After 4 days at sea we reached Funchal, Madeira (Portugal). Our first warm weather since leaving London, the port is easy walking distance into Funchal, via an attractive waterfront.

The ship stopped at 3 islands in the Caribbean:

St Johns, Antigua (Leeward Islands) – the natural beauty of the Caribbean surpasses expectations. A taxi drove us over this mountainous island, stopping at lookouts and places of interest, including the Nelson's Dockyards where Nelson was stationed to protect British interests and ships were dry docked for repairs and maintenance. One of the mountains was renamed Mt Obama after Obama was elected to the White House!

Castries, St Lucia (Windward Islands) - we took an aerial tram through the canopy of the rainforest; I loved it. Mid-afternoon we set out to explore the city area, discovering that Friday night markets brings the entire local population onto the pavements. Remember those Where's Wally books?

Bridgetown, Barbados (Windward Islands) - I toured the gardens where orchids are suspended in baskets at eye level with roots trailing below the baskets and no soil! Spectacular! The tour ended at the café and gift shop with complimentary rum punch. It was cold, fruity and delicious; and it hit like a Bondi Tram, at 11.30am! Next stop was viewed on jelly legs. Final stop was a 300-year-old Plantation House and a tasting of Rum cocktails. I declined further delectable rum offerings; many of our passengers had very red cheeks and bleary eyes from their rum tasting experience.

Panama Canal (South America) was the highlight of the voyage. Completed in 1913 after heavy loss of life due to yellow fever and malaria because the mosquito was not known as the carrier at that time! Our passage from the Caribbean in the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean via the Panama took a whole day. Passage is very slow, ships are controlled by massive steel cables connected to Electric Trains (known as Mules as they have replaced the original animals used for the purpose).

Our vessel was lifted 80m, via 3 locks, sailed across a man-made lake, and was lowered down 80m via another 3 locks. During this passage, a massive Panama Cargo Ship sailed 2 locks in front of our ship. (A Panama Vessel is built to Panama specifications with minimal clearance on all four sides of the rectangular locks.) Other ships passed us sailing in the other lane in the opposite direction.

Acapulco, Mexico, has a visible military and police presence, armed and ready, at the port and throughout the city. In addition, there are unarmed tourist officers on bicycles staying close to any tourists making their own way into Acapulco. Our ship stayed in port overnight without incident. It was a Sunday night and the local square was hopping with entertainment and markets for local families.

Nuku Hiva, Papeete and Mo'orea (French Polynesia) - These islands are formed by volcanoes, and due to their steep mountainous terrain, remain relatively under developed. Nuku Hiva was particularly breathtaking, as the ship sailed into the bay through a gap, and was surrounded by a horseshoe shaped mountainous island. School was being released as we walked toward the square in front of the church and children came running out. Some ran up to us greeting us in French, and a boy held up 10 fingers to show us his age. High school children riding a horse passed us on their way home.

Crossing the International Date Line - Easy! We went to sleep Thursday 24th November and woke up Saturday 26th – no need to adjust clocks.

Sydney - Len Pratt caught the train down from Gosford to meet us for lunch in Sydney. We chose the Mercantile – the oldest Irish pub in Sydney, situated in The Rocks area. Len is very happy with his move as he now visits his son regularly. He plays bridge at a club near his home and has reluctantly adapted to Precision! As a Founding Member of Kalamunda, Len is still interested in our Club and checks our website and Results table on a weekly basis.

Adelaide - we toured to Hahndorf and Mt Lofty. Awesome apple strudel with coffee to match the very quaint and beautifully maintained township.

Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island – pristine ocean, beaches and air due to minimal traffic. A highlight was watching a ferry unload vehicles and then load up cars, caravan, boats, and 3 sheep transport trucks fully loaded with sheep.

Fremantle - We docked 4 hours late due to the rough ocean in the Great Australian Bight. Our ship changed course, heading closer to the coast to avoid the worst of the heavy sea

and cross wind that we were sailing into. It was necessary to catch drinks that were sliding across tables!

We docked at 11.30am and walked out of immigration at 2pm. It takes a while to get all of that luggage and 600 people through Australian Customs. Welcome home!

Answer from page 10.

Pass. West's jump to 4♠ is not a "close out" bid. It shows a huge hand -- about 19-20 in support. How could he jump to 4♠ with less--responder could have a lousy 6-count. East has 13 HCP and is facing 19-20 in support. That is a total of 32-33, so slam is in the picture. East should use Blackwood--and the only issue is how to reach the excellent grand slam.

Answer from page 10.

Both 2♥ and Pass are errors. West cannot **reverse** into 2♥. Such a bid shows at least 16 points. Students often say: "I don't play reverses." This is not an option! A reverse is a reverse. **A reverse is forcing! Not to game, but for at least 1 round.** East is not allowed to Pass. So, that is also an error. But, who says "2 wrongs don't make a right?" In this case they do. West and East are a good partnership--as they both made mistakes which cancelled each other out and led to an okay contract.

I can hear the moans as I type this so for further explanation read on and the reverse bidding will be simplified for you.

Basically, a "**reverse**" is when opener's rebid is in a HIGHER-RANKING suit than his first suit eg 1♥-1NT-2♠ would show 16+ whereas 1♥-1♠-2♦ would show only 12-14pts. Just that simple sentence is enough to make many players eyes glaze over.

All **reverses** should show unbalanced hands. With balanced hands, the opening is 1NT or 2NT, or the rebid is 1NT or 2NT. **Reverses** show that the first-bid suit is longer than the suit reversed into. So, 1♦-1♠-2♥ would show not only 16+, but would indicate 5+♦ and 4♥.

As I sign off on this first BTG for 2017, I wish you all a safe and happy Easter. Please take care on and off the roads as we want to see you back here playing bridge, bidding and making small and grand slams!! Eat your hot cross buns and chocolate while enjoying the company of your family and friends during the Easter celebrations.

Julie Bechelli

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