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THE BRIDGE CLUB IS CLOSED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Betty Roberts



In the last issue of the magazine, I inadvertently assumed there was only one MG sports car owned by a club member only to find out there are two. The green car featured on the last page does in fact belong to David Harris. JP's is red! Thanks David for being so gracious in accepting the error.

Everyone, follow the rules and stay safe. The ABF has put forward some ideas on how we can keep the bridge cells functioning during the Coronavirus situation. Check these out on the ABF website.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Carole Littlechild
President



Here we are in March already after having a really hot and humid summer. I am happy to report that the table numbers have been quite good even through the holiday season.

We are still forging ahead with projects and have set up a sub-committee to design a master plan and prioritize alterations to the Club building.

Our Australia Day luncheon was slightly different this year as BAWA gave extra red points to the club if we donated the funds collected over the day to the Bush Fire Appeal. So we ran a raffle with items generously donated by the members and with the proceeds from that plus extra donations from members and the table money collected on the day we have been able to donate the sum of \$2,000 to the appeal via the Salvation Army.

In addition, Cherry and Dianne asked for donations to help the animals suffering because of the bush fires and true to form our members donated blankets, towels, rugs etc. and medical supplies to the cause. These have now been disbursed to where they are most needed.

I am amazed by our members who whenever we asked for help with events, projects or the everyday running of the club step up and the committee and I thank you. It makes me proud to be the President of such a caring and community minded Club and I look forward to great bridge over the coming months.

ANOTHER SLANT ON THE CORONAVIRUS!!



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Call the Director!!

It is surprising how often minor problems are resolved at the table without recourse to the director. You should call the director WHENEVER something unusual happens at the table. He/she is there to help you. Playing directors are first and foremost directors and pleased to assist when necessary. Decisions made without the director can often disadvantage the offender so please call for assistance, "**Director Please!**" is not heard enough in our club room.

SOME COMMON PROBLEMS

(a) SUFFICIENT BID

The remedies made for this are quite complex so, if you do not wish to accept the insufficient bid you should call the director to explain the options. Do not try to sort this out yourselves.

Changes to the Bridge Laws in 2017 give wider options than previously available to the offender.

(b) DECLARER LEAD OUT OF TURN

It is commonly thought that if declarer leads from the wrong hand, he can simply put the played card back and play from the correct hand.

This is incorrect. Either defender can require the lead to stand. If the defenders disagree, the next in turn to play prevails.

If the defender following the infraction does play/has played to the trick the lead is automatically accepted.

(c) THE CONTESTED CLAIM

When the outcome of a contract is clear it is proper, and players are encouraged, to claim the tricks they can see.

The claim should be accompanied by a statement of the play intended to achieve the result.

AT THIS POINT PLAY HAS TO STOP!

In the case of a disputed claim, changes to Bridge Laws in 2017 give the option that if all players agree, the hand may be played out.

THIS IS NOT CONSIDERED YOUR BEST OPTION

You may still call the director, even if it means going against 3 other players. New players should not feel coerced by experienced players.



There was an incident recently at the club in respect to a carelessly placed handbag. The Director has asked that **all handbags be placed in the storage area** at the front of the playing room. Thank you

AROUND THE CLUB

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Joan Andrews celebrated her 95th birthday on Monday 23 December 2019 with a cake and surrounded by her bridge friends. Congratulations Joan.



A BLAST FROM THE PAST



This is a photo from the 1999 Kalamunda Congress. Do you recognise the players? Two are club members, one is an ex Kalamunda player and the third (slightly obscured) is a current player at another club.

Answer

Ray Martin, Wendy Harman, Gerry Daly and Joan Valentine

RECRUITMENT & TRAINING



On Wednesday 22 January Fiske Warren presented a session at the club on Standard American. 33 members attended and feedback was very positive. Fiske always provides clear and concise information.



RECENT RANK PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved Masterpoint promotions:

Wendy Dodd	Graduate
David Harris	Local
Robin Ward	Local
Renee Wylee	Local
John Shinnick	Local

Mary Pepper	**Local
Jim Steel	**Local
Brian Davison	*State
Anita Davis	**National

70% Club

Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce - Saturday 4 January
Stephen Thyer/Alan Harper - Friday 31 January
Carol Sexton/Sandra Hoffman - Wednesday 12 February

Stephen Thyer/Alan Harper - Friday 14 February
Tom/Kit Lemann - Wednesday 19 February
Wendy Brindle Monday night 2 March
Tom/Kit Lemann Thursday night 5 March

7NT Club (December-March))

Gerry Daly/Stephen Thyer
Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce
Alan Harper/Stephen Thyer
Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce
Carole/Robert McMahon
Jacqueline Kerr/Jim Steel
Brian Davison/Jean-Claud Pondevie
Carole Littlechild/Julie Bechelli
Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce
Margaret McRobbie/Jane Pike

Saturday 7 December 2019
Monday 30 December 2019
Friday 3 January 2020
Friday 21 February 2020
Friday 21 February 2020
Friday 21 February 2020
Wednesday 26 February 2020
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Saturday 29 February 2020
Saturday 29 February 2020

NEW MEMBERS



The Kalamunda District Bridge Club welcomes the following new members. We look forward to seeing them at regular club sessions in the very near future.

Jenny Pitney



My first experience of Bridge did little to encourage me to learn the game. It happened many years ago while watching a game in progress, partners (husband and wife) entered into a debate which deteriorated into an animated angry exchange. "This is not for me" I thought at the time and happily carried on in life ignorant of the pleasure and frustrations of the game until many years later when I retired and emigrated to Australia.

I have no knowledge of the fate of the couple involved but can only hope they continued playing together or with different partners. Hopefully with different partners for the sake of their marriage.

Being a keen bellringer there was little time for an extra hobby. Ringing at Perth Bell Tower, St Georges Cathedral, Christ Church and occasionally St Hilda's School Tower plus other towers outside of the City. Getting on in years and with Arthritis beginning to take its toll it was time to consider another hobby but what! A friend in City Beach had for some time extolled the virtues of bridge, and so with trepidation and a feeling of foreboding I signed up for lessons at Mundaring Sharing. I do feel quite strongly that when signing up for bridge lessons there ought to be a disclaimer in large print warning students of addiction.

On the few occasions I have attended KDBC I have enjoyed the experience tremendously plus the willingness of other players to help, advise and encourage and look forward to becoming a member.

Les and Brenda Harris



Our reason for bridge - we had been thinking for a while about taking up bridge, to stretch our minds a bit, when we happened to bump into Cora who had just started the beginners course and she said a teaching course was about to start which we followed up on.

We have played cards since we were young and now retired have taught all our grandchildren to play. While they are now adults we still play occasionally with them but thought it was timely to join a bridge club and play more regularly and at the same time make some new friends.

We have lived in the Kalamunda area since 1984 having migrated from the UK in 1976. Our children and grandchildren (9) are all still local and we all meet frequently for family get-togethers. Consequently our lives are quite full. Nevertheless we hope to still find time for bridge.

Peter Walczak (alternate member)



Peter was born in Geraldton to Polish parents who immigrated to Australia in 1950 after the Second World War. He was one of 4 children and spent his childhood in Geraldton playing AFL, cricket, roaming

through the local bushland and swimming at the beach. He was a reasonable sportsman and quite enjoyed going to school, at least after Grade 3 when the canings had diminished.

Upon finishing high school he moved to Perth to study mathematics at Curtin University (then known as WAIT). He shared a rental house with other students in Victoria Park which was well known for parties and other high jinx. He met his wife Jeanne studying the same course and they soon became a couple. They purchased their first house in Rivervale, adjacent to the Jumbo Chinese restaurant which was on Great Eastern Highway. After 3 years of much road and restaurant noise and fried rice they sold up and bought their current property of 6 acres in Swan

View. Here they raised 3 children and played at hobby farming growing fruit and vegetables and keeping milking goats. Over the next 30 odd years, Jane Brook (the suburb), grew up around them but the area still has its charms.

Peter and Jeanne both got jobs in the then fledgling Information Technology (IT) industry straight out of university as mathematic jobs were few and far between. Peter worked for the state government and spent some 40 years in the industry performing many different roles such as programmer, analyst, project manager and a number of IT management roles. His last position was as Chief Digital Officer for Landgate where the major task was to prepare the Land Titling system to be leased out to private industry. This was completed recently and having no residual value Peter was let go, as they say.

Peter and Jeanne now spend their time travelling, both locally in their caravan and occasionally on overseas holidays, playing bridge, struggling through Pilates and the gym and planning to spend time with their lovely granddaughter Matilda who arrived last month.

Further new members:

Margaret Weir; Antonia Tielman (Tosh); Barbara Daniels; Norman Livingston (alternate member); **Eileen Bresland; Lindsay Rudge.**



MEMBER PROFILE



GLADYS LOURVANJI

I had such an interesting time interacting with Gladys for her story and who would have believed she was such an adventurous person and a bit of a dare devil. Read on:

Gladys was born in 1928 in Ballarat, Victoria. Her father's family had followed the gold rush in the early 1850's. They had come from Jamaica and Barbados, although their origins were outside London. The family consisted of four brothers and a sister. Their activities were never divulged.

Her mother's side were steadier – they were butchers who made a comfortable living while her father's side were finding gold but also often gambling it away. Distant cousins still operate a butcher's shop in Ballarat while the gold mines of her father's family still exist but are unable to be exploited because of underground water issues.

Gladys was educated in Ballarat to Matriculation and then Melbourne University studying Arts and Education with majors in English, History, Latin, Philosophy etc.

It was while at University that Gladys met her Thai husband who was studying Mechanical Engineering. Gladys was Secretary of the Overseas International Students Organisation and he was roped in as a representative of the Thai students on campus. (This student organisation eventually became International House at Melbourne University.) There was great consternation from both families when they decided to marry.

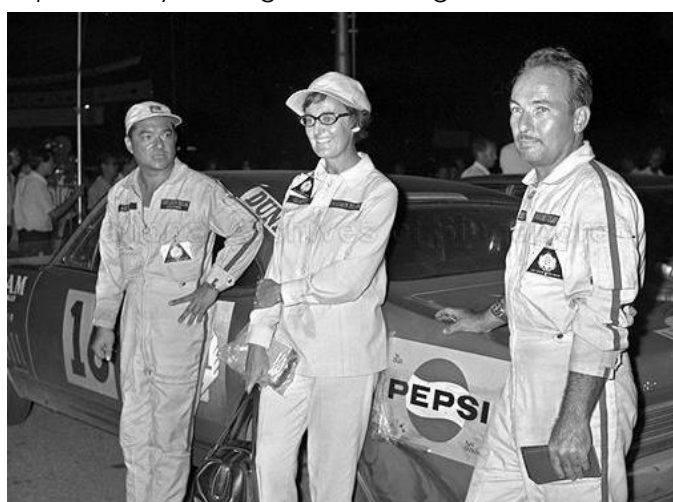
However, what was considered at the time a huge "misjudgement " by both their families, turned out to be unexpectedly successful and her husband (deceased many years ago) and Gladys managed to confound the critics and maintained a rather adventurous and independent existence.

This story had a happy ending as far as my indignant father was concerned because having refused to speak to me for 12 years he eventually spent his last years travelling back and forth to Thailand and became firm friends with my father-in-law and finally died peacefully in Bangkok at the age of 87.

Gladys and her husband went on to establish a thriving business complex in Thailand that included a Holden agency. She also taught at Curtin and UWA when she spent time in Perth.

As a way of publicity they entered four Holdens in the first Asian Highway Rally in 1969. Gladys' car came second into Singapore, the final destination after Vientiane through Thailand and Malaysia. Her car was an early model Monaro.

Gladys and her husband had four children, two of whom can play bridge but find it boring.



The children were educated in WA because of the necessity of familiarity with English so were incarcerated (as they claim) in boarding schools and university colleges. In the meantime Gladys had established a home in WA – contingency plans for their mismatched cultures. Her Thai father-in-law had commented that it is difficult enough to marry one of one's own let alone compounding the problem!

For most of her life Gladys travelled back and forth between Bangkok and Perth but in recent years has cut back due to her dislike of air travel, and particularly now how uncomfortable it is for the elderly.

Gladys tells me *her vintage* were brought up on card games playing forerunners of bridge - euchre, 500, etc. Her serious introduction to bridge came from a retired British Naval Officer {whose life story she says is far more interesting than hers}. His ship, The Royal Oak, was torpedoed in Scarpa Floe and having survived that his next ship was also sunk by the U Boats! His life was definitely charmed! Apparently sailors played bridge out of boredom. Anyway he taught Gladys basic ACOL many years ago.

Gladys has played bridge here for many years; indifferently because she does not have a system except basic ACOL. She plays with her former golfing mates from Royal Perth Golf Club. They formed a Friday morning club to keep them amused when they ran out of legs on the golf course or when some retired from the game. Gladys gave up golf two years ago when she was 89 with her knees finally packing up after too many long treks over the years. Gladys walked the Bibbulmun Track in 1970 and trudged around places like Milford Sound in New Zealand and Cradle Mountain in Tasmania etc. No wonder the need for a walking stick these day. Gladys also plays social bridge at friends' houses around Kalamunda and especially enjoys the delicious afternoon tea and the wines!

Gladys was a keen sportsperson and participated in all sports including hockey for Melbourne University, and after her marriage continued water skiing (on the dirty Chao Phaya River in Bangkok, Thailand) avoiding the teak log barges floating downstream and the occasional bloated carcasses of pigs and dogs etc. Horse riding (consequent damaged back!), golf, clay pigeon shooting, trap and skeet were further sporting interests,

The most interesting bridge memory for Gladys was a "near miss"! She had been invited to play at an Expats Club in Pattaya, Thailand, a few years ago. The following week she was not free to join them which was just as well because the entire 40 club members were rounded up by the local police and charged with breaking the law for gambling!! They were released after several very uncomfortable hours in the local lock up after the police were finally convinced that bridge was not being played as a gambling game and the members were a private club!!

Having lived now to the age of 91 as you can imagine Gladys' life is a rather long story but so interesting.

LONG TIME PARTNERS WHO PLAY BRIDGE AND LIVE TOGETHER

Michael and Mary Pepper



Mike and Mary met in a recreation park in 1968 when they were just 14 years old. They got married when they were 21 and had three children. They taught all children how to play whist so cards was enjoyed by all the family.

In 1997 Mike had an aneurysm and when he went back to work Mary went with him to live on site in Chelmsford. They shared a house with two men who taught them how to play bridge. Now they know a little more about bridge they realise that they were taught how to play very badly but still enjoyed it and used to play into the small wee hours. They went on to teach the two eldest children how to play bridge.

In the meantime their youngest daughter had met a boy from Australia while she was working in New York in the summer holidays break from university. She decided to come and live with him in Perth and we came on holiday – the rest as they say is history.

When we first immigrated to Perth they saw an advert in the paper for bridge lessons and to contact Alan Harper. They agreed to phone him and enquire. Alan sold the club as friendly and encouraged Mike and Mary to join the lessons and boy did they discover they had been playing bridge incorrectly. They still enjoyed it and became members of the club and have progressed very nicely over the last 10 years.

Mary said that although she gets on to Mike at the bridge table she still loves him!!! Mike doesn't take any notice saying after all it is just a game of cards.

So it's onwards and upwards – they hope.

Thanks Mike and Mary for sharing your story.

DID YOU KNOW?



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

April

Jamie Paterson
Madge Myburgh
Carol Dickie
Jacqui Harper
Jo Collings
John Claude Pondevie
Mary Pepper
Tim Comber
Mike Grenfell
Derick Johnston
David Kininmonth
Valerie Parker
Adele Silcox
Lindsay Rudge

May

Elizabeth Bazen
Bruce Cowan
Peter Daniel
Carol Littlechild
Tom Lemann
Denise Borger
Russell Bourne
Anita Davis
John Ewing
Robert McMahon
Isobel Nikoloff
Brenda Harris

June

Carol Sexton
Barbara Bibby
Peter Bolden
Cora Brown
Gordon Brown
Brian Davison
Justin Urbinati
Helen Ottosson
Les Harris

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.

Please note also new email address for Anita- anitaiona46@gmail.com.

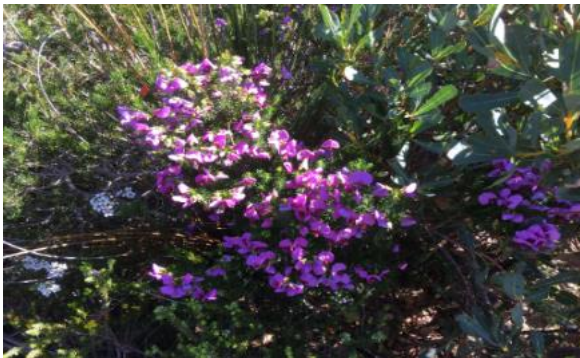


TRAVEL REPORTS

DIANNE & MIKE BARKERS SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA LOOP 2019.

After several weeks delay we departed in mid-September with our heavily laden caravan. Our objective was to explore some of southern Australia, visit Carnarvon Gorge in Queensland to see the Platypus, to visit Canberra and to experience South Eastern NSW and Victoria.

Fitzgerald National Park from Hopetoun with the wildflowers in full bloom at the beginning of our trip was magnificent.



Esperance area beaches are probably the best in the world. With their brilliant fine white sand and crisp glacial clear water, Mike was in his element. Di was just the beach chick! Mike's beach fishing for Salmon was again unsuccessful!

Two nights at Nullarbor Roadhouse allowed us time to see Humpback whale mothers and calves frolicking in the Southern Ocean at the Head of the Bight as well as a wild Wombat running away from us as fast as he could towards the caves. Perhaps he thought we were police chasing him with stones!!

In the Flinders Ranges conditions were hot, dusty and dry but the Wilpina Pound Mountains and Rawnsley Park Station were a geologist's delight with incredible rock and fossil exposures. Mike remains intrigued with the sudden appearance and evolution of life 635million years ago as discovered in this area in the Ediacarian Hills.

We loved the very hot (40degree) mineral springs in Lightning Ridge but Di discovered the gorgeous Black Fire opals to be well beyond our budget.

Carnarvon Gorge more than lived up to our expectations. The magnificent pink and white coloured sandstone mountain range displays wonderful scenery. We only managed a 10km walk up the 25km long main gorge but enjoyed

the cool & lush shorter gorges branching off the main gorge. In spite of the sceptics we achieved our goal to see Platypus ducking and diving in the river near our camp ground at the Takarakka Resort.

We were fortunate indeed to visit the magnificent Australian War Memorial, old and new Parliament Houses, Art galleries and museums in Canberra without seeing a single politician! What a great place!

From Canberra we traversed the magnificent scenery of the Blue Mountains via Fitzroy Falls and Kangaroo Valley and Ulladulla to Cooma, Jindabyne and Charlottes pass in the Snowy Mountains where Di enjoyed making snow ball projectiles directed at the driver!(see photo: Di at Charlottes Pass NSW)



East Gippsland highlights were the lovely boutique caravan park we discovered in Lakes Entrance and a breathtaking, adrenalin pumping (ie terrifying) drive through Buchan (with its marvellous crystalline limestone caves) into the Snowy Mountains to see the famous McKillops Bridge over the Snowy River south of Jindabyne.

The Great Alpine Road from Lakes Entrance through Omeo to Mt Hotham (see Photo: Mike & Di at 1700metres Hotham Heights Victoria) near the top of the Australian Alps and down to Bright in the Victorian High country make us understand why Victoria is called 'The Garden State'. Such beautiful country but hard work for the car engine and caravan brakes!



Whilst Great Ocean Road with the caravan in tow was interesting and the scenery quite lovely we were happy to leave the wind behind us in Port Fairy and enjoy The Grampian Mountains in eastern Victoria. The contrasting dark grey mountain rock and sheer spectacular scenery is

awesome. To highlight the visit we were very lucky to see a couple of rare, wild Gang Gang cockatoos at the abandoned Heatherlie (Mt Difficult) sandstone quarry which supplied the stone for building Victoria's Parliament House in the late 1800's

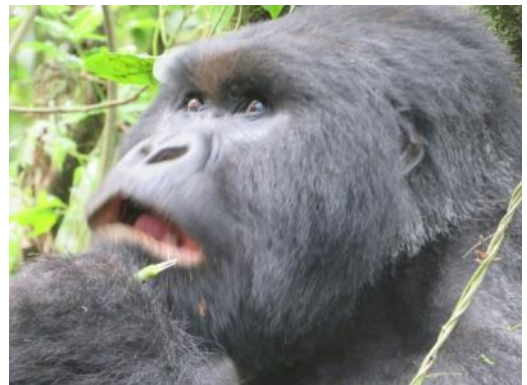
After a good night free camping along the Bunda Cliffs overlooking the Southern Ocean on the Bight and a feast(?) at Balladonia Roadhouse to celebrate Di's birthday we were happy to return home via Esperance and Kalgoorlie after travelling 16500 kilometres and 92 days away.



PETER WALCZAK AND HIS WIFE JEANNE - RWANDA AND UGANDA GORILLA DISCOVERY HOLIDAY

Recently my wife Jeanne and I travelled to Africa primarily to visit the highland or mountain gorillas that inhabit the Virunga Mountains which straddle the Rwanda, Uganda and Congo borders. There are about 1200 of these endangered gorillas remaining and encouragingly their numbers have increased significantly over the last 15 years or so. This growth from about 600 to present day numbers has been one of the good news stories of sustainability in Africa.

The success has been attributed to Rwanda and Uganda actively implementing a tourism industry based on the gorillas. Tourists are encouraged and pay substantial fees for a permit for the privilege. These fees fund conservation efforts where full time local rangers are assigned a designated gorilla family to protect, literally carrying AK47s, and ensure their health and wellbeing. Poaching has been largely eliminated by these rangers and from the fact that local farmers are given monetary support to ensure they do not hunt or harm the gorillas. They also receive employment as rangers, porters and the like.





The permit entitles the holder to trek with rangers through the forest and spend 1 hour with a gorilla family. The treks are of varying length as different families have different home ranges and also move according to food supply etc. In Rwanda there are some 12 families that tourists visit and another 10 that are used for research. We visited the Kwitomba family which has some 32 members, including 3 silverbacks. We saw all 3 silverbacks and the majority of the others. We initially began the visit some 5 to 7 metres from the gorillas but they were playing and rolling around and moving to different food sources and at times got very close. They were well aware of our presence and played up for us, according to the guides. We felt at ease and not at all

threatened except for when one gorilla approached unseen from behind and beat her chest immediately behind me as I was standing in her preferred path. Apart from that they were fun to watch and follow as they played and ate. The lead silverback would decide when and where to move and he was not at all discreet with his flatulence. The gorillas were certainly a highlight.

We also had a visit to the more endangered golden monkeys and another to the chimpanzees. These visits were interesting and informative and it was great to see them still in the wild. The golden monkeys recognised the rangers' uniforms and emerged from the forest when we arrived. Upon leaving they headed back into the forest as the locals ensure they do not raid their crops.

We were lucky enough to have several game drives where we saw a myriad of birds, lots of Elephants, Hippos, buffaloes, Kobs and Water bucks (antelopes) as well as a few lions and one close up encounter with a striking leopard.

The holiday was memorable for the animals experienced and the overwhelmingly sad exposé of the Rwandan genocide where some 1 million people lost their lives. The country has moved on and is endeavouring to forget the past and focus on a new inclusive future.



BRIDGE PROBLEMS



Call the Director

There was an interesting situation at a table I was playing at recently. South was dummy and West led a small card to the Ace on the table but before either the declarer or East had played a card, declarer called for the Ace. When declarer got to dummy a lower card was a winner which he played. I queried if in fact declarer had to play the Ace but unfortunately we let it go, however the Director should have been called. I

I queried this later with the Director who had to do some homework to provide the ruling. If declarer has prematurely made a call from dummy prior to both declarer and LHO playing a card no correction is permitted, no matter how quickly declarer voices it. The initial call is deemed intended, careless, but intended and as such must stand.

The lesson in all of this is, if you are unsure of a situation, CALL THE DIRECTOR.

A BIT OF HUMOUR

A Catholic guy who is a fanatic bridge player goes to his priest and asks, "Father, I have to know.... Is there bridge in heaven?"

The priest says, "You know, I've never been asked that before. Let me research it and I'll tell you next week."

Next week: "My son, I have good news and bad news. The good news is, there is bridge in heaven. The bad news is you're playing in a Swiss team tomorrow."

Life with Men is like Bridge
You need a Heart to love them;
A Diamond to marry them;
A Club to beat them;
And a Spade to bury them.



When someone asks where
you see yourself in 5 years...



Buddy, I'm just trying to
make it to Friday.

SOCIAL EVENTS

MIX-N-MATCH (Saturday 11 January)

North/South
1st Cherry Zamudio/Bernard Szalkowski
2nd John Offer/Peter Clark

East/West
1st Jenny Reid/Carol Dickie
2nd Jaqueline Keir/Dianne Barker

AUSTRALIA DAY



Members came together on Saturday 25 January to celebrate all the things we love about Australia, our history, its achievements, the freedoms we enjoy and the multicultural nation we have become. There was of course delicious food provided by members followed by a good game of bridge. The day also raised \$1,500 for the bushfire appeal. Well done to all club members.

Winners on the day N/S Elizabeth Brazen/Denise Borger
E/W Jenny Tedeschi/Carole Daxter

Members enjoying the day:



The gate keepers - money please, raffle and bushfire donations!
Judith Poole, Kaye Prance, Sheilagh Thomas



A pensive Peter Clarke



A great array of raffles prizes put together from donations by club members



Lyn Roberts and Sita Weggelaar



Margaret McRobbie and John Shinnick



Ian Medlycott, Jim Steel, Cora Brown, Jacqueline Keir



Jane Pike, Carole Sexton, Margaret McRobbie and Cheryl Tamudin



Cora Brown, Stephen Thyer, (obscured), Madge Myburgh, Jean Rackman



Dawn Snook, Sita Weggelaar Phil Snook

WHO HAS BEEN MISSED AROUND THE CLUB?



ELEANOR ROWLEY

Due to a mishap in her garden, Eleanor has managed to break both her wrists. Eleanor was in RPH for about a week before being transferred to the Charles Jenkins Centre, an interim care facility, until she is ready to return home. Healing is going well and her wrists are now encased in fibreglass.

Henry, Eleanor's rather senior poodle, is being very kindly cared for by Di and Michael Barker.

Eleanor is, as usual, stoic in the face of this latest disruption to her life and we look forward to seeing her back at our club in the very near future.

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS - JANUARY-MARCH 2020

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

Congratulations to the following club members who have achieved great results in recent months.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION (Monday 13/20 January)

Once again this competition was well supported with 34 members competing over two sessions based on the standard Acol system.

1st John Ewing



2nd Stephen Thyer



DAYTIME PAIRS (<300 MPs)

1st Joanne Payne/Dianne Dwyer



2nd Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel



KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CONGRESS

Held annually, this is the biggest event of the year for the Club and once again the Congress was a resounding success with Club members and visitors playing first-rate bridge throughout the weekend. Congratulations to the Convenor and the many people involved in the preparations. As usual the food provided by Club members was amazing.

RESULTS

Swiss Pairs

1st Deana Wilson/Dave Munro



2nd Alan Cransberg/Kimberley Zhao



3rd Arianna Yusof/Mavis Koay

4th Nigel Dutton/Marie-Fran Merven

Best Kalamunda Pair

Joanne Payne/Stephen Thyer



Swiss Teams

1st Zhao team (Kaiping Chen, Alan Cransberg, Susanne Gammon, Kimberley Zhao)



2nd Munro team (Cynthia Belonogoff, Dave Munro, Deana Wilson, David Schokman)



3rd Packer Team (Alan Harrop, Mimi Packer, Jonathan Free, Linda Coli)

4th Power team (Kathy Power, Robert Prince, Val Biltoft, Phil Power)

Best Kalamunda Team

Pryce Team

(Tom Lemann, Kit Lemann, Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown)



KALAMUNDA CONGRESS CONVENOR'S REPORT MARCH 2020

Denise Borger - Congress Convenor



Kalamunda Congress will go down as the most memorable WA Club Congress in 2020 for two reasons!

Our Congress is always greeted with gusto and entries fill up very fast. This can be attributed to the small number of tables available (22 in total), fantastic food - all fresh and home made by talented members, and the high rate of prize money awarded to winning pairs and teams. Kalamunda Club adheres strictly to the "no profit" rule in conducting a Congress as set out under BAWA guidelines.

First reason, Nigel Dutton featured our Congress in the BAWA Focus magazine, describing how the teams event was filled in just under two hours after being opened on the BAWA website and the pairs event was not far behind. As each entry creates four emails and the website has a limit to the total number of entries that can be sent in a 24 hour period, the website entry facility crashed and the players attempting to secure the last few places received error messages. Desperate to enter they tried again, some as many as four times – thus creating duplication of their entry. Phone calls to Nigel were required as duplications required manual deletion by the website administrator.

Second reason, Kalamunda Bridge Club Congress could be the last Congress held in WA in 2020. This is due to the global pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). As of Monday 16 March, our club will be closed for an initial period of 4 weeks. BAWA has emailed all WA bridge clubs advising us that we should close our clubs for a period of 4 weeks to begin with. As the pandemic runs its course, the situation will be reviewed over that time, and a decision to extend closures or re-open bridge clubs will be made.

Enquiries were received by the Convenor as we approached the 14th and 15th March about our preparedness for health and safety. Sick people did not come! A couple of withdrawals due to illness, or illness of a close family member, were received and we were able to fill the vacancies with emergency players. Our kitchen staff all wear food preparation gloves and additional hand sanitiser dispensers were provided. All attendees to the club room were met with a smile and a squirt of sanitiser. Use of the dispensers continued to a high level throughout the day.

I accepted many expressions of gratitude from visitors to our club over the Congress weekend on behalf of the club's wonder members and our combined efforts in conducting such a generous and well-orchestrated event.

Thank you everyone, and special recognition to the Catering Committee for their gigantic effort in running the kitchen.

FUTURE EVENTS 2020 (Subject to state of current situation)

MARCH

Mixed Pairs TBA

APRIL

Daytime Teams TBA
Mix & Match Saturday 25

MAY

GNOT Saturday 2 – two sessions
9.30 am & 1.00 pm
Restricted Pairs Monday 18 & 25

JUNE

Ladies & Men's Pairs Friday 12 & 19

JULY

Open Teams Wednesday 11 & 18
Christmas in July Saturday 25

AUGUST

AGM Saturday 15
Open Pairs Monday 17 & 24

SEPTEMBER

Mix & Match Saturday 12
Novice Plate Monday 21

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NOVEMBER

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