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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carole Littlechild

- ♦ With the return to power of the Labor Party to the State Government I am finally pleased to announce that we have been allocated a grant of \$55,000 for the much needed renovations to the Club's rest rooms. My thanks go to Matthew Hughes for his help over the past few months in obtaining this grant. My thanks also go to the Management and Building committees, especially Dianne Barker and Tom Lemann, for all the support and help in achieving this. It is now a matter of waiting on the relevant Government Department to release the funds.
- ♦ The plans for the renovations have been on the noticeboard for some-time, there will be some upheaval whilst the work is done but it will be worth it in the end, so watch this space for the commencement of this part of the proposed renovations.
- ♦ We are looking elsewhere for grants and hope to help fund the proposed upgrade of the Patio area and hope to have some success soon.
- ♦ We are still under restrictions regarding COVID-19 and I thank all members for adhering to the measures we have in place.
- ♦ It is great that our competitions are in full swing again, please enter if possible as it is good to pit yourselves against more experienced players.
- ♦ We will be arranging our belated 50th celebration in the near future, so in the meantime I wish you all had a very Happy Easter and great bridging.



Matthew Hughes and Carole Littlechild

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

NEWLY QUALIFIED DIRECTOR

Congratulations to Robert McMahon on recently passing, with flying colours, his Bridge Director Accreditation. We look forward to having Rob taking an active role in directing future club bridge sessions.



LEAD OUT OF TURN BY DEFENDER

Law 53 and Law 56

- A During the course of the play with North as the declarer, West wins the trick but by mistake, East leads to the next trick and the **DIRECTOR IS CALLED**.

Four options should be given to the declarer:

- (i) The lead can be accepted by the declarer either verbally or by, in rotation, playing to the trick.
- (j) Ask the correct hand to lead a card of the same suit, in which case the card incorrectly led is replaced in the hand.
- (iii) Ask the correct hand **NOT** to lead a card of that suit (for as long as they retain the lead), in which case the card incorrectly led is replaced in the hand.
- (iv) Ask the correct hand to lead any card they wish, in which case, the card incorrect played stays on the table **AND** all penalty card provisions apply.

- B During the course of the play with North as declarer, North wins the trick but, by mistake, West or East (being defenders) lead to the next trick, the **DIRECTOR IS CALLED**.

There are two options to be given:

- (i) The lead can be accepted by the declarer.
- (ii) If the lead is not accepted then the card incorrectly played stays on the table **AND** all penalty card provisions apply.

MINOR PENALTY CARDS

A single card below the rank of an honour exposed unintentionally by a defender becomes a minor penalty card. Playing two cards to a trick and dropping a card accidentally are common ways for this to happen. A second penalty card of any sort means that all such cards are major penalty cards.

Minor penalty cards have little effect on play compared to major penalty cards. There is no obligation to play a minor penalty card at the first legal opportunity. Another small card of the same suit may not be played before the penalty card however an honour card of the same suit or a card of another suit may be played first.

There are no lead restrictions on the offender's partner though information gained from seeing a minor penalty card is unauthorised to partner and authorised to declarer.

TRAVELLERS

At a recent bridge session it was necessary to score using travellers, a form used for recording the results each time the board is played. A number of players were not familiar with this method of scoring and the following provides an outline of what is needed. Each time a board is played the result is entered into the appropriate row of the travelling scoreslip and placed in the slot provided at the back of the board. At the end of play, the travelers are gathered and the results calculated.

The following data fields need to be completed by players:

- In the first instance, N/S pair no. E/W pair no. at top of sheet. Also board number; dealer; vulnerability; date
- In some cases the cards held by each seat (N/S/E/W) are filled in but since Kalamunda has an electronic recording of the dealt cards it is not necessary to complete this field.
- A number of rows where data about every score is entered includes:
 - * Pair numbers
 - * Opening lead
 - * Contract
 - * Declarer (or 'By')
 - * Result
 - * Score

A typical form used by Kalamunda:

N/S () **KALAMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB** () E/W

BRD No.		DEALER		VUL		DATE				
	WEST		NORTH		EAST		SOUTH			
S										
H										
D										
C										
	T D	N/S PAIR	E/W PAIR	O L	CONT	BY	RES	N/S SCORE + ONLY	E/W SCORE + ONLY	T D

COUNT YOUR CARDS!

Another recent incident at the club was a card being found on the floor and surprisingly for the next two hands no-one claimed to be short. So please ensure you have 13 cards before starting play.

AROUND THE CLUB

RECENT RANK PROMOTIONS

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

Julie Bechelli	Bronze Regional
Helen Ottosson	Graduate
Bernard Szalkowski	Graduate
Alan Puckey	Graduate
Shellee Chapman	Graduate
Michael Pepper	Silver Local Master

GRAND SLAMS

Stephen Thyer/Peter Clarke	7NT N - 17 February
Anita Davis/Brian Davison	7NT S - 17 February
Ann Todd/Carmen Jackson	7NT S - 17 February

RESULTS OF CLUB EVENTS

MIX-N-MATCH

NORTH/SOUTH

1st Cora Brown/Brian Daxter



EAST WEST

1st Elizabeth McMillen/Robin Ward



R/up John-Paul Tedeschi/Alan Puckey

R/Up Barbara Guelfi/David Harris

INDIVIDUAL

Winner Guy Gaudet (Left)
R/up Stephen Thyer



MIXED PAIRS

WINNERS Tom and Kit Lemann



R/UP Stephen Thyer/Madge Myburgh



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

APRIL

Madge Myburgh, Carol Dickie, Jacquie Harper, Jo Collings, Mary Pepper, Mike Grenfell, Derick Johnston, Adele Silcox, Lyndsay Rudge, Ross Pringle, David Kininmonth, John-Claude Pondevie, Tom Comber

MAY

Elizabeth Bazen, Bruce Cowan, Peter Daniel, Carole Littlechild, Tom Lemann, Denise Borger, Jenny Tedeschi, Russell Bourne, Anita Davis, John Ewing, Robert McMahon, Isobel Nikoloff, Brenda Harris, Alan Puckey

JUNE

Carole Sexton, Barbara Bibby, Peter Bolden, Cora Brown, Gordon Brown, Brian Davison, Justine Urbinati, Helen Ottoson, Les Harris

NEW MEMBERS



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

Henry Burdon, Bruce Gardiner

Matt Kruk, Kathie Perry (Alternate Members)

OLD MEMBERS

Dianne Smith recently caught up with Murray and Janet Stirling who now reside in Busselton and play at the Busselton Bridge Club. They wished to be remembered to members of Kalamunda Club.

CENTENARIAN

RORY O'TOOLE

by Carole Sexton and Vicki Russell.



We hope you all enjoy reading about our trip to Darwin to celebrate Rory's 100th Birthday Party..... On the night we arrived Rory took us, and his family to a banquet meal at a lovely Indian Restaurant. Rory has a wonderful extended, blended family who all adore him. The family made us feel very welcome and we had a wonderful night with Rory. He had a huge birthday cake and made a good job of blowing out the candles. The next day we went to the Parap Markets. They are famous markets and certainly lived up to their reputation. We were then picked up by Helen (a lovely lady) who kindly drove us to the Darwin Bridge Club for an afternoon of bridge. It also happened to be their Xmas Party and Trophy Presentation. We had a great afternoon with them all. They were all very kind to us and very welcoming. Everyone had extremely kind words to say about Rory (but of course that was of no surprise to us) because we all already know how special "Our Rory Is".

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

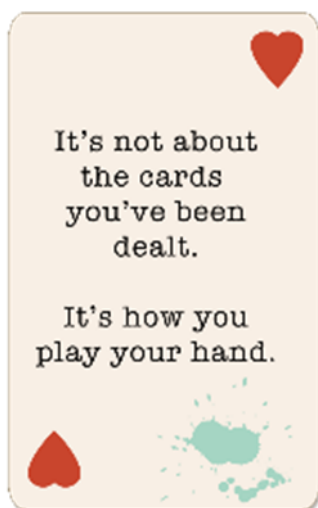


Early evening of the big day finally arrived. We were picked up by Helen. Helen is Rory's optician who has been helping him keep the little sight that remains. Helen is also one of Rory's bridge partners at the Darwin Bridge Club. The party was held at Rory's daughters beautiful home. The home is in Bayside - a marina development. Many of the homes having boats moored on their own jetties. Vanessa (Rory's' daughter's) home had a very big boat moored on their jetty. There were about 30 people present - family, friends and of course a big cohort from the bridge fraternity. The party went very well - with Rory presiding on one side of the living area in a comfortable armchair. He was never alone as all guests spent time chatting with him and listening to his wonderful stories). Rory received many birthday cards from interstate and overseas and has read every one of them. (The Queen, the Governor General, NT Governor were just some of the official ones). He was chuffed by them all particularly the card he received from Alan and Jackie Harper. (They had included a photograph - which he took pleasure in showing us). We were treated to a wonderful party at a beautiful venue - with a sit down dinner and lots to drink!

The next day we ventured out to Rory's' to play bridge with Rory. We were sitting on a bus stop waiting for the "Hop on Hop off Bus" which did not arrive. We then found out it didn't run on Sundays. We eventually found a local bus to take us to the city. The bus driver told us we could transfer straight on a bus to take us to Rory's (this was to be a two hour wait) so we called a taxi. A bit of an adventure - but we finally got there. We had lunch with Rory. A lovely man named Bill from the Darwin Bridge Club came over to Rory's' and we had a lovely afternoon playing bridge. Rory was as competitive as ever - snatching the bids from us as often as he could!!!!!! (He still definitely has his competitive streak). When it was time to say goodbye to Rory - it was very sad - but we were very happy that he was in such good hands - surrounded by the most wonderful and special people in Vanessa, her partner Nick, Margaret, and Vanessa and Nick's children and 3 lovely little great grandchildren.



A special moment for Rory and Carole Sexton



SOCIAL EVENTS

AUSTRALIA DAY



Members celebrated Australia Day on Saturday 23 January with, of course, delicious lamb cooked by no other than John-Paul, along with salads provided by members.

Winners on the day: N/S Carole Sexton/Cherry Zamudio
 E/W Sandra Hoffman/Joscelyn Charters

Members enjoying the day



Sheilagh Thomas & Kaye Prance
Selling those raffle tickets



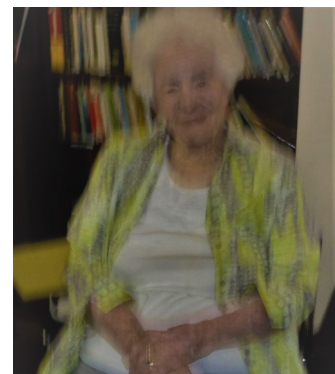
Our illustrious chef—JP Tedeschi



Jenny Tedeschi and Stephen Thyer



Renee Wylie



Joan Andrews



Margaret McRobbie, Sita Weggelaar, Jane Pike



Elizabeth McMillen and Helen Ottosson



Mike Pepper and Rob McMahaon



Carole Littlechild



Jacqueline Keir, Mike Grenfell, Jim Steel



Anita Davis and Robin Ward



Peter Bolden, Jenny Tedeschi, Ross Pringle



Carole Sexton, Sandra Hoffman,
Cherry Zamudio



Jean Rackham, Lorraine Stivey
Gladys Lourvanij, Barbara Bibby



Cora Brown, Stephen Thyer
Alan Puckey, Joannie Payne



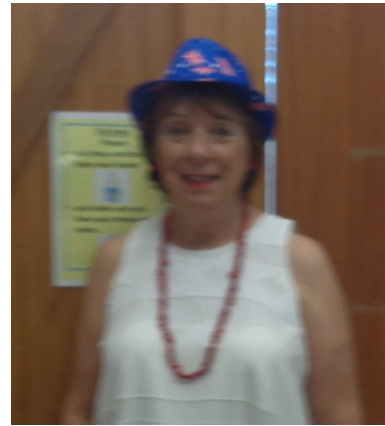
Kristine Nunn, Kerry Elliman, Dianne Barker



JP Tedeschi, Ronnie Malthouse, Jenny Tedeschi, Ian Purcell



Alan Puckey and Jo Col-



Carole McMahon



Barbara Guelfi, Bernard Szalkowski Micky Zampichelli

RAFFLE WINNERS



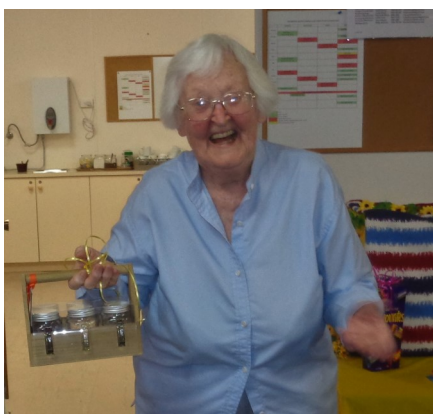
Raffle Prizes



Wendy Dodd



Dianne Barker



Gladys Lourvanij



Cherry Zamudio



David Kininmonth



MEMBER PROFILE

DAVID HARRIS

When I first approached David to be the 'Member Profile' for this newsletter, I sent an outline of the information required which included "from a bridge perspective" (not good wording). Based on these words David told me he had been playing bridge for 9 years with the same partners and did not see anything interesting about that. I explained it was more about his life experience and where bridge fitted into that. He agreed to do his story, and what an interesting story. I hope readers enjoy it.

I was born during the worst of the London Blitz, living just 15km south east of the City on the direct track for the Luftwaffe heading for London. So my early memories are of air raid sirens, anti-aircraft gunfire, searchlights, bomb blasts, fires, barrage balloons, overflying aircraft and our Anderson Shelter in the garden, which was a haven during air raids. As a young boy I played in bombed out houses with my friends and I thought all of this was normal! Post war Britain was a gloomy place with shortages of everything. Rationing of basics like butter and bacon had one effect – there was no obesity during post war years. Sweets (lollies) finally came off ration in 1953 – eight years after the war - a day I clearly remember because it was the same day I got a cash rebate from school for lunches not taken. I spent it all on chocolates, liquorice, jelly babies, etc. I was the most popular boy at school that day. I paid the price for this when I got home!

Primary school was about 3km away and we walked to and fro. Cars were rare and none of my friends' parents owned one. Later on we

used pushbikes. Bread and coal were delivered by horse and cart. Entertainment was provided by the wireless with only two stations BBC light or home. We went to Saturday morning pictures at sixpence a time, favourites were westerns with Hopalong Cassidy, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry – we cheered the goodies and booed the baddies. Easy to tell, the goodies wore white with silver guns and a white horse – the baddies were all in black invariably with tatty moustaches. I also attended Sunday school at the local church. This was enforced by my parents much to my disgust but I think they just wanted me out of the way for a couple of hours for some peace and quiet.

We were a small family, my father worked in the City at Lloyd's bank and my mother was a stay at home housewife as was normal in that era and I had one sister, Margaret, who was five years older than me.

I had three close friends of about the same age who all lived within about 100 metres and went to the same school. We played mainly

outdoors, football, cricket in season and war games with catapults, bows and arrows etc. No major injuries just lots of scrapes, scabs and scars. At 11 we were split up by the 11 plus exam which streamed kids into different schools based on results. I ended up at Bromley Grammar School while my mates ended up at other schools. For the next 5-6 years I was given a fairly intense education, latterly specialising in Physics and Chemistry rather than the option of Latin and Greek. It was only as I grew older and wiser that I grew to appreciate the education that I was given during this period.

I joined the school Air Training Corps which reinforced my passion for all things to do with aviation and first flew in a Chipmunk at an RAF base in Cambridgeshire at about 14 years of age. I was hooked! I left school at 16 having obtained 6 GCE "O" level subjects.

I tried to gain employment in the aircraft industry as a trainee but in 1956 this was the time when aircraft companies were going broke, merging or downsizing as the whole industry shrunk post war. I ended up really drifting into a position with the Central Electricity Generating Board as a trainee Civil Engineer. At that stage I really didn't know what I was doing. I then spent the next 6 or so years working in their London drawing office and on construction sites at Belvedere, West Thurrock and Richborough power stations. Meanwhile I attended courses at London Technical Colleges on a daily and evening class basis to get the necessary qualifications. I finally passed everything in 1963 (after I was married) and became a qualified Civil Engineer.

While all of this was going on, I was as poor as a church mouse, being paid 2 pounds 4 shillings a week initially and rising to five pounds a week after three years. I couldn't afford train fares, clothes or girlfriends!

Then came the swinging sixties when sex, alcohol and rock n' roll were all the go. I seemed to miss out on all of this due to lack of money and not being a great success with the girls. All of this changed one evening at Royston Ballroom when I crossed from the advanced dance class to the beginners to meet up with Gillian. I think she felt sorry for me. Anyhow things worked out and we married in 1963. and still are, some 58 years later.

We first lived at Strood (near Rochester), had a daughter Karen in 1965 and a son, Neil in 1967. We moved to Tenterden, Kent in 1967. I worked during this period as a site Civil Engineer for George Wimpey & Co Ltd. Sites were all over Kent and Sussex constructing roads, drainage, services and major sub division work including a greater London overspill project of 1350 homes at Ashford. I was becoming more and more unsettled with work, weather, politics, the class system (still very prevalent at the time) and finally persuaded Gill that we should head for Oz, the land of milk, honey and sunshine. We were interviewed at Australia House in the Strand – I think at the time they were checking what colour we were. Anyway we passed all the checks, became 10 pound poms and flew to Perth, arriving February 6th 1971 – fifty years ago.

We were met at Perth airport by distant relatives who put us up for three weeks while we organised accommodation, work and transport etc. I loved Perth from the start and felt like I was on a permanent holiday. Gill took a couple of years to settle down and initially missed her large family. I phoned six construction companies on arrival and was offered six jobs! It was the time of the first boom in iron ore mining. I joined Thiess Bros who wanted me as a Site Engineer in the Pilbara but I initially spent a couple of months in their Belmont office to learn the ropes and also get our family organised. We rented a flat in Thornlie, bought a block of land in Huntingdale (for \$4000), got a car, settled the kids in school and generally got established.

My first site experience with Thiess was interesting! I was asked to go to a site at Windarra (well known for the Poseidon Nickel strike) and "wave the flag for Thiess" and talk to the client. We were constructing roads and services for a construction camp and also sinking a mineshaft for bulk sampling. I had to be at the airport at about 6.30 am. Gill offered me breakfast but I said I would get it on the plane. It was a 5 seater, twin engines with no hostie, no breakfast, no coffee, no toilet. My first lesson. We flew for about 2 hours, landed at Leonora, then Laverton where I was met by the site foreman and driven in a ute for what seemed like hours with clouds of red dust in unbelievable heat.

Arriving at site I went in to see the client's engineer to be informed that we had been wrongly "windrowing the spinifex". I had no idea what he was talking about. I just bluffed and said that I would look into it. After asking the foreman to show me the problem I became an instant expert and maintained my credibility.

I spent the next fifteen years working on remote sites throughout the Pilbara, Kimberley, Goldfields, Queensland and briefly in Malaysia. I built roads, railways, dams, bridges, pipelines, airfields, subdivisions and mined iron ore, nickel and attapulgite underground and open cut.

Initially I was a Project Engineer rising to Project Manager/Area Manager and eventually Senior Management. For most of this period I worked 6 weeks on site (seven days a week) with one weekend at home. Today's FIFO workers have nothing to complain about. Meanwhile at home, which I saw occasionally, Gill was coping well with all the domestic stuff. We built a house on the block at Huntingdale and moved to Lesmurdie in 1976 because we loved the hills and wanted to get the children into good schools. Gill bought a small bookshop in Kalamunda in 1978 when Karen and Neil became fairly independent.

Gill ran the bookshop very successfully on her own and later with a partner until the next phase of my life starting in 1985 when I had had enough of the construction lifestyle and bought into the book trade, opening another shop in Kelmscott. We "merged" in 1993 and opened a bookshop/ABC Centre in the Coles centre, Kalamunda. We operated this successfully until 2000 when we sold, retired and moved to our current address in Gooseberry Hill.

Our children meanwhile grew up and left home. Karen moved to Carlisle and Neil married Kylie and bought a house in Lesmurdie.

In 1997 I got back to my love of aviation and took a flying training course on gliders at Narrogin. At 57, I found it difficult to fly an aircraft but persevered, went solo in 1999 and eventually became a Flying Instructor, Treasurer and President of the Club. Flying gliders is not like being in a powered aircraft. The silence, solitude and skill required to hold a 500kg aircraft aloft is something that I am very proud of having achieved. I have personally flown a

glider above 12,000ft, travelled 300km+ on more than one occasion and stayed in the air for over 5 hours. All of this without an engine!



Easter Twin Wings Comp

I also taught my daughter Karen how to fly and she is still a very active glider pilot at Narrogin. Gill in the meantime had her own interests with Tai Chi, Mah Jong, Quilting and involvement with the Kalamunda Learning Centre. I have taken her up in a glider once but she said that was enough!

Grandchildren then arrived, Joshua in 2000 and Sarah in 2003 and we have been heavily involved with them which has given us enormous interest and pleasure. I took Joshua for a glider flight when he was eight but when we reached 7000 ft he was not too happy so he has not taken up flying. They are both now young adults and are still a very important part of our life.



Joshua's first flight.



David with his fairy wings at Karen's 'Fairy' Themed 7th birthday party

After retirement I looked for other interests, as well as flying and golf, to keep me occupied. I volunteered with the Kalamunda Historical Society where I got involved in maintenance around the History Village and I organise volunteers for Sunday opening of both the village and Stirk Cottage. I was looking for something more to stimulate the grey matter. I played Chess in my youth for the school and Kent County and looked for Chess clubs in the area but found none. Hence the interest in taking up Bridge. I joined a course in about 2013 with Eleanor Rowley, Cliff Wells and others.

Andy Leal was our initial mentor but we had a variety of instructors including Len Pratt. I have continued to play once or twice a week since with Eleanor and now Mike Barker and am glad to say the results are improving. Achievements to date are the 2016 Novice Pairs award with Cliff and the 2018 Restricted Pairs award with Eleanor. My next ambition is to become as good as Madge Myburgh.

I am also the proud owner of a 1994 **green** MG RV8 sports car which gets driven on cool sunny Sundays and has made an occasional appearance at the Bridge Club.



At the ripe old age of 80, I hope to continue playing bridge for many years and really appreciate the friendliness and social atmosphere of the club



AN INTERESTING HAND *(Gerry Daly/Stephen Thyer)*

A beautiful top the power of a 4-4 fit

(hand played at Saturday session KDBC 20 March 2021)

Playing 5 card spades how excited are you when partner opens 1S and you are looking at this hand?

♠ AQJ3
♥ KJ42
♦ A64
♣ A6

Most will be considering slam and the optimistic will be wondering if a grand is within reach. How do you proceed from here?

On the occasion when I was dealt this hand I was playing a basic Acol system with 5 card spades at the local club. The first question to be answered was "what is partner's range", to determine if a grand slam in spades was a possibility. With none of my usual gadgets available I bid 2D (ostensibly natural) to get a range clarifying rebid. While the 2H response I got showed minimum values, it opened up new possibilities for the final contract. 4NT was RKCB in hearts and the 5D response confirmed the HA, but made checking for the Queen difficult. Flirting with the idea of bidding 7H I made a King enquiry and heard there were two Kings opposite.

1S-2D
 2H-4NT
 5D-5NT
 6H-?

At this point one can almost count 13 tricks, 4 Hearts, 5 spades, AK and A in the minors and a minor ruff after pitching a minor card on the long spade. This all assumes that partner has the Spade K and that hearts are 3-2 with no losing Queen. Playing match points an overtrick is as valuable as bidding to the next level and without risk so I settled for 6H.

The full hand was:

BOARD 6										
BD: 6		♠ 652	Dlr: E							
		♥ 763								
		♦ Q7532								
		♣ J9								
		♠ AQJ3								
		♥ KJ42								
		♦ A64								
		♣ A6								
		♠ 9								
		♥ 95								
		♦ JT9								
		♣ KQT8542								
		♠ KT874								
		♥ AQT8								
		♦ K8								
		♣ 73								
						♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N										3
S										19 12
E	1	2	7	6	6					6
W	1	3	7	6	6					

and partner soon had collected the 13 tricks anticipated. Surprisingly for a local club session nobody missed bidding the slam. All other pairs were in 6S making the 12 tricks that was the limit of the hand in this contract. The extra trick made bidding 6H a clear top.

The takeaway is that playing in a 4-4 fit, provided the trump quality is sufficient, is usually a better option than a 5-3 or 5-4 fit as the longer suits are better used as side suits for discarding losers.

There was no real temptation to bid 7H playing a match points competition. Although it might be more tempting at teams the story won't have a happy ending if partner has the King of clubs instead of the King of diamonds.

Interestingly playing with my preferred system that employs the Jacoby 2NT response to the 1S opening would have meant that the heart fit would go undetected.

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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.