



BRIDGING THE GAP



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jean-Paul
Tedeschi

Hi Everyone

Our congress has come and gone and I would like to thank those local members who helped to make this year's congress a success. We were short on volunteers, however as usual, it was a great weekend. The food, cake, sandwiches etc., were well received by the visitors and the members.

Special mention is made for the helpers in the kitchen on the Saturday and the Sunday. Thank you again - without you it would have been impossible to have a well-run congress. I also acknowledge the convenor, Denise Borger, for doing the job so well.

The committee members are working to have the club not only running well, but also to improve the club aesthetics such as new chairs. A special thank you goes to Diane Barker for her tenacity and diplomacy in regard to our fundraising with Lottery West.

The car park was leveled just before the congress, as promised.

The library has been moved without interruption to the running of the day-to-day normal operation of the club.

The open day attracted 6 people, 5 of whom have joined Jenny Tedeschi's beginners' group. Well done Jenny.

Our club now has a team in the interclub competition with one loss against WCBC and one win against Melville so far. Well done to the team. Next game against Nedlands is on 6th June. Team members are Rory, Lynne, Ross, Jos, Alan and not least, Ronnie, the team leader.

Our next big item for the committee is the roof. As everybody knows, it leaks and is in need of an upgrade.

With an election in the near future, we need to put all our ducks in order and apply for funding to the state and federal government. This will be a big undertaking by our hard-working committee.

I know there are still 3 months before the end of our calendar year, but I would like our members to think about the function they could be performing and submit their name for selection e.g. president, committee members, scribe, maintenance. We seem to have a lack of commitment in our club.

And the last word will be from an author unknown!

"Let them play! The more they play, the more resilient and socially adept they will become."

JP





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NOTE: For our quarterly Bridging The Gap newsletters,

Please send me any photos, current news or stories (e.g. holiday reports, special birthdays, events etc.), jokes, notices or articles to include in our next Newsletter.

Not attending many club sessions, it can be difficult to find interesting photos and compelling social news.....

We automatically take photos at events and your cooperation in this regard is appreciated—posing and contributing photos!

Please advise if you'd like your profile photo to be updated for future use!

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Should you have difficulty finding a partner for Bridge, please contact Anita, or write your name on the board on the internal door at the clubhouse.

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.

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KALUMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB EVENTS AND RESULTS

MIX AND MATCH - Sat 10 Feb 2024

22 pairs participated in our popular Mix and Match afternoon Bridge session, kicked off as always with a club sausage sizzle for players.

RESULTS	North/South	East/West
WINNERS:	ERIK MOLLER - TOSH TIELMAN	SUZANNE DEWAR—LINA ZAMPICHELLI
RUNNERS UP:	JIM STEELE—ZITA CARUANA	FRANK MEMEO - STEPHEN THYER

KALAMUNDA OPEN PAIRS - Wed x2 14, 21 Feb 2024

Much competitive fun was had by all on our home ground. 20 pairs played on the two days.

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS:

WINNERS:

STEPHEN THYER - PETER CLARKE

RUNNERS UP:

KIT LEMANN - TOM LEMANN



PETER CLARKE, KIT LEMAN, STEPHEN THYER, TOM LEMAN

7 March 2024 - INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

28 players had fun playing a different arrangement of Bridge over two days, being assigned to several different partners on the two days. Results were collated for each individual. (Thank goodness for BridgeMate!)

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS:

1ST: ALAN PUCKEY



2ND: BARBARA BIBBY



3RD: ROBIN WARD



4TH: JOANNE JAMES



KDBC EVENTS AND RESULTS (continued)

KALAMUNDA OPEN CONGRESS March 2024

Our annual Open Congress was held on Sat 16 and Sun 17 March. It was a great weekend with 40 pairs participating on the Saturday and 20 teams on the Sunday. As usual, the food, cake sandwiches, etc. were well received by the visitors and the members.

PAIRS Sat 16 MAR 2024

RESULTS:

1ST:
IAN CLARK /
DAVE PARHAM



2ND: GERRY DALY / VIV WOOD

3RD: LINDA COLI / MIMI PACKER



TEAMS Sun 17 MAR 2024

RESULTS:

1 ST: BIEGANSKI TEAM



EGMONT MELTON - ANDREW SWIDER - JOHN BEDDOW - TAD BIEGANSKI

2ND: DALY TEAM



DON ALLEN - VIV WOOD - GERRY DALY - DAVID MATTHEWS

3RD: THYER TEAM



CARMEN JACKSON - KIT LEMANN - TOM LEMANN - STEPHEN THYER



Madge Myberg, Joe Louis and Bente Hansen
Local participants

AROUND THE CLUB

NEW MEMBERS

The Kalamunda District Bridge Club welcomes:



Graham Cowell
Robert Gill
Mary Annette Roberts
Allan Larsen
Brian Andrijich
Kathleen Wilding

We look forward to seeing you at regular club sessions.

Birthdays coming up



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 Cabites
Graham Cowell

August

JP Tedeschi
Sandra Hoffman
Carole Daxter
Audrey Totterdell
Guy Gaudet
Carmen Jackson
Kit Lemann
Robert Williamson
Sherrill Duncan
Lydia Gronbek
Diana Moniodis
Kathleen Wilding

September

Barbara Guelfi
Mary Simmonds
Jim Steel
Sita Weggelaar
Brian Daxter
Bernadette McStravick
Mark Pezzali
Renee Wylie
Cherry Zamudio
Bente Hansen
Jennifer Pitney
Di van Santen
Anthony Robinson
Gerry Davies
George Snow



Mike Pepper' celebrating with his 70th birthday cake at bridge in Feb .

AROUND THE CLUB (Some highlights)

GRAND SLAMS Jan-Mar 2024		
LESLEY MOON / VALERIE FARR	7H E	THURSDAY (28-MAR-24)
Player names unavailable	7H W	17-MAR-24 KALAMUNDA SWISS TEAMS - MATCH 5
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NICOLAS MONIODIS / CARMEN JACKSON	7H S	MONDAY (11-MAR-24)
JULIE BECHELLI / CAROLE SEXTON	7NT E	FRIDAY (16-FEB-24)
BARBARA BIBBY / LORRAINE STIVEY	7NT W	FRIDAY (16-FEB-24)
LYNNE ROBERTS / MARY PEPPER	7NT E	FRIDAY (16-FEB-24)
MICHAEL PEPPER / JIM STEEL	7NT S	MONDAY (29-JAN-24)
CARMEN JACKSON / NICOLAS MONIODIS	7NT S	MONDAY (29-JAN-24)
JEAN-PAUL TEDESCHI / ALAN HARPER	7NT N	AUSTRALIA DAY SECTION A (26-JAN-24)
ROSS PRINGLE / ALAN PUCKEY	7NT N	MONDAY (22-JAN-24)
SHEILA PRYCE / GORDON BROWN	7NT S	FRIDAY (19-JAN-24)
SANDRA HOFFMAN / CAROLE SEXTON	7H W	WEDNESDAY (17-JAN-24)
MICHAEL BARKER / DAVID HARRIS	7NT W	FRIDAY (5-JAN-24)

70 Percenters Jan-Mar 2024			
SHEILA PRYCE	GORDON BROWN	70.50%	WEDNESDAY (3-APR-24)
JOE LOUIS	NICOLAS MONIODIS	70.10%	MONDAY (1-APR-24)
TOM LEMANN	KIT LEMANN	72.60%	SATURDAY (30-MAR-24)
MARY-ROSE GORMAN	PHANTOM	78.50%	THURSDAY (28-MAR-24)
JOE LOUIS	JOSEPH GAUDET	70.60%	WEDNESDAY (27-MAR-24)
PETER CLARKE	STEPHEN THYER	74.50%	WEDNESDAY (20-MAR-24)
CORA BROWN	SUZANNE DEWAR	72.80%	THURSDAY (29-FEB-24)
ANN TODD	CARMEN JACKSON	72.70%	WEDNESDAY (28-FEB-24)
SANDRA HOFFMAN	PETER CLARKE	71.80%	FRIDAY (23-FEB-24)

AROUND THE CLUB (more highlights)



CONGRESS STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

Kalamunda District Bridge Club (6-772)

Code	Name of Event	Colour	ABF No	Name	Masterpoints
SEI	STEPBRIDGE DECEMBER CONGRESS - NOVICE	Red	972258	Dodd, Wendy	0.35
			1082973	Malthouse, Ronnie	0.35

FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

Kalamunda District Bridge Club (6-772)

Code	Name of Event	Colour	ABF No	Name	Masterpoints
M1C	MANDURAH CONGRESS	Red	118362	Brown, Gordon	0.86
			250384	Daly, Gerry	5.57
			794945	Gaudet, Joseph	0.93
			687413	Louis, Joe	0.93
			694908	Pryce, Sheila	0.86
			1115936	Puckey, Alan	0.17
SPS	SOUTH PERTH SWISS PAIRS	Red	250384	Daly, Gerry	2.42
			168947	Harman, Wendy	0.36
			121126	Lemann, Tom	1.48
			1046322	O'Hanlon, Rory	0.27
			1046314	Roberts, Lynne	0.27

AROUND THE CLUB (more highlights)



CONGRESS STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2024

Kalamunda District Bridge Club (6-772)

Code	Name of Event	Colour	ABF No	Name	Masterpoints
6PO	WA OPEN PAIRS SELECTION	Red	250384	Daly, Gerry	7.38
CMC	MELVILLE CONGRESS	Red	250384	Daly, Gerry	0.45
			1082973	Malthouse, Ronnie	0.58
			1046322	O'Hanlon, Rory	0.82
			1046314	Roberts, Lynne	0.82
			1072099	Sayer, Kate	0.58
KAC	KALAMUNDA CONGRESS	Red	807680	Barker, Michael	0.36
			756202	Bechelli, Julie	0.36
			725544	Borger, Denise	0.90
			1009796	Brown, Cora	0.45
			118362	Brown, Gordon	0.72
			693960	Cameron, Peter	0.18
			602604	Clarke, Peter	0.72
			255361	Collings, Jo	0.54
			250384	Daly, Gerry	6.19
			794945	Gaudet, Joseph	1.20
			168947	Harman, Wendy	0.54
			876534	Harris, David	0.36
			237353	Hoffman, Sandra	0.54
			118801	Jackson, Carmen	3.11
			820911	Kemmer, Gudrun	0.36
			121126	Lemann, Tom	3.53
			484237	Lemann, Kit	3.53
			687413	Louis, Joe	1.08
			1082973	Malthouse, Ronnie	0.90
			579629	McRobbie, Margaret	0.18
			645737	Moniodis, Nicolas	0.99
			123358	Myburgh, Madge	0.99
			1046322	O'Hanlon, Rory	0.36
			1098462	Ottosson, Helen	0.27
			767719	Payne, Joanne	0.36
			1027565	Poole, Judith	0.45
			1109936	Pringle, Ross	0.54
			694908	Pryce, Sheila	0.72
			1115936	Puckey, Alan	0.09
			1046314	Roberts, Lynne	0.36
			1072099	Sayer, Kate	0.36
			425079	Simonson, Shirley	0.18
			1086693	Szalkowski, Bernard	0.45
			807664	Tedeschi, Jean Paul	0.18
			584241	Tedeschi, Jenny	1.26
			864145	Thyer, Stephen	3.11
			981680	Ward, Robin	0.27
WAN	WABC NOVICE CONGRESS	Red	1136399	Edington, Pat	0.29
			1145541	McKie, Mari	0.29
			1046322	O'Hanlon, Rory	1.47
			1046314	Roberts, Lynne	1.47

AROUND THE CLUB (more highlights)



SUMMARY OF RANK PROMOTIONS

FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

Kalamunda District Bridge Club (6-772)

ABF No	Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
Silver Local			
0972258	Dodd, Wendy	37.41	Bronze Local

FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

Kalamunda District Bridge Club (6-772)

ABF No	Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
Graduate			
1144464	Bowness, Ken	2.15	Nil
Regional			
1109936	Pringle, Ross	51.82	Silver Local
State			
0986811	Nicholson, Dee	91.20	Regional

FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2024

Kalamunda District Bridge Club (6-772)

ABF No	Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
Graduate			
1151827	McDiarmid, Michelle	2.14	Nil
Club			
1136399	Edington, Pat	5.41	Graduate
1145541	McKie, Mari	5.31	Graduate
Regional			
1082973	Malthouse, Ronnie	51.24	Silver Local
Bronze State			
0484237	Lemann, Kit	108.65	State

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Our Management Committee 2024



PRESIDENT
Jean-Paul Tedeschi



VICE-PRESIDENT
Dianne Barker



SECRETARY
Barbara Bibby



TREASURER
Kate Sayer



MEMBER
Jenny Tedeschi



MEMBER
Leslie Moon



MEMBER
Ross Pringle



MEMBER
Ronnie Malthouse



MEMBER
Yvonne Sarich

Our Directing Team 2024



Alan Harper



Rob McMahon



Jean-Paul Tedeschi



Lynne Roberts



Ross Pringle



Cora Brown



Denise Borger
(Chief Director)

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AROUND THE CLUB (continued)

ROY GODDARD

Roy started his Bridge career in England about 1969 where they learned to play 'Kitchen Bridge'.

After Roy and his family arrived in Western Australia in 1971, they resided in Lesmurdie where they saw an advertisement for Kalamunda Bridge Club. When he and his wife Joan joined the Club they first played in the Church Hall in Canning Road, when the officials at the time were Mike Hopper and Peter Hart.

Within a year or two, Roy and Joan as partners became quite proficient players. They also met up with Bob Prince and his wife Ellen who had previously played at Canning Bridge Club. Bob & Rory formed a partnership when his wife Joan and Aleda Clark started playing together. In those days, often after the Bridge session had finished, some players would resume to various members homes and play on until the early hours of the morning. These included Peter and Barbara Hart, Brian and Lyn Richardson, Bob and Ellen Prince, Dan and Aleda Clark and Mike Hopper. This activity built up a very social side of the club.

After the Church Hall, playing venues were switched a couple of times and then played at Kalamunda High School for a while, after which the club house was built early in 1981.

Roy was President of Kalamunda District Bridge Club in 1973 and 1974 and then Vice-President in 1976.

Roy remembers the club magazine Bridging-the-Gap very well from its first issue in 1976 and Joan Goddard followed Lyn Richardson as the first Editors of the journal. Roy also remembers being involved in the formulation of the "King-of-Clubs" Logo which still exists as the club motif.

In time, Joan Goddard became Joan Prince and represented WA in interstate games.



Roy returned to the UK where he is still an active "addicted" Bridge player and occasionally he returns to Perth and plays with his son Mark Goddard or his former partner, Bob Prince, at South Perth Bridge Club.

Roy regretfully was unable to attend our 50th celebration but wished to extend his best wishes to all at Kalamunda Club. Perhaps Roy might visit us to play at our club when he is in Perth at some time in the future.

CHERRY ZAMUDIO



I am pleased to write the story of my 21 years at Kalamunda Bridge Club:

My husband and I immigrated to Australia from Africa in 2002. Our first priority was to buy a house, and my second priority was to find a Bridge Club. I joined KDBC in the same year. It has been a very special time in my life. When I joined, I was told to come to the club on a Monday morning and either a partner would be found, or the Director would play with me. I was extremely fortunate, as after the first two Mondays, Carole Sexton asked me if I could play with Sonja O'Neill (many of you will remember her) for three weeks while Carole was on holiday, and then play with Carole, while Sonja was away. It was my real introduction to KDBC.

As time went on a group of us travelled to various Congresses in Kalgoorlie, Albany and other venues. We always went by train to Kalgoorlie and played Bridge all the way there, played all the weekend and then played all the way home. I feel too, that I have to mention Albany. Those of us who went, will always remember Margaret McRobbie astride a very smart Motor bike. The owner, a guy in an adjacent apartment rushed outside to claim his bike, but Margaret, who had had no thought of riding the bike, sat unperturbed, and with a beautiful smile slowly climbed down. How we laughed, but I don't think the owner did.

I was on Committee for a number of years, firstly as Secretary in 2010, 2013 and 2014, Vice President in 2019 and editor of the BTG from 2012 to 2016. I enjoyed each and every moment, and will always look back with a smile, Last year Sandra Hoffmann and I won the ladies pairs which for me was a wonderful finale to my bridge days, and too, I thank Carole and Sandra for so many happy bridge sessions. Unfortunately, I will not be able to continue at the club for health reasons, which initially raised their ugly heads in 2012 and have slowly progressed from there. I feel I am very fortunate, as some of my special friends have suggested the odd game of bridge and lunch at home from time to time. I will be eternally grateful to them, and I leave the bridge club with a very sore heart, but with so many happy, happy memories. Play well, have fun and enjoy each and every day.

All the very best Cherry

STORIES AND ARTICLES FROM MEMBERS

The Benefits of Playing Bridge

Most players would not have much difficulty naming some of the benefits of playing bridge. High on the list might be factors associated with mental and social stimulation. Of course, we are all different and, if asked, will provide a range of responses. Unsurprisingly, given the popularity of the game and the length of time it has been played, much research has been carried out. It could be an interesting exercise to survey all members of our club on this theme. Any takers?

A unique aspect of bridge among all sports and games is that it gives all players a chance to compete against the most famous players in the world. If you enter a big tournament in, say, New York, London or Paris, there is every chance that you and your partner may find yourselves facing a pair of world champions. This could never happen in games like golf and tennis where only the best compete against each other.

The 2003 New England Journal of Medicine recommended bridge as a mentally challenging activity that could restrict memory loss in the aged and the onset of Alzheimer's disease. Just as physical exercise keeps your muscles in good shape so does mental exercise keep the brain working well. Using the mind causes rewiring of the brain, sprouting new synapses.

Many personal qualities bring a reward when it comes to playing bridge – patience, concentration and logical thought amongst them. When asked what qualities were required of a champion bridge player Marshall Smith of the USA replied 'The conceit of a peacock, the night habits of an owl, the rapacity of a crocodile, the sly inscrutability of a snake, the memory of an elephant, the boldness of a lion, the endurance of a bulldog and the killer instinct of a wolf'. A bit over the top perhaps?

In 2000, Professor Marian Diamond of the USA's Berkeley University, tested twelve women between the ages of 70 and 90 as they played bridge for an hour and a half. Blood samples were taken before and after the session. In eight of the players there was a considerable increase in the levels of key immune system blood cells.

Along with poker, bridge is the greatest game ever. Poker is as much more about gambling as it is about technical play. Bridge is quite different. It is immensely stimulating intellectually. Although you can play and enjoy bridge after just a few hours of instruction it is a game so deep that not even the greatest masters can claim to have learnt everything that the game has to offer.

A big attraction of bridge is that it is played in partnership. However good you may be as a single player you will not achieve very much without the cooperation of your partner. Bridge is a wonderful way to make friends. Bridge accommodates people with a competitive streak. Also, there is plenty of evidence to show that a bit of stress is good for the brain. One of the most famous players, Omar Sharif, has often spoken about this aspect of his game and how beneficial it is.



Thank you Peter



CLUB NOTICES

KDBC UPCOMING EVENTS

[3-May-24 Revision Session for the Beginner's Course \(4 days\)](#)

[7-May-24 GNOT - Gold Points awarded by BAWA \(3 days\)](#)

[25-May-24 KDBC Restricted Pairs Congress - <300MP - Red Pt](#)

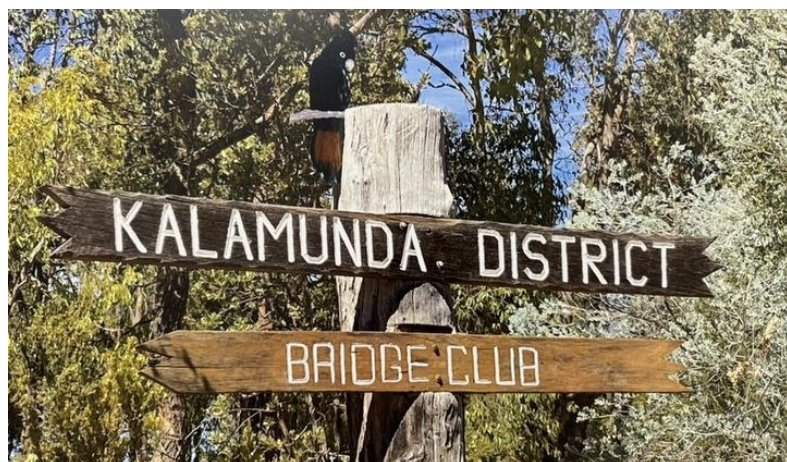
[29-May-24 Open Teams Competition - Red Point Event \(3 days\)](#)

- See the Kalamunda District Bridge Club website for more details.
- Beginners' lessons commencing 1st March with at least 10 participants expected

NOTE: We have a brand new Social Media presence for our club members.

Search on Facebook for "*Kalamunda district bridge club*" and click on "Join". Once you've been accepted by our KDBC Facebook Admin into our *private club* group, you'll be able to post and view images and items that may be interesting and engaging for fellow members.

The group is all about
Bridge and friendship.



CLUB NOTICES (continued)

Thank you to Ronnie Malthouse who alerted us to this this ABF-endorsed deal:



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