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President's Message



Hi Everyone

Already, I have been asked to provide our scribe with my President's Report; time flies when you play bridge.

First of all, our new roof is on! Many thanks to Evonne Sarich and our dedicated Committee. Well done! We had a chance to try out the new roof during the last stormy downpour; and all OK – no leaks!

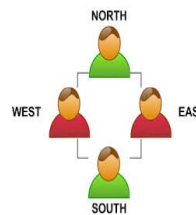
The Kalamunda Congress, in the hands of Denise Borger and Lynne Roberts, as usual, was an enormous success. The food was absolutely fantastic, thank you to all the members for your support and the Catering Committee members; especially Carole Littlechild who worked for two days nonstop in the kitchen.

This year the Recruitment and Training Committee, under the direction of Jenny Tedeschi, has twenty (20) new Bridge players taking the lessons with Fiske Warren; the youngest just 11 years of age. Well done.

Regarding the Directors, I am pleased to advise all club members that Rory O'Hanlon is now a Red Point Director. Felicitations Rory!

I am personally disappointed with the Knockout competition having to be cancelled. All the Directors tried extremely hard to make sure the scoring was correct – but to no avail. I hope next year we can run a full calendar of competitions.

I must mention Glenys Hope our friend from the UK, a generous member, and a great bridge player - nice to all and a real gem, has returned to the UK. Please come back any time Glenys.



My last remark for this edition is to do with the usual topic:

Members behaviour at the table.

1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at ALL TIMES.
2. A player should carefully AVOID any remark or action that may cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or (partner) or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
3. Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing the cards.

After all that - my last words of wisdom for this edition.

Good and brilliant players come and go. Having someone tell you that you are ethical is enduring because it is a reflection on your character.

JP



BTG Editor

Kay Hyde

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to update your profile photos during events.

I would also welcome any photos, current news, articles or stories that you would like included in your newsletter.

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Wellbeing Officer and Partnership Coordinator

Anita Davis

Anita is happy to assist anyone who has any difficulties in finding a partner for Bridge. Please feel free to contact Anita or you can also write your name on the board on the internal door at the club house.

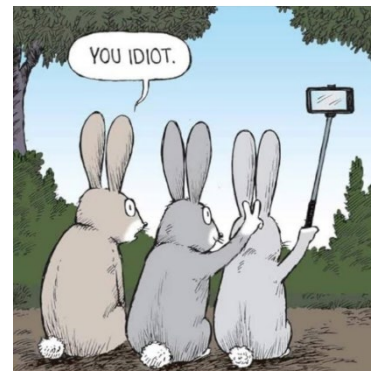
If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalised or suffering bereavement, please contact Anita and she will respond accordingly on behalf of the club.

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Happy Easter



Law 25A – Legal and Illegal Changes of Call

Rob McMahon

The *Law* uses the word *unintended* (rather than inadvertent). In applying this Law the Director must still be satisfied that the player never had it in his mind to take the action he took.

For example, opening 1♥ with one heart and five spades clearly suggests some sort of inexplicable mental aberration. By contrast a player who opens 1♣ with a 4-card suit and then quickly changes it to 1NT because he/she has remembered that he/she is playing a strong no trump, should not have the first call considered as unintentional, no matter how quick the change was.

The acid test is the player's incontrovertible intention, not the speed of the change. A bid may be treated as unintentional under this Law even if the player's attention is drawn to it by the action of his/her partner alerting the bid or an opponent's question. Once again, the clear intention of the player is the guideline the Director should use.

Bidding 2♥ in response to 1NT with a heart suit when playing transfers, would not qualify. The accidental removal of the wrong bidding card from a bidding box is another example of an unintended action.

The most common situation is where the mispulled call is adjacent to the intended call (i.e. 2NT or 2♥ instead of 2♠, or the removal of a 'Double' card instead of a 'Pass' card). The Director should however be more reluctant to allow a change (on purely mechanical grounds) if the prospective alternative call comes from a distinctly different part of the bidding box (such as the attempted replacement of a 3♣ bid with a Pass).

It is only really the Director who attends the table who can ever be in a position to judge when Law 25A is applicable.

Once the player notices their mistake the Director can rule in their favour providing their partner has not called. If the second player has called then that call may be changed without penalty.

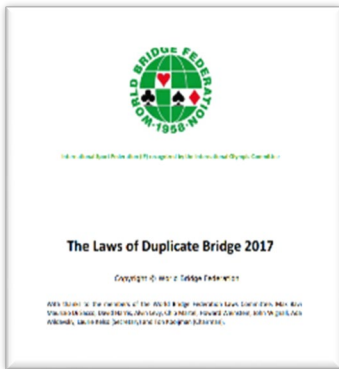


Director's Chair' – 1981 – KDBC photo album

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017
Available at:

<https://kalamunda.bridgeaustralia.org/documents/2017%20Laws%20of%20Duplicate%20Bridge.pdf>

The Law – Bridge Ethics and Etiquette



Another item of interest from
the
Laws of Duplicate Bridge (2017)

Available at:

<https://kalamunda.bridgeaustralia.org/documents/2017%20Laws%20of%20Duplicate%20Bridge.pdf>

Law 74 - Conduct and Etiquette

A. Proper Attitude

1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
3. Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.

B. Etiquette

As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from:

1. paying insufficient attention to the game.
2. making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.
3. detaching a card before it is his turn to play.
4. prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he knows that all the tricks are surely his) for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
5. summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants.

C. Violations of Procedure

The following are examples of violations of procedure:

1. using different designations for the same call.
2. indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play.
3. indicating the expectation or intention of winning or losing a trick that has not been completed.
4. commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to a significant occurrence, or to the number of tricks still required for success.
5. looking intently at any other player during the auction and play, or at another player's hand as for the purpose of seeing his cards or of observing the place from which he draws a card (but it is appropriate to act on information acquired by unintentionally seeing an opponent's card).
6. showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding one's cards).
7. varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
8. leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.

KDBC Events

Beginners Classes

January – March 2025

Jenny Tedeschi – Chair Recruitment and Training Sub-Committee

The latest Beginners course with Fiske Warren has just finished.

Of the original 20 who started in February we haven't lost anyone, and they all seem keen to do the revision course in the coming weeks!

We have several people in their 50's and 60's which is a wonderful change from the cohort of new players in recent years. The newest players are beginning to apply for membership to the club; so hopefully there will be many new faces at the club in due course!



This would have to be our youngest group ever, with an 11-year-old boy, Elijah Guest (grandson of our newest member Rhonda Williams) being the star of the class! His mother Karlee has also done the course and is already hooked by all accounts.

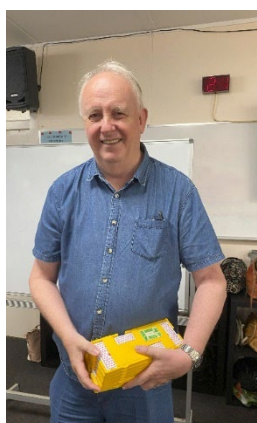


Everyone will be invited to play with a mentor on a Monday Supervised Session at the end of April! Then we hope to see some of them coming to play at our Thursday afternoon sessions!

Left – Elija and Karlee Guest

Fiske Warren Lecture – Doubles

Friday 31 January 2025



Once again Fiske Warren provided an excellent learning session for the 31 club members who attended.

The session was on 'Negative Doubles' and 'Responsive Doubles' which was followed up with members playing practice hands to include the use of these doubles during the bidding, and subsequent playing of the hands.

There were opportunities for club members to query the use of and advantages of using these Doubles in practice. A very interactive session was had by those in attendance; and many discussions about putting this into practice in subsequent games ensued.



KDBC Events

Project - New roof for KDBC

Although the KDBC was established some time previously, it wasn't until between 1977 and 1980 that various options were considered to find another playing venue or to achieve our own club house.

In October 1980, the Shire of Kalamunda granted a parcel of Crown land at 56 Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill for the building of a clubhouse. The building kit was ordered from Queensland.

Many club members contributed and worked hard in many other ways to erect the building and add the finishing touches to the premises.

Wednesday 18 February 1981 was when the first bridge session was held in the new Club House.

Photos from an album of the building being erected in 1980-81 by just some of the club members who worked diligently on the project; those identified in the photos are - Derek Townsend, Bob Prince and Dan Clark.

(Thanks to Kate Sayer for information related to history of the KDBC and the 50th Birthday History and Celebration videos).



First wall up!



Second wall about to go up!



Dan Clark & helper



Dan Clark, Bob Prince



First lick of paint!



No roof yet! Don Burgess, Derek Townsend

KDBC Events

New roof ON!

Project 'New Roof' underway Monday 3 February 2025 and completed, ready for recommencement of bridge playing by Friday 7 February 2025. What a wonderful outcome with minimal closure time. A successful project; well done to all involved and Evonne Sarich for managing the project.

Almost forty-four years to the day between roofs (or rooves!!)



KDBC Events and Results

Congratulations to all players for successful Grand Slams and 70 percent achievers! The latest results for the time frame January – March 2025 are published on the [KDBC Website](#).

Grand Slams January 2025 – March 2025

Marlene Robertson / Lyn Shinnick	7DX E	Friday (28-Mar-25)
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Alan Puckey / Joscelyn Charters	7NT N	Saturday (15-Mar-25)
Elizabeth McMillen / Colin Meek	7NT W	Friday (24-Jan-25)
Michael Barker / David Harris	7NT W	Friday (24-Jan-25)
Stephen Thyer / Carmen Jackson	7S N	Saturday (11-Jan-25)

70 Percenters January 2025 – March 2025

Carmen Jackson / Stephen Thyer	71.0%	Saturday (22-Mar-25)
Doug Hegarty / Peter Cameron	72.3%	Monday (13-Jan-25)



Kalamunda Restricted Congress Sat 24th May 2025
All Players Fewer than 300 Masterpoints
Limit of 22 Tables
BAWA Regulations Apply

PROGRAM:

Saturday: Swiss Pairs. Seating Time: 9.50am Start Time: 10.00am

Director: Neville Walker

Entry Fee: \$40/per player

Complimentary Tea/Coffee/Snacks at morning/afternoon tea
Please BYO lunch

Presentation of Prizes after close of day

No pair to win more than one prize

Venue: Kalamunda District Bridge Club (08) 9293 1114

56 Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill

Convenor: Denise Borger (08) 9293 2185

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Entries: MYABF; <https://www.myabf.com.au/>

KDBC Events and Results

Coming Events

April 2025						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4 Beginners Revision Classes	5	6
7 Daytime Pairs Competition <300MP - Red Point Event	8	9	10	11 Beginners Revision Classes	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 KDBC Closed - Good Friday	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Beginners Revision Classes	26	27
28 Supervised session with mentors for beginners	29	30				

May 2025						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Beginners Revision Classes Open Pairs Competition - Red Point Event	3	4
5 Supervised session with mentors for beginners	6 GNOT - Gold Points awarded by BAWA	7	8	9	10	11
12 Supervised session with mentors for beginners	13 GNOT - Gold Points awarded by BAWA	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 GNOT - Gold Points awarded by BAWA	21	22	23	24 KDBC Restricted Pairs Congress <300MP Red Point	25
26	27	28 Daytime Teams Competition <300MP Red Point	29	30	31	

KDBC Events and Results

Australia Day Competition

25 January 2025

There were 15 Tables that played in the Australia Day Competition. A great day enjoyed by all in attendance, with a sumptuous barbeque lunch provided - fitting for the occasion.

The club president Jean-Paul Tedeschi gave an address to the members on his experience of being a new resident in Australia.



Results

Winners

North/South

Jo Collings – Jenny Tedeschi



Winners

East/West

Elizabeth McMillen – Suzanne Hillan



Runners Up

Peter Cameron – Glenys Hope

Runners Up

Barbara Bibby – Lorraine Stivey

KDBC Events and Results

Individual Competition





Feb / March 2025

A different day of playing bridge where players were moved after each board was played, and then to different tables once the quota of boards for each session was completed. Of the 20 players who attended on the two days (over two weeks), each player was partnered with at least 15 different players.

BridgeMates (and the operators!) were groaning with the entries required to identify all players!! Results were collated for each individual player; thanks to Director Lynne Roberts (and ably assisted by Rory O'Hanlon) for the patience required to ensure that entries were correctly entered into the BridgeMates and that the scores reflected the days play.



Consolidated Results

1 st Ronnie Malthouse	2 nd Marie Pagotto	3 rd Alan Puckey	4 th Anita Davis
			

KDBC Events and Results

Mix and Match and Sausage Sizzle



8 March 2025

A day for playing bridge where experienced players are matched with intermediate and novice players. A good opportunity for less experienced players to be mentored by those with greater bridge knowledge and skills to share!

Of course, it wouldn't be a 'Sausage Sizzle' without the chefs (Lynne and John Shinnick) preparing and cooking the feast, and the wonderful kitchen helpers who tidied up whilst the rest 'played'.

21 pairs made up 11 tables on the day.



Winners North/South	Winners East/West
 Di Barker and Lina Zampichelli	 David Kininmonth and Barbara Bibby
Runners Up Jean-Paul Tedeschi & Glenys Hope	Runners Up Elizabeth McMillen & Helen Ottosson

KDBC Events and Results

Kalamunda Open Congress

March 2025

Denise Borger - Congress Convenor

Once again, Kalamunda Congress was a resounding success! Neville Walker accepted the role of Director with Lynne Roberts assisting as a trainee Congress Director. Wow! One of our club members becoming a Congress Director – this is very big news. Congratulations Lynne.

As a host club, collectively our members are to be praised and thanked for the generous donations of finger food for the morning and afternoon coffee breaks over two full playing days. Indeed, many of the visitors came and thanked our kitchen helpers for “looking after the players so very well”. One lady directed her praise to me and said that the quality and amount of food offered was outstanding. When I replied that we had cut back from earlier times, the lady responded that what we offered was more than enough and very much appreciated.

When the decision was made to no longer offer our traditional hearty lunch there was some concern that this would create a problem. Our congress is now advertised as “tea/coffee/snacks provided and Please BYO lunch”. This practice is in line with other congresses and makes the work required in the kitchen more manageable for our team of volunteers there distributing your generous finger food donations throughout both days. And the visitors are still impressed!

Due to the size of our club room, Kalamunda Congress can cater for 44 Pairs and 22 Teams. Entry numbers were down in 2025, there were 40 Pairs on Saturday and 14 Teams on Sunday for the Teams event.

The reduced number of Teams entered required a reduction in the total Prize Money for that event.

I have it on the best authority that Congresses in general are having difficulty filling their entry quotas. I can think of a few possible reasons for this – with the Entry Fee now \$40 per player per day and increased cost of living due to fuel, food and household utilities putting pressure on people it is cheaper to simply play bridge at your local club.

Some highlights this year not seen at our club Congress before (at least not in my time of being a club member).

- ♣ On Saturday, Annetta from Joondalup Club brought in a shopping bag of green pears picked from her tree. These were served cored and quartered on both playing days.
- ♣ At the Sunday Teams event, there was a sister and brother pair in one of the teams from Nedlands Bridge Club. Their ages are 13 and 12 years, respectively. This pair due to their age are members of the ABF Youth Club. I did take a photo of these players with their parents, but did not gain specific permission to publish the photograph, so you will have to take my word for it.

Photos courtesy of Jenny Tedeschi, Ronnie Malthouse and Lynne Roberts.



Teams playing – Sunday 16 March

KDBC Events and Results

March 2025



1st - Pairs – Sat 15 Mar 2025
Gerry Daly (missing Viv Wood)



2nd - Pairs – Sat 15 Mar 2025
Jonathon Free / Linda Coli

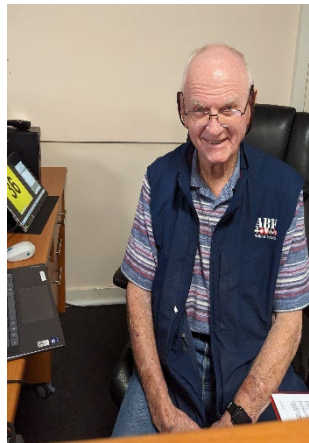


3rd - Pairs – Sat 15 Mar 2025
Geoff Holman /
David Matthews

Congress



4th - Pairs – Sat 15 Mar 2025
Sandra Hardie / Roz Trend



Director - Neville Walker



5th - Pairs – Sat 15 Mar 2025
Carmen Jackson/ Steve Thyer
- JP Tedeschi (President)

Kalamunda



Best pair – Kalamunda
Eric Moller / Sandra Hoffman



Around the Club

Thursday Bridge

Cora Brown

It was such a good idea starting this session for those players with less than 50 Master points.

In the past, new players (who had not previously played to timed sessions) joined in with existing bridge sessions, only to find that they occasionally struggled to finish the boards in time. Not to mention being at the bottom of the results list week after week after week! It is very hard to earn Master points this way.

Thursday Bridge regularly has 5–6 tables and players who gained points the previous week are recognised and applauded. To put it into perspective, one must be 'at the top' four weeks in a row to gain just over one Master point per month! Those who became confident started to play in other regular sessions at the club.

The aim is to learn:

- ♣ appropriate Bridge etiquette
- ♣ play in time
- ♣ how to use the BridgeMate
- ♣ move the boards to the correct table; and adapt to the different movements around the tables etc.

Additionally, it is great that you don't have to have a partner as there is always a 'Phantom'. The Phantom is very popular, especially with the weakest players.



Thursday is now open for all players who have less than 150 Master points. If you have more, you are still welcome to play and encourage all the newer players. You will become a Phantom of course!

Come and join us on Thursdays!

Thought bubble!

It's 6 months since I joined the gym and no progress. I'm going there in person tomorrow, to find out what's really going on...



Cacti and Succulents

Peter Daniel

Many Kalamunda Bridge Club members have been the recipients of plants donated by me over the past few years via raffle prizes and freebies. Many of these have been cacti and succulents. Here is some information about these unusual plants.

Cacti and succulents tend to fall into the category of *'love em or hate em'*. Many people would never consider having any, either in containers or the garden. However, there are others who reckon they're the duck's nuts and have quite a collection. For people who reckon they kill everything they plant, cacti and succulents are ideal. They are easy to grow. Basically, they are *unkillable*.

What's the difference between cacti and succulents? Cacti have areoles, which are small, round, structures where spines, branches and flowers grow. Areoles play a crucial role in cacti's ability to grow and reproduce. Cacti have few, or no, leaves. Succulents have no areoles. They have smoother, fleshy leaves. Cacti range in size from tiny pebble-like plants to the giant saguaro (as seen in western movies) that grow up to 18 meters tall at maturity. Both grow in a wide range of habitats, but cacti prefer dry, sandy, sometimes rocky, desert-like conditions. Cacti often have vibrant and showy flowers which tend to bloom for a short period of time, sometimes for only one night. The main pollinators are insects and birds. Succulents have a more varied flowering pattern with a wider range of flowering time and duration.

All cacti and succulents originated in the Americas about 25 million years ago. Christopher Columbus took some to Europe when he returned from his second voyage to the Americas. They became popular amongst gardeners, especially during the 18th and 19th centuries. They spread throughout Asia and Africa via private collections.

The prickly pear cactus was introduced to Australia with the First Fleet and caused devastation across much of Queensland and New South Wales by choking out grazing and cropping land. It was virtually wiped out by an insect introduced from South America and is often cited as a successful example of biological control. Interestingly, considering our dry climate, there are no cacti endemic to Australia. We share that status with Antarctica. We do, however, have many species of succulents native to Australia, such as pig face and the salt tolerant samphire which grows around salt lakes in inland areas.



There are thousands of types of cacti and succulents with many hybrids now available. All produce flowers, some of which are very attractive. Most produce seeds but they are generally too small to bother with and it's easier to propagate these plants vegetatively. There are some very rare types worth a lot of money. Many are protected in their country of origin. The word 'succulent' comes from Latin **sucus** meaning juice or sap. The word cactus originated from the Greek word **kaktos**, which was the name of a prickly plant from Sicily.

Cacti and succulents love hot weather and will grow with little water. They have shallow root systems and, in their native state, survive by collecting mist droplets that funnel down into the ground to their base. Being succulents means they can hold plenty of

Cacti and Succulents – cont.

water in their leaves and stems which enables them to withstand drought conditions.

Today cacti and succulents are grown all over the world as ornamental plants. They are popular with collectors because of their unique shapes and colours. Also, they can be grown in a wide range of containers, such as old boots, tea pots and bird baths. One of the photos shows a selection of cacti and succulents in a chimera. Another depicts a collection in small pots.

Only a few cacti and succulents are edible. Some people drink the juice of aloe vera plants. The fruit of the prickly pear cactus is edible and is considered to have health benefits.

The general rule for watering cacti and succulents is to wait until the soil is completely dry. Soil that contains less humous material is best because it tends to drain well. Obviously much less water is required in winter. Generally, succulents will handle more watering, but cacti tend to rot if over-watered.

Competition

I will donate, and deliver to your residence, the black pot plant to the first person to email the answer to this question: To which country is the larva cactus endemic?

Pot and plant are about one metre tall.



20 Years at the Club



Renee Wylie and Anita Davis have been playing at KDBC for twenty years!

Whilst not always playing as partners, they have been regular players at the bridge tables for two decades now.

Around The Club

Birthdays

Those of us who are about to complete yet another lap around the sun! **Happy birthday!**

April	May	June
Madge Myburgh Carol Dickie Jackie Harper Jo Collings Mary Pepper Mike Grenfell Denise Borger Adele Silcox Ross Pringle David Kininmonth John-Claude Pondevie Margaret Wood Shirley Simonson Dennis McKinley Zita Caruana Bernadette O'Sullivan	Elizabeth Bazen Bruce Cowen Peter Daniel Carole Littlechild Tom Lemann Jenny Tedeschi Helen Ottosson Russell Bourne Anita Davis John Ewing Robert McMahon Brenda Harris Alan Puckey Rosana McKie Gigi Hesterman	Donna Reed Pat Edington Ronnie Wood John Ewing Kerrylee Tumath Barbara Player Mary Louise Jackson Frances Mary Waru
		Carole Sexton Barbara Bibby Peter Bolden Cora Brown Gordon Brown Brian Davison Helen Browne-Cooper Les Harris Lesley Ellies Ann MacGeehan Pamela Datodi

Au Revoir and Thank You



This is Bon Voyage! I just wanted to say goodbye to all my friends in Kalamunda Bridge Club. I have had a great five months playing bridge with you all. Thank you all for your kindnesses to me. You are a great bunch of people.

Thanks Judith, Tosh, Jo, Mary, Kate Madge, Rory, Peter, Lynne, Carol, Bernie, Renee, Rosemary, John and Jenny just to name a few.

Thanks to Steve for improving my bridge and keeping me on the straight and narrow. Sorry I raised your blood pressure at times Steve.

All the Directors have been great always finding me a sitting seat!



You have a great bridge committee. JP you are an amazing president. Thanks to Anita for always checking that I had a partner. Thank you to all the members who have taken pity and have played with me.

I will be back most probably November hopefully I will have had my surgery by then!

Take care and best wishes to you all.

Glen



Articles - On the Funny Side

Cats

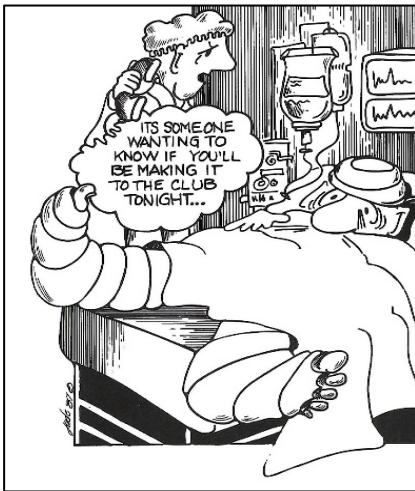
*It was a rough cruise, rained a lot.
But they had a great buffet
- I had two of everything!*



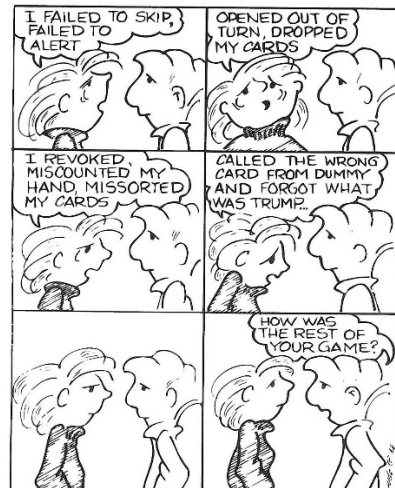
Dogs



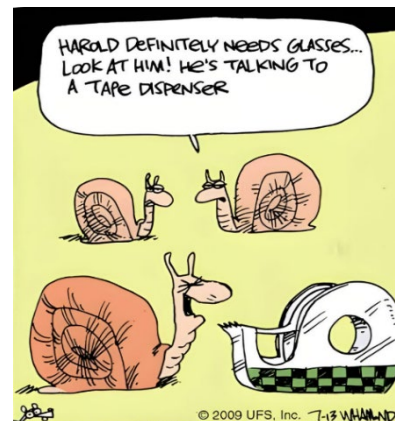
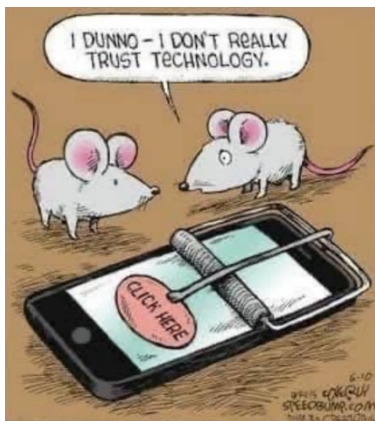
The 'Tragics'



The 'Troubled'



Life's like that!





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