

# BRIDGING THE GAP



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50th  
Birthday  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jean-Paul  
Tedeschi

Hi Everyone

Just a brief message from me. The year is coming to a close, the competitions have finished and thanks to the directors for their patience and understanding, Great job guys.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party has come and gone and I hope everyone enjoyed the way it went.

I was personally very happy with the day The Alan Harper trophy session with 22 tables and I thank Rob for directing that day.

In the evening we had over 100 guests with great atmosphere and camaraderie.

I would like to thank all the helpers, those on the night, also the people who made the de-

licious potato bakes, and a special thank you to Di and Kate for their tremendous effort with the photos montage and the collection of paraphernalia and time lines.

The next function will be the *Melbourne Cup* and I urge you all to support this day as it is always fun.

The last will be the *Christmas party* and trophy presentation. Hope to see you all there too.

With all what is happening at home and in the world, I wish everyone peace and happiness.

JP





## So much to Celebrate!

On Saturday, 30 September 2023, the *Kalamunda District Bridge Club* marked a significant milestone by celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a grand gathering of over 100 members, both past and present. The occasion was marked by a lively game of Bridge, heartfelt connections, and reminiscences, all culminating in a sumptuous dinner, champagne and birthday cake at the club's clubhouse.

The evening saw the presence of local dignitaries who joined in the festivities to honor this remarkable achievement including:

**Margaret Thomas**, Mayor of Kalamunda; **Karen Beale**, Electorate Officer representing Matthew Hughes MLA, Member for Kalamunda;

**Ian Clarke** and **Robina McConnell**, President and Secretary of the Bridge Association of Western Australia (B.A.W.A)

One of the club's proudest accomplishments is its rich history, which was carefully showcased to honour during the event. Notably, Kalamunda District Bridge Club is one of only two Bridge Clubs in Western Australia that boasts its own, member-built clubhouse.

The club's journey began when a passionate bridge enthusiast, **Mike Hopper**, was approached by a fellow bridge lover in 1969, urging him to start a club in Kalamunda. After running advertisements in local newspapers, the first session took place on September 30, 1970, with an enthusiastic turnout of six full tables. Encouraged by this response, Mike Hopper persevered, and the club began to take shape. In its early years, members had to secure temporary venues and arrange tables and resources for each session. It wasn't until 1980 that the club embarked on an ambitious project to build its permanent clubhouse on land provided by the Kalamunda Shire. This undertaking required immense dedication from club members, both in terms of fundraising and physical effort to install the clubhouse units. The 50th Anniversary celebration indeed served as a source of inspiration for both current and future generations of Bridge enthusiasts.



## Thank you!

And we'd like to say a VERY special *Thank You* to **Jean-Paul Tedeschi**, our President and very busy and involved, hands-on man-at-the-helm, for his hard work and direction at the head of the team making the 50th birthday celebration the great success that it was.



## AROUND THE CLUB - KDBC 50th Birthday Celebrations

### Kalamunda District Bridge Club Celebrates 50th Birthday in Grand Style



Our 50th Birthday dinner about to start



Mayor Margaret Thomas with members, Robert Willemssen, Cora Brown, and David Kininmoth.



The afternoon Bridge session (full house of 22 tables)



In Festive mood - Jean-Claud Pondevie and Sita Weggelaar



Joscelyn Charters and Stephen Thyer



## AROUND THE CLUB - KDBC 50th Birthday Celebrations (continued)



### In the kitchen

Jenny Tedeschi  
Marie-France van Hall  
Joscelyn Charters

### Pre-dinner drinks outside



Tosh Tieleman and Erik Moller

Maureen Knight,  
Jan Burgess and  
Robina McConnell



Past member, Cynthia Belonogoff and  
BAWA President, Ian Clarke



Ian Clarke, Gordon Brown, Gerry Daly



## AROUND THE CLUB - KDBC 50th Birthday Celebrations (continued)

### Top achievers in the KDBC Alan Harper 50th Anniversary Competition



**A Stream WIN E-W:** MICHAEL GRENFELL - PETER



**B Stream WIN N-S:** MARK GODDARD (son of past President, Roy Goddard) - ROBERT PRINCE (ex-President) with Alan Harper



**A Stream R-UP E-W:** JOHN SHINNICK - LYN SHINNICK



**B Stream WIN E-W:**  
ROSEMARY OFFER - JOHN OFFER

**A Stream WIN N-S:**  
BETTY ROBERTS - ANN TODD

**A Stream R-UP N-S:**  
JIM STEEL - JACQUELINE KEIR



**B Stream R-UP N-S:**  
JENNY TEDESCHI - MARIE-FRAN VAN HALL

**B Stream R-UP E-W:**  
IVAN JOHNSON - CAROL DICKIE



## AROUND THE CLUB - KDBC 50th Birthday Celebrations (continued)

### Dinner in our Clubhouse

Rosemary & John Offer



Margaret Thomas, Mayor of Kalamunda; Karen Beale, Electorate Officer representing Matthew Hughes MLA, Member for Kalamunda; and Jan Burgess



Over 100 guests for dinner.



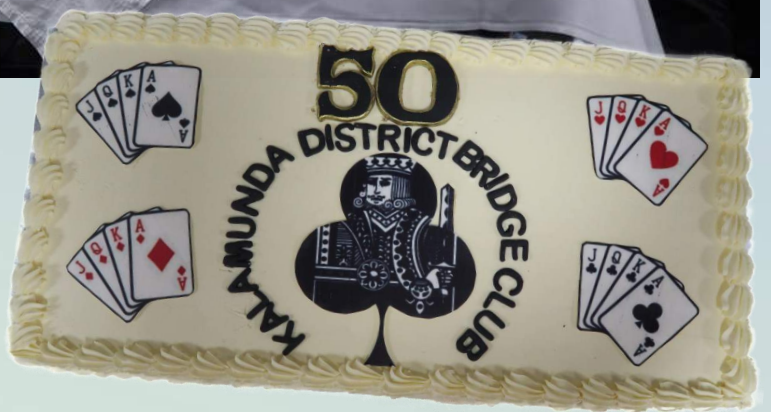
Enjoying pate and terrine for entrees the dinner.



## AROUND THE CLUB - KDBC 50th Birthday Celebrations (continued)



Cutting the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake - founder and very active current members:  
Derek Townsend, Jan Burgess,  
Jackie Harper, Carole Littlechild, Carole McMahon,  
Alan Harper and Rob McMahon



### Birthday Cake for dessert

Very special Bridge cake!



Alan Harper, Derek Townsend and Rob McMahon

## 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Just some of the many positive comments and  
Thank You emails we received after the  
Birthday celebration :

I wanted to compliment everyone on committee  
and helpers for a fabulous day Saturday  
The 50th Anniversary celebrations were fantastic  
Very well organized bridge, yummy food & drinks.  
Setup and decorations great too  
Thank you, thank you for all your hard work and dedication.  
Very happy to be a part of the Club.  
Big hugs  
Tosh Tieleman

Just to congratulate the Club on a memorable. Commemoration!  
Club members have put in an amazing effort to make this event an  
outstanding success!

I would be most interested to see a copy of the film that the Curtin  
University students are making on community activities that will  
feature our club commemoration??

It is a very interesting project for those students to undertake.  
Quite enterprising!

A really enjoyable day!

Love. Gladys L

Thank to you and the Kalamunda Bridge Club  
for a wonderful day of bridge and hospitality for  
the 50th Anniversary - Eugene and I enjoyed  
the day immensely

Congratulations to all those involved.

Cheers

Robina McConnell



## AROUND THE CLUB

### GRAND SLAMS Jul-Sep 2023

NIL

### 70 Percenters Jul-Sep 2023

GEOFF BLACKLAWS CORA BROWN 73.20% THURSDAY (10-AUG-23)

GORDON BROWN SHEILA PRYCE 71.40% SATURDAY (5-AUG-23)

### Our members at CONGRESS STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS August 2023

Code	Name of Event	Colour	ABF No	Name	Masterpoints
6GC	GNOT CITY FINAL	Gold	250384	Daly, Gerry	5.60
			168947	Harman, Wendy	2.10
			237353	Hoffman, Sandra	2.52
			1109936	Pringle, Ross	2.52
			1115936	Puckey, Alan	2.52
M1A	MANDURAH WINTER SWISS PAIRS	Red	118362	Brown, Gordon	1.10
			250384	Daly, Gerry	6.51
			694908	Pryce, Sheila	1.10
NES	NEDLANDS WINTER SWISS PAIRS	Red	121126	Lemann, Tom	0.45
SPC	SOUTH PERTH CONGRESS	Red	168947	Harman, Wendy	0.10
			687413	Louis, Joe	0.10

### Our members - SUMMARY OF RANK PROMOTIONS August 2023

ABF No	Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
<b>Bronze Local</b>			
0972258	Dodd, Wendy	26.87	Local
<b>State</b>			
1115936	Puckey, Alan	113.05	Bronze Regional

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kalamunda District Bridge Club

Sat 14 Oct	Novice Plate Competition - <15MP
Tue 7 Nov	Melbourne Cup
Sat 9 Dec	Xmas Party - Green Point Event

See the [Kalamunda Bridge Club website](#) for more details.

### BAWA

Sun 15 Oct	<a href="#">BAWA Novice Swiss Pairs</a>
Sun 5 Nov	<a href="#">BAWA Grand Master - Restricted Pairs</a>
Mon 9 Oct	<a href="#">South Perth Open Red Point</a>
Sun 29 Oct	<a href="#">The Super Vets</a>
11-12 Nov	<a href="#">The Golden West</a>

Go to the BAWA Website for more information: <http://www.bawa.asn.au/>





KALUMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB EVENTS AND RESULTS

22 July 2023 - KALAMUNDA CHRISTMAS IN JULY MIX ‘N MATCH

Christmas in July is a club favourite where we had 25 pairs playing on the day.



Mike Barker and Judith Poole in festive mood



Julie Bechelli, Peter (Elizabeth McMullen’s brother from Tasmania), Eliszabeth and JP

WINNERS ( Mix ‘n Match Under 200 MP )

North-South:



CORA BROWN - PHILIPPA KERR

East-West



GERRY DAVIES - GUY GAUDET



## KALUMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB EVENTS AND RESULTS

### Mon 24, 31 July, 7 Aug 2023 - DAYTIME TEAMS COMPETITION

6 Teams played.

#### WINNING TEAM (ROBERT MCMAHON TEAM)

MICHAEL BARKER - DAVID HARRIS - ROBERT MCMAHON - CAROLE MCMAHON



#### RUNNER UP TEAM (GUDRUN KEMMER TEAM)

GUDRUN KEMMER - JENNY TEDESCHI - ALAN PUCKEY - ROSS PRINGLE



### 12 AUGUST 2023 - AGM Red Point Event

There were 8 tables for this event at our AGM

#### WINNING PAIR

STEPHEN TYER - CARMEN JACKSON



#### RUNNER-UP PAIR

SHEILA PRYCE - GORDON BROWN



### 23 & 30 August 2023 - LADIES & MENS PAIRS

11 Ladies' and 8 Men's pairs played.

#### WINNING MEN'S PAIR

NICOLAS MONIODIS - PETER CLARKE



#### WINNING LADIES' PAIR

WENDY HARMAN - MADGE MYBURGH





# KALMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB EVENTS AND RESULTS (continued)

## 14 & 21 SEPTEMBER 2023 - INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Our mainly novices played for the first time in an Individual Competition over two sessions. Much fun was had by most moving after each board to play with a new partner.

### RESULTS:

FIRST: ELIZABETH MCMILLAN



SECOND : RONNIE MALTHOUSE



THIRD: JO COLLINGS



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

KDBC MANAGEMENT TEAM

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

PLEASE NOTE: Contact details for ALL Current club members, including these members of our Management Committee, and club members with other roles can be found in the *Kalamunda District Bridge Club 2023 Handbook*

## AROUND THE CLUB (continued)

### 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

October	November	December
Dawn Snook	Jean Rackhan	Stephen Thyer
Ian Purcell	Gladys Lourvanij	Jacqueline Keir
Robin Ward	Rosemary Offer	Joan Andrews
Peter Cameron	Meg Bowness	Dianne Barker
Garth Scotford	Linda Barker	Gerry Daly
John Shinnick	Dianne Dwyer	David Harris
Joe Louis	Suzanne Hillan	Angela Macdonald
Yvette Wallis	Carole McMahon	Elizabeth McMillen
Shar Snow	Vicki Russell	Margaret McRobbie
	Lina (Micky) Zampichelli	Jane Pike
	Margaret Weir	Evonne Sarich
	Pamela Forsyth	Wendy Harman
	Susan Lewis	Henry Burden
		Ken Bowness
		John Wood
		Geoff Blacklaws
		Mary Annette Roberts



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**NOTE:** 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.

Sometimes it's difficult to find interesting photos and compelling social news.....

I'm currently creating a database of profile photos of club members to draw on as needed and for introducing new members to more established members since we often play on different days. Please advise if you'd like your profile photo to be updated for future use!

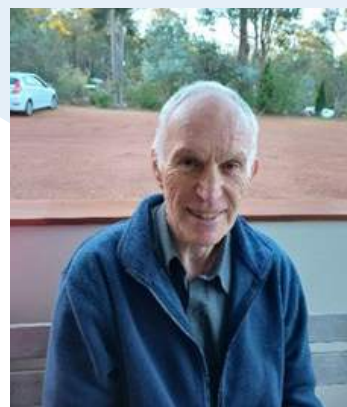
We automatically take photos at events and your cooperation in this regard is appreciated, posing and contributing photos!



## STORIES AND ARTICLES FROM MEMBERS

### GORDON BROWN

Gordon Brown first joined Kalamunda Bridge Club in 1979, the year before the erection of the Club House and Gordon started his playing career on a Wednesday evening at the Kalamunda High School in one of the classrooms. One of the Girl's Toilet blocks was allocated for use – the men used the first five cubicles and the women the last five cubicles!!!



Gordon has played Acol, Precision Bridge and American Standard through the years and at present day plays a highly modified ACOL. He remembers that dealing for Bridge in those early days was done by hand at the start of the session and placed in small material pockets, bidding was by writing on a square piece of paper provided at the centre of the table and scoring was completed on Traveller Sheets. The Director of the day would score the session later and results would be provided the following week.

Gordon played at Kalamunda Club from 1979 to about 1983 one evening each week and after quite a long break he re-commenced in 1998 and is still a regular player at the club and considered to be very experienced with over 500 master points.

Gordon is remembered on the Honour Boards for his playing skills in Champion Pairs and Champion Teams from 2007-2022.

Gordon was there when our Club House was built and he was responsible for installing the ceiling panels. When the new club Wednesday evening sessions started, there was a major smoking problem and the club installed 'smoke eaters' which were unsuccessful. Thursday evenings were started as a 'smoke free' session and Wednesday evenings became less popular. After constant discussion and division within the club, smoking was finally banned in the Play Area in 1989 and becoming a Smoke Free Zone in 1990.

#### **Gordon has contributed in many ways over the years as a club member:**

Committee Member, Vice President, Chairman Competitions Committee, Director, Managing Statistics and Trophies, Dealing Co-Ordinator, Maintenance Committee Member and 50 Anniversary Sub-Committee Member.

Gordon recalls some of the Club members during this period: The Irishman, Rory O'Toole who had a great sense of humour and good card player; Garth Scotford, a Director and President from 2012-2015 – Garth set the club back in the right direction with his excellent management skills; Mark Goddard, very good as a young player - now 50 and a Life Master he plays at South Perth club; Bert Littlechild who held various roles – President from 2007-2009 and Vice President 2005-2006 to name but a few. Bert was a tireless worker and a great asset to the Club.



## STORIES AND ARTICLES FROM MEMBERS



### RORY O'TOOLE

Rory was a lovable Irish rogue as he was considered a very likeable character with always a joke to tell!! Also known as a very good card player.

As well as other sessions, he played at Kalamunda Club on a Saturday afternoon with David Kininmonth who he was mentoring and he occasionally stood in as a Director at the Bridge sessions.

Rory's playing skills are reflected on Honour Boards at the club house in Championship Pairs and Teams between 1994 – 2015. Apart from a member of the Kalamunda District Bridge club, he was also a member at Swan District Club where he was made a Life Member.

For many years Rory was the Masterpoints Secretary for registration with A.B.F.

Rory was certainly an experienced member of Kalamunda. He was also a member at Swan District club where he was made a Life Member.

Rory gave up driving at 93 due to a problem with his sight – he couldn't see cars coming towards him!!! He now lives with his daughter in Darwin. An astute player with a clever wit – he is greatly missed.



## Raffle Donations Please!

It's THAT time of year and we are looking for donations towards raffle prizes for the Melbourne cup event.

Please, as usual, give generously, not only for the donations but in the buying of tickets too.

As always..... THINK BIG

Judy







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### WELLBEING 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

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