



Keeping you up to date

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Good day members,

This is our second 7NT magazine, and thank you to those who showed their appreciation and said what a great job Jean has done with it. Thank you Jean, we do enjoy reading it. A big thank you also to those who contributed.

We are going to try and start a new competition this month, ON SUNDAY 13th at 12:30 pm, and hopefully if it takes off, we will do it on a monthly basis. It is going to be an experienced player, that means any person who plays regularly during the week, and a less experienced player (Graduate and under). The idea behind this is to get our newcomers to: firstly, get to know our lovely members, and secondly, for them to play in a competition. They can see how the bridgemates work, learn the etiquette and, mainly, to see how great this game of bridge is. It is also a chance for them to get some green points.

So, I appeal to you as members of the club, to please support this initiative. We need more members and unless we make some effort to help our graduates gain experience and confidence they might not come into the club. There will be prizes and it should be a fun day.

Our gala day is on Wednesday 30th September. All proceeds go to our local Silver Chain. So please support us by giving us donations for our hampers, or taking a letter to your local store, hair dresser, chemist or even restaurant. We really need as many prizes as possible and look forward to being able to raise as much money for this worthy cause as we can.

Thank you,  
Keep safe  
Nicky

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Edited by Jean Dance

# Member Profile

## Betty Philpot

*I grew up in Maylands and I attended the Maylands Primary School. I still have a very close friend that I met at Primary School. I have a son and a daughter, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.*

*My father was a butcher and when I was 12 he took a job as the manager of a butcher shop in Penguin Road, Safety Bay. Our house was attached to the back of the shop. At that time, there was a picture theatre in Safety Bay. Rae Road came to a dead end half way to Read Street. Rockingham City Shopping Centre had not even been thought of. There were no round-a-bouts, and of course, no traffic lights.*

*After about two years, we moved back to Maylands and I went to Girdlestone High School. My first job was as a shorthand typist in the Companies Office in the Supreme Court Building, Perth.*

*I married a Safety Bay man, and moved back to Safety Bay. He was a butcher, but in 1962 he decided to become a crayfisherman. We moved to Snag Island, a very isolated spot, south of Dongara, which is now called Leeman. We had no modern conveniences at all. No shops, no electricity, we carried water from a nearby well. We had a kerosene fridge and Tilly lamps. Crayfishing was a seasonal job, so we lived at Snag Island for about six months of the year, then back to Safety Bay for the remainder of the year. Our children handled correspondence school lessons and then a regular school quite well. There is a plaque in Leeman, on our block, proclaiming this to be where one of the first houses was built.*

*Due to ill health, my husband left the crayfishing industry and we moved back to Safety Bay permanently. He had a professional licence to fish, have crab pots and net fish. I was involved in all of these things as I always loved the outdoors and fishing.*

*It was when my husband passed away in 1978 that I started bridge lessons with Peg Brady. I partnered my mother for some time. I was a volunteer on Penguin Island for twenty five years. I enjoyed the interaction with the visitors and helping to care for the penguins.*

*I met Ron at the Bridge Club, and have had many happy years, travelling - and of course playing Bridge.*



# Upcoming Events

## September, 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 *** See below
7	8	9 Spring Pairs	10	11	12	13 Green Pnts Undergraduate & Welcoming Club Member †
14	15	16	17	18 St Johns Ambulance - Defibrillator & First Aid *	19	20
21 Delayed Taurus Pairs	22	23	24	25 Committee Meeting	26	27
28	29	30 <b>GALA DAY</b>	*** Fremantle./Rockingham Challenge postponed		* Starts at 11 am for 1 hour. All welcome. † Starts at 12.30 pm. Please support this new initiative.	

### Hi Helen Elizabeth Anne Robson Turton Hansell here.

Yes I was born with the first 5 names – which spell HEART – and then I married Tom Hansell and became HEARTH. Our daughter (28) is named Brittany Rose Elizabeth Anne Turton Hansell – BREATH.

I learnt bridge about 17 years ago at Melville Bridge Club and I also played at the South Perth club.

I made the sea change from the Willetton area to Waikiki four years ago in November. I live in a beautiful home overlooking the gorgeous lake at Harrington Waters.

I have really enjoyed starting lessons again with Nicky and Di. I started from the beginning because I wanted to lose any bad habits that I had from before.

I was born in Perth and went to Sydney when I was 17 years old and lived there for 12 years. I worked for Pan Am at the time and I also worked at Ansett prior to that. I was in the travel industry for over 30 years and also worked at several Travel Agencies over that time. We moved back to Perth in 1982.

Tom and I met there, and because he was a Pom, we were married in Weybridge Surrey in 1981. Brittany lives just out of London at the moment. Tom passed away three years ago, so she took his ashes back to the UK to scatter at his old school, Milfield and his old cricket club.

I was a bookkeeper specialising in Accounts payable for the last 20 years. I enjoy gardening, reading (2-3 books a week) and watching life style programs.



**NEW  
MEMBER**



Please spread the word about Rockingham Bridge Club, we would love more new members. You can sign up online now at: <http://rockinghambridgeclub.com/>

# Volunteer Central



## What a coincidence!!!

Several years ago, my husband and I travelled to through Europe, which included a cruise on the Rhine and the Danube Rivers. This was wonderful - not only because of the amazing sights and exceptional experiences, but also because of the lovely people that we met. In particular we became very friendly with two other couples. One couple was from South Australia and the other from Tasmania.

We gelled from the start. Needless to say, we dined together, went on many excursions together and shared many stories, past experiences and lots of joking and laughter along the way.

Unfortunately the trip passed too quickly and on the last day, sadly, we had to say goodbye to our new-found friends - but not before we exchanged addresses and promises to catch up when we returned home. When we looked at the addresses each couple had written down ..... It turned out that we all lived in a George Street in our respective States - Would you believe it!! 'Spooky'

Since then we have caught up with each couple in Tasmania and South Australia and they, in turn, have come to visit us in Fremantle.

*Jean Dance*

## G A L A D A Y

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

10 am for tea and play 12.30 pm

PROCEEDS GO TO THE LOCAL BRANCH OF SILVER CHAIN

**Cost \$10 Table Money**

PLEASE APPROACH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR DONATIONS

- ◆ Hairdressers
- ◆ Chemists
- ◆ Restaurants
- ◆ Beauty Salons
- ◆ Delicatessens, etc

**EXQUISITE HAMPERS, VOUCHERS AND PRIZES TO BE WON**



## Congratulations

**THE 70+%  
CLUB**

### This month's 70+% Winners:

Friday, August 14:

Nicky O'Connell & Anamaria De La Carrera - 71.47%

Tuesday, August 18

Alan Cransberg & Kimberley Zhao - 75%

Wednesday, August 26

Jane Ophorst & Norma Marwick - 72.4%

Saturday, August 29:

Nicky O'Connell & Jane Ophorst - 70.83%



**ABF Master Points Website:**

<http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/helpranklist.asp>

## CALLING THE DIRECTOR

A director **MUST** be called whenever something untoward happens whilst playing bridge! That is, when there is an infringement of bridge rules, procedures and behaviour. Any player, **EXCEPT** the dummy, is permitted to call the director.

It is **NOT** ok, even if you think you know what the director will say, to make any decision between yourselves at the table.

The reason for calling a director is not to punish or to belittle, but to rule on an infringement in a fair and equitable way for all parties concerned. In other words to ensure a level playing field. Beginners should not feel dreadful if the opposition calls a director. It is part and parcel of playing bridge, and even the most experienced of bridge players can be in breach of bridge rules and procedures at times.

All directors endeavour to apply their knowledge in an impartial way to determine a ruling on a multitude of bridge infractions - simple or complex.

As a bridge player, it would be beneficial to learn the basic bridge laws applicable to such things as dummy's rights, penalty cards, bidding, as well as your responsibilities as a participant at the bridge table.

Finally, if you do call a director, remember your manners and say 'Director, **Please**'. They work hard to become a director, and if we did not have them, we would not be able to play this wonderful game.

*Notes supplied by David Clark & Marilyn Hemenway 2003*



**AND THE WINNERS ARE .....**



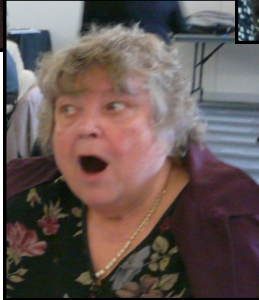
*Leo Pairs*



Right & Below:  
**Winners**

North/South: Di Brooks & Florence Maltby with President, Nicky O'Connell

East/West: Jane Ophorst & Ros Davey (*unavailable for photo's on the day*)



Above & Left:  
**Under State Masters**

North/South: Paul & Pam Davey

East/West: Jen Green & Jean Dance with Nicky



# Janice's Jokes



## Miss Beatrice

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea.

As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a cut-glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated, of all things, a condom!

When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist.

'Miss Beatrice', he said, 'I wonder if you would tell me about this?' pointing to the bowl.

'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'Isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter?'

## The Psychiatrist and the Proctologist

Best friends graduating from medical school at the same time decided that in spite of two different specialties, they would open a practice together to share office space and personnel.

Dr. Smith was the psychiatrist and Dr. Jones was the proctologist; they put up a sign reading: Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones: Hysterias and Posteriors. The town council was livid and insisted they change it.

The docs changed it to read: Schizoids and Haemorrhoids. This was also not acceptable so they again changed the sign to read Catatonics and High Colonics – no go. Next they tried Manic Depressives and Anal Retentives – thumbs down again.

Then came Minds and Behinds - still no good. Another attempt resulted in Lost Souls and Butt Holes - unacceptable again! So they tried Nuts and Butts – no way. Freaks and Cheeks - still no good. Loons and Moons – forget it. Almost at their wit's end, the docs finally came up with:

Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones – Specializing in ...  
Odds and Ends.



**NUTS & BUTTS**



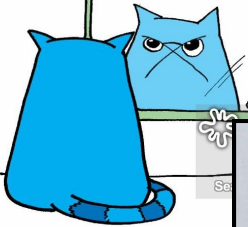
Cycled to the shop to buy a bottle of gin, but then I thought, what if I fall off my bike and the bottle gets broken? So cleverly, I drank it all outside the shop. Good thing I did too, I fell off my bike seven times on my way home





# BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
GORGEOUS!



*It's your birthday...  
wear it in style!*

## SEPTEMBER

- 7 Jenni Creedon
- 20 Michael Dawson
- 22 Alan Cransberg
- 24 Eve Dethlefsen
- 26 Kathryn Priestley



To Walter,

We wish you all the best for your special birthday. May your birthday bottles be filled with the Nectar of the Gods as well as floral delights.

## September Born

*Wise and humble. Inspiring character. Cool in difficult situations. Altruistic and sympathetic. You love traveling. Knowledgeable beyond your years. Industrious. Understanding nature. Friendly with all. You like helping others. Fun to be with. Loyal lover. Good looker and great dresser. Confident.*

Our club is diverse but our monthly newsletter doesn't always get all the best stories. If you have an ear for a story and would like to help these stories find an appreciative audience via our newsletter, then please join our newsletter group. What's involved?

Keeping an ear, an eye and/or a nose out for a story that would be of interest to our members - could be profiling one of our volunteers or new members or old members. Compile a short easy-to-read story and ideally grab a photo to go with it. And send it in.







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