

MARCH, 2021



Keeping you up to date



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Everyone.

I hope you have all enjoyed a Happy Easter with your families and friends.

I would like to thank all who attended the A G M and to the committee for their reports and to Sue Stephens for her Audit report.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Nicky for her work as President last year. What a difficult year it was for her and the result was a great job. Well done.

I have had an interesting initiation as President.

It began with the happy event of presenting Janice Hawker with Life Membership to Rockingham Bridge Club. It is a great reward for the long service and hard work that Janice does for the Club. Well done Janice.

It was followed by the very sad event of the passing of long time Life Member and Past President Bob Garbutt. Myself and many others attended the funeral service and expressed our deepest sympathy to Miriam and family. It was a lovely service. I personally feel it has been a privilege to have known Bob over the past 12 years. Rest in peace Bob.

Our Bridge Club was promoted at the Have a Go Day this year at the Mike Barnett Sports Centre. Thank you to Di Brooks for organising our presentation there.

We are planning a morning tea to follow up this promotion and to welcome Nicky's new class members on Saturday 24th April.

We have many events coming up which will make this coming month really busy. We will have Mentors Sunday 9th May followed by Bridge for Brains 7th May plus our Taurus Pairs 17th May and Novice pairs and qualifying for GNOT event.

I hope you will all come onboard and do whatever you can to help these events run smoothly.

Thank you all . Have a great month ahead.

Good bridging,

Wendy.

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Edited by Jean Dance

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

On the 15th March, Janice was awarded Life Membership for her services to the Rockingham Bridge Club.

Janice is an invaluable member of this club. During her tenure, Janice has been a President, a Committee member, a Congress Convener, she shares responsibility for the Trading Table and she is a Director - just to name a few of the positions she has undertaken. No job is too big or too small for Janice who is a willing volunteer for them all.

Janice makes all visitors and members alike feel welcome to the club. She has the capacity to make the Club a better and happier place and we all love her sense of fun.



*Janice
Hawker
Life Member*



Betty celebrated her 80th birthday on the 17th March. The Club marked the occasion with a beautiful cake and afternoon tea.

Betty has participated keenly in a multitude of roles for the Rockingham Bridge Club over the years that she has been a member.

Many thanks Betty.

ROCKINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12TH March 2021

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NICKY O'CONNELL

This was quite an unusual year for all of us. Three days after being elected as your President, we had to close down.

With the help of my daughter Sharon, who had, very fortunately, already set up the new website, I was able to send you interesting, weekly newsletters. A lot of us started to play on BBO and we have Mike to thank for helping us and organizing events.

During this time we made some changes. The biggest was going from paying by cheque to electronic banking. This was no mean task and we have Cheryl to thank for her hard work, persistence and knowledge. So thank you Cheryl. We were also pioneers for paying table money by card for which you should be proud.

We also put up a new sign which was donated by one of our newer players. We had a dishwasher installed. These all had to have Council approval, so thank you Kerrie.

We purchased a new Dyson and received a free laptop from Rockingham City Council. A defibrillator was installed and our members received training in its use. And at long last the driveway was repaired.

Our membership stands at 86 full members and 30 associate members. We have had 23 new members join the Club. Thank you for making these new members welcome.

7NT has had a new lease of life with the help of Jean Dance. Jean you have done such a great job. We'd love to see more contributions from our members.

Gala Day was very successful and enjoyable, raising \$3670 for Silver Chain. Thank you Wendy for being compere on the day, to Janice and her helpers for running the raffles and to the Catering team for organizing the food.

Sadly we lost a very valued member, Raewyn Lewer. A trophy has been named in her honour.

We are very lucky to have received a grant for two televisions from Rockingham City Council to enhance the Club. We will be installing the televisions, mainly to strengthen our teaching, and the Council's donated laptop will help immensely.

The positives are:

- No Club money is needed.
- We can use the television and laptop for teaching
- The laptop can be used by teachers, directors and for Club business.
- We can put the day's results on the television at teatime and the final scores, or even after each board.
- We can have social days, watching events like the Melbourne Cup and footy finals in real time.

The advantages are endless.

I would sincerely like to thank the committee including Helen who stepped in when Cheryl had to resign and Sue for auditing. Thank you all for your heartfelt commitment, support and outstanding contribution to Rockingham Bridge Club.

Thank you to Peter and Kerrie who have spent hours filling in forms and researching equipment. If we don't use the grant money we lose it and probably won't get another grant as the Council has spent a lot of time assessing our application.

Di Brooks generously made a donation to provide an Award for a Club member who has contributed conspicuously to the running of our Club. Thank you Di for your Patron's Award. Paul Papalia has said that he will donate a trophy.

We started a mentor's Sunday. I want to thank the members who have supported it. It is a way for green points to go to those who don't usually get them.

After much thought (and convincing from my daughters), I have decided not to stand for President in 2021. I feel I have put my heart and soul into the responsibilities of the position you elected me to.

Whilst I have enjoyed serving you, I have found the negative feedback quite difficult to handle and realise I'm probably too sensitive.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rockingham Bridge Club held it's AGM on the 12th March. 2021.

The newly elected president was Wendy Pollock, who is taking over from Nicky O'Connell. New to the committee is Pat Ditchfield. Departing committee members were Cheryl Harding and Michael Dawson. Many thanks to them for their involvement on the committee over the past year.

Outgoing President, Nicky O'Connell, was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Vice President, Jane Ophorst. Nicky is to be thanked for her care, commitment and hard work over the past year.

Well Done Nicky



Vale

Robert (Bob) Garbutt

Members and friends of the Rockingham Bridge Club would like to offer sincere and heartfelt condolences to Miriam and family on the sad loss of Bob.

Bob passed away peacefully on the 20th March, 2021.

He was a valued Life Member of the Rockingham Bridge Club. He was a past President and he made many contributions to our club, which importantly, included the establishment of the club rooms.





Wednesday, 31st March 2021 was another exciting day at the Mike Barnett Sports Centre with all organisations, charities and clubs taking part in a demonstration of their associations.

Rockingham Bridge Club held a stall which had 2 tables set up - one as an information stand and the other as a bridge demonstration. The RBC banner stood out well.

The day was supported by many members, whether they came at set-up time, or slightly later to display the game of duplicate bridge at it's best, or those who stayed till the end and helped pack up the tables and equipment at 2.00 pm.

On behalf of the Rockingham Bridge Club, I thank each of you for your time at the event.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE

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.



...and the WINNERS are...

Raewyn Lower Pairs

Tuesday 9th March, 2021



Winners: Campbell McKenzie & Richard Usher with President, Nicky O'Connell



Second Place & Understate Masters: Jean Dance & Jen Green



MENTORING PAIRS

Sunday 21st March, 2021



Winners: Top Left - Lee Bunney (Mentee) & Mike Fulwood (mentor) with President, Nicky O'Connell.

Second Place: Bottom Left - Kaye Day (Mentee) & Hilary Hall (Mentor).

Third Place: Above - Elsa Wade (Mentee) & Nicky O'Connell (Mentor).

AUTUMN PAIRS

26th March 2021

WINNERS:

North/South:

Di Brooks & Florence Maltby

East/West:

(Equal First)

Nicky O'Connell & Lyn Bolton
Elizabeth Hill & Sue Stephen



THE 70+% CLUB

This month's 70+% Winners:

Tuesday 16th March, 2021

Steven Rogoysky & Helen Smit - 75.9%

Congratulations



This month's Grand Slammers:

Saturday, 3rd April, 2021

Nicky O'Connell & Jane Ophorst - 7NT

ABF Master Points Website:

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

Upcoming Events

April, 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 GOOD FRIDAY (No Session)	3	4
5 EASTER MONDAY (Normal Session)	6	7	8	9	10	11 Learners & Mentors
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Bridge Lessons Commence Term 2	20	21	22	23 Committee Meeting	24	25
26 ANZAC DAY (Normal Session)	27	28 777 Teams Event	29	30		

BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

CRO ACE ASKING

When You or Partner Bids 4 C - It Can Only Be CRO

(Unless it is obvious that it is competitive:

For example, 1♣, 1♥, 2♣, 2♥, 3♣, 3♥, 4♣ - this is competitive not CRO)

RESPONSES TO 4♣ ARE:

4♦ None or Three Aces

4♥ One or Four Aces

4♠ Two Aces the Same Colour (C) That is, A♦ and A♥ **or** A♣ and A♠
If you have one or two aces you know exactly what partner's aces are with a 4♠ bid.

4NT Two Aces the Same Rank (R) That is, A♦ and A♣ **or** A♥ and A♠
If you have one or two aces you know exactly what partner's aces are with a 4NT bid.

5♣ Two Aces, that are Opposite (O) That is, A♣ and A♥ **or** A♦ and A♠
If you hold only one ace, when partner shows two aces you know which two they are.

Asking for Kings is exactly the same, only one level higher. That is at the five level.

(Taken from Di Brook's Notes - Thanks Di)

BIRTHDAYS



BORN IN APRIL

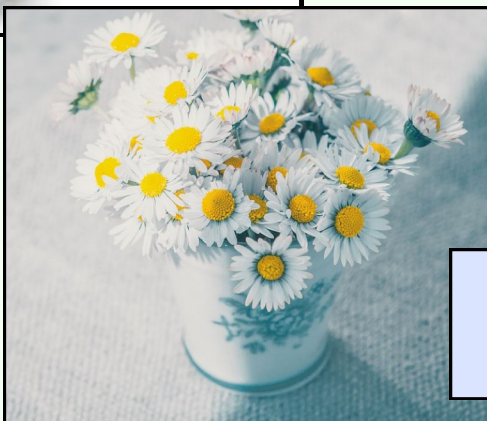
- Active and dynamic
- Decisive but impulsive
- Attractive and attention seeking
- Strong mind
- Diplomatic
- Friendly and solves people's issues
- Brave and outgoing
- Loving and giving
- Emotional and generous
- Easily envious

APRIL

- 9 Carol Emmerson
- 11 Hazel Bennett
- 20 Joan Rickers
- 20 Paul Davey
- 24 Chris Summerscales
- 28 Peter Hall
- 29 Elizabeth Hill
- 29 Sue Stephen

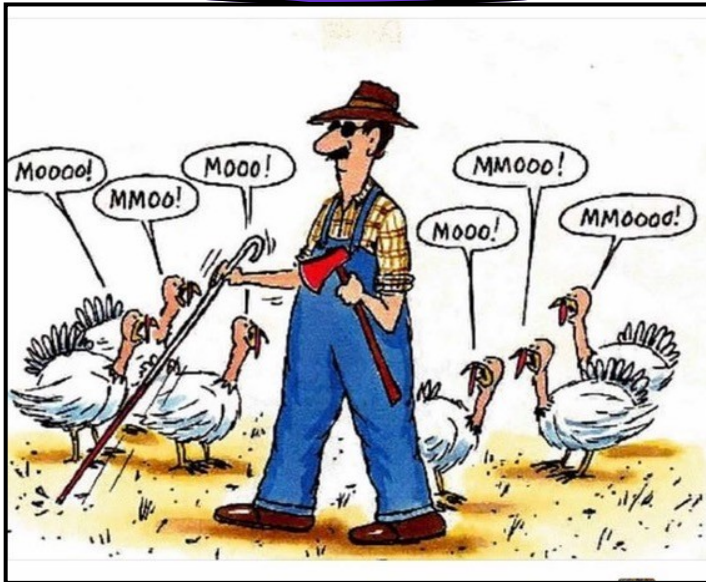


APRIL
Diamond
endurance



Daisy

Janice's Jokes



Paddy was walking down a street when he saw his buddy Mick driving a brand new Mercedes. Mick pulled up to him with a wide grin. "Mick, where'd you get that car?" "Sue gave it to me" Mick replied. "She gave it to you? I knew she was kinda sweet on ya lad, but a new Merc?" "Well, Paddy, let me tell you what happened... We were driving out on a country road at 6 in the morning, in the middle of nowhere, Sue pulled off and headed in to the woods, she parked the car, got out, threw off all her clothes and said, 'Mick, take whatever you want'. So I took the car!" "You're a smart man!" says Paddy. "Them clothes would never have fitted you".

Today I saw a Dwarf climbing Down a prison wall. I thought to myself That's a little condescending

CLEVER



The Way It Works.....

MY SON WAS FLUNKING OUT OF COLLEGE SO I TOLD HIM,
"YOU WILL MARRY THE GIRL I CHOOSE."

HE SAID, "NO."

I TOLD HIM, "SHE IS BILL GATES' DAUGHTER."

HE SAID, "YES."

I CALLED BILL GATES AND SAID,

"I WANT YOUR DAUGHTER TO MARRY MY SON."

BILL GATES SAID, "NO."

I TOLD BILL GATES, "MY SON IS THE CEO OF THE WORLD BANK."

BILL GATES SAID, "YES."

I CALLED THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK AND ASKED
HIM TO MAKE MY SON THE CEO.

HE SAID, "NO."

I TOLD HIM, "MY SON IS BILL GATES' SON-IN-LAW."

HE SAID, "YES."

... AND THAT'S EXACTLY HOW POLITICS WORKS.

AND THUS BEGAN THE PRACTICE OF HIRING MORONS TO WORK
IN INFLUENTIAL POSITIONS OF GOVERNMENT.
THIS PRACTICE REMAINS UNBROKEN TO THIS DAY.



Police dogs in China queue for lunch. A bit like the orderly way bridge players queue for afternoon tea !!!



Sheer Bliss, Life is Good. Is this what it feels like to get 7NT?

The Man Who Gave Up Sex for Golf:

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. "Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt", the golfer mumbles to himself.

Just then, a stranger walks up beside him and whispers, "Would you be Willing to give up a quarter of your sex life to sink the putt?"

Thinking the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer also feels that maybe this is a good omen, so he says, "Sounds good to me," and promptly sinks the putt!

Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again, "Gosh, I wish I could get an eagle on this one."

The same stranger is suddenly at his side again and whispers, "Would it be worth giving up another quarter of your sex life to make an eagle?"

Shrugging, the golfer replies, "Okay." And, amazingly, he makes the eagle.

On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says, "Would winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?"

"Definitely," the golfer replies, and sure enough he makes the eagle and wins the match.

As the golfer is walking to the clubhouse, the stranger walks along beside him and says: "I haven't really been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm Satan, and from this day forward you really will have no sex life at all."

"Nice to meet you," the golfer replies. "I'm Father O'Malley."



So Much Emotion in One Photo - A bit like bridge players around the results page !!!





IN TIMES GONE BY



MELBOURNE CUP 2009

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Thank you to all those who contributed to this month's Newsletter. They were:

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Jean Dance
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Wendy Pollock

Please spread the word about Rockingham Bridge Club, we would love more new members.

You can sign up online now at:

<http://rockinghambridgeclub.com/>

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