

*Keeping you
informed*



April 2024



Happy Easter everyone. Hope you were very circumspect with the amount of Choccie eggs you digested. Just a thought...you can always share them around LOL.

Our latest Red Point event, The Autumn Pairs was won by the following:-
N/S Christine Bacon and Andrea McCallum
E/W Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao

Congratulations to all placegetters.

We have had a change in Committee Members. We said a teary farewell to retiring Secretary, Kerrie Kingston and to Steve Cuddihy.

Welcome to Jenny Currin, Yvonne Mathews, Barry Shackles and Lee Bunney as new members of the Committee.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Elena Olsen. Her illness took its toll. Elena, a quiet lady in life, sent her love to us all, and asked for us to respect her wishes, and let her go peacefully. R.I.P my lovely friend.

The onset of our classes late in February is quite popular with the 12 students enjoying both Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. We are receiving extra enquiries from our website which has resulted in 4 more ladies learning the Basics in Bridge. We look forward to them progressing into our sessions later in the year. (No pressure).

Just a quick update. Miriam Garbutt is due for an operation in April, so Miriam will be taking time off till her recovery. We send her all our love.

On a happy note, I wish you all good health and happiness and without stating the obvious...

Happy Bridging.

Di Brooks
President



Mon 1st Easter Monday Public Holiday. (Normal Session).

Friday 12th Aries Pairs

Thursday 25th Anzac Day Public Holiday

Friday 26th Committee Meeting



Vale Elena Olsen

Sad news, just received from Dave Clark, Elena passed away on the 16th March, 2024. The funeral will be held on Monday 8 April at the Serbian Orthodox Church in Perth at 11.35 am. It will be a private affair. Elena, was a very private lady and a very good bridge player. Rest in Peace Elena.

Unwanted reading glasses for the Lions Club?

Club members were extremely generous in donating their unused reading glasses to the Lions Club. There were 50 pairs of reading glasses donated plus 4 pairs of sunglasses.

Sylvana, from the Lions Club, was given the glasses when she attended the first Saturday beginners' lessons with Di Brooks, President, on Saturday 17th February 2024.

She was delighted with the response from the Rockingham Bridge Club and said that is the biggest number of glasses she has ever received from one group.

Lions pass them onto people who cannot afford new glasses. As you know the Lions Club do so much good work in the community.

Looking for volunteers to teach Mondays

Have A Go Day is happening on 1st May. The club normally offers, as a raffle prize, free lessons to learn bridge.

The students who started earlier this year are very keen to keep on with their lessons into the second half of the year. So, if we were to offer free lessons, we would be looking for volunteers to take on the task of teaching new people mid-year.

If you are able to offer your services for the second half of the year, please let Pat Ditchfield know.

Our Winning Team

RBC has entered a team in the Novice Interclub Teams Event. Our team consists of players having less than 100 master points at the beginning of 2024. Nia Parker, Roz Davey, Jenni Creedon, Hilary Tunnard and Mike Fulwood will serve as team members, and we may call in other novice players if needed. There are nine other novice teams in our event representing various clubs. We will play each team once with some games being at home (5) and some away (4).

Our first match ended in a solid victory 76-39 IMPS against South Perth. Next up we travel to Joondalup in late April. The competition concludes towards the end of the year with the top teams playing off in a final.

This month's 7NT Cover Picture by Debbie Kelly

Cape Naturaliste

This painting is looking south along the ocean coastline from Cape Naturaliste towards Sugarloaf Rock. It is of Windmills Surf Break. I enjoy painting seascapes from WA and this is the third in a series of surf breaks created for my husband Tony, who had spent many years surfing down south there in his youth.

I have found acrylic paint is my favourite medium to work with, and I love the strong aqua and blue colours in our WA waters, having also painted some of Rottneest Islands bays for the water colours also.

I started painting after I retired from my wedding cake business 10 years ago. I studied a year of art in Rockingham TAFE, and have also done a workshop with artist Carmen McFaull in Dunsborough 5 years ago, as I love her work with colours.

Along with trying to learn bridge and painting and playing music with Tony, I am keeping busy!

Always looking for stories

Members are very good with offering stories of what is happening with them. Love to receive more so they can be placed in the 7NT.



Raewyn Lewer Pairs Tuesday 5th March 2024

A happy photo of Raewyn Lewer with a group some of our older members.
Robin Aplin and Eve Dethlefsen among them.



Delighted winners of the Raewyn Lewer Pairs were Jenni Creedon and Lyn Bolton with a whopping 61.22% win and .80 red points. Seen here with the special trophy.



Second place getters on the night were Joan Rickers and Rosemarie McCaskie with Di Brooks, President. They achieved a 60.46% and .56 red points on the night.

There were eight tables for the event on 5th March which was held in the evening.

The evening got off to a shaky start with Eugene Wichems directing a movement he had not used for a while. After a lot of musical chairs, the night settled, and the game began in earnest.

It was a very pleasant evening and Rosemarie McCaskie baked one of Raewyn's much loved orange cakes using one of Raewyn's recipes.

It was a successful evening and enjoyed by all.

Autumn Pairs

Credit: iikar



Christine Bacon and Andrea McCallum were the winners N/S of the Autumn Pairs with 65.62%. Here Christine is seen with Di Brooks, President.



Roz Davey and Jenny Green were our Under State Masters on the day with 50.67%. Here with Di Brooks, President.

Christine Bacon and Andrea McCallum are new members to the club. I understand the Rockingham Bridge Club is halfway between their homes, so we are very lucky to have them join the club.

Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao were winners E/W with 63.84% but unfortunately they left early before the presentations were made, so no photos available.

A very pleasant afternoon was had by all, and refreshments were served afterwards, thanks to Yvonne Mathews, Jenny Churchill, and Lyn Bolton for arranging and thanks to Di Brooks who directed the day.

Space for a smile

I once dated a guy who broke up with me because I only have 9 toes. Yes, he was lack-toes intolerant.

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven?

Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers, the big ones at the end of the wing are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a raven and a crow is only a matter of a pinion.



Smiles from Richard and Debbie

A group of friends discussed where they should meet for lunch for their reunion. They were all aged 40.

Finally, it was agreed they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the waitresses there were pretty.

Ten years later at age 50 the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the food was good, and the wine selection was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60 the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch.

Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they could dine in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

Ten years later at age 70 the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had an elevator.

Ten years later at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they had never been there before.

I understand Debbie is having a reunion in May with her old friends. Good luck with that Debbie.

A pastor said to his congregation, "Someone in this congregation has spread a rumour that I belong to the Ku Klux Klan. This is a horrible lie and one which a Christian community cannot tolerate. I am embarrassed and do not intend to accept this. Now, I want the party who said this to stand and ask forgiveness from God and this Christian family."

No one moved.

The preacher continued, "Do you have the nerve to face me and admit this is a falsehood?"

Remember, you will be forgiven, and, in your heart, you will feel glory. Now stand and confess your transgression. Again, all was quiet. But then came the blonde moment.

Then, slowly, a drop-dead gorgeous blonde with a body that would stop a runaway train rose from the third pew. Her head was bowed, and her voice quivered as she spoke, "Reverend there has been a terrible misunderstanding. I never said you were a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I simply told a couple of my friends that you were a wizard under the sheets."

The preacher fell to his knees, his wife fainted, and the congregation roared.



This month's Grand Slammers:

Di Brooks and Egmont Melton 7C W 01/3/24

This month's 70+% Winners:

Nicky O'Connell and Jane Ophorst 71.5% 16.03.24



Congratulations



ABF Master Points Website:
<http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/>



*Happy birthday
to you*

April

16	Hazel Bennett
20	Joan Rickers
29	Elizabeth Hill
29	Sue Stephen

Individuals born in April display a variety of personality traits that set them apart:

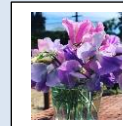
Enthusiastic: April-born individuals are full of energy and enthusiasm, which can be contagious.

Dynamic: People born in this month are adaptable and versatile, able to excel in different situations and environments.

Confident: April-born individuals possess a strong sense of self-confidence and are not afraid to take risks.



The **Hope Diamond** is 45.52 carats (9.104 g; 0.3211 oz) diamond extracted in the 17th century from the Kollur Mine in Guntur, India. It is blue in colour due to trace amounts of boron. Its exceptional size has revealed new information about the formation of diamonds.



April Birth Flowers

April's two birth flowers are the Daisy and Sweet Pea.

Daisies mean pure hearts and true love. Sweet peas stand for joy and thanks.

Daisies have a long history in many cultures.

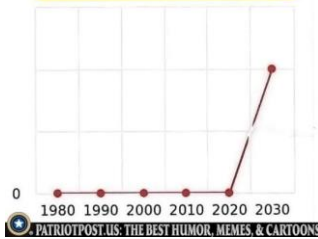
The sweet pea flower means joy and grace.

People first found sweet peas in Italy around 400 years ago.



Janice's Jokes

TESTICULAR INJURIES IN WOMEN'S SPORTS



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That awkward moment when your handlers drop the strings but you're still on stage...



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Potatoes make french fries, chips, AND vodka!



It's like the other vegetables aren't even trying.

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CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO ME



WHAT WENT WRONG?

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IF YOU'RE CONFUSED ABOUT GENDER, TRY MILKING A BULL.



THAT JUST MIGHT KICK

The earliest known image of Keith Richards, c. 1140 CE.



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ALL GUITARS MUST BE ELECTRIC BY 2023!



DIET DAY I :

I HAVE REMOVED ALL THE BAD FOOD FROM THE HOUSE. IT WAS DELICIOUS.



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

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<https://rockinghambridgeclub.com/>

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