



It is with a sad heart that I write this report of the passing of our beloved member and Director, Eve Dethlefsen. Our deepest condolences go to her husband, Otto, and her family. We will miss her gentleness and her kindness. May Eve Rest in Peace.

The New Year competitions were headed by the Maurice Richards Memorial Pairs. Winners were;-
1st Di Brooks and Helen Rogoysky
2nd Nicky O'Connell and Michael Fulwood, (very close in percentage)
3rd Liz Hill and Wendy Pollock, Best Understate Masters.

Congratulations go to Helen and Steve Rogoysky for winning the South Perth Swiss Pairs.

R.B.C.'s Congress is set for the 10th and 11th of February. Saturday Pairs and Sunday Teams. Convenor, Mike Fulwood has everything in hand. If you would like to enter either or both sessions, please see Michael. Also, we ask for your support with donations of food. Many thanks for delicious goodies. (Di prefers chocolate...Lol).

Lessons for beginners start February. Pamphlets are available. Please take a few, along with the posters and hand them to friends, family, and neighbours. We need your help in support of this project. Thank you.

We welcome back Jenni Creedon and Janice Hawker from their holidays. Good to see Roz Davey back on board. We also welcome Andrew Marsh into our Directors Roster. Although we have a good group of volunteers running our sessions, we have been bit thin on the ground.

If any member would like to be coached in the role of Director, please contact myself or Roz Davey. You would be made very welcome.

And lastly, to everyone at R.B.C., all our volunteers are valued. It's a happy club that works as a team, not just the committee, the board makers, and directors, but the silent workers, who do their part in keeping our club running smoothly. After all, we are here to play bridge and enjoy the great game. Grateful thanks. Long may we do so.

Happy Bridging,
Di Brooks President

Vale Eve Dethlefsen

We were all deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Eve Dethlefsen. Our deepest condolences go to her husband, Otto, and her family. For the last thirty years Eve has been directing at the Rockingham Bridge Club as well as her clubs north of the river. We will miss her gentleness, generosity, and kindness. May you Rest In Peace Eve. Eve (left) with Di Brooks.



Outcome of Directors' Meeting

A look at the Directors' Minutes gives an overview of how sessions are to be conducted. This is well worth a read to help understand the role of directors and what is expected from the players.

Law 73 covers improper communication.

Some beginners tend to make comments across the table or show some reaction, as in facial expressions. A gentle explanation is usually the best way, rather than calling for the Director. That's not to say the Director should not be called, just be mindful of the way in which you call 'Director, please'.

Slow Play Law 90

Time setting for each round....

Red Point Events

7 Minutes per board.

Green Point Sessions

Mitchell Movements

7 minutes per board less 1 minute for 3 boards,

Less 2 minutes for 4 boards

Less 3 minutes for 5 boards

Howell Movements

7 Minutes per board

Penalty for Slow Play

The players must have finished bidding their last board and the lead card made on the 3-minute bell. In the instance that there is slow play, please call the Director.

Director to state the 3 minutes left on the clock, warning players to speed up. Otherwise, the board can be taken away, with an Average Minus to the offending side/s.

Law 90 Procedural Penalties

Covers slow play as well as 7 other infringements.

The Guideline for Directors are 'How many Tables have finished their quota of boards?'

Announcements before Play, reminding players of their Duties

Directors Reminder Sheet will be put into effect as from 13th January **2024**

Bridgemates and Entries

It is the E/W duty to read the entry into the Bridgemates and to accept the entry as a true record. If you have a query, please call the Director.

At the end of session, please ensure that your Bridgemate has gone to 'End of Session'.

Law 74 Conduct and Etiquette

Proper behaviour and good manners prevail.

Everyone is entitled to enjoy their game.

Respect partner, opponents, and Director.

Law 41 Opening Lead

The Opening Lead is made by the person on Declarer's left.

Law 54 There are 5 options.

If the lead comes from the wrong hand, call "Director, please".

a/ Declarer lays his cards on the table, accepting the lead. Dummy then becomes the Declarer.

b/ Declarer accepts the lead but wants to play the hand. Dummy's hand is now laid on the table.

Declarer can see the Dummy's cards, but must play from his own hand first, (Clockwise).

c/ Declarer has seen any of Dummy's cards exposed during the auction; he **MUST** accept the lead.

d/ Declarer refuses the lead. Withdrawn card becomes a major penalty card.

(Law 50D applies).

e/ If a player from the Declaring side attempts to make an opening lead, Law 24 applies. (The card gets picked up and placed back into hand.

Declarer, please consider all options before making their choice.

Law 64 Revoke

If the offending player wins the trick on the revoke, 1 trick is given to the non-offending side, plus one more trick if the offending side wins another trick after the revoke.

If the offender doesn't win the trick with the revoke, but wins subsequent tricks, one trick is given to the non-offending side.

(Director, please note the contract, as the failure to play to the suit may affect the overall result. ie No Trumps contract).

Law 79 Scoring Error

C.1 If a scoring error is found during session time, the Director is to be called to correct the error.

After session time, players have 30 minutes to contact the Director of the error. If both sides agree, Director will amend the error.

C.2 Subject to Tournament Organiser, a scoring error may be corrected and the expiry of the Correction Period, if the Director is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the record is wrong.

System Cards

It is the policy of R.B.C. Inc that in greenpoint sessions, one system card per pair is to be at the table.

Two system cards at Red Point and Gold Point events.

All system cards to be filled out clearly.

Instruction of the Laws

Director to read Handy Hints before start of session.



Mon 5 Feb. Bridge lessons commence

Sat 10 Feb. Congress

Sunday 11 Feb. Congress

Fri 23 Feb. Committee Meeting

Airconditioning – Important Notice

The Committee has decided to set the airconditioning at 23 degrees for the entire summer. Members will need to bring a jacket and warm shoes if this temperature is too cool for them.

Looking for a partner?

Contact Janice Hawker if you are looking for a partner. Janice does prefer text messages. Her Mobile No. is 0450 032 038.

Bridge Base Online Article and link

Bridge Base Online send out a newsletter with tips, tricks and articles.

Recently, one was about the habits and skills we develop at the Bridge table and how they relate to our life away from cards. Very interesting reading!

To read the article, click on the link below.

<https://news.bridgebase.com/2023/12/19/life-lessons-from-the-bridge-table/>

Dates for lessons and sessions 2024

Introductory Morning tea will be held on Saturday 3rd February 10am. All welcome.

Beginners. Saturdays 9.30 am to 12 noon with Diane Brooks commencing 17th February.

Advanced. Tuesdays 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm with Diane Brooks commencing 6th February.

Supervised practise sessions. These will be available on Wednesday evenings 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. commencing in late Feb.

Advanced and supervised sessions are \$5.

Happy birthday to you Yvonne Mathews

Yvonne shared a delicious cake for her birthday with the members, which was most enjoyable. All the very best to you Yvonne.



The cutlery for my new diet has arrived... I am optimistic this one will work.



Nicky is going on a diet in 2024

Her family think she might succeed using these utensils. If anyone would like some, I am sure it can be arranged.

Some of you may have met Nicky's daughter Sharon when she over this way for Xmas. Sharon designed the board on the wall displaying our club, designed our website, and was instrumental in getting the square for money collection.

As you all may know Sharon is a very good golfer. She received an invitation recently. It was from Golf Australia. They were setting up a match between Golf Australia and the Australian Defence Forces, some of whose members are disabled. It read:

2024 GA v ADF Match - Invitation On behalf of Golf Australia, I am pleased to extend an invitation for you to represent Golf Australia in the annual match against the Australian Defence Forces to be played at Portsea Golf Club on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 March.

The team is:

- i. One (1) leading female senior player as determined by the Senior Selection Committee: Sharon Thompson (NSW)
- ii. Leading one (1) local male player from each state/territory (total of eight (8) players)
- iii. One (1) leading male mid-amateur player from the most recent Australian Mid-Amateur Championship.
- iv. One (1) leading female mid-amateur player from the most recent Australian Mid-Amateur Championship.
- v. One (1) captain's pick (may be male or female).

What a privilege Sharon. Best of luck. I am sure it will be a memorable occasion. The forces know how to entertain.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS



Congratulations and very well done Helen Rogoysky, winner of the RBC Individual Trophy. Seen here with Di Brooks, President.



Winners of the Maurice Richards Memorial with 67.59%, Helen Rogoysky and Di Brooks with Nia Parker, Vice President.



USM winners of the Maurice Richards Memorial with 60.88%, Liz Hill and Wendy Pollock with Di Brooks. Congratulations to both.



Steve Cuddihy, winner of the Mona Walker, Under Club Master Award seen here with Di Brooks, President.

Steve is also our maintenance man and jack of all trades. He is in the process of making some key holders for the club.

He also supplies a lot of the beautiful cheeses we all enjoy at the sessions.



Wendy Pollock is at it again.

Just as her Ugandan project winds down, Wendy has started a new project to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Wendy and her daughter Terry are going to drive in a sponsored car rally from Bendigo (Vic) to Townsville (Qld) via the back roads of NSW and Queensland.

When I asked her Why? The answer I got was:

“We see it as a great way to raise funds for the Cancer Council as well as a fun way to celebrate overcoming the many challenges in the past 7 years on our own Stage 4 cancer journey.

We are hoping to inspire other cancer survivors to step outside their comfort zone and live life to the fullest!”

Their team’s name for this adventure is **Angels With Attitude**. Quite fitting don’t you think?

What’s so special? For this rally your car must be worth less than \$1500. Hence the vernacular name **The Shitbox Rally**. More than 200 cars will take part and each team has to raise at least \$5000 for the Cancer Council.

Talk to her if you want to know more!

From Trevor the possible pit crew. Good luck with that Trevor.



Right: Two old ladies sitting talking, one says, “Mildred my memory really sucks, that’s why I changed my password to “incorrect”, so when I log on with the wrong password, my computer says “Your password is **incorrect**.”

Now I call that clever. Thanks Trevor.



This month's Grand Slammers:

This month's 70+% Winners:

Jane Ophorst and Nicky O'Connell 30/12/23 - **76%**

Mike Fulwood and Nicky O'Connell 12/1/24 **75.3%**

Rita Hood and Janice Hawker 24/1/24 **70.5%**

Walter and Hilary Hall 27/1/24 **72.9%**



Congratulations



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



*Happy birthday
to you*

February

4	Paul Bennett
5	Kimberley Zhao
9	Jen Green
16	Michael Fulwood
18	Jane Ophorst
20	Marjorie James
20	Thelma Laverty
27	Florence Maltby

People born in February are usually far from reality. They are interesting and intelligent but are preoccupied with abstract thoughts.

These people are also extremely sensitive and can be easily hurt.

They are friendly by nature but may feel isolated at times.

They are exceptionally loyal and devoted to the people they love.



Amethyst is a symbol of **courage and strong relationships**. There was a time in history when only royalty could wear the gem. Maybe because ancient Greeks thought that Amethyst guarded people against intoxication. Amethyst speaks of royalty, serenity, peace, and temperance. It's also a symbol of protection and helps you overcome difficulties.



Common violet flower meanings include innocence, everlasting love, modesty, spiritual wisdom, faithfulness, mysticism, and remembrance.

In Greek Mythology, violets were the creation of Artemis, who transformed one of his virginal nymphs into a delicate flower to protect her from the approaches of her twin brother Apollo.



Janice's Jokes

Murphy says to Paddy,
"What ya talkin into an envelope for?"
"I'm sending a voicemail ya fool!"

19 Paddies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks, "Why so many of you?"
Mick replies, "The film said 18 or over."

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave.
As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin.
3 hours later and they're still walking about with it.
I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that,
2:30am. Luckily for him, I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst.
So, I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

Sat opposite an Indian lady on the train today, she shut her eyes and stopped breathing.
I thought she was dead, until I saw the red spot on her forehead and realised she was
just on standby.

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador.
"Bugger that" says Mick, "have you seen how many of their owners go
blind?"

IF YOU CAN'T PLAY
NICE
PLAY BRIDGE



**When I was young
I was Scared of the dark.
Now when I see the
electricity bill,
I'm scared of the lights.**



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

You can sign up online at:

<https://rockinghambridgeclub.com/>

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