



The morning tea arranged to promote our 2024 beginners' classes was very successful. Many thanks to Pat Ditchfield and to our members who supported this project. We had 7 tables attend on the 'Day', 66% were club members, who brought plates of goodies and who gave up their time to introduce the public to this great game of contract bridge. Several students came along from Steve and Helen's classes as well as a couple of my newbies.

Good news! We had 5 people register for the Saturday classes, with a lot of interest shown regarding Wednesday evenings. (As Steve and Helen have resigned from their role due to holidays etc., the committee suggested we hold a supervised set instead). Three members volunteered their services to go on a roster to run each session. As two of our volunteers had plans for breakaways, I stepped up so I could see what was going to be needed for future Wednesday evening sessions. When two ladies came in early, I called on Jenni Creedon, (another of our treasures) to come in and make up a table of 4. In the meantime, 2 more came along, which made up 2 lots of students. Jenni coached one pair, while I coached the other two people. (Two attendees also registered for future classes). Jenni and I were also informed that there will be several more people who will be attending on Wednesday evenings.

Saturday, 24th February, new people came along. Roz Davey was my backup. Her help was gratefully accepted as we had 4 tables of students. (Another 5 registered for classes). So far, we have 12 people registered, along with some of my people coming Tuesday afternoon.

As in any situation, a few people who attended the morning tea and then at the following introduction to bridge basics never returned. Maybe next time!!!

I can't tell you how thrilling it has been to see so many new people take to the lessons like Old Hats. They are all very keen.

And to finish, if any R.B.C. members would like to attend on Saturday mornings and / or Wednesday evening, you, too are very welcome.

Happy bridging,
Di Brooks, President

Apologies from the editor

Sincere apologies are extended to Lyn Bolton and Rita Hood who achieved 72.5% on Friday 22nd December and Jane Ophorst and Nicky O'Connell who achieved 76.0% on 30th December 2023. Because I delayed sending out the 7NT in December to cover the Christmas Party, I overlooked the December results when sending out the February 7NT. Congratulations ladies it is quite an achievement and one of which you rightly should be proud.

Introductory Morning Tea 3rd February



Rockingham Bridge Club's Morning Tea was held on Saturday, 3rd February, with great success. We had 7 full tables and had extra members to help with the morning tea and introduction to bridge.

Many thanks to our members, who supported this project, bringing in tasty and dare I say calorie free plates of goodies.

We welcomed two of Steve Rogoysky's students, Kate and Yvonne and from my Monday classes, Martin, Sue, Steve, and from Tuesday afternoons, Bob and Ina Wood.

Coming along for the first time, Les, Vicki, Angela, Ray, Sylvana, (winner of our free raffle), Jenny (No 4, as we had 3 of our Jenny members helping), and last, but not least, Gloria. Several of the attendees were going to introduce their friends on another day.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

As to the banquet: grateful thanks to all who added to the morning tea, lunch, and afternoon repast. Our name in hospitality and our friendliness says it all for Rockingham Bridge Club Inc.





Mon 4th March Labour Day Public Holiday
(Normal Sessions).

Tues 5th March Raewyn Lower Pairs

Friday 8th March Annual General Meeting

Monday 18th March Autumn Pairs

Friday 22nd March Committee Meeting

Friday 29th Bridge Lessons Break

Friday 29th Good Friday (No sessions)

Sat 30th Easter Public Holiday

Ninety Years Young



Congratulations on attaining your big 90th milestone. The club celebrated Marjorie's birthday on Monday 19th on her actual birthday, with cheesecake and Hilary's delicious coronation chicken sandwiches, especially made for the day. Marj joined RBC in Oct 2003.

Di Brooks, President, is seen presenting Marjorie with a beautiful indoor plant as a living keepsake of how much the Club values her. Marjorie, as most of you know, does some beautiful hardanger embroidery and has, over the past years, generously donated pieces of her work to help raise money for the club on its Gala Days.

I have it on good authority that when all her celebrating is finished, Marjorie has an enormous fresh cray and a bottle of bubbly waiting in her fridge for her own private celebration.



Some of you may already know that Steve Cuddihy (also affectionately known as **the cheese man**) does maintenance jobs around the club. Left is his latest piece of handiwork, a key holder board. Thanks for all your good work (and cheeses) Steve!



Promotions



Not all recipients were available for the photo.

Lyn Bolton, Nelly Macek (looking stunned) Hilary Tunnard, Nia Parker (in shock) and Jean Minns (am I in the right place?)

Hilary Tunnard	regional master
Richard Usher	regional master
Nelly Macek	club master
Jean Minns	state master
Lyn Bolton	silver local master
Helen Hansell	club master
Nia Parker	bronze local master

You can look up your points via the Club's results page under 'Individual Results' at the top. For a more comprehensive view, go to ABFmasterpoints.com.au. Click on 'masterpoints lookup'. You can see your points, your last award and how many points you need to receive the next award. Congratulations everyone.



Elena Olson has been in touch with Dave Clark and she is now happy to receive SMS's from members, or cards if they would like to send her a card.

With the cards, please give them to Dave. He is quite happy to make sure she receives them.

Congress

As you are all aware, Congress was held on the weekend of 11th and 12th February. It was a huge success and attendees were very appreciative of the scrumptious food, and the quantity of same, and were very warm in their comments to the ladies providing their every need. Thanks goes to Helen Hansell and Jenny Churchill for coordinating the food, and to the many members who helped on the days.

Thanks also to Mike Fulwood who was responsible for coordinating the Congress and to Neville Walker who directed and made sure everything ran very smoothly, and our President, Di Brooks who was supportive as usual and made sure everybody behaved themselves.

Although numbers were down, and not just at our club but in Mandurah as well, it was a successful Congress. It is possible that many bridge players, who normally play in Congress were saving their pennies to head off to the Gold Coast, Queensland, for a huge international meet there. Below are some of the winners on the day.



Best Qualifiers E/W Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma with 69.23%. Here with Di Brooks, President.



Sandra Hardie and Roz Trend Best Qualifiers N/S with Di Brooks, President.



Gill and Ross Blakely Rockingham Plate Winners with Di Brooks, President RBC.



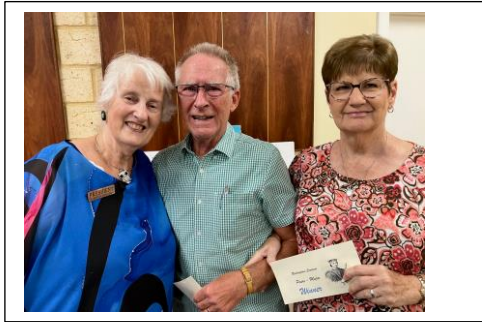
Nicky O'Connell and Mike Fulwood, Best Rockingham Plate with Di Brooks, President.



Alan Puckey and Joscelyn Charters 2nd Plate Winners with Di Brooks, President.



Dave Parnham and Ian Clark, 2nd Rockingham Final Winners with Di Brooks, President



David Cavell and Anne Strathmueller Pairs Major Winners with Di Brooks, President.



Best Understate Masters, Lyn Bolton and Jenni Creeden with Di Brooks, President.



Steve and Helen Rogoysky picked up the Patron's Rockingham Pair with Di Brooks, President



2nd Place Beiganski Team, James Steer, Lilia Male, Beata Bieganski and Stella Steer with Di Brooks, President



First Place Beddow Team: John Beddow, Egmont Melton, Tad Beiganski and Tuya Cooke with Di Brooks, President.



Best Rockingham Team: Nicky O'Connell, Mike Fulwood, Nia Parker, Andrew Marsh (absent) with Di Brooks, President.

Political Correctness and Wokeness gone mad in today's world

I wanted to send some sort of holiday greeting to my friends and colleagues, but it is difficult in today's world to know exactly what to say without offending someone. So, I met with my lawyer yesterday, and on her advice, I wish to say the following:

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral celebration of the summer solstice holiday practiced with the most enjoyable traditions of religious persuasion or secular practices of your choice with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.

I also wish you a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2024, but not without due respect for the calendar of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make our country great (not to imply that Australia is necessarily greater than any other country) and without regard to the race, creed, colour, age, physical ability, religious faith or sexual preference of the wishes.

By accepting this greeting, you are accepting these terms: This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable with no alteration to the original greeting. It implies no promise by the wisher to implement any of the wishes for her/him or others and is void where prohibited by law and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wisher.

The wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year or until the issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wisher.

E&OE (errors and omissions excepted).
Best Regards (without prejudice)
Name withheld (Privacy Act).



This month's Grand Slammers:

Nicky O'Connell and Mike Fulwood 7NT E 12/2/24

Hilary Tunnard and Yvonne Mathews 7S E 12/2/24

Di Brooks and Roz Davey 7C N 24/2/24

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%**
- Nia Parker and Andrew Marsh 31/1/24 **70.7%**
- Helen and Steve Rogoysky 6/2/24 **74.0%**



Congratulations



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



*Happy birthday
to you*

March

2	Sue Cook
11	Steven Rogoysky
16	Sally Fielding
17	Betty Philpot
17	Pat Stubbs
20	Mitch Loly



March's birthstone is the oceanic blue aquamarine that boasts captivating tones reminiscent of the sea. The stone holds hidden meanings for the wearer, historically being seen as a stone of **protection and wisdom**, adding a special touch to March birthstone gifts.



The flowers' name also links to mythology; Narcissus was the son of a nymph and a god. He was good-looking-and he knew it. A nymph fell in love with him, but he broke her heart. The goddess Nemesis took her vengeance by cursing Narcissus to become mesmerized by his own reflection in the water. He stared so long that he fell in and drowned.



Janice's Jokes

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work but couldn't understand what they were doing. So, he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get it – why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?" The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick."

Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.
Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in the car?"
Billy says, "In the car."
Paddy says, "That's the quickest way."

Paddy and Mick are walking down the road, and Paddy's got a bag of doughnuts in his hand. Paddy says to Mick, "If you can guess how many doughnuts are in my bag, you can have them both."

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.
He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?"
"Just water," says the priest.
The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"
The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

What does it mean when you find a horseshoe in Ireland? Some poor horse is going barefoot.

Two Irishmen, Pat and Murphy, saw a sign saying "Tree fellers" wanted. Murphy said to Pat, 'If only Seamus had been with us we'd have got that job.'

The Texan says yes and asks the bartender to line up 10 pints of Guinness. Immediately the Irishman tears into all 10 of the pint glasses drinking them all back-to-back. The other pub patrons cheer as the Texan sits in amazement. The Texan gives the Irishman the \$500 and says, "If ya don't mind me askin', where did you go for that 30 minutes you were gone?" The Irishman replies, "Oh...I had to go to the pub down the street to see if I could do it first".



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

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