



Hi Everyone,

Latest Bridge News: Novice Teams Results

R.B.C. v South Perth: R.B.C won.

R.B.C. v Joondalup: R.B.C won.

R.B.C. v City Beach: City Beach won.

Teams play is the purest form of bridge. The Head to Head matches are based on the bidding, play and defence of two North/Souths and two East/Wests.

You must bid the skinny games and your defence must be tight. No room for guessing. Know Thy System, Make Thy Contract and make the best of a bad situation to minimise any loss.

Congratulations to our representatives for their participation. There will be other matches to show their skills.

In the same vein, R.B.C. is holding the 777 Teams Event on May 22nd 2024. I encourage all club players to make up their teams, pairing up with a strong pair, rather than have 4 strong players just wanting to win. We need to train up our up-and-coming members.

New Classes

What can I say. We have 3-4 tables, depending on whether it's Wednesday evening or Saturday morning. All students dead keen so once they start in the sessions, (later this year, hopefully), they will be a force to be reckoned with.

Classes for Improvers

Tuesday afternoons are open to all players. We cover advanced play, conventions and especially defence. Two tables are there but we can always accommodate more entrants.

Aries Pairs

Congratulations to the Winners.

N/S Betty and Ron Philpot.

E/W Jenny Churchill and Michael Dawson. Well done.

Past competitions

On another note, I have received queries on the fact that no prize was given for Under State Masters. On investigation, that was because one of the pair of winners were Under State Masters. Another reason on prior events, the players to receive the award of U/S/M must be in the points.

Air Conditioning

Back to the usual complaints: It's too cold, it's too hot, windows open, air con on/off. It's very difficult to keep everyone comfortable. We try very hard but sometimes to no avail. The committee decided that only the Director of the Day will be allowed to change the aircon usage. Therefore, players need to come dressed like an onion, Winter or Summer. Peel off or put extra on. There is also the question of seating. If you sit under a vent, you can expect to feel the change in temperature. Please try to be agreeable to the decisions, as it's not easy for most of the room to suffer if a few are to be accommodated comfortably.

Happy Bridging
Di Brooks, President
29.04/24

Always looking for stories

Don't forget folks, we are always looking for happy, interesting, unusual articles which members would enjoy.

People have been forthcoming in the past, so please keep up the good work.

Pat Ditchfield



Mon 6th Taurus Pairs
Weds 22 777 Teams Event
Friday 24th Committee Meeting
Monday 27th Aust Wide Pairs

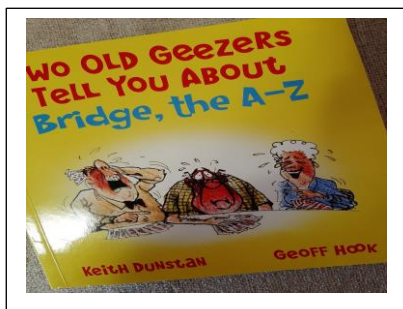
Cover Picture

Another beautiful painting by our own Debbie Kelly. In her words Injidup Point. This is another surf break that is a favourite for my husband Tony, a view halfway to the best wave out on the left point. Again, I have painted using structured acrylics. I do love painting waves. There are numerous times I have walked out to this place, quite a hike, but worth the effort. Huge sand dunes and little coves to swim.

Vale Norma Marwick

Members received a surprise visit from a past member, Norma Marwick last September. She happily greeted everyone with her lovely smile.

Norma donated a humorous book about the trials and tribulations of Bridge. Be sure to borrow it from our library and have a chuckle.



Two Old Geezers Tell You About Bridge, the A-Z.

This is the book Norma donated to the club. It gives you a humorous look at what goes on in bridge. Check it out in our library. There is a lot of truth in it.

Happy birthday to Hazel

A lovely happy photo of Hazel with her delicious birthday cake which she shared with all the members on Monday 15th one day before her birthday.

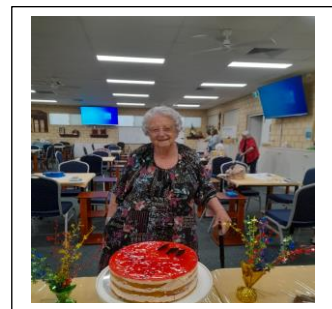
Best wishes Hazel and we wish you all the best and many, many more happy birthdays.



Happy Birthday to Joan

It really doesn't seem possible that a year has passed since Joan had her 90th birthday. But here she is celebrating her ninety-first with what looks like a splendid cake.

Congratulations Joan from all your friends from the Rockingham Bridge Club.



10c Bottle Collection note from Dave Clark

Jill has tested positive for Covid so I will not be attending bridge in the foreseeable future. Then Jill and I are going away for a ten-day holiday in early May.

I would ask that people still bring in their donations and try to keep them as tidy as possible. Until I go, I asked to be advised if there is a boot-full available and I will come and collect them.

Covid Close Contact Guidelines

You are a COVID-19 close contact if you spent time with somebody who tested positive for COVID-19 while they were infectious under the following conditions:

- you live in the same household.
- you are an intimate partner.

The infectious period for a person with COVID-19 is generally taken from 48 hours before their symptoms start or, if they have no symptoms, from 48 hours before a person has a positive test result.

If you work in a high-risk setting such as a hospital, residential care facility or other healthcare setting (e.g. GP or Aboriginal Medical Service), tell your employer when you become a close contact and check if there are any additional infection and prevention requirements for your workplace.

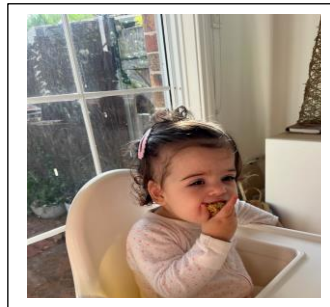
You no longer need to quarantine if you are a close contact, but you should:

- monitor for COVID-like symptoms and [test for COVID-19](#) if symptoms develop:
- consider testing regularly for COVID-19 with a rapid antigen test (RAT) for one week, even if you do not have symptoms:
- stay at home until COVID-like symptoms have resolved, even if negative on testing:
- [wear a mask](#) when indoors and on public transport:
- avoid large gatherings and crowded indoor places.

Avoid high-risk setting such as hospitals, residential disability and aged care facilities, and other healthcare settings for at least 7 days after becoming a close contact and until symptoms resolve (unless you require urgent medical care or treatment)

Apricot Fruity Chews - Healthy Recipe

100 -150 grams chopped dried apricots.
½ cup sultanas
½ cup rolled oats
¼ cup chopped dates
2 tbl spoons sesame seeds
¼ cup coconut
2 tbl spoons honey
½ cup milk powder
¼ cup orange juice



Little Adele, a much-loved granddaughter of one of our members, loves these chews. I have this on good authority.

Lady Flo Bjelke-Petersen's famous pumpkin scones recipe

Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 cup mashed pumpkin (cold)
2 cups self-raising flour

Method

Beat together butter, sugar, and salt with electric mixer till light and fluffy.
Add egg, then pumpkin and stir in the flour.
Turn dough onto a floured board and cut into circles.
Place on a tray on the top shelf of a very hot oven (225-250c) for 15-20 minutes.
Remove from oven, allow to cool and serve with butter.

Florence Isabel Bjelke-Petersen was an Australian politician. She was a member of the Australian Senate from 1981 to 1993 and she was the wife of the longest-serving Premier of Queensland. Sir Joh.

She died at 97. Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said "Lady Flo...brought her passions for cooking – those famous pumpkin scones – family and faith to the fore during Sir Joh's 19-year service as premier and 49 year service as a member of parliament".



Aries Pairs



Very popular E/W winners for the Aries pairs were Jenny Churchill and Michael Dawson. Members were delighted with Jenny's big win of 61.25% as was she. It is nice to see the relatively newer members take the top prize for a change. Here a delighted Jenny is seen with Nia Parker, Vice President.



Betty and Ron Philpot were N/S winners of the Aries Pairs. Betty and Ron won with the top score of 62.01%. Well done. Ron and Betty are seen here with Nia Parker, Vice President.



Paul Bennett and Kaye Day were Under State Masters on the day with 49.97%. Here with Nia Parker, Vice President. Nice to see a lovely photo of Kaye. She never wants to have her photo taken.

A great afternoon was held by all. Nine full tables on the day. Thanks go to Roz Davey for organising the event.

Refreshments were enjoyed later in the afternoon, and I understand it ran later than usual, as everyone was celebrating the big win with Jenny.

Well done Jenny, we look forward to bigger and brighter things from you in the future. Well done Michael Dawson also. As you all know, Michael is more than happy to stand in and play when players are without partners. He and Jenny have the makings of a great partnership.

Congratulations go to Betty and Ron Philpot and Paul Bennett and Kaye Day.

The Never-Ending Saga of Learning Bridge by Carol Joyce

I started bridge lessons before COVID and completed a 12-week course in my hometown of Dromana, Victoria. Did this mean I had an idea of how to play bridge? Well, I thought it did.

We travelled to Perth for baby-sitting duties but due to COVID ended up staying there for 21/2 years. Looking for something to fill my baby-sitting free days, I checked the notice board at Woolworths and saw a Bridge Club offering lessons. I called Di, and when I told her I knew what Stayman was, she invited me to her Tuesday afternoon lessons. I realised immediately I knew NOTHING about Bridge. Thus, it began:

Di reminded us of the parrot Tiki on her shoulder; that 26 was stamped on my forehead; you don't go 1NT when you have 5 of a major in your hand; it's better to be a major general than a trumped-up minor, and on it went. "What card did I play Carol?" "Hmmm I can't remember!" I still can't always remember but have certainly learnt to take note of what cards have been played and how many trumps are left and what cards are winners.

Wednesday nights then became a regular event – what fun nights they were with Lyn, Kerrie, Thelma, Greg and others. I certainly put on weight with all that fruit cake and other yummys. Of course, more encouragement came in the form of Mentor Days. Betty Philpot was my partner and again lessons were learned. "Carol, if I play the King, you know I have the Ace." Never to be forgotten. All these sayings put me in good stead for my return to Victoria.

I joined the Rye/Dromana Bridge Club and started attending the supervised lessons. Then I was told I needed to 'put my big girl pants on' and start playing in the regular sessions. Which I now do.

Bridge Clubs are a bit different here: no permanent club rooms; no supporting local charities; and no committee; no mentor days and NO FRUIT cake. (Bickies and coffee in good supply though). The Club is run by two very capable ladies.

Di's teaching has put me in good stead, and I am apparently regarded by some as intermediate! I think when someone who has been playing for quite a few years is happy to play with me, that it is quite a compliment. I may not be getting off the bottom of the results ladder very often, but I am having fun and still learning every week.

I recently did a 34-day cruise and intermediate bridge lessons were on offer. Well of course I had to attend! Mary taught what she called Mary Bridge. Again, an opportunity to learn more (and forget more). What a nice lot of people I met. And would you believe the person I paired with from Sydney said, "Oh the Rockingham Bridge Club, you must know my friend Yvonne Hoops."

So now I have Di bridge and Mary bridge, both experts with the cards. And now I have Joan bridge as I attended a 4-day course in Melbourne. I would have to say it was excellent. Lo and behold, who did I meet there? None other than Walter and Hilary Hall, BRIDGE PEOPLE POP UP EVERYWHERE.

I was told you can go anywhere and find a game of bridge, and probably meet someone who knows someone you do! Seems that is true.

It is a continuing learning experience and hopefully one day, I will at least be in the middle of the pack for results!



Smiles from Richard

Here's something to keep in mind the next time you are about to repeat a rumour or spread gossip.

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day an acquaintance ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about Diogenes?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple filter?" asked the acquaintance.

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about Diogenes, let's take a moment to filter what you're going to say. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "Actually I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates, "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about Diogenes something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates said, "You want to tell me something about Diogenes that may be bad, even though you're not certain it's true?"

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed.

Socrates continued, "You may still pass the test though, because there is a third filter, the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about Diogenes going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well," said Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me or anyone at all?"

The man was bewildered and ashamed. This is an example of why Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

It also explains why Socrates never found out that Diogenes was sleeping with his wife !!!!



This month's Grand Slammers:

Richard Usher / Campbell McKenzie 7NT N 9/4/24

Nicky O'Connell / Jane Ophorst 7NT N 27/4/24

This month's 70+% Winners:

Di Brooks / Dave Clark 77.7% 29/4/24



Congratulations



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



Happy birthday to you

May

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| 4 | Ron Philpot |
| 5 | Pauline Yewers |
| 9 | Carol Joyce |
| 12 | Jill Dawson |
| 17 | Helen Smit |
| 21 | Steve Cuddihy |
| 30 | Ann Wilson |

Dependable: May-born individuals are known for their **reliability** and **trustworthiness**, making them valuable friends and partners.

Sociable: People born in this month **enjoy socializing** and are skilled at building connections with others.

Practical: May-born individuals are grounded, and often excel at finding **logical solutions to problems**.

Warm-hearted: May-born individuals are often **empathetic** and **compassionate**, showing genuine care for others.

Persistent: People born in May are **determined to achieve their goals**.



May's birthstone, the emerald, is known as the "Jewel of Kings." Beloved by royal figures throughout history, the most famous might be Cleopatra, who was said to shower this precious gem on visiting dignitaries. It was thought to reveal the truth and was used to ward off spells. People also thought, if worn, it would increase riches and allow the wearer to predict the future.

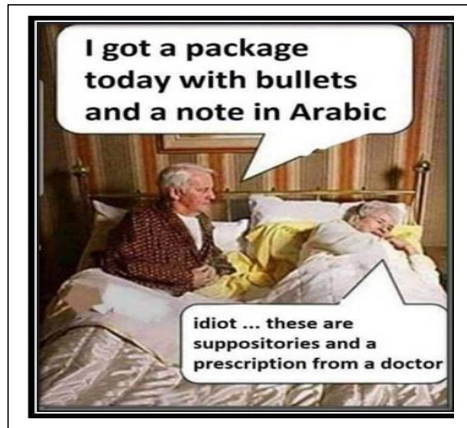


May Birth Flower

May birth flowers are the Lily-of-the-Valley and Hawthorn. The Lily-of-the-Valley shows meanings of sweetness, motherhood, purity, and being humble. It also tells a story of returning to joy and starting again. On the other hand, the Hawthorn brings hope, safety, and good luck. Each flower is unique with deep messages they hold. For those born in May, these blooms tell a tale close to their hearts. Lily of the Valley (*Convallaria majalis*) is an elegant woodland perennial from the asparagus family.



Janice's Jokes





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

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