



Entries for the 777Rockingham Teams Event drew 8 teams. The format for the Teams structure was as follows; -members were asked to make up teams with up-and-coming players i.e. not strong teams against less experienced players. Well done to all participants. You did yourselves and the Club proud.

Winning Team

Shackles: Barry Shackles, Alan Simpson, Helen and Steve Rogoysky

Runners-Up

Creedon; Jenni Creedon, Lyn Bolton, Nicky O'Connell, Steve Cuddihy

3rd Place

Philpot; Betty Philpot, Debbie Kelly, Pat Ditchfield, Jenny Churchill

The feedback was positive. Members enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to all participants.

The G.N.O.T Qualifying Event is due to be held here in our own Club Rooms, Sunday, 23rd June 2024. This is everyone's opportunity to have a go and earn some Gold Points. The Club will fund the costing of 2 teams to play in Perth in the Semi Finals later in the year. Watch this space!!!!

On another happier note, the R.B.C. committee sent in 3 nominations to Rockingham City Council's Volunteer Awards. There were quite a few categories. R.B.C. were in two sections, with awards going to finalists, but not winning the sections. Di Brooks, Senior Volunteer of 2024 and Rockingham Bridge Club Organisation section, helping the Community, with David Clark getting a special mention for his recycling project. Congratulations to all members for their continued work towards our support of Coastal District Care. Pat on the back for you all.

Wednesday, 19th June 2024, is our scheduled Cancer Morning Tea. We have gifts coming in. and generous items to raffle. Please mark your diary so you can come along and bring a friend or two. Thank you. (I hear on the grapevine a new member is conducting the quiz. Pat Ditchfield).

Wendy Pollock and her daughter have organized a Road Trip, fundraising in aid of the Cancer Council of WA. Check out the outside notice board to keep abreast of Wendy's lunches/dinners in aid of this very good cause.

Australian Novice Pairs

Held on Monday, 27th May 2024. This was a bit of a pickle organizing the two sections, Novice and non-Novice!!! Each register recorded 8 pairs participating. As Director, I came in early to set up the 2 x 4 table Howell movements. Nearer to the time of play, both sections had an extra pair turn up. It took a little time to reset the movements, listing and seating. It took an extra 15 minutes to get both sections going. Thank you all for your patience.

Winners of the Australian Novice Pairs

Mike Fulwood and Jenni Creddon

E 2nd

Richard Usher and Campbell McKenzie

Jenny Churchill and Mike Dawson

Nia Parker and Lyn Bolton

Section B Winners

Nicky O'Connell and Jane Ophorst

E 2nd

Joan Rickers and Rita Hood

David Clark and Andrew Marsh

Coming Up

Winter Pairs, Friday, 7th June 2024

Happy Bridging,

Di Brooks

Big Morning Tea for the Cancer Council of WA

On **Wednesday 19th June** there will be a morning tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council. You and your friends/family are welcome to attend.

Entry by donation, **10.30 start**. There will be raffles and a quiz, with a new quiz master. Please bring a plate.

Any donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. There is a donation basket at the back of the bridge room.

There will be a bridge session in the afternoon, as usual. Table money will be donated to the Cancer Council.



Mon 3rd Western Australia Day (normal session)

Friday 7th Winter Pairs

Wednesday 19th Big Morning Tea for Cancer

Monday 24th Bridge Lessons Break

Friday 28th Committee Meeting

Happy birthday to Ron

A lovely happy photo of Ron in front of his delicious cake. They just keep coming Ron and a little bird tells me you never want to bother with anyone knowing, but Ron, we know when your birthday is, and we want to celebrate it with you. Still looking marvellous Ron.



With love and best wishes from all the members.

Happy 90th birthday to Jill

Jill celebrated her 90th birthday on Mother's Day, 12th May and that same little bird told me she was going to celebrate with crayfish and oysters. Go Jill!

We, the Club, celebrated her milestone on Monday 13th with a most delicious cake and a liquid gift, I understand, was presented to Jill.



Congratulations Jill and may you have many, many more such celebrations.

Congratulations Sharon

Congratulations go to Sharon Thompson, one of our alternate members, on being elected to President of the North Shore Bridge Club.

NSBC in Sydney, is the largest bridge club in Australia, with 1600 members. It has two venues, holds 36 sessions a week, (both face to face and online) and lessons both online and in the club.

Sharon and some of her friends only started bridge lessons during covid with our own teacher, Nicky, and very proud Mum!!

Reminder concerning cut off dates for red point events

Members are asked to consider the cut off dates for red point events. Directors often mention in the normal sessions that cut off dates apply to special events and ask members to comply.

Directors have a lot to consider when conducting these events, ie people requiring seated positions, type of movement best suited, how many tables needed, just to mention a few and it takes time to organise.

So members, please remember this.

It is at the discretion of the Director on the day, whether you are allowed to play. YOU CAN BE SENT HOME AT THE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION.

Members are invited to come in on a Saturday morning to meet the new members ready to be launched into the big room.

Di thought it might be a good idea for members to come in to meet the new learners on a Saturday morning at 10.00 am. Preferably with a plate of goodies. These keen new members are being prepared to come to the sessions, so it may make it easier for them if they know some of the existing members.



This is Waikiki in the storm the other night. The resident said she took this photo at 3.38 am no flash. Lightning struck as she took the photo.

Nicky sent this in to show the amount of hail received.

I also went on to the Channel 9 news and saw the photo on their website.

Awesome. A one in a million.

City of Rockingham Volunteer Recognition



Di and Dave with their Volunteer Certificates presented by the Rockingham City Council.

Di Brooks was a Finalist in the Senior Volunteer of the Year and the Rockingham Bridge Club as a Community Volunteer Organisation in the recent City of Rockingham Volunteer Awards.

Over the past 40 plus years, Diane has been a stalwart of the Rockingham Bridge Club, taking on many Committee roles from Publicity Officer to President (more than once) and continues to be the stopgap when a jobs need doing.

She is a qualified Bridge teacher and has taught almost continuously in that time, believing that everyone can learn to play, and enjoy this wonderful card game. She has taken on extra classes when other teachers are unavailable because she doesn't want anyone to miss the opportunity to learn, even though this is an impost on her time.

At Seniors Expo Days, run by the City of Rockingham, Diane can be found setting up and manning the Club stall, encouraging passersby to have a go and perhaps come to our introductory Morning Teas.

Diane is well known Statewide in the bridge world and is a staunch promoter of Rockingham and surrounds as a wonderful place to visit (and play Bridge).

Strictly speaking, RBC is not a Volunteering Organisation as that is not our core work, but we were commended for our fundraising efforts on behalf of another group. Dave Clark's efforts to support the Containers for Change Programme, by providing a collection point for members, was applauded. Dave has collected \$1788.10 to date of writing this article.

Rockingham Bridge Club has fundraised for a local community-based charity since the late 1990s, holding a major Gala Day each year as well as small ongoing activities all year round.

Until November 2022, the main recipient charity was the Rockingham and District Silver Chain Fundraising Committee. Up to that point, over \$81 000 had been raised by the members of the Rockingham Bridge Club (which has never had more than 100 members at any one time).

It was decided that from 2023 our recipient charity would be Coastal District Care, another locally based charity.

Promotions



Michael Dawson receiving his certificate from Di Brooks, President.



Roy Hughes and Jenny Currin receiving their certificates from Nicky O'Connell.



Jenny Green receiving her certificate from Sandra Hardie, director of the 777 Teams Event. I don't know what Jenny was trying to portray in this photograph.

Michael (Mike Dawson) has just been awarded the Silver Local Master Award.

Roy Hughes was also awarded the Silver Local Master Award.

Jenny Currin was awarded Club Master Award.

Jenny Green was awarded the Bronze Regional Master

Congratulations to all the above and may they continue to enjoy their bridge playing.



Have you heard the saying,
ALL ACTIONS HAVE
CONSEQUENCES from
Wisdom Parenting.
Perhaps give a thought to
role reversal!



777 Rockingham Teams Event May 2024

There was a frisson of excitement in the air on Wednesday morning when teams were preparing for the 777 Teams Event.

Team leaders were coaching their newer members on how they should respond and telling them at the same time to enjoy themselves.

Some of the newer members were a tad nervous to start off, but the nerves soon settled, and a most enjoyable afternoon followed.

Our illustrious director, Sandra Hardie, from Mandurah (sporting a black eye, but assuring that the other person was still in hospital), filled us with awe and respect and we all bowed to her directions.

Thanks to Roz Davey for organising the event, Yvonne Matthews for providing the eats and drinks and to all the ladies who assisted in the afternoon tea and helping to set up and tidy away.

First place went to the Shackles Team: Barry Shackles, Alan Simpson, Helen and Steven Rogoysky.

Second place went to the Creedon Team: Steve Cuddihy, Nicky O'Connell, Lyn Bolton and Jenni Creedon.

Third place went to the Philpot Team: Betty Philpot, Jenny Churchill, Debbie Kelly and Pat Ditchfield.



The Shackles team with trophy.
Here with Nia Parker, Vice
President.



The Creedon team.
Here with Nia Parker,
Vice President.



Taurus Pairs



Congratulations to N/S winners, Lyn Bolton and Jenni Creedon. Lyn looks absolutely delighted and rightly so. This pair achieved a 58.55% for their effort. Here with Di Brooks.



Congratulations to E/W winners of the Taurus Pairs, Nicky O'Connell and Mike Fulwood. They scored a whopping 70.03%. Here they are pictured with Di Brooks, President.

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



Smiles from Richard

A little boy goes to his father and asks, “Daddy, how was I born?”

The father answers,

“Well, son, I guess one day you will need to find out anyway!

Your mum and I first got together in a chat room on Yahoo. Then I set up a date via e-mail with your mum and we met at a cyber-cafe. We sneaked into a secluded room and googled each other. There your mother agreed to a download from my hard drive. As soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered that neither one of us had used a firewall, and since it was too late to hit the delete button, nine months later a little Pop-Up appeared that said: 'You've got male!'"

Priest's Retirement Dinner

A priest was being honoured at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner.

However, he was delayed, so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited.

“I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had an affair with his boss's wife, and taken illegal drugs. I was appalled. As the days went on, I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people.”

Just as the priest finished, the politician arrived full of apologies for being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk:

"I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived," said the politician. "In fact, I had the honour of being the first person to go to him for confession."

Moral of the story: Never, Never, Never Be Late.



This month's Grand Slammers:

Steve and Helen Rogovsky 7NT 28/5/24

This month's 70+% Winners:

Nicky O'Connell and Mike Fulwood 70% 6/5/24

Di Brooks and Roz Davey 72.9% 25/5/24



Congratulations



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



*Happy birthday
to you*

June

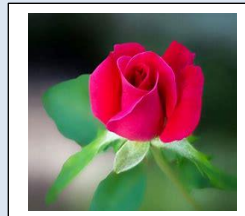
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| 5 | Nicky O'Connell |
| 6 | David Clark |
| 6 | Nia Parker |
| 6 | Bruce Leedman |

People born in June are considered social butterflies because they are charismatic, are talented and good looking, they are intelligent, are extremely inquisitive and have a childlike nature.

People born in June are great communicators and can easily draw everyone's attention.



This June birthstone's iridescent beauty has inspired many stories. Ancient Japanese folktales told that pearls were created from the tears of mythical creatures like mermaids and nymphs. Early Chinese civilizations believed that dragons carried pearls between their teeth and the dragon had to be slain to claim the pearls, which symbolized wisdom.



The rose was created by Chloris, the Greek goddess of flowers, out of the lifeless body of a nymph, which she found one day in a clearing in the woods. She asked the help of Aphrodite, the goddess of love, who gave her beauty; Dionysus, the god of wine, added nectar to give her a sweet scent, and the three Graces gave her charm, brightness, and joy.



Janice's Jokes

Irish Craic and Humour Craic O'Doyle

The brain is the most amazing organ. It works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from birth until you fall in love.

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Irish Craic and Humour

I don't like to think before I speak...

I like to be just as surprised as everyone else about what I say.

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Craic O'Doyle

IRISH:

I had the right to remain silent... but being IRISH I didn't have the ability!

Irish Craic and Humour

"Mr. Murphy, "I have reviewed this case very carefully" the divorce court judge said, "And I have decided to give your wife £775 a week."

"That's very fair your honor" the husband said, "And every now and then I will try to send her a few quid myself"

Paddy took 2 stuffed dogs to the Antiques Roadshow....

"Ooh!" Said the presenter, "This is a very rare breed, do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks." replied Paddy.

Irish Logic! Craic O'Doyle

I always found it a bit confusing when the teacher would say "Don't get smart with me!"

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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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