



December
2024

Keeping you
informed



President's Report

The year is almost up. The Christmas party is set for Monday, 9th December. I hope all members will come along to celebrate our year and acknowledge the work done by our volunteers. (There will be no bridge after lunch, after members at the A.G.M. voted to have a different format in 2024.)

We also have a basket for goodies, which will be donated to C.D.C. to add to their hampers for the clients.

The Committee and I take this opportunity to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Safe New Year.

Di Brooks
President



Monday 23	Last Session before Christmas
Weds 25	Christmas Day – no session
Thurs 26	Boxing Day Public Holiday -no session
Monday 30	Last Session for 2024



Honey Richards and Rita Rothwell.

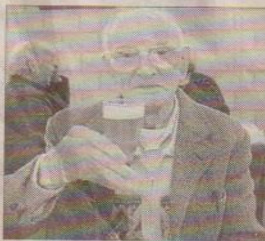


Joan Drinkwater and Betty Crompton.

‘Grudge match’ lot of fun

ROCKINGHAM Bridge Club’s annual “grudge match” against the Fremantle Bridge Club resulted in an overall win for the Rockingham club.

Club spokeswoman Diane Brooks said the Fremantle club hosted the match this year with its usual friendly hospitality.



Bill Chalmers (89) enjoys a beer.

“Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event and came away singing the praises of Fremantle,” she said.

Diane won the Rockingham Bridge Club individual competition. Session winners were Ron Philpot and Robin Aplin.

“The Rockingham Club also takes part in the Open Teams and Restricted Teams events,” Diane said.

“The Restricted Team of Janice Hawker, Beryll Woollard, Vlad Vlak and Ray Merrick played against Maylands and won 16 to 14.

“The winter pairs winners were Janice Hawk and Beryll Woollard.”



Jean Minns and Chris Henriques.

Janice Hawker kindly presented me with this old clipping. I am sure some of you have fond memories. You will have spotted Jean Minns name instead of Peg Brady the Club’s founder.

NEWS

Honours spread around

TWENTY-seven tables competed on Saturday for the pairs and 24 teams vied for first place Sunday at the Rockingham Bridge Congress.

The Rockingham members fared well against their Perth opponents with honours in most cases equally divided.

Carol Emerson and Fred Harrison, of Rockingham, won the best understate masters pair contest, while the finals of the pairs went to Bruce Frasier and Dave Munro, from Perth, and first in the plate went to T.P. Ranasinghe and Wayne Gyde, also of Perth.

Rockingham's Di Brooks and Pauline Hammond tied with Perth's Ann Bate and Jean McLarty for equal second in the pairs' final.

Ron Goodwin and Piri Kasco and Ian Oldham and Sadie Wells, all of the Rockingham club, finished third and fourth respectively in the Plate.

President Janice Hawker and tournament officer Ian Oldham presented the prizes.

Tomorrow from 10am to noon, the Rockingham club will hold an open day, offering the public a chance "to discover the benefits of contract bridge".

Full congress results:

Saturday Pairs: Qualifying round: 1st Di Brooks and Pauline Hammond (R'ham), 2nd Egmont Melton and John



Club president Janice Hawker (left) with other competitors Heather Williams Patti McNamara, Di Brooks and Pauline Hammond.

Beddow (R'ham), 3rd Darrell and Jackie Williams (Perth), Finals: 1st Bruce Frasier and Dave Munro (Perth); equal 2nd; Ann Bate and Jean McLarty, Di Brooks and Pauline Hammond (R'ham); 4th Jan Howell and Elizabeth McNeill (Perth). Best Performing Rockingham Pair, not receiving a prize, Egmont Melton and John Beddow (R'ham); Best Understate Masters Pair: Carol Emerson and Fred Harrison (R'ham). Plate: 1st T.P. Ranasinghe and Wayne Gyde (Perth); 2nd Pamela Smith and Judith Selleck (Perth); 3rd Ron Goodwin and Piri Kasco (R'ham); 4th Ian Oldham

and Sadie Wells (R'ham). Consolation: 1st Nell and Bester (Perth); 2nd Robert and Merleine Wylie (Perth); Jeanette Gale and Dianne Redgment (Perth); 4th Glass and Denis Laurence (Perth). Sunday Teams: 1st HAMMOND (Pauline Hammond, Patti McNamara and Heather Williams) SMITH (Pam Smith, Judith Selleck, Val Isle; 3rd EDISON (John and Heather Edmondson). Best Rockin Team: PHILPOT (Ron and Betty Philpot, Jan Ha Beryl Woollard).

Imagine 27 tables at our Congress in February. Mike Fulwood would be very surprised at that number.

Some gentle poems from the heart

A Poem Written by Ron Philpot's father

To grow old is not a choice we make
To go on living, just for living's sake...but
To recognise the joys each new day brings,
To appreciate the little happenings.

To treasure friends and neighbours day by day,
To analyse what people "mean", as well as what they say,
To grow older is to grow more wise,
To see things through more kindly eyes.

To live declining years in happiness and bliss.
To sometimes ease the tension with a loving kiss,
To go back through the years that've gone before,
To live in hope and wish for many more.
To have a high regard for honesty and truth,

Then...growing old – relives the joys of youth. **Chas. J. Philpot**

The Year's Journey by Iris Hesselden submitted by Hazel Bennett

We're on a journey through the year,
 We'll travel on together,
Through all the ups and downs of life
 And every kind of weather.
There may be rough and rocky roads,
 There may be hills to climb,
But some days there'll be peaceful paths
 And gentle healing time.
And on this journey through the year
 We'll meet old friends once more,
And share the joys of memories
 The way we've done before.
And as we travel on our way,
 Whatever lies ahead,
We'll share the love which never dies
 And lights the path we tread.
And so, with hope to lift our hearts,
 And faith to be our guide,
We'll take the journey through the year
 Together side by side.

A loving nature
A heart of gold,
The very best
This world could hold.
Never selfish, always kind,
These are the memories
You left behind
A silent thought
A quiet prayer,
For a special person
In God's care.

**Placed by his daughter
on the 8th anniversary.**

Christmas at RBC.

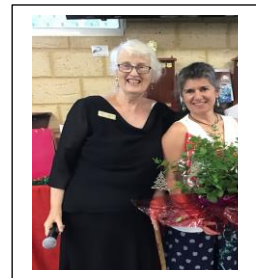
On Saturday members went in to decorate the hall and get it ready for Monday's Luncheon.



Sue Stephen, Jenny Churchill, Lyn Bolton, Decorated Helen Hansell, Yvonne Mathews, Roz Davey and Janice Hawker.



Tables are decorated and all set to go.



A special thank you to Yvonne Mathews for taking on the catering role.

A thank you to our Vice President Nia Parker for her work this year.



Di presenting a cheque for over \$5,000 to Carol the CEO of Coastal Districts Care.

Di cutting our beautiful Xmas fruit cake made by our talented Debbie Kelly.



Debbie Kelly and her husband who provided the music.



It was a delighted Lyn Bolton who received the Janice Hawker Understate Masters Achievement Award. Last I saw she was taking it home. A very popular choice/



Helen Hansell, our amazing treasurer who really is the driving force behind this day. Thank you Helen for all your unselfish work.



Gillian Simmonds won the Bill Chalmers Encouragement Award.



Di Brooks and Dave Clark won the Championship Pairs.



Felicity O'Neil who took over the role as Secretary.



Roz Davey our Tournaments Director



Jenny Churchill our Membership Officer



Janice Hawker will find you a partner and sell you a raffle ticket at the time.



Barry Shackles. Director in training.



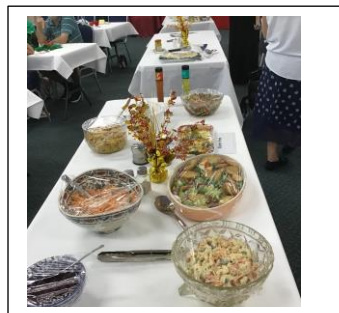
Liz Sayers who looks after the trading table and first aid.



Hilary Tunnard who keeps our Facebook up to date beautifully.



Card Dealers Sue Stephen, Richard Usher and Liz Hill.



A big thank you to all who brought the yummy food on the day and everyone who helped in the organisation and preparation to make our Christmas Lunch a huge success.



Melbourne Cup Day at RBC

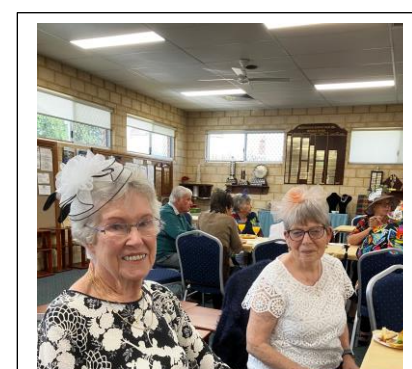
A very happy, enjoyable day was held for Melbourne Cup on Tuesday the 5th November. Thirty people attended the function in various hat designs. A prize was given to Rosemarie McCaskie for her creative hat designs for herself and others. David Clark won the men's title with his straw boater and sparkling blue bow tie.

The food was amazing and my special thanks to Yvonne Mathews for her terrific organization. Also, Nia Parker and David Clark for ensuring that we could view the race through streaming on our TVs. And to Nicky O'Connell for her gorgeous roses. Thank you to everyone for the terrific food and the happy atmosphere that was created.

The \$5 sweepstakes was won by Miriam Garbutt and Janice Hawker with Knights Choice. Second was Rosemarie McCaskie and Steve Cuddihy on Warp Speed. Third was Hudson Creedon and Betty Philpott on Okita Soushi. The \$2 sweep was won by Nicky O'Connell, Yvonne Mathews and Sue Cook. Second was Gail Mountain, Nicy O'Connell and Joan Rickers. Third was Margaret Fogarty, Sue Stephen and Nicky O'Connell.

What a wonderful day! Keep next year free.

Janice Hawker. **And thanks to you Janice for organising the sweeps which is a time-consuming job. Well done. And thank you Nicky O'Connell for all the beautiful photos.**





One of our members told me this....and it's a true story

The night before the Melbourne Cup my granddaughter Hannah and her partner were talking about The Cup to their daughter, Ella, aged 4. Hannah was showing Ella the colours and numbers of the horses and jockeys and Ella picked out Knight's Choice, based solely on her favourite colours (pink and yellow). Hannah asked her daughter if she would like to put a bet on (win or place). Ella did not seem to understand what a place was, so opted for a win. She asked her Mum to put \$10 on, so Hannah went to the TAB and put \$10 on at 100 to 1.

By the time the race started the odds had shortened to 50 to 1, but Knight's Choice was still a rank outsider. The rest we now know is history, and Knight's Choice won the Cup, and the TAB paid out at yesterday's odds. Little Ella is now very happy that her bank account is \$1,000 better off!

Next time Richard sees his great-granddaughter, he's going to ask her about lotto numbers!

Boiled pineapple fruit cake recipe by popular demand. Debbie Kelly



Ingredients

1 cup sugar
450 gm can crushed pineapple
500 gm mixed fruit
1 tsp bicarb soda
1 tsp mixed spice and cinnamon
125 gm butter
1 cup plain flour
1 cup self-raising flour
2 eggs

Method

Place sugar, contents of can of pineapple, chopped mixed fruit, bicarb of soda, spice and butter into a saucepan. Bring to boil, boil 3 minutes, remove from heat, allow to become cold.

Sift flours together, stir into cold fruit mixture with well-beaten eggs. Place mixture into greased and lined deep 8 in. round cake tin.

Bake in moderate oven approx. 1.5 hours, reduce heat to moderately slow, bake further 20 to 30 mins, or until skewer when inserted, comes out clean.

Enjoy.

Winners are Grinnerers

70% Club Winners

7th October, Di Brooks and Helen Rogoysky with 71.7%.

Grand Slam Winners

18th October, Jane Ophorst and Joan Rickers 7NT N

21st October, Steve and Helen Rogoysky 7S W

Nedra Arnott Pairs



Winners of the Nedra Arnott Pairs were Alan Gransberg and Kimberley Zhao with 64.42% seen here with Bruce Leedman whom I believe is Nedra Arnott's son. This is the second time Alan and Kimberley have won this competition. Congratulations.



Under State Masters on the day were Felicity O'Neil and Roz Davey with a very tidy 55.77%. Congratulations to both ladies but an especial congrats to Felicity who has not been playing very long. She tells me the penny may have dropped. Felicity is also our wonderful secretary at the moment and doing a sterling job.

Christmas Pairs



N/S Winners Di Brooks and Roz Davey with 55.36%.



E/W Winners Nicky O'Connell and Mike Fulwood with 62.80%.



Understate Masters Winners Wendy Pollock and Gillian Simmonds with 53.27%.

Happy



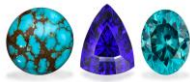
Birthday

December

6	Steve Aldred
9	Sharon Thompson (ALT)
10	Roy Hughes
13	Gail Mountain
15	Nelly Macek
16	Janice Pearson
18	Yvonne Matthews
20	Kerrie Kingston

Characteristics

- Ambition
- Optimism
- Strong sense of responsibility
- Creativity
- Great communication skills



If you had to pick one December birthstone, which would it be: tanzanite, turquoise or zircon? From the blue to bluish purple of tanzanite, to the intense blue and green of turquoise, to the rainbow varieties of zircon – there's a colour for everyone. If blue is what you're looking for, all three December birthstones have their own unique take on this favourite hue. Whatever your colour, style or budget preferences may be, we can help you pick the right December birthstone for you or a loved one.

Narcissus flower



Originates from Greek mythology, associated with the story of Narcissus. Represents beauty and vanity. Signifies renewal and rebirth, with its arrival in spring marking the end of winter.

Symbolizes self-reflection, introspection, and contemplation. In the Victorian language of flowers, it could signify themes like unrequited love, renewal, good luck, and new life



Walter Elias Disney

December 5, 1901–
December 15, 1966)
was an American
animator, film
producer.



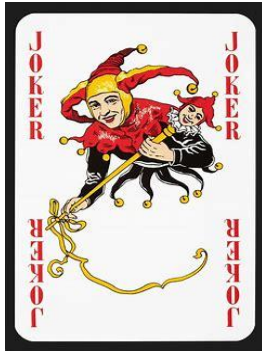
Taylor Alison Swift

(born December 13,
1989) is a very rich
American singer-
songwriter.



William Bradley

Pitt (born December
18, 1963) is an
American actor and
film producer.



Janice's Jokes

Whoever made these bar stools is a pure genius. I had to look twice 🤔👀



It's perfectly OK to talk to yourself and it's perfectly OK to answer yourself. But it's totally sad that you have to repeat what you said because you weren't listening.

Once I went to a party with my husband, full of people he knew (from work) but I didn't. A guy came up to us, turned to me and said "You must be his wife." I turned to my husband and said "You have a WIFE?" Should've seen the guy's face! 🤔

A Scotsman and his wife walked past a swanky restaurant.

"Did you smell that delicious smell?" she asked. "The food must be wonderful."

The Scotsman thought he would treat her.

So he walked past again.

Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life...



Are pointed away from Earth

THE FACT THAT THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO HELL AND ONLY A STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN SAYS A LOT ABOUT ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC NUMBERS.

Spread the word

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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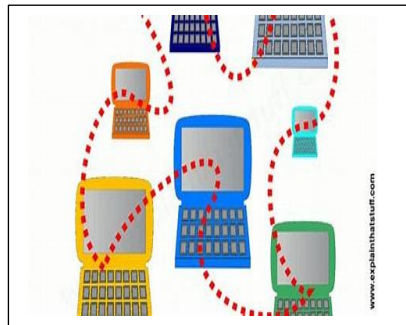
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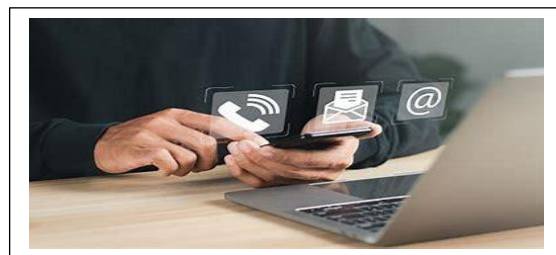
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