



*February  
2025*

*Keeping  
you  
informed*



Happy New Year to one and all. May it be a Happy and Healthy 2025.

Now we are into the New Year, all bridge players need to set up their New Year's Resolution and try to adhere to it!!!!

Red Point events: please bring your System Cards and ensure that both are filled in exactly as each other.

When playing a system that has unusual bids, please "Alert" those bids.

Try to keep your discussion to a bare minimum. Any chatter describing the hands can alert the next table to the style of hands and change the outcome unfairly.

And lastly, Enjoy your Bridge and Make sure that your opponents do so, too.

Happy bridging

Di Brooks  
President

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Please remember to enter upcoming events before the closing date. Directors remind members during normal sessions to get their names in before the event is closed off. The Director on the day sets up the system to be used prior to the event, and if people have not entered their names or arrive unexpectedly, it is up to the Director's discretion whether they can play. So AVOID disappointment and get your names in before the closing date.**



**February**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** Rockingham Congress  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** Rockingham Congress  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** Introductory to Bridge Morning Tea  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** Team Play (nominate as a pair – draw as a team)  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Beginners lessons begin  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Intermediate Bridge Lessons begin  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** Committee Meeting



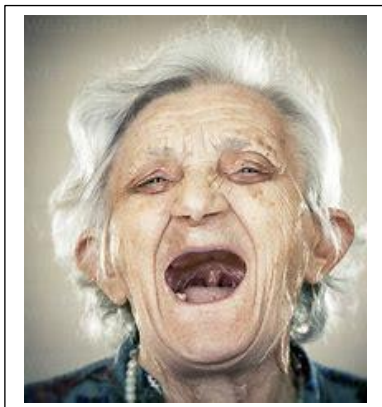
Happy birthday Rita. Thank you for the yummy cheesecake. Best wishes from all your Bridge Friends.



Don't you just love this picture.

Start them young.

Thanks Nicky.



You don't stop laughing when you grow old. You grow old when you stop laughing.

**George Bernard Shaw**

Thanks Hazel. Maybe a different picture would add gravitas to this statement.



## Hazel's Pandora's Box of Beautiful *ART*

Over the years I have looked upon the bridge boards as a Pandora's Box – you just don't know what to expect when you open the cards!

So I thought I would open my Pandora's Box and share with you some of my favourite pieces of art, created over time through various forms of medium.



Pottery



Part of me went into the design of this piece. (luv it!). So do I Hazel! It was my favourite – a cornflower. It is beautifully done, but unfortunately my computer skills did not show it off to advantage. Ask Hazel to show you the picture. Pat



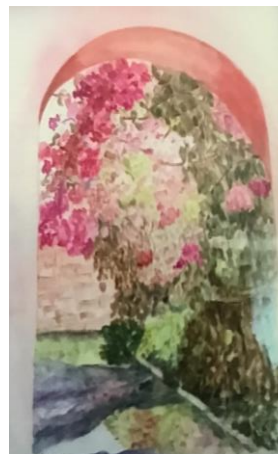
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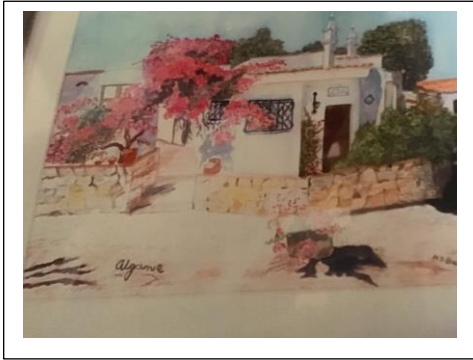
The owl is my  
favourite bird.



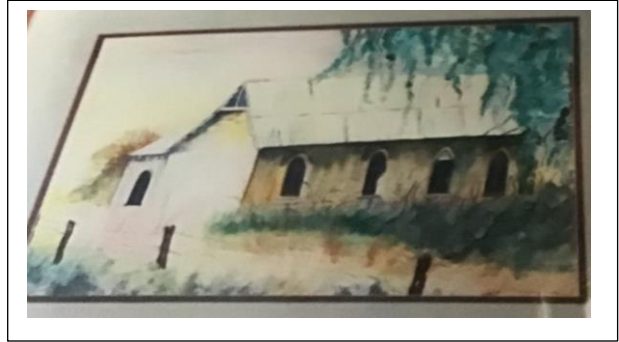
"Toll Cottage" – Ross-on-Wye, UK. We operated as a B&B.



A "bundle of  
blossom" in one of  
our many gardens.



A resting place in the Algarve whilst on a holiday.



Spotted somewhere.



A character cottage in Fremantle.



An early painting.

Did you know that whilst working on de-coding the Enigma machine, three policy cryptoanalysts played bridge to “clear the mind!

Hazel Bennett  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

I would like to add that Hazel’s work is beautiful, but as I said before, my computer skills are such that sometimes the detail in the work is lost.

If you would like to see the pictures which Hazel gave to me, I am sure she would only be too happy to show them to you.

Pat Ditchfield



This is my niece’s daughter Myra.  
She just loves her granddad.  
He was going through a bad patch and she was born. It gave him a new lease of life.  
Her name is Myra Ward.  
He calls her MY REWARD.  
My favourite picture.

# Interclub Teams Competition

This year RBC entered a team in the Novice Section of the Interclub Teams Competition. To qualify players needed to have accumulated less than 100 masterpoints as at the 1st of January 2024.

Each match was contested between four players from our team of Jenni Creedon, Hilary Tunnard, Roz Davey, Nia Parker and Mike Fulwood (also a guest appearance by Jenny Green).

We competed against teams from across Perth travelling as far north as Joondalup and hosting HOME matches at our own club.

Each match consisted of 28 boards where the results from two tables were compared, and IMPs awarded. The winners were the team with the highest number of IMPS for the day.

The two teams then shared Victory Points (VPs) divided to reflect the margin of victory and accumulated VPs determined the final standings in the competition.

Over the course of the year, we experienced every possible result including a comprehensive win, significant defeats, tight matches and even a draw (when both teams scored exactly the same number of IMPs over the 28 boards!!!)

We were warmly welcomed by the opponents at each club and the matches culminated with nibbles and drinks once the match was completed. We thoroughly enjoyed the company and hospitality of other players in our experience level and it was very interesting to visit the various clubs. We got to see where they met and hear about the various club sizes, challenges and opportunities.

In the end our team finished 7th out of 10 teams in the competition.

The opportunity will exist again in 2025, and members of our team want to continue to play again in the future. Perhaps we can even look to enter teams in the other divisions as well (eg INTERMEDIATE and OPEN). Look out for the entry information early next year and get involved.

**Mike Fulwood (Team Captain).**

## Congratulations

### Grand Slammers

8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

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Andrew March/Marie O'Sullivan

Jenni Creedon/Lyn Bolton

Steve Rogoysky/Michael Turner

### 70 percenters

8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Andrew March/Marie O'Sullivan

# Winners are Grinners



Mike Fulwood and Nicky O'Connell were winners of the BP Perpetual Trophy. Both could not attend the Christmas Luncheon unfortunately.



Keeping it in the family Nicky's daughter Jenny Currin won the Mona Walker Under Club Master Award. Congratulations Jenny.



No. It is not a best beard competition. Steve Rogosky is thanking Barry Shackles for his taking on the director training and achieving his goal. Not sure who I would award the best beard to, but Barry is sure making progress with his.



Director, Roz Davey, thanked Mike Fulwood for all his work in organising this year's Rockingham Congress as well as conducting last year's. Mike was also Teams Captain for this year. Thank you Mike.



Winners of the Maurice Richards Memorial Red Point (left) Jenni Creedon and Lyn Bolton with 62.78 and (right) Under State Masters winners, Liz Hill and Wenday Pollock with 59.26%.

# Smiles from Richard

## Simple Home Remedies for Simpletons

- Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else hold them while you chop.
- For high blood pressure sufferers – simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to use a timer.
- A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
- If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives – then you'll be afraid to cough.
- If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.
- You only need two tools in life – **WD-40 and DUCT TAPE.** If it doesn't move and should, use WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use duct tape.

Zookeeper Friedrich Riesfeldt (Paderborn, Germany ) fed his constipated elephant 22 doses of animal laxative and more than a bushel of berries, figs and prunes before the plugged-up pachyderm finally got relief. Investigators say ill-fated Friedrich, 46, was attempting to give the ailing elephant an olive oil enema when the relieved beast unloaded.

The sheer force of the elephant's unexpected defecation knocked Mr Riesfeldt to the ground where he struck his head on a rock as the elephant continued to evacuate 200 pounds of dung on top of him. It seems to be just one of those freak accidents that proves 'shit happens'!

While at the beach, Daniel Jones, 21, dug an 8-foot hole for protection from the wind and had been sitting in a beach chair at the bottom, when it collapsed, burying him beneath 5 feet of sand. People on the beach used their hands and shovels trying to get him out but could not reach him. It took rescue workers using heavy equipment almost an hour to free him. Jones was pronounced dead at a hospital

After stepping around a marked police patrol car parked at the front door, a man walked into H&J Leather & Firearms intent on robbing the store. The shop was full of customers and a uniformed officer was standing at the counter. Upon seeing the officer, the would-be robber announced a hold-up and fired a few wild shots from a target pistol.

The officer and a clerk promptly returned fire, and several customers also drew their guns and fired. The robber was pronounced dead at the scene by Paramedics. Crime scene investigators located 47 expended cartridge cases in the shop. The subsequent autopsy revealed 23 gunshot wounds. Ballistics identified rounds from 7 different weapons. No one else was hurt.

# Happy Birthday



## February

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

February Born people are highly intellectual and extremely conscious. Your vibrant personality works as a magnet for other people. However, your ego always remains on high notes due to which sometimes you have to deal with some family issues and other personal relationships. If you are Feb Born people, then your curious mind always remains cautious.



Amethyst is a purple type of quartz. It is a semiprecious stone that exhibits a vitreous or glassy lustre and typically appears in various shades of violet and purple.

The name amethyst comes from the Greek word amethystos, meaning not intoxicated.

Amethyst symbolises purity, knowledge and divine connection.

## Primrose and Violets



The February birth flowers are the **Violet and the Primrose**. Violets symbolize modesty, humility, and spiritual wisdom. Primroses symbolize new beginnings and young love. Both flowers have deep cultural significance and can be given as gifts.

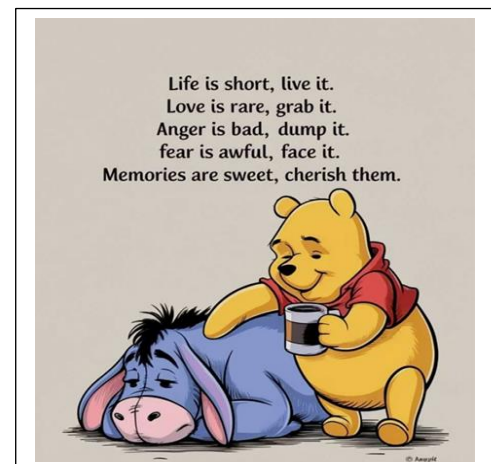
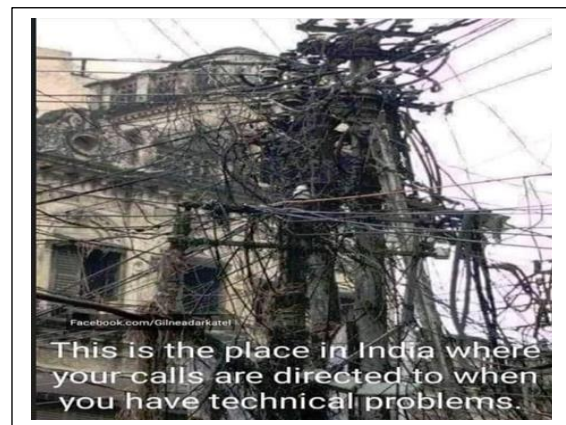
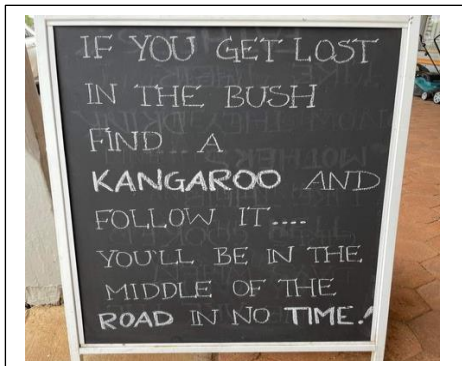


William Clark Gable born Feb 1, 1901, died 16 November 1960, aged 59.

Famous for his role as Rhett Butler in *Gone with the Wind*.



# Janice's Jokes



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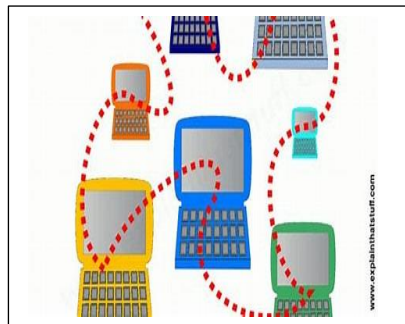
Please **spread the word about the Rockingham Bridge Club**, we would love more members. You can sign up online at:  
<https://rockinghambridgeclub.com/>



## Useful Links

**Club Website**  
**Club Calendar**  
**Club Results**  
**WA Bridge Association**  
**ABF Masterpoint Centre**  
**Focus Magazine**

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