



Congratulations to Rockingham Bridge Club for another successful Congress. Special mention in dispatches: Convenor, Mike Fulwood, for a great job, well done, not to mention the Catering Officer, Yvonne Mathews. Many thanks to Director, Neville Walker and his board carrier, Pam Gale. Some say I am prejudiced, but it was a job well done by everyone.

Our hospitality was as usual to a very high standard due to the generosity and skills of our culinary members. Grateful thanks to you all. This year the committee decided to hold a Novice Section, in order to encourage players with less than 100 points.

Congratulations to R.B.C. Members Pam Hughes and partner, Roy Hughes, winners of the Novice Pairs.

Receiving the Best Rockingham Pair Under State Masters: Jenny Creedon and Lyn Bolton.

Victory again for Rockingham in The Plate. Winners: Sue Stephen and partner, Ron Goodwin.

Final winners coming in 4th, Andrew Marsh and David Clark, winners of the B.P Trophy and Best Rockingham Pair.

And there's more...

Sunday Teams Winners: The Fulwood Team, consisting of Mike Fulwood, Nicky O'Connell, Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao.

Best Rockingham Team: Rogoysky Team, consisting of Steve and Helen Rogoysky, Eugene Wichems, and Robina McConnell.

On a sadder note, RBC members were invited to an afternoon tea in celebration of the life of member Robin Aplin, prior to Robin receiving palliative care. Robin has been a member since the class of 1990. Another part of RBC's history, Robin's mother, Mary Weaver, was part of our founder Peg Brady's team of teachers for the class of 1978 with students: Betty Payne (Philpot), Miriam Garnett and Di Brooks to name the few remaining members. The afternoon was filled with love and laughter, whilst we chatted about our special friend. Robin, we all love you.

Sadly, I report the passing of long time member, Jill Dawson, past President and committee member. Jill was a much loved and revered member of our club. RIP Jill.

Di Brooks, President
February 2025



Monday 3rd

**Labor Day Public Holiday
normal sessions**

Tuesday 4th

Raewyn Lower Pairs

Friday 7th

Annual General Meeting

Monday 17th

Autumn Pairs

Friday 28th

Committee Meeting

RBC Intrepid travellers



Jenny Green sent me this photo of Rita, Pat, Yvonne and Lyn in Sydney obviously with the Opera House behind them. This was taken before they set off for New Zealand.

New carpet for RBC





Helen Hansell our illustrious treasurer was in her glory overseeing the laying of the new carpet. She had three likely lads come into the bridge room. All of them with names starting with L. Was this a sign? Our romantic tragic Helen thought. L for love? This was new territory for her! The first time three lads had names starting with L.

There was Liam who pulled up all of the old carpet squares. Luke, who installed the new ones. Then Lachlan came in the afternoon to install the new dishwasher.

But then Di came and burst the bubble. Di had her photo taken with Luke and then whisked Helen off to lunch to thank her for all her hard work.

Helen loved the new carpet tiles which have cushion backing and are extra soft on the feet. This will also lessen the noise the noise factor, when players become unruly. Helen said the dishwasher is REALLY MADE FOR DUMMIES (i.e. me. I do not do dishwashers) The instructions are

PRESS ON BUTTON – 30MINUTES WILL COME UP FOR THE FAST CYCLE.
Then PRESS START. That cycle stays locked in, so no guessing.

Thank you, Helen for all your work and for being a good sport.

Winners are Grinners



Rita Hood, Rockingham Bridge Club Individual Champion. Runner up was Michael Dawson. Rita seen here with Di Brooks, Club President.

Grand Slams

- 3/2/25 Steve Rogoysky and Michael Turner (7NT)
- 3/2/25 Lyn Bolton and Jenni Creedon (7NT)
- 7/2/25 Rita Hood and Lyn Bolton (7NT)
- 25/2/25 Steve Cuddihy and Gillian Simmonds (7NT)

70% Club

- 18/1/25 Steve and Helen Rogoysky 75.7%

Congress 8th and 9th February 2025



Winner of Teams Event: Fulwood Team. Alan Cransberg, Kimberley Zhao, Nicky O'Connell and Mike Fulwood with Di Brooks, President.



Second Place in Teams. Team Simon Brayshaw, Gerry Daly, Chris Mulley and Viv Wood. Here with Di Brooks, President.



Best Rockingham Pair in Teams:
Steve and Helen Rogoysky. Here with
Di Brooks. I think Steve thought it was
a beauty pageant! No Steve.



Best Rockingham pair for the Saturday.
David Clark and Andrew Marsh. BP
Perpetual Trophy.

The Rockingham Congress was a successful event thanks to Mike Fulwood for convening the congress and Neville Walker, the Director over the two days. It was particularly challenging for the director of the day because he had to oversee three sections of players. Also novices were allowed to compete for the first time, and for many it was a little out of their comfort zone. But at the end of the day, everyone had a wonderful experience.

Of course many hands helped to contribute to the success of the day. Especial thanks to Yvonne Mathews who took charge of all the foods and made sure the kitchen ran smoothly with the help of many of the members who gave of their free time to assist.

A special thanks to all the men and women who helped shift all the furniture around. Thanks also to the ladies who made up the new tablecloths which helped to make the hall look a little special on the day.

RBC Teams Event



Ophorst Team. Michael Dawson,
Pat Ditchfield, Jane Ophorst and
Jenny Churchill (absent). Here with
Di Brooks.

Smiles from Richard

My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have Sex?' 'No,' she answered. I then said, 'Is that your final answer?' She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes..' So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend." And that's when the fight started...

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself." And that's when the fight started.....

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started...

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer... always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?". Dust I said. That's when the fight started.

Happy Birthday



March

2	Sue Cook
6	Nel Willemssen
11	Steven Rogoysky
16	Sally Fielding
17	Betty Philpot
17	Pat Stubbs
26	Robert Wood
27	Barry Shackles



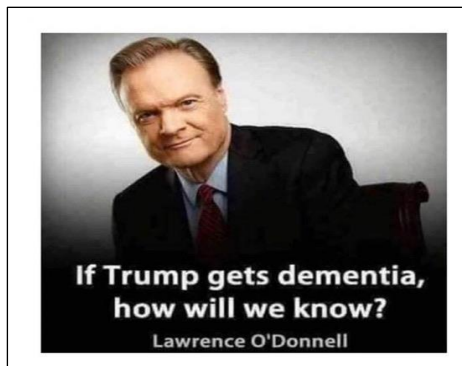
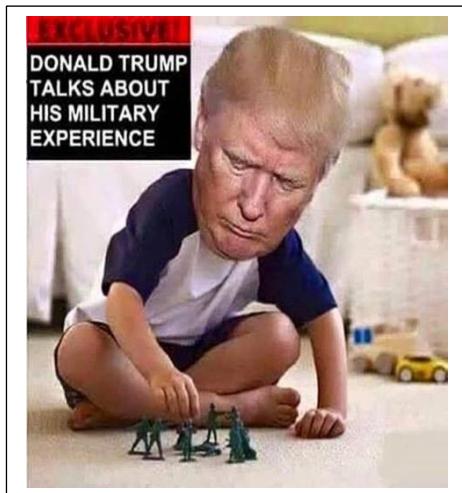
- Associated with calmness, peace, and serenity.
- Linked to the Throat Chakra, enhancing self-expression and intuition.
- Used in meditation and for aligning the chakras.
- Promotes emotional healing, creativity, imagination, and emotional depth.
- Symbolizes tranquility, clarity, and inner peace.
- Associated with communication, self-expression, and spiritual awareness.



- **Renewal and rebirth:** Daffodils symbolize fresh starts in both physical and spiritual senses.
- **Hope and optimism:** Their bright appearance represents positive energy.
- **Happiness, creativity, and enlightenment:** The yellow colour of daffodils is associated with spiritual awakening.
- **Anticipation of brighter days:** As harbingers of spring, daffodils symbolize hope and the end of a cold winter.
- **Courage, growth, and abundance:** Daffodils encourage optimism, rejuvenation, and an abundance mindset.



Janice's Jokes



Paddy's in the bathroom and Murphy shouts to him "Did you find the shampoo?"

Paddy says, "yes but it's for dry hair and I've just wet mine."

Me & my mate were sat in a cafe this morning, the waitress came over and said you can't eat your own sandwiches in here! So we swapped

Mahatma Gandhi said If there is an idiot in power, it means those who elected him are well represented.

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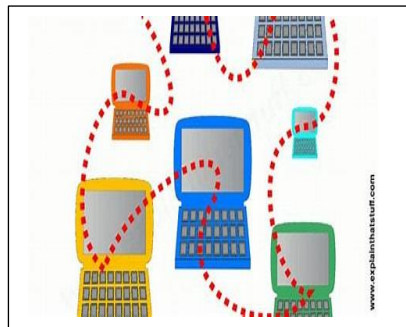
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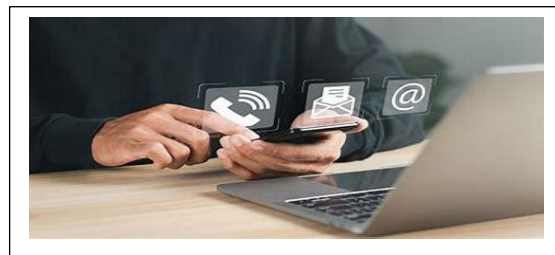
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