



Di Brooks, President gave a short report.

Many thanks to everyone for their support and concern since my accident.

The doctors have advised me that I need to have six weeks of rehab.

Hopefully I will continue to improve so I can get a game of bridge.

The Committee are working hard to keep everything on track.

I would like to point out to all members, that items that need to be brought to the attention of the Committee, need to be put in writing.

Keep well and stay safe.

Happy bridging

Di Brooks
President



Monday 14th Championship Pairs – Round 1

Monday 21st Championship Pairs – Round 2

Friday 25th Committee Meeting

Monday 28th Aust. Wide Restricted Pairs (300 MP)

Congress in Kalgoorlie 2007



Betty Philpot sent me these lovely old photos.

This particular one was taken on 30th March 2007 when a group of Rockingham Bridge players went to Kalgoorlie for Congress. We had a great time in Kalgoorlie. All got together for a meal.

Left side. Rita Hood, Carol Emmerson (?)(?) Trevor Hawker (?) Betty Philpot, Ron Philpot, Ian Oldham (?).

Right side. Ron Goodwin, Denise Goodwin, Gwen Phoebe, Janice Hawker, Marie Ruffin, Frieda Phillippe, (?)(?). **Can you name the queries.**

Melbourne Cup Day.



Front Row. (?) Marie Ruffin, (?), Robin Aplin, Joan Rickers, Mona Walker.

Back row. Betty Philpot, Ann Wilson, Gwen Phoebe (?), June Scott, Hazel Bennett, Priscilla Baker (June Scott's granddaughter) Jane Ophorst. Date taken 7 November 2006.

Gala Day

Gala Day this year was a very low-key event with very low attendance for the bridge session in the afternoon. This was due to the absence of our driving force, namely Nicky O'Connell, who is holidaying in Canada with all her family. As all of you know, Nicky is a great organiser and cook, who filled our produce table her banana breads, jams, chutneys and other goodies. Perhaps next year Gala Day will return to its glory days.

Having said this, there were still lots of hampers, generously donated by members of the club and businesses in the area. Janice Hawker and Nia drew the winners' names during the afternoon session. Winners of the raffles on the day were: Kerrie Kingston, Roz Davey, Alan Cransberg, Pat Hoson, Ron Philpot, Marjorie James, Jenny Churchill, Jenny Green, Roz Davey and Yvonne Mathews. Monies raised on the day were Square \$500, donations were \$120, Raffle tickets \$445, Spring Pairs table money \$350. Total raised for Gala Day was \$1,415.00.



Kerrie Kingston and Pat Hoson with their hampers on the day.



The two lucky Jennies with their prizes on the day.



Tales from Richard and Bronwen

If anyone wondered why their cards were 'better' recently, it was because Richard wasn't dealing them! Richard and Bronwen Usher went on their annual 'walkabout'. They flew non-stop to London and quickly met up with their nephew, Bishop Graham Usher, who is Bishop of Norwich. Graham is a member of the House of Lords, so he gave his uncle and aunt a personal tour followed by lunch in the Peers' Dining Room.

Richard continues.....The next 3 weeks were spent touring England and Wales visiting friends and family. I particularly enjoyed meeting up with an old school friend whom I have known for more than 70 years.

While in Wales we took the 102-year-old steam train up to the summit of Snowdon (1085m). Such a shame it was a terrible day and soon after leaving Llanberis station we were in thick cloud all the way and saw nothing!

At the end of July we flew to Reykjavik in Iceland and spent the next three days exploring that remarkable city. We then joined a small group (only 11 people) to spend the next two weeks circumnavigating the entire island by road. Iceland can really be summed up in just a few words – waterfalls, volcanoes, lava, fishing, cold and beautiful. The large glaciers created giant rivers, which in turn created giant waterfalls. Sometimes, looking up at a mountain side, you could see eight or ten small waterfalls.

We walked over the Rift Valley where the North American and Eurasian continents are pulling apart. We went to the great Geyser area and watched Strokkur Geyser erupt every 10 seconds or so, spouting hot water about 20m high into the air. We had a cruise on an amphibian boat around the Jokulsarlon Glacier Lagoon, where we sailed among floating icebergs. Some icebergs were deep blue indicating compressed snow over hundreds of years while others were black – from volcanic ash.

In the northwest fjords we got up close and personal to puffins – so cute, but we had to carry sticks above our heads to ward off arctic terns from swooping on us while also watching whales as they frolicked close inshore to the black rocks.

It was an amazing 'summer' holiday, and one we will never forget. Iceland is an incredible country and well worth the long journey to get there. Do take plenty of warm clothes and don't forget the scarf, gloves and beanies in summer. However, do take your bathers as the experience of a dip in a big thermal pool will stay with you forever.



Bishop of Norwich Graham Usher with Bronwen and Richard



Gullfoss Waterfall



Skogafoss Waterfall



Dettifoss Waterfall



Strokkur Geyser

SPRING PAIRS



Nicky O'Connell and Mike Fulwood were the winners on the day with a 60.42% result. Here seen with Mike Rogoysky.



Anne-Marie Pritchard and Gillian Mary Simmonds were delighted with their big win as they have not been playing very long. The pair achieved 57.41%. Here they are seen with Helen Hansell, Treasurer.



Another very happy win for Sue Cook and Helen Hansell who were in third place were the under state master winners. Sue and Helen achieved 53.94%. Here they are seen with Steve Rogoysky, Director on the day.

Australia Wide Pairs



Betty Philpot and Jane Ophorst were the overall winners of the Australia Open Pairs with 64.81%. Here they are seen with Di Brooks, President. Congratulations ladies on a very fine win.



Nicky O'Connell and Mike Fulwood with the E/W winners of the Australia Open Pairs with 58.15%. Here they are seen with Di Brooks, President. Congratulations to the pair.

Leo Pairs



Janice Hawker and Jenny Green with the N/S winners of the Leo Pairs with 58.33%. Here seen with Di Brooks, President



Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg were the E/W winners with 68.70%. Here with Di Brooks, President. Congratulations.



Ron Goodwin and Pat Hoson, a relatively newly formed partnership, were the USM winners with 53.70%. Here seen with Di Brooks. Well done you two.



This month's Grand Slammers:

Hilary and Walter Hall 7D E 31/8/24

This month's 70+% Winners:

Steve and Helen Rogovsky 71.9% 27/8/24

Steve and Helen Rogovsky 75.0% 17/9/24

Steve and Helen Rogovsky 70.5% 24/9/24

Andrew Marsh and David Clark 70.5% 25/9/24



Congratulations



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*Happy birthday
to you*

October

04	Andrew Marsh
11	Janice Hawker
13	Margaret Fogarty
16	Jill Clark
16	Jenny Currin
19	Frank Hoad
27	Joyce Wilcock
28	Yvonne Hoops

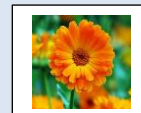
You make others feel comfortable. People love being around you, and you love them, too. A room full of people is your happy place.

Your eye is unmatched. You see colour combinations, patterns, and art where other people can't, and your creative gifts pay off in big ways.

You're a master communicator. You don't stress about having a difficult conversation.



While Opals are beautiful gemstones that look stunning on anyone, for those born in October, it has an extra touch of meaning. Opal is the traditional and modern [birthstone for the month of October](#) (along with the [birthstone tourmaline](#)). The word 'Opal' is said to be a derivative of the Sanskrit word *upala* meaning precious stone as well as the Greek *opallios* meaning 'to see a change of colour'.



The meaning of the Marigold flower. The October birth flower.

Cheerfulness, joy, and happiness

Positive energy, good luck, optimism, hope, warmth, and lightheartedness.

Feelings of grief, mourning, protection, and remembrance
Associated with creativity and inspiration

Symbolizing purity, divinity, and the connection between life and death



Janice's Jokes

It was a practical session in the psychology class. The professor showed a large cage with a male rat in it. The rat was in the middle of the cage.

Then, the professor put a piece of cake on one side and put a female rat on the other side. The male rat ran towards the cake and ate it.

Then, the professor changed the cake and replaced it with some bread. The male rat again ran towards the bread.

This experiment went on with the professor changing the food every time.

And, every time, the male rat ran towards the food item and never towards the female rat.

Professor asked the students: This experiment shows that food is the greatest strength and attraction, do you agree?

Then, one of the students from the back rows said: "Sir, why don't you change the female rat? This one might be his wife!"

The professor stood straight up his finger pointing towards the student and said "You just got an A."

A dog story I heard from the table next door to us at the local cafe. From Nicky.

A gentleman was walking out of the cafe and these two ladies sat at the table next door asked, "Where is your dog?"

He said, "We were just having a coffee sat here," and he pointed to the table we were now occupying. He continued "I got up to go and pay and my wife also started to get up and the dog thought well it's time to be off!"

"So off he walks, but his lead is still tied to the chair and the chair goes with him. In a great panic and scared out of his wits as this chair is chasing him, he runs faster and faster around in circles across the road, and the faster he runs the faster the attached chair runs."

"Eventually, a pole came between chair and dog, and he was brought to an abrupt halt, where the wife was able to console him and detach the now mangled chair."

The gentleman then proceeded to pay for the damage. An expensive coffee.



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