



*May*  
*2025*



*Keeping*  
*you*  
*informed*

Welcome to another fabulous edition of 7NT. Remember, you can help keep it fabulous by submitting holiday photos (I never go anywhere so love looking at holiday snaps), jokes or interesting bridge tidbits.

I'd like to give a shout-out to our Directors who do such a fabulous job. Please, please remember to be respectful ALWAYS when they come to your table. Accept the ruling with grace (if you disagree with the decision, there are avenues you can take - arguing at the table is NOT one option).

RBC doesn't have many Directors, I sometimes wonder if that's because the grief isn't worth it. Consider your own table etiquette....does it need improvement?

On a happy note, this past Monday saw our Intermediate Inter-Club Team host WABC (they have over 900 members)....we won with a healthy margin!

Nia Parker  
President

A shout out from me for all the members who came forward with ideas and articles for this edition.

It is very much appreciated when people come forward and help to make the 7NT interesting and informative.

Pat Ditchfield  
Editor



**Friday May 2 Committee Meeting**  
**Friday May 2 Teams Plan (Masters Teams of three)**  
**Mon May 12 Taurus Pairs, Red Point Event**  
**Mon May 26 Aust Wide Pairs (TBC)**  
**Friday May 30 Committee Meeting**

The editor of 7NT would like to make the following corrections with sincere apologies. Our illustrious President, Nia Parker, has waited years to become a 70% er. And on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, she did achieve a whopping 74% with Helen Rogoysky.

The editor on auto-pilot saw this and immediately typed in Steve and Helen Rogoysky instead of Nia. The editor takes full responsibility and congratulates you on your 74%.

## Happy birthday Joan Hazel and Liz



Joan celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday with us all on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

She brought in a beautiful sponge cake for us all to share with her.



Hazel celebrated her birthday on 16<sup>th</sup> April but seems to have slipped under the radar at bridge that afternoon.

Hazel did bring in cake and it was commented upon, but Hazel is too reserved to make a fuss.

I heard a whisper that it was Hazel's (not politically correct, two fat ladies) birthday.

So, Hazel on behalf of all your friends at the Rockingham Bridge Club, I wish you a very happy belated birthday.



Liz brought in a beautiful chocolate mud cake for her birthday celebration on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Happy birthday Liz.

# Joan's High Tea

Joyce Lyon put on a delicious high tea for Joan's 92nd birthday at her lovely home in Mandurah, on Sunday of the Anzac Day weekend.

So many yummy treats, all made by the amazing Joyce! Some of Joan's friends sipped champagne while others enjoyed tea, coffee or soft drink.

All commented that they'd never experienced such a spread for afternoon tea. Joan had a lovely time as the guest of honour. Her birthday was on Easter Sunday, the week before.

Needless to say, we all took food home with us! I believe that some tasty morsels found their way to the bridge club the next day.



Congratulations Jenni Creedon in becoming a State Master.

Here with RBC President, Nia Parker.

## It's a small world

By Hilary Hall



At Easter we were invited to a drinks party with neighbours. One of the guests had his sister staying from England who was introduced as 'Deborah Poynton, UK artist.'

I was persuaded to show Deborah my art studio, whereupon she spotted this tapestry of poppies which I had stitched, on my display wall. She had painted the original picture 'Poppies on Salisbury Plains', some years ago and had sold the reproduction rights to a tapestry company to make into kits. So, on the other side of the world, she met a stitcher who had enjoyed bringing her art to life in another dimension.

## Highlighting Albany

Hilary Hall has compiled some very helpful information about Albany, which will be displayed in a plastic sleeve on the notice board for your information.

## Congratulations to the 70+% ers

Steve and Helen Rogoysky 22nd April 72.5%

Di Brooks and Roz Davey 26<sup>th</sup> April 77.5%



# MAHJONG

by KERRIE KINGSTON

Do you want a challenge? (As if Bridge wasn't enough of a challenge!) Then give mahjong a try.

Mahjong is a tile-based game that originated in China. The goal is to collect 14 tiles in specific combinations called chows, pongs and kongs. Like Bridge, it is a game of skill, strategy and luck.

Our two local mahjong clubs are the Classical Club that meets on Thursdays and the Red Dragon Club that meets on Mondays. They began in 1989 at the local TAFE, moved to the Rockingham Football Club and finally found their present home at the Bridge Club in 2003. There are many varieties of mahjong. Our clubs play Millington's Rules, an English version.

At first, mahjong appears complicated, baffling and incomprehensible. The artistry of the tiles, the strange terminology, and the Chinese philosophy embedded in the rules are quite exotic and unique. It has its own language. Players fish the eyes, catch the moon, let off a cannon, rob a kong, scratch a carrying pole and other strange moves.

It may seem difficult but it's actually easy. Just six lessons, a dozen practise games and you're ready to be a winner – if luck is with you!

The game is played by four individuals, no partners and no changing tables. The twittering, the noisy click of the tiles and the chatter of the players is quite different to the silence of Bridge.

Mahjong is a lot of fun, very social, and gives the brain a good workout, just like Bridge. There are fun nights where players share a meal, Christmas and birthday parties, tournaments, trophies and cash prizes.

If you're interested in learning more or having a go, register your interest in the next set of lessons with Jean 0407517589 or Lynn 0402494690.

Our own Joan Rickers played mahjong for many years I am told.

# Ode to Bridge

By Frank van Wezel Submitted by Janice Hawker

I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night,  
It's Amen to Staymen, I give up the fight.  
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles;  
I can't sleep at night for remembering doubles.

What to bid, what to lead, and which cards have been played?  
Did my partner's discard mean she wanted a spade?  
So for now it's all over - I'm off to the backwood,  
I'm bidding good riddance to Gerber and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain,  
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.  
I'm giving up bridge - tonight's a bad night,  
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right.

My partner's quite hopeless but tends to blame me,  
When we go down in four and we should be in three.  
And I sit there in dread when I hear her say "double",  
She does it a lot and it always means trouble.

My points are not high, and I'm wondering why,  
She keeps on and on bidding right up to the sky;  
We're in seven hearts and my nerves are all frayed,  
When wonder of wonders - the contract is made!

We've got all the tricks, the defenders look grey,  
And I have to admit that my partner's okay.  
But ... I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night,  
Farewell to conventions, I give up the fight!

So I end with some words that I know to be true,  
Bridge is a game, not for me but for you.  
So be kind to your partners, and don't mind their cheek,  
For it's only a game - oh! and see you next week!



# Aries Pairs

The Aries Pairs was a very well organised and conducted event, thanks to Roz Davey, Tournament Director and Di Brooks, Director. There were 9 full tables and many members stayed afterwards for the results, photo shoot and refreshments.



E/W winners on the day were Hilary and Walter Hall with 59.72%. Here with Di Brooks, Patron and Helen Hansell, Treasurer.



N/S winners were Jan Pearson and Gillian Simmonds with 62.50%. Here seen with Di Brooks, Patron and Helen Hansell, Treasurer.



Under State Masters who won on the day were Barry Shackes and Lee Bunney. Here with Di Brooks and Helen Hansell.

# Memories from Richard

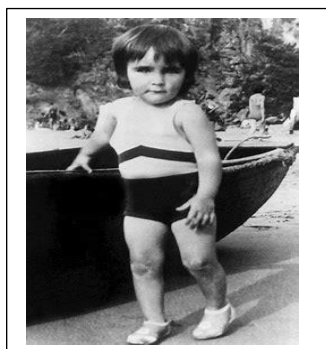
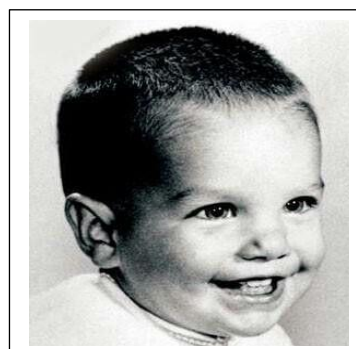
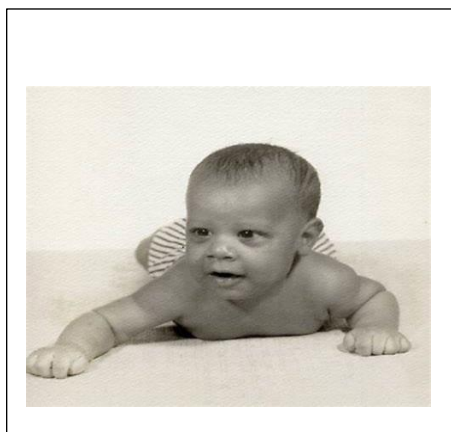




## May birthdays

- 4 Ron Philpot
- 5 Pauline Yewers
- 9 Carol Joyce
- 12 Jill Dawson
- 17 Helen Smit
- 21 Steve Cuddihy
- 30 Ann Wilson

## Can you guess who?





# Janice's Jokes

the correct place for the phone is below and slightly to the left of the bread plate



The father of this little girl says he brought her a cat to forget about the phone, but this is what happened.



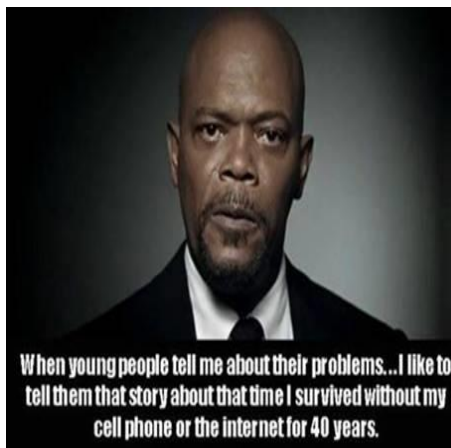
The phone my sister has (she's six)



The phone I had when I was six



"Is everything OK? You haven't photographed your food yet."



I STILL HAVE A LANDLINE.

OR AS I LIKE TO CALL IT,  
"A CELL PHONE FINDER."

## Spread the word

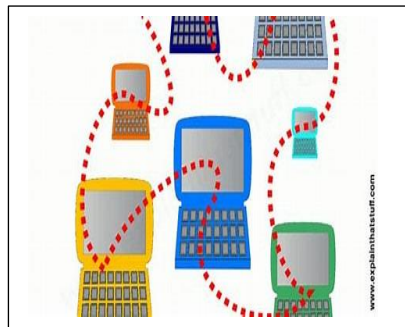
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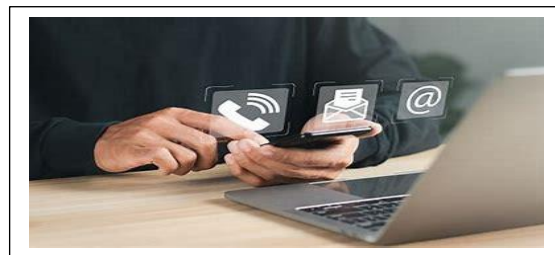
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