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informed*



Welcome back to our 7NT editor! I'm sure I'm not the only one who missed getting a newsletter last month but a UK holiday was a valid excuse 😊

Our Anniversary lunch in early July was a lovely social event- thank you to all who helped put it together. It's nice to have a chat about things other than cards.

It was disappointing to have to cancel our qualifying GNOT event, however, I am hopeful that as more opportunities arise to play Teams and players become more comfortable with this format, we will have more people interested in participating next year.

Our Sunday Learners' afternoon was a great success and as I write this, plans are in place for another one on August 31st. Thanks to Mike Fulwood for coordinating, and thank you to all our experienced players who come along to support our developing players.

The winter nasties are still with us, with a number of members being sick. I'd like to remind everyone that hand sanitiser is provided in a number of places at the Club, please use it! Also, if you have a cough or are not fully recovered from a cold, consider wearing a mask so as to keep your germs to yourself.

Gala Day, in support of Coastal Districts Care, is to be held on September 17th. Your support, in the form of donations for our raffle, purchase of raffle tickets or supply of goods for sale on the day are all gratefully received and much appreciated.

I just love bridge- don't you? 😊

Nia Parker, President

Best of 3 competition for Friday sessions

During the month of August we ran a Best of 3 competition for Friday sessions. Over the 5 Fridays of August, CompScore collated the results of all pairs who played together 3 times or more. The best 3 scores of that partnership were used to rank these pairs.

13 partnerships were eligible and the top 5 received Green Points (in addition to any they may have won on a previous Friday).

As well as offering more opportunities to win Green Points, this concurrent competition helps us secure the rights to our Red Point allocation.

It is planned to run the same competition for Wednesdays, in October. To be eligible, the same pairing needs to play on at least 3 Wednesdays in that month (there are 5).

CHANGES TO THE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1. Monday 8th and 15th September - Club Teams Championship Cancelled.
Interest in Teams competitions is still too low to justify a Teams Championship this year.
2. Rockingham/Mandurah Challenge - Deferred (trying for Sunday 19th October).
3. Students and Mentors Session. Add September 28th

FAQ's about the Laws of Bridge ***When is a card deemed to be played?***

Law 45 C describes when a card is played.

Card Deemed to be played

1. A defender's card held so that it is possible for his partner to see its face is deemed played to the current trick (if the defender has already made a legal play to the current trick, see Law 45E).
2. Declarer is deemed to have played a card from his hand if it is: (a) held face up, touching or nearly touching the table; or (b) maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played.
3. A card in the dummy is played if it has been deliberately touched by declarer except for the purpose either of arranging dummy's cards, or of reaching a card above or below the card or cards touched.
4. (a) A card is played if a player names or otherwise designates it as the card he proposes to play (but see Law 47).
(b) Declarer may correct an unintended designation of a card from dummy until he next plays a card from either his own hand or from dummy. A change of designation may be allowed after a slip of the tongue, but not after a loss of concentration or a reconsideration of action. If an opponent has, in turn, played a card that was legal before the change in designation, that opponent may withdraw the card so played, return it to his hand, and substitute another (see Laws 47D and 16C1).
5. A penalty card, major or minor, may have to be played (see Law 50).

"Light globe moment, if the card in my hand is face up and on or above the table it is deemed to be played."

Metropolitan Novice Teams Event

Super fun and a super learning curve. Many thanks to our members who volunteered or otherwise to play in this event. With five players and one reserve player showing interest, things were looking good for fielding great teams all season. However we got off to a bit of a rocky start, unfortunately as always life gets in the way and by the time the first match was scheduled we were scratching for players.

Our season consisted of six matches, three home and three away, all were enjoyable, albeit some more than others. We had three wins and three losses (I don't think we have to worry about playing off in a final). Meeting players from and visiting other clubs, certainly gives you some understanding of what's happening out there in the rest of the Bridge world.

I hope that the interest in teams play continues to grow in our club and that next year we can perhaps field two Novice Teams and a Restricted Team.

Many thanks to: Pam Hughes, Lyn Bolton, Hilary Tunnard, Debbie Kelly, Jenni Creedon, Nia Parker and an especially big thankyou to Gill Simmonds, all of you contributed in your own way, and I hope you all enjoyed the season as much as I did and can't wait for next years.

Roz Davey
Co-ordinator

Grand Slammers

Walter and Hilary Hall 7S E 20th August, 2025

70% ers

Nicky O'Connelll and Jenny Currin 70% 26th August, 2025

Congratulations to all players.



Weds 3rd Sept. Spring Pairs, Red Pt, Charity Event

Weds 17th Sept. Gala Day, Charity Event

Fri 26th Sept. Committee Meeting

Mon 29th Sept. King's Birthday Holiday (normal session)

Happy birthday Roz Davey and Lyn Bolton



Roz celebrated her birthday with members of the Rockingham Bridge Club. They all wished her health and happiness for the coming year.



Happy birthday Lyn Bolton. A very happy photo of Lyn with her special birthday cake.

Members wished Lyn all the best on her very special day.

Gala Day 2025 is 17th September 2025

The sub-committee for Gala Day is working behind the scenes to make this a very special Gala Day, like it was in the past.

Members can help by saving supermarket paper bags and donations would be appreciated for a “gourmet” hamper. Donations of quality/unusual foods would be welcomed. **Please ensure the use by dates are good .**

Nicky's banana bread will be on sale as well as some beautiful plants.

Important Information

Hi Sticky Fingers,

I'm the machine in the office, and I deal out the cards that you play. My name is Dealer 4.

There are kind people who talk to me, Richard, Liz, Sue, Rosemarie and Pam, but I know they get frustrated that sometimes I go very slowly when dealing the cards.

You see, my rollers get dirty. I have a main roller that lets the cards through one at a time, and then four pairs of rollers that send the cards to North, South, East and West respectively.

When Richard cleans my rollers, I deal out a whole pack of cards in just 5.7 seconds, but when my rollers pick up the left-overs from your yummy afternoon tea from your sticky fingers on the cards, they get dirty and it takes twice or three times as long for me to deal the cards, and that hurts me a lot.

Richard cleans me with a clear alcohol solution (but it's not gin unfortunately) and after that I feel 100%. Recently, he's had to do that twice as often as during Covid. So, Bridge Players one and all, please spare a thought for me and clean your fingers after those gorgeous afternoon teas and keep the cards clean.



Thanks
The Dealer 4 Machine

Teams of Three with Mentor

On Tuesday 19th August, six members from the Rockingham Bridge Club went to Mandurah to take part in this event. Three players were seated at a table with a mentor.

During the morning, while south seated player played with the mentor, the other two went east west to another table, where there was another mentor, returning with their respective scores.

Then another player would sit south opposite the mentor, while the other two went to east and west at another table and so on.

In effect, there was a mentor at your table to answer questions and help you all day.

It was a most enjoyable opportunity to hone your skills with top players. There were 18 tables in all, so it was well represented by all level of players.

I would highly recommend players attending the next Mandurah event. They are held twice a year. Pat Ditchfield

I think you might find this to be amusing but it also has a great deal of truth! Hilary Hall

School Students were asked to write an essay on "**THIEVES**". This is what one student wrote:

Thieves are an important part of a nation's economy. They play a significant role in providing employment and contributing to the nation's development.

Safes, locks, lockers, cupboards, etc., are made only because of thieves. Many factories and workshops involved in making these items provide employment thanks to this profession.

Even in homes, masons and workers get work installing latches, locks, grills on windows and doors.

Then, to protect houses, shops, schools, colleges, offices, and factories, security guards and watchmen are essential.

Companies that manufacture CCTV cameras, metal detectors, and security systems also generate jobs.

Because of thieves, police officers, court staff, judges, lawyers, and others are employed. Purchases of barricades, weapons, bullets, batons, uniforms, vehicles, and motorcycles for the police help boost the economy.

Thanks to thieves - jails, jailers, and prison staff have jobs.

When items like mobiles, laptops, cars, motorcycles, electrical appliances, purses, or lipsticks are stolen, people have to buy them again, which boosts business.

Famous and notorious thieves often enter politics to become Politicians, where even much bigger thefts take place. Much more could be said, but overall, the contribution of thieves to a nation's economy is noteworthy."

[The teacher awarded this research-rich essay full marks! 10/10.](#)

Learners and Mentors Competition

Mike Fulwood started up again the very popular learners and mentors Competition. It was a great day, and as usual there was far too much to eat!! Rockingham Bridge Club excelled themselves again with the eats.

It was very well attended with quite a few new faces which was wonderful.

North/South winners were Rita Hood and Vicki Walsh

East/West were fairly newcomers to the game Felicity Ann O'Neil and Jenny Currin

A big thank you to Mike who directed and organized the very successful day.



Left to right:
Rita Hood, Vicki
Walsh, Mike Fulwood,
Felicity Anne O'Neil
and Jenny Currin.

Leo Pairs

An enjoyable was had by all for the Leo Pairs Red Point event on 15th August. Roz Davey was the co-ordinator and Di Brooks was the Director on the day. Janice Hawker and Jenny Green (N/S) won on the day with 57.87%. Richard Usher and Campbell McKenzie (N/S) came second on the day with 56.94%.



Left: Janice Hawker and Jenny Green with President Nia Parker, and on the right, Richard Usher and Campbell McKenzie with Nia.



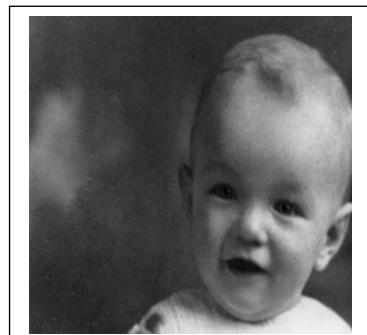


September birthdays

3	Di Brooks
7	Jenni Creedon
7	Miriam Garbut
8	Pattie Davis
9	Wendy Usher
10	Helen Hansell
10	Lee Bunney
20	Michael Dawson
22	Alan Cransberg
26	Kathryn Priestley

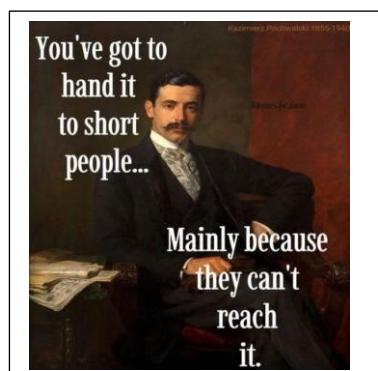


Guess who these children are.





Janice's Jokes



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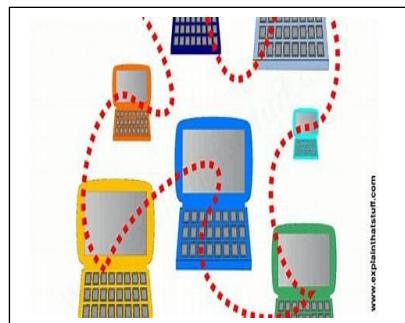
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