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informed*

Well, October has flown by and with a Best of 3 Comp, Championship Pairs and Australia Wide Restricted Pairs being played, there was lots on offer other than regular sessions.

Our Intermediate Team has one match left (fingers crossed for a great result that could push us up the ladder).

The last of our Learner Sunday sessions was held last week and we look forward to offering this again next year. Thank you to Mike Fulwood for putting these sessions together and thank you to those members who partnered our students.

I love the fact that bridge offers a variety of ways to play the game and I encourage all players to embrace the opportunities on offer. With this in mind, we will be hosting **Mandurah for our challenge on Sunday, November 30**. Please put your name down to play as we show that small can be mighty! Thanks to Roz Davey for co-ordinating this.

There are a number of events coming up so please check your handbook for the calendar and sign up for those that interest you. The Individual Club Championship will have limited places so put your name down!

Keep an ear out for details about Christmas lunch and Presentations.

Nia Parker  
President  
2 November 2025

## Roster for kitchen duties

The implementation of a roster to help with set up and clearing of afternoon tea has begun. The roster was seen as a way to share the workload. Please keep an eye out for when it is your turn to help.

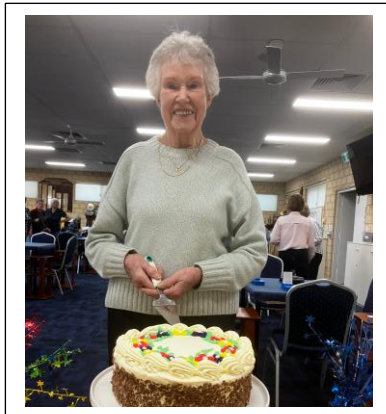
## Nedra Arnott Competition

Please be aware that this has changed to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. There was not enough interest to hold it on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please put your names down to play.



Fri. Nov 14	Nedra Arnott Pairs
Mon. Nov 17	Individual Trophy (Green Pt with Trophy)
Fri Nov 28	Committee Meeting
Sun Nov 30	Mandurah/Rockingham Challenge. Rockingham to host

## Happy birthday Margaret



Margaret Fogarty celebrated her birthday with the members of the Club. Happy birthday Margaret.

## Important information - FAQ as to when a bid is made

### ***Clarity around when a bid is made.***

We have had a few examples of when a bid is being thought about and bid cards being selected by the bidder.

Please refer to the ABF regulations for written bidding and bidding boxes

<http://abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFWBBBRegs2018.pdf>.

Key points .

1.3 Players must decide their call before commencing to write or to touch the bidding box. Any vacillation among calls may convey unauthorised information and restrict partner's actions according to Laws 16B1 and 73C.

3.5 A call is considered made (without screens) when a bidding card is removed from the bidding box and held face up, touching or nearly touching the table; or maintained in such a position as to indicate that the call has been made.

3.6 A call selected may be changed if:

- it is determined by the Director that the call was selected unintentionally; or
- it is required by rectification following an irregularity; or
- the Director consents to the change following the correction of an opponent's irregularity.

## Dates to remember

1. Nedra Arnott Trophy has been moved to **FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November** make sure you place your name on the new nomination sheet.
2. Individual Event **MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> November**. Nominate as an individual limited to 28 players (7 tables).
3. Mandurah/Rockingham **SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Annual Challenge against Mandurah, we require 10 Pairs.

## 2025 Championship Pairs



Nicky O'Connell and Mike Fulwood were the winners of the 2025 Championship Pairs. Here seen with Nia Parker, President of the Rockingham Bridge Club. Session 1 71.13% and Session 2 58.63%. Congratulations to you both.



Jenny Churchill and Michael Dawson were Under State Master winners of the 2025 Championship. Here seen with Nia Parker, President. Congratulations to the happy winners.

The 2025 Championship Pairs were held over two Fridays 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October. Fifteen pairs competed over the two days.

It was a well organised event as usual. Thanks go to Roz Davey who organised the event and to Sandra Hardie from Mandurah Bridge Club, who was the Director on the day.

Sandra had her hands full organising the boards between the tables and trying to keep up in line, especially in regards to keeping our scores sheets covered at all times. She indicated that about 75% had our sheets uncovered most of the time. Thanks to all who assisted with food and tidying up after the event.

## Restricted Pairs



Winners of the restricted pairs, i.e. players with less than 300 points were E/W Rita Hood and Kaye Day with 56% and E/W Ann Wilson and Marjorie James with 57.67%. Well done to all players.

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I had a problem with my computer yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11-year-old kid next door. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless asked, "An, ID ten T error? What's that?" Eric grinned... "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"

"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down: "ID10T"

And I used to like Eric, the little bastard. **Submitted by Hilary Hall**

## Always looking for stories

7NT is always looking for stories of interest, intrigue, humour, entertainment. Please think about submitting something to Pat Ditchfield, editor.



## November/December birthdays

11	Les Cole
15	Debra Tunbridge
17	Robina McConnell
22	Ron Goodwin
23	Peter Priestley
26	Debbie Kelly
29	Alan Simpson

2	Ine Wood
2	Peter Hoops
9	Sharon Thompson (ALT)
20	Kerrie Kingston
13	Gail Mountain
15	Nelly Macek
18	Yvonne Matthews
26	Debbie Kelly

Unbeknownst to most, the melody of *Happy Birthday* actually dates back to the late 19th century. In 1893, two American sisters, Mildred J. Hill (a kindergarten teacher and musician) and Patty Smith Hill (an educator and founder of the National Association for Nursery Education), composed a song titled *Good Morning to All*.

The melody is identical to what we now sing as *Happy Birthday*. But the exact moment when *Good Morning to All* evolved into *Happy Birthday to You* is not as definitive. By the early 20th century, the new lyrics had spread informally through American schools and parties. The modern lyrics of *Happy Birthday to You* began appearing in publications around 1912, often without credit to the Hill sisters.

In 1935, the Clayton F. Summy Company (eventually acquired by Warner/Chappell Music) filed for a copyright on a piano arrangement of the *Happy Birthday* lyrics. For decades, Warner/Chappell claimed copyright over the lyrics and collected millions in licensing fees for its use in movies, TV, commercials, and public performances. They asserted ownership until the year 2030, based on extensions. Until when...

In 2013, a filmmaker sued Warner/Chappell while working on a documentary about the song, challenging the validity of the copyright. Then in 2016, a U.S. federal judge ruled that the copyright claim to the lyrics was invalid, the melody was always in the public domain, and there was no evidence the copyright was ever valid for the lyrics themselves.

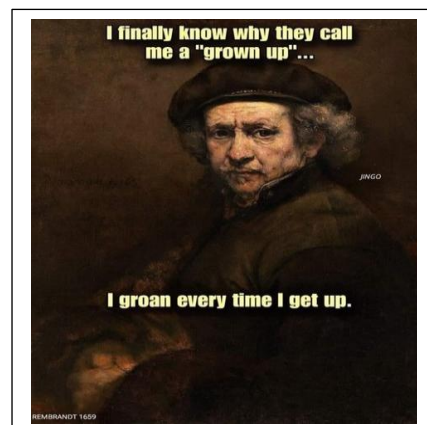
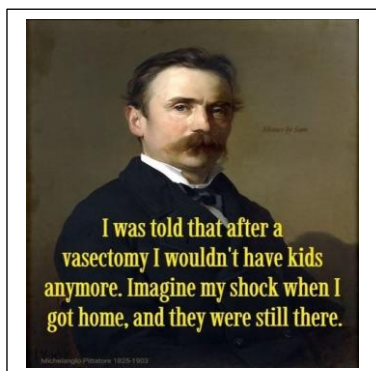
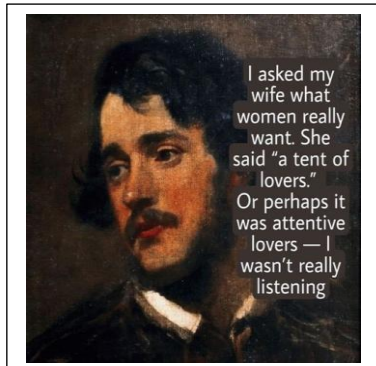
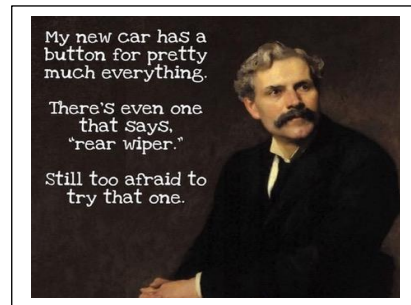
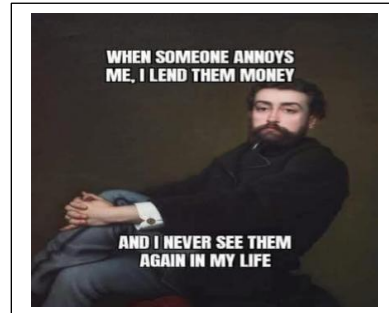
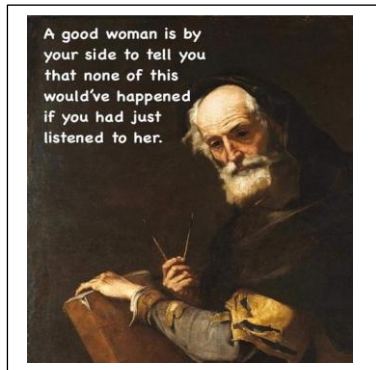
As of that ruling, *Happy Birthday to You* officially entered the public domain in the U.S.

Today, the song is the most popular in the world. A fact solidified by Guinness World Records when they listed *Happy Birthday to You* as the most recognized song in the English language, beating out even *Jingle Bells* and *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*.

Truly the impact of the song cannot be overstated. It's often the first song children learn and one of the few they remember throughout their lives. It's sung by Christians, Muslims, atheists, Buddhists, and everyone in between.



# Janice's Jokes



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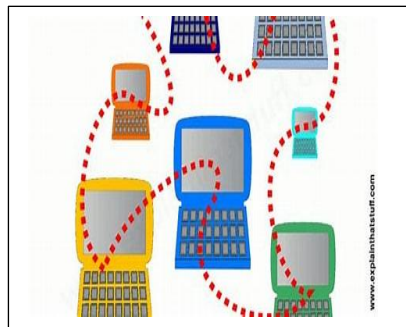
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