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***Keeping  
you  
informed***

Welcome to another great newsletter.

Take the time to look through all the photos of our Christmas Lunch and presentations- if you weren't there, you missed a great day!

The new format of no bridge really allows for more time to enjoy each other's company and the bountiful spread on offer- thank you to all those who worked so hard to put it together, especially Helen Hansell with the set up and Jenni Creedon who coordinated the lunch itself. Both had many helpers, it's great to have so many willing hands!

I would like to thank Pat Ditchfield who puts 7NT together every month and to all our contributors who send in photos, jokes and stories. Thanks too, to those who write up reminders about the rules of bridge, refreshing our memories that there is more to bridge than just card play.

On that note.....I recently attended BAWA's AGM and amongst other things, the matter of the Code of Conduct was raised. This was brought into the Rules in January, 2024 and BAWA are asking all clubs to try and improve behaviour at general sessions so that good conduct becomes a habit which flows into Congresses, tournaments etc. The majority of complaints are about poor partner behaviour (which makes play uncomfortable for others at the table) and lack of respect for the Director.

This may be an opportunity for us all to review how we act towards our partners, our opponents and the Director of the day.....BE KIND

This is the link to the Code of Conduct for those who may wish to see what penalties may be imposed: <http://www.bawa.asn.au/notices/coc.pdf>

Congratulations to all those who won an award this year, the full list will be in the new Handbook, available in the New Year.

Best wishes to everyone for a blessed and safe Christmas Season!

Nia Parker  
President



## **Christmas and New Year sessions**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Normal session
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Normal session
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Normal session
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Boxing Day (NO SESSION)</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dependent on there being <b>three 3 full tables</b> –names in by <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Normal session
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Normal session
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Normal session
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Normal session
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dependent on there being <b>three 3 full tables</b> – names in by <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>

## **FIRST RED POINT EVENT for 2026**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January Red Point Event

## **Classes and Student Events**

Saturday Morning Classes cease December 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

Introductory Morning Tea 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Lessons commence 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## **First Student Mentoring Event for 2026**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

# Merry Christmas to eardal



Individual Champion  
2025 Rita Hood.



Thank you Liz  
Sayers, First Aid and  
Trading Table.



Thank you Betty  
Philpot, Welfare  
Officer.



Mike Fulwood and  
Nicky O'Connell,  
Pairs Champions.



Nicky Snare Bill  
Chalmers Student  
Encouragement  
Award



Gillian Simmonds  
Mona Walker Under  
Club Master  
Encouragement  
Award



Nicky O'Connell  
Brady Merit Award  
for most Green  
Points in Club for  
the annual period



Lyn Bolton Patrons  
Award Club Member  
of t he Year  
sponsored by Di  
Brooks



They who shall be obeyed – our Directors  
Mike Fulwood, Roz Davey, Jenni Credon, Nicky O'Connell,  
Jan Pearson, Nia Parker, Di Brooks and Janice Hawker



Our all important Card Dealers  
Sue Stephen, Richard Usher, Liz Hill  
who do a wonderful of the card  
sorting



Nia Parker, President RBC  
handing over monies raised to  
Gillian Harris from Community  
Districts Care



## Christmas Pairs

A very pleasant afternoon was had by all when fifteen pairs sat down to play. Roz Davey organised the day and Di Brooks presided. As usual plenty of goodies for afternoon tea followed by drinks and nibbles after the results were handed. A big thank you to the ladies who organised the food and drink.



Winners on the day with a whopping 65.06% were Pam Hughes and Ron Goodwin. Ron looks a bit shell-shocked but Pam was so excited she couldn't put him down when the winners were announced. Seen here with Nia Parker, President.



Janice Hawker and Rita Hood were second place getters with 61.22%. Rita is a modest winner who is always getting her photo taken lately. She won the Individual competition. Here with Nia Parker, President.

## 70% ers

Mike Fulwood and Nicky O'Connell 72.9% 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Roz Davey and Di Brooks 70.8% 22<sup>nd</sup> November

## Rockingham/Mandurah Challenge

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> the two bridge clubs met to compete for the prize trophy. Rockingham Club held it from last year and Mandurah was determined to wrest it back. Roz Davey had organised the day and Di Brooks was the Director.

It was a wonderful event. Plenty of scrumptious food, drinks, good company and friendly rivalry. Members of the Rockingham Club, under the guidance of Jenny Churchill, and many helpers made sure that everyone was well fed and enjoyed themselves. Thanks to all helpers on the day.

Mandurah Club won the day. Resoundingly. They assured us that next November they would invite our club down there and they would look after us in the manner they were looked after on Sunday.



The overall winners on the day were Janine Ovens and Douglas Hardman with a very tidy 61.52%. They were delighted with their win.

Here they are seen with Nia Parker, President of the Rockingham Bridge Club.

## Nedra Arnott Pairs



22 pairs took part in the Nedra Arnott Pairs Competition held Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Bruce and Leona Leedman kept it in the family, Bruce winning his mother's trophy with a 66.11% win.

It was a well organised event and everyone enjoyed their afternoon bridge.



A family photograph with the trophy held by Bruce Leedman, his wife Leona on the left of the photo and his sister Jennifer Rees on the right.

I had a nice conversation with Jennifer who regrets she didn't take up bridge earlier but who enjoys playing socially with friends at the Mandurah Club rooms twice a week.

# Some smiles from Richard

## **Irishman's first drink with his son.**

While reading an article last night about fathers and the sons, memories came flooding back to the time I took me son out for his first pint.

Off we went to our local pub only two blocks from the cottage.  
I got him a Guinness. He didn't like it, so I drank it.

Then I got him a Kilkenny's, he didn't like that either, so I drank it. Finally, I thought he might like some Harp Lager?

He didn't. I drank it.

I thought maybe he'd like whisky better than beer so we tried a Jameson's;  
nope!

In desperation, I had him try that rare Redbreast, Ireland's finest whisky.

He wouldn't even smell it.

What could I do but drink it!

By the time I realised he just didn't like to drink, I was so drunk I could hardly push his stroller back home!!!

## **Irish Confession**

I went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church.

Inside I found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses.

On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

When the priest came in, I said to him, "*Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be.*"

He replied, "*You're on my side.*"



## January birthdays

1	Rita Hood
2	Michelle Pollock
8	Elizabeth Sayers
12	Jenny Churchill
19	Martin Hveissel
21	Roselind Orfeo
22	Joyce Lyon
24	Stephanie McGlew
27	Felicity Anne O'Neil

### Company Memo

FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director  
TO: All Employees  
DATE: November 24, 2015  
RE: Gala Christmas Party

I'm happy to inform you that the company Christmas Party will take place on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at noon in the private function room at the Grill House. There will be a cash bar and plenty of drinks! We'll have a small band playing traditional carols. Feel free to sing along. And don't be surprised if our CEO shows up dressed as Santa Claus!

A Christmas tree will be lit at 1:00 PM. Exchanges of gifts among employees can be done at that time; however, no gift should be over \$10.00 to make the giving of gifts easy for everyone's pockets.

This gathering is only for employees! Our CEO will make a special announcement at that time!

Merry Christmas to you and your family,  
Patty.

### Company Memo

FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director  
TO: All Employees

DATE: November 25, 2015  
RE: Gala Holiday Party

In no way was yesterday's memo intended to exclude our Jewish employees. We recognize that Hanukkah is an important holiday, which often coincides with Christmas, though unfortunately not this year.

However, from now on, we're calling it our "Holiday Party." The same policy applies to any other employees who are not Christians and to those still celebrating Reconciliation Day. There will be no Christmas tree, and no Christmas carols will be sung. We will have other types of music for your enjoyment.

Happy now?  
Happy Holidays to you and your family,  
Patty.

**Company Memo**

FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director  
TO: All Employees  
DATE: November 27, 2015  
RE: Holiday Party

Regarding the note I received from a member of Alcoholics Anonymous requesting a non-drinking table, you didn't sign your name. I'm happy to accommodate this request, but if I put a sign on a table that reads, "AA Only," you wouldn't be anonymous anymore. How am I supposed to handle this?

Somebody?

And, sorry, but forget about the gift exchange; no gifts are allowed since the union members feel that \$10.00 is too much money and the executives believe \$10.00 is a little chintzy.

REMEMBER: NO GIFTS EXCHANGE WILL BE ALLOWED.  
Patty.

**Company Memo**

FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director  
To: All Employees  
DATE: November 28, 2015  
RE: Generic Holiday Party

What a diverse group we are! I had no idea that December 20th begins the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which forbids eating and drinking during daylight hours.

There goes the party! Seriously, we can appreciate how a luncheon at this time of year does not accommodate our Muslim employees' beliefs. Perhaps the Grill House can hold off on serving your meal until the end of the party or else package everything for you to take it home in a little foil doggy baggy. Will that work?

Meanwhile, I've arranged for members of Weight Watchers to sit farthest from the dessert buffet, and pregnant women will get the table closest to the restrooms. Gays are allowed to sit with each other. Lesbians do not have to sit with Gay men; each group will have their own table.

Yes, there will be a flower arrangement for the Gay men's table.

To the person asking permission to cross-dress, the Grill House asks that no cross-dressing be allowed, apparently because of concerns about confusion in the restrooms. Sorry we will have booster seats for short people. Low-fat food will be available for those on a diet. I am sorry to report that we cannot control the amount of salt used in the food. The Grill House suggests that people with high blood pressure taste a bite first. There will be fresh "low sugar" fruits as dessert for diabetics, but the restaurant cannot supply "no sugar" desserts. Sorry!  
Did I miss anything?!?!?  
Patty.

**Company Memo**

FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director  
TO: All Friggin Employees  
DATE: November 29, 2015  
RE: The Friggin Holiday Party

I've had it with you vegetarian pricks!!! We're going to keep this party at the Grill House whether you like it or not, so you can sit quietly at the table furthest from the "grill of death," as you so quaintly put it, and you'll get your friggin salad bar, including organic tomatoes. But you know, tomatoes have feelings, too. They scream when you slice them. I've heard them scream. I'm hearing them scream right NOW!

The rest of you friggin weirdoes can kiss my ass. I hope you all have a rotten holiday!  
Drive drunk and die.  
The Bitch from Hell!!!

**Company Memo**

FROM: Joan Bishop, **Acting Human Resources Director**  
DATE: November 30, 2015  
RE: Patty Lewis and Holiday Party

I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Patty Lewis a speedy recovery from her recent nervous breakdown and I'll continue to forward your cards to her at the asylum.

In the meantime, management has decided to cancel our Holiday Party and give everyone the afternoon of the 23<sup>rd</sup> off with full pay.  
Happy Whatever!  
Joan.

**Submitted by Janice Hawker via Jen Green for your amusement.**



# Janice's Jokes

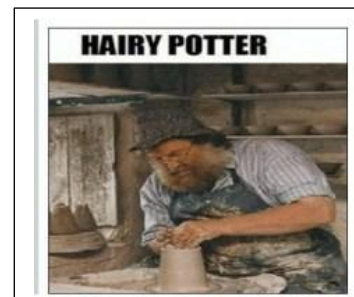
The wife suggested we  
spice things up a bit and  
play Doctors and  
Nurses.  
So I put her on a trolley  
in the hall and ignored  
her for 48 hours.



"Daddy, what is an  
alcoholic?"

"Do you see those  
4 trees, son? An  
alcoholic would  
see 8 trees."

"Um, Dad - there  
are only 2 trees..."



## Spread the word

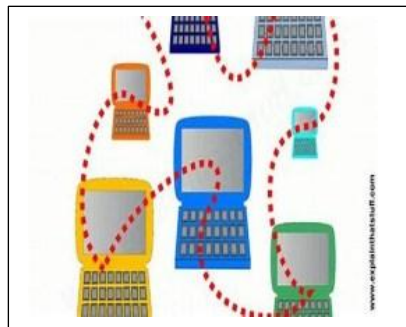
Please **spread the word about the Rockingham** Bridge Club, we would love more members. You can sign up online at: <https://rockinghambridgeclub.com/>



## Useful Links

**Club Website**  
**Club Calendar**  
**Club Results**  
**WA Bridge Association**  
**ABF Masterpoint Centre**  
**Focus Magazine**

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