

THE TRUMP

City of Melville Bridge Club Newsletter
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Members from our Saturday morning session enjoy a chat and laughter before the bridge play.



From the President

However, since we are likely to remain here for some years it is time we smartened it up slightly. Anyone with ideas to jazz it up at no great cost, please contact Lyndie or me.

Dorothy Stevenson

Congress time again – it is good to know that a fair number of home club members are participating.

We have no news on our move – for some years we have done nothing to upgrade the inside of the club not wishing to waste money.





Tournament Manager's Report

Congratulations to all our Swiss Pairs Championship winners. We had a very good field, and thank you to all members who filled in when we needed them.

Congratulations also to all our Restricted Pairs Championship winners. Thank you to all who participated in this tournament.

Our next competition is the Grand National Open Teams over two evenings. So far we have ten teams entered, but we would like to encourage more members. This is a gold point event so members please do make an effort and make up a team

Also we have the Mixed Pairs Championship coming up. Please make up your partnerships. If you require help or a match up please let me know and I will help.

Our Congress is full. I am very pleased quite a number of our members are participating in our Congress. We need a few members who are not playing to help us out on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March. Please contact Lyndie our House Manager.

The next very important bridge tournament is the Australian National Championship which is being held in Perth this year from 11th July to 23rd July. There are a lot of events you can participate in, especially the Melville Bridge Club sponsored event on Friday 17th July at 10 am. Cost is \$15 per entry. I would encourage members to participate in this event as well as other events.

We would like to encourage our members to think about playing on Monday evenings. The session starts at 7.15 pm and finishes by 10.30 pm. This is the only evening session our club has. It is a very friendly crowd so come on members, come and have a game and enjoy an evening playing bridge.

Our next mentoring program will be in April. Suzanne Goodall, our coordinator, will soon give out the details.

Our next course of bridge lessons will be on Tuesday mornings. So if you know of anyone interested, please, do encourage them to contact Claire Weston our coordinator.

We would like to nominate a few people for the directors' course conducted by BAWA. So if you are interested please contact me.

Again, in June, Joan Butts will be visiting Perth for teachers' training and a bridge lesson on Tuesday morning.

Noel Daniel



Help needed, please.

Our club is run entirely by volunteers; this is the reason you pay so little to play bridge.

Obviously, for various reasons, the commitment of being on the club's committee will not suit everyone, however, there are always things needing to be done around our club – from repairs requiring tools and specialised skills, to the simple task of emptying a full bin.

Shortly we will be looking for members to actively assist with promotion of our club. This will involve simple and effective tasks such as delivering promotional pamphlets in your area or putting up advertisements for our club at your local shopping centre or sports club.

If you are able bodied, and particularly if you are not already volunteering a little of your time to the running of our club, these are opportunities for you to do *your* bit for *your* club.

Winners and Grinners

Swiss Pairs



Left to right: Hilda Remedios, Merwyn Menezes, Helen Cunningham, Phil Cunningham, President Dorothy Stevenson, Wes Rudnicki, Director Dave Parham, Leon Randolph, Tony Stevens, and Noel Daniel.

Congratulations to the winners.

1st place: Noel Daniel and Wes Rudnicki

2nd place: Merwyn Menezes and Hilda Remedios

3rd place: Tony Stevens and Leon Randolph

And to, Phil and Helen Cunningham – best restricted pair in the competition.

Restricted Pairs



Left to right: Sarita Singh, David Lobo, Judith Jones, President Dorothy Stevenson, Anne Dickerson, and Rachel Shave.

Congratulations to the winners.

1st place: Shana Smith and Rachel Shave

2nd place: Sarita Singh and David Lobo

3rd place: Anne Dickerson and Judith Jones



Our Growing Club

Our first Saturday morning session consisted of just three tables. Under the supervision of affable Director Bill Symonds, and with assistance from Paula Sanders, it has now grown to as many as 15 tables, and a split session catering for beginners and intermediate players. The majority of these intermediate players have graduated from our beginners' lessons run by Noel Daniel and Bill Symonds.

Our club is always looking to welcome new members, experienced and beginners alike.

(See photo on front page of this edition)



Bridge Humour

Second best

A group of four Diamond Masters from Australia were touring the USA, on a bridge holiday crushing the opposition in big tournaments everywhere. In one elite club before play they were asked "What's it like being in the world's second biggest bridge club?" Of course they replied automatically as one, "Very exciting so far, what's it like being in the world's second best?"

Contribution from Mal Pryce

Bridge Tip

When two possible defenses present themselves to defeat a contract, both equally likely, select the simpler (unless you are looking to make an appearance in a newspaper column.)

Eddy Kantar (Kantarbridge.com)

Guess Who?



The moustache and heels are certainly an odd combination; however, this photo was taken at a staff Christmas Party.

Now retired, the experience she gained in dealing with people, as a Department Head at Fremantle Hospital, has been most advantageous for her work here at our club. But who is this obviously good humoured lady?



Last editions little cherub was Margaret Newton.

Bridge: the drug of card games

Card players at the Mackay Contract Bridge Club (Qld) are so hooked on the game some will even have a contract written into their marriage that allows them to play.

Read full article at: www.abc.net.au/local/stories

Quotable Quote

Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened; having no cards in the suit, and sudden death.

— *Alfred Sheinwald*

A Lovely Way to Go

'The perfect bridge player's death': Wendy Brown died while playing a winning 29-point hand of cards.

One of Britain's leading bridge players died immediately after being dealt a 'once in a lifetime' hand because she 'couldn't take the excitement'.

Wendy, 80, collapsed in front of friends while playing a remarkable 29-point game but even her heartbroken son admitted today: 'It was a lovely way for her to go'.

The grandmother of 12 suffered heart failure at the John Betjeman Centre in Wadebridge, Cornwall, during her regular Tuesday night bridge night.

Bereft friends said they were shocked, but admitted it is the 'perfect bridge player's death'.

In the panic nobody checked her cards but she may have had four aces, four kings, and a jack - almost unheard of in bridge circles.

She had played the game for five decades and achieved the hallowed status of Premier Life Master, but experts said today a 29-point game is so rare it is unlikely she ever had one.

Her son Charlie said: 'I can imagine the smile on her face when she looked at her cards and she knew she had a winning hand. She died doing what she loved to do.'

The other members of the bridge club responded magnificently and tried everything to revive her.

But when all is said and done, it was a lovely way for her to go.

Why Punctuation, Grammar and Correct English Matter!

“TOILET OUT OF ORDER:. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.”

In a Laundromat: “AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT”

In a London department store: “BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS”

In an office: “WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN”

In an Office: “AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD”

Outside a second hand shop: “WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN”

Notice in health food shop window: “CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS”

Spotted in a safari park:(I sure hope so)
“ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR”

Seen during a conference: “FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR”

Notice in a farmer's field: “
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.”

Contribution from Suzanne Goodall



Donations, most welcome.

Once again, this year, our club will be holding its Brain Research fund raising bridge afternoon.

Again, we are asking members to donate goods suitable to be given as raffle prizes. Donations of unwanted gifts or prizes, or new and unwanted items are most welcome and will help raise funds for this most worthwhile charity.

Please see Lyndie Trevean.



New Members

Please make the following new members feel welcome when you see them around our club:

Beverley Bott, Andrew Allin, Peter Foley, Nora-Ann Foley, Gordon Dunlop, Maureen Stronach, Jackie Bullock, Heather Watts, David Bott, Kumiko Matsumura-Punselie, and Carol Martin.



Vale

Our club mourns the sad loss of much loved member Robin Dean.



Coming Events

GNOT Team Heats 17th and 24th March
Dorothy Kitching Trophy – Handicap Pairs 15th and 22nd May

Acknowledgements Many thanks to the members who have kindly contributed to this newsletter – suitable contributions are always most welcome.

Out and around the club...

