

# Trumps Plus

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January and February have been interesting months - another lockdown; Anniversary Pairs; Novice/Super Novice Congress and a number of new members.

You will notice that board scores on bridgemates are now turned off for all sessions. Hopefully this will lead to less discussion of boards, reduce the possibility of adjoining tables hearing such discussions and speeding up play.

We are trying to increase member participation and recognition through Trumps Plus; any suggestions about the club, bridge or interesting bridge experiences are encouraged - please contact John Nelson.

A final note - COVID-19 protocols are still in place particularly registering your attendance and hand sanitising. With the flu season approaching, please stay home if feeling unwell. Good bridging!

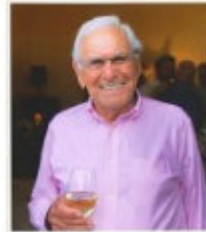
## NEWS AND EVENTS

Please take note of the following events;

- Andy Hung lessons - these are in full swing - see link on club homepage. Note that Saturday am lessons before bridge have commenced - see club notices
- Charity day - Friday 30 April
- WABC Restricted Pairs - Sunday 21 March
- Winter Congress - 4 to 7 June
- How to fill in a System Card - 20 May
- ANC - Perth 10 - 21 July - lots of opportunities - more to come
- New members - please encourage any prospective new members to make contact -

*In the last edition we reported on Bob Hamman, the world's best bridge player. Turns out Bob has other talents. As CEO of a Dallas marketing and promotion company, he sponsored Lance Armstrong for \$10 million. Once Armstrong 'fessed up to taking drugs, Bob wanted the money back. After a decade of litigation, Bob won. Best penalty double of all time! Thanks to Karen Moller for the heads up.*

## Member profile - vale Graham Raad



Graham Raymond  
Albert Raad

For those who didn't know Dr Graham Raad well, his apparently quiet and 'unremarkable' persona hid a truly remarkable career of medical service. Born on Christmas Day in 1929, Graham died four days after his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. He graduated from Perth Modern School as the youngest matriculation student ever, and graduated

in medicine and surgery from the University of Melbourne. After a short career as a urologist, he switched to ophthalmology, becoming Head at Royal Perth Hospital at age 36. He worked closely with international expert Professor Dame Ida Mann and was responsible for ground breaking work in his field

A life member of the AMA, Dr Raad was awarded 2010 Man of the Year in Medicine and Healthcare by the American Biographical Institute and in 2013 highlighted in an international publication as one of the world's leading physicians.

Graham has been active with family, golf and bridge. Many Perth families remember Dr Graham Raad with gratitude. We remember him as a esteemed member and good bridge player....with a love of good red wine.

## Your help needed

**Carpark issues** - please remember that the carpark is often a shared pedestrian/vehicle precinct especially just before and after sessions. Vehicles should only travel in a clockwise direction at a maximum of 8kph. In early February there was a serious near miss between a vehicle and pedestrian.

**Charity Day** - this will be held on Friday 30 April. This year's cause is Zephyr Education Australia, which helps children who live in situations of domestic violence, to be supported in their education. Very soon you will be asked to help - donations and raffle tickets. Let's make 2021 a record for this fantastic cause. Aim is \$5,000 plus.

## About bridge....

Avoiding getting into trouble isn't the main issue in bridge- it's how you get out of trouble that counts.

Bridge is a game that separates the men from the boys...and often the husbands from the wives.

## Members

A warm welcome to the new members in January/February; Peter Knight; Megan and Arthur Criddle; Sara Westergren; Shirley Toohey; Joanne Boserio; Liz Tucker; Jaqui Rosenberg; Nanette O'Driscoll; Susie Harris; Andrew Mason; Kumiko Matsumura; Melva Ruffin; Amanda Bracewell; Jane Blacklock; Lee Partridge; Tracey Forward; Val O'Toole; Denise Chalmers; Hilary and Terry Heptinstall.

Please make them welcome. If you know anyone who might be interested in taking up bridge, please encourage them to make contact.

In Memoriam; John Mowson; Graham Raad; Ruth Harris

## Good scores Jan/ Feb - club events



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| Brian Embleton/Sue White         | 77.00 |
| Pat Perkins/Director             | 72.92 |
| Ravi Soin/Geoff Yeo              | 72.92 |
| Janine Hughes/Jane Dalziell      | 72.50 |
| Sue Barham/Pat Ferguson          | 72.02 |
| Dee Sinton/Gloria Carlson        | 71.53 |
| Ann Youngs/Vinod Nasta           | 71.13 |
| Carla Sullivan/Brendan Collins   | 70.83 |
| Peter and Tessa Mayall           | 70.83 |
| Corrine Monteath/Patricia Rosser | 70.72 |
| Gwenda Williams/Karina Barlow    | 70.00 |
| Tracey Forward/Val O'Toole       | 70.00 |

Twenty four players at/above 70% is amazing, especially Brian and Sue. We understand the Tournament Committee has initiated an inquiry!

Has anyone heard of a better score? If so, and you have some details, we would love to hear about it. There is a rumour that Sue Johns and Gillian Tuckey once played at 80%.

When approached, Brian provided 3 tips; don't lead out of turn; follow suit; and be kind to partner! Well done Brian and Sue.

## BOOK FOCUS - 'THE POWER OF PASS'

by Ron Klinger and Harold Schogger, Sydney, 2020.

A pass call at the right time can be one of the best agreements for a partnership. Some of the 36 Chapter headings of this book are featured below:

If an opponent bids 1NT, which was your intended bid, PASS  
 Open light in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat, only if you are suggesting a good lead for partner  
 Do not compete at a higher level than you intended initially  
 If the opponents have opened and responded, be very wary of competing  
 You are not obliged to rebid over a passed partner  
 If an opponent bids a suit which is your suit, best PASS  
 Leave the 5 level to the opponents; PASS and play for penalties  
 Do not open off 11 points unless you have an attractive rebid  
 Respect partner's signoff  
 Be pessimistic opposite a pre-emptive raise  
 Do not open with 11 points and a 4432 or 4333 in first or second seat  
 Do not compete without sound values if partner does not open in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat  
 Be wary of competing if it may force the opps into a game they may not have bid  
 Do not compete a part-score hand to the 4 level

These are sample suggestions - the explanations are well worth a read. The discussions about hand evaluation, suit quality etc are also valuable in assessing when to pass. Book suits all levels including beginner/intermediate.

## Winners



Congratulations to Bruce Fraser and Helen Cook (top right) who won the 2021 Anniversary Pairs. The Novice Congress winners were Jodie Basham and Kath Negus (top left), both having won a Novice Congress previously.

Super Novice winners, Megan Jeffries and Denise Baker, had their first ever congress win (bottom). Super Novice Plate winners were Sharon Dyball and Bernie Plath (no photo) and Novice Plate winners were Dierdre Doepel and Margaret Baird (no photo) tied with Annelouise Dubrawski and Andy Cayley (top centre). Good to see Bunbury visitors in the cut up.



New members event winners were; N/S Sue White/Brian Embleton; and E/W Jane Dalziell/Janine Hughes. Well done to all who competed.