# TRUMPS PLUS

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### From the President - Sylvia Bray

It's good to see the club becoming busier after the festive break and I hope everyone enjoyed some fun and relaxation with their family and friends. If you read Prue Hart's report you'll see how the Marketing Committee is working hard to keep you all busy and involved and again includes our fun social activities throughout the year, as well as our usual bridge.

For those of you who joined us at the Chrissy Bray event, it must have been the hottest night of the year and a compressor failure put us all to the test that evening. Congratulations to everyone who soldiered on – Chris had most of the room up dancing – a pretty good outcome for all those who managed to kick up their heels and ignore the heat. We had fun. Check out the video Chris put together for you, it's on the website under News.

Regarding the air-conditioning, we are working on getting the best possible solution. The units are 16 years old and have served us well. It's time for replacement. We are fortunate that our forebears invested well, enabling us to replace these units without too much financial pain. I hope everyone can be patient while we investigate our options. We have had some recent respite from the heat but temperatures are sure to increase again over the next month or two. In the meantime, the combination of fans and remaining working units seems to generate enough airflow to provide reasonable comfort. Thank you for your understanding.

Once again, I would like to draw attention to some of our volunteers who do so much to keep the club running smoothly. A few people who deserve mention (there are many) are **Kate North** (keeping the geraniums watered, making sure we have clean cups, and numerous other chores, **Isabel Eggins** – always finding something that needs attention, and **Janice Baker** who kindly manned the bar at the Chrissy Bray event, and indeed all those who assisted on that night. There are many more to recognise who I'd like to mention in future editions.

The was a "sod turning" event attended by the WA Premier at the the **Children's Hospice** site and there may be some activity after Easter As mentioned previously, we are in close liaison with the project team and will be informed of any issues affecting our club over the construction period.

I urge you to keep up to date with the **club website**, this is a useful tool for you and an easy way to keep up with club events. **Andy Hung's lessons** have commenced by now, note that and there were two excellent workshops run by Alex Smirnov.

Finally, for a laugh, read Chrissy's bridge anthem – do you ever feel like that?

Happy bridging! - Sylvia Bray

### **Cryptic Cottesloe Location**

I am mentioned last in this famous quartet But quality fare is what to mostly expect Off the main strip is another small clue Going for breakfast, is something to do

First **two** correct answers win a bottle of champagne or wine. One guess/entry per person john.nelson@cewa.edu.au or text 0419 948 640

Last solution: Napier Street

#### **EVENTS & NEW MEMBERS**

- Fabulous Friday: 16th Feb more fun and shenanigans.
- WABC Mixed Pairs Congress: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Two session Swiss Pairs.
- WABC Super Novice, Novice & Restricted Congress: Sunday
   March, Two session Swiss Pairs.
- Women's Pairs Championship: Tuesday 19 & 26 March.
- Handicap Pairs Championship: Friday 5 & 12 April.
- Open & Restricted Teams Championship: Saturday 6 April, two sessions.
- WABC Masters In Teams of Three: Sunday 7 April, two sessions. Form a Team of three and you get a Master assigned.
- New members: Stephanie Aitken; Laurel Coyle; Wendy Greenway; Jim Hawkey; Cynda Johston; Claire Jordon; Susie Keenan-Smith; Jill Kemp; Diane Lambert; Emma Langford; Helen Marsh; Sue Meeking; Susie Prior; Kim Leh Quek; Tony Ramage; Denise Spencer; Jane Watt. Welcome to WABC.

### **Malcolm Davis - A2W (Sponsors)**

Malcolm Davis, a thoroughly nice bloke, albeit a lapsed bridge player, and his team will be sharing their combined 120 years of experience and insights from managing over five hundred million dollars with WABC members. The presentation on Thursday 21 March at 5.30 at the Club will provide an overview of income stream products, focussing on new information particularly in annuities and superannuation; aged care – how to go about finding the best fit for you or your loved ones; and provide a Q &A opportunity to find out what's available for managing your retirement Find out where to get advice about **superannuation**, the largest asset many of us have, apart from our homes; investments, sorting through the thousands of options available to best match your goals; insurance; navigating the highly complex world of SMSFs; retirement planning, making sure you don't pay too much in fees to nursing homes or aged care villages; philanthropy and estate planning. It can be a jungle out there!

Much to the delight of lawyers around 40% of people still die intestate. Shying away from the inevitable or putting things off is just too easy! And then it can be tricky to find the right time to divvy up the family jewels!

There's a wealth of information and complexity which Malcolm and the other five financial planners at Aspire 2 Wealth deal with every day. As one size definitely doesn't fit all, their approach is to have a cost and obligation free one on one meeting; and agree on a pathway. After authority to proceed a letter of engagement and schedule then sets out the way forward to best meet individual wishes and aspirations which also sets out fees clearly – no hidden and costly surprises, like the infamous trailing commissions – now thankfully consigned to history.

An about turn in his career from food technology to financial planning, Malcolm came to Perth in 1999. Basketball is his other passion. He coached from 1975 to 2019 but a 5 ½ year old grandson might lure him back — and our mission should we decide to accept it is to get him back to the bridge tables!

#### **Eddie Kantar humour**



Husband and wife team are travelling home from a country congress where they had a terrible two days with no agreements and a near bottom result. The trip was punctuated by silence until they drove past a field of

donkeys. Husband enquired,' relations of yours?'.

Wife responded, 'Yes, in-laws'.

## I will survive bridge

Sung to the tune of "I Will Survive"

First I was afraid I was petrified
Kept thinking I will never make it, no matter how I try
I glance at my partner what will they think of me?
How could I make this error, six no trumps will never be!

So should I go? Walk out the door I tell you right now, my partner won't like me anymore I want to run, want to break down and hide What was I thinking, was I out of my mind?

Oh god will I, will I survive? Lord I thought I could make it, I won't get out of here alive I've got crappy cards to play, this is really not my day Will I survive, will I survive?

But now I'm back, saved from disgrace
The other team just played a card and made a big fat mistake
I just knew I've got the heart, I just knew I'd find the key
And now everyone in here, will be wishing they were me

So now go, walk out the door just turn around now Cause I've racked up the biggest score Weren't you the ones who thought I'd made the call too high Did you think I'd crumble did you think I'd lay down and die?

Oh no I, I will survive

Lord as long as I know how to play, I know I'll play it right I've got all skills you see, the opposition can't touch me I will survive, I will survive

Oh... so now go walk out the door, just turn around now I've got a slam, yes trumps galore!
Weren't you the one who thought I'd bid way too high
Did you think I'd crumble did you think I'd lay down and die

Oh no I, I will survive

Lord as long as I know how to live I'll get my points up high I've got all my cards to play and you're not getting in my way I will survive I will survive hey hey!

#### **Book Reviews**

Many of you will remember John Aquino's wonderful book, produced for the club. There is a new edition that

is a must read. The book is a review of all bidding and playing conventions, with example hands. You can review your current system and add conventions as appropriate. Additionally, understanding some of these conventions will allow you to mount a sound defence. See Martin to order a copy. Highly recommended.



# **Supervised Players**

Six tables supervised players celebrated Australia Day with a quiz, lesson and game of bridge, followed by lamingtons. Thanks to Jodie Basham for running this fantastic event which was enjoyed by all. It's great to see such a great group of supervised players participating in one of our most interactive sessions. Please encourage others to come along. Pictures on the website, see News.

# **Marketing Committee - Activities for 2024**

2024 began with the Chrissy Bray Extravaganza on 12 January. 150 WABC members and their friends danced and sang and rock & rolled and jived and konga-lined for two hours. It was a wonderful 'feel good' night of immensely innocent fun. Thank you so much to London-based Chrissy for spending a hot January night with us at WABC and helping us feel 'younger than we are'.

Looking ahead we have **Fabulous Friday** on 16 February with bridge, prizes, food platters, a John Nelson quiz, and a free raffle. These events are a fun filled 45 minutes when we can socialise with fellow club members.

Our second Gala Open Day on Wednesday 10 April runs from 3 to 5pm. Bring a friend, a relative or a neighbour to WABC to see the club and either learn about or play some bridge. We plan for a schedule similar to last year when we had three groups in the playing room. There was a group very new to bridge to whom Carla Sullivan introduced the game. In the middle of the room, we had visitors who might have done a bridge course at some stage in their life or had a few games in a supervised session but were not confident bridge players. In the third group, we had the more confident, more experienced players. After the bridge session, we have champagne and afternoon tea to celebrate how WABC is more than a bridge club, it is also a place of great fun and friendships.

On Monday 17 June, we have Marvellous Monday, to which we hope many of the Supervised group will attend. Similarly on 26 October, we will have a Super Saturday. Please put these dates in your diary and come to as many of these events as you can.

Multiple other issues and proposed events (e.g. Find a Partner sessions) will keep the Marketing Committee busy in 2024. We hope you have seen the 5-6 WABC associated stories published in the POST last year (copies pinned to the notice board). Under the leadership of Penni Fletcher-Hughes we have a media plan for greater collaboration between the POST and the club. Also, the Learn+Develop group have a new pamphlet with information about WABC and bridge etiquette for those in the Supervised and Mini-Supervised Classes. Finally, we hope to help BAWA with youth bridge initiatives. Of course, the Marketing Committee are always open to suggestions of further activities from our membership.

#### **Please support our generous Sponsors**

We are fortunate to have two generous sponsors and an honorary auditor:

Aspire2Wealth Advisors have continued with us in 2024 by sponsoring the Fabulous Friday and equivalent events, prizes, food etc. This is a great outcome and we sincerely thank Malcolm Davis and his crew. Please consider contacting the company for any of financial or investment advice you may need.

**TBIB** sponsor our congresses and we thank them for supporting our highly successful **Winter & Christmas Congresses**. TBIB also support the ABF and a number of bridge clubs around Australia and are always keen to focus on the newer players. They offer highly competitive insurance products, especially travel insurance. One of their products includes travel insurance for people up to 90 years of age.

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