

Trumps Plus

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Wonderful Winter Congress

A total of 268 session tables, 1,072 players, over 404,000 cards played, spread over 9 separate events - and an array of opportunities for players with less MPs. ...amazing! Events like this don't occur so smoothly without the hard work of many - not just on the day but leading up to the event - Sheenagh; our TO Kitty; Kerry and Robyn and other helpers in the kitchen; members who contributed food; photographers; John our cleaner who had everything spotless every day; volunteers who cleaned up after each session; bar staff; David directing and, Peter and Gwen assisting; the Management Committee; and many more who contributed. Thank you.

Members are our club; this edition of Trumps Plus features a number of stories about members and the wonderful contributions they make. We are always keen to hear from everybody how we can continue to make your bridge and social experience better. Trumps Plus would love to print your story.

NEWS AND EVENTS

- Rookies and Novice - Thursday 1 July - red points, prizes, lots of fun - most enter - urgent
- **Super Saturday 3 July** - prizes and fun
- Swiss Pairs C/Ship - Saturday 24 July
- Daytime Pairs C/Ship - Friday 6 August
- Novice Pairs C/Ship - Friday 20 & 27 August - rescheduled - calling all novices
- Open & Restricted Teams - Sat 28 August
- Mixed Pairs C/Ship - Friday 3 September
- New Club sponsor - **Aspire2 Wealth advisers** - more to come - see link on website
- Caption competition - 'Playing breathtaking bridge' - winner David Malkin

W Somerset Maugham on bridge.....

"Bridge is the most entertaining game that man has ever devised. I would have children taught it as a matter of course, just as they are taught dancing; in the end it will be more useful for them as you cannot, with seamlessness, continue to dance when you are bald and pot-bellied; nor for that matter can you with satisfaction to yourself, or pleasure to your partner, continue to play tennis or golf when you are well past middle age.

But you can play bridge so long as you can sit up at a table and tell one card from another. In fact when all else fails - sport, love, ambition - bridge remains a solace and an entertainment". Kindly submitted by Judy Crooke. Thanks Judy.

Member Profile - Anne-Marie Marias



Humpty Doo sounds like something out of a Dr Zeuss tale but it is a real place where Anne-Marie spent nearly 50 years of her life. Anne-Marie grew up in Paris near the Eiffel Tower and very close to the high culture areas of Montparnasse and Sorbonne. As a French teacher, and with her husband who was a system analyst with IBM, they decided to escape the hustle bustle of downtown Paris, and moved to Provence seeking a quieter life-style.

Two years later, in 1971, they decided to move to Australia. Enter Humpty Doo, a rural centre of 387 people, 40km south east of Darwin - with the closest structure resembling the Eiffel Tower being a ten metre high boxing crocodile; the cobble stones of the Sorbonne replaced by red dust and lots of it. Three years after arriving, Cyclone Tracy struck - they survived by sheltering under the bathroom sink.

Anne-Marie is a passionate educator and worked in a variety of schools in Darwin mentoring many teachers. 'Never stop learning' is her motto; she completed her Doctorate while in her 70s. She and her husband were avid sailors and sailed by themselves from Darwin to France via the Red Sea. They were moored in the Seine when Australia won the America's Cup in 1983.

Anne-Marie loves the Australian outback beauty and has made many friends. She began playing bridge in Darwin ten years ago and has fallen in love with game - she sees every hand as a new adventure - and an exercise in mindfulness. She has settled in the historical centre of Fremantle near her favorite bookshop, art galleries, library and coffee shops - her new 'Rive Gauche'.

Say bonjour to Anne-Marie and don't forget her if you need some French conversation catch-ups. If you play against her, please let me know how she now pronounces '..earts'..and '..umpty Doo'!

Merci pour le partage Anne-Marie. Hope you continue to enjoy WABC.

I've had this hand before!!!

No you haven't!! There are 653,013,559,600 combinations for a single hand. You may have had something relatively similar. Speaking of probabilities, out of every 100 hands, 48 will be balanced; 29 two-suited; 19 single suited and 4 three-suited. In terms of exact suit numbers, 35 hands will contain 4 of any suit; 44 with 5 of a suit; 17 with 6; and 4 with 7 or more. Naturally, the point count is not included. How does your bidding system cater for these probabilities? Next edition, HCP probabilities.

The Director is your friend....

The Director must be called to resolve all queries at the table. There is no 'shame' in calling the Director; there are however potential problems if you don't. Treat the Director's advice as a learning experience. Once a potential issue arises, gather the players by quietly saying, "let's ask the Director to help us out". Yelling out "Director" as the first action can be intimidating. Failure to involve the Director, and making your own decision may be unfair to one couple at the table and potentially all other tables in your section. Oh and by the way, all our Directors have an identical surname....it's.... "Please"!

Marvelous Mentors

One of the great services provided to new members is having a mentor. This commenced 8 years ago with Deb Greenway and Carla Sullivan has run it for the past 4 years. Over the past 4 years years, the following have mentored; Rhona Barton, Kitty George, Dymphna Elsey, Val Fleay, Deb Greenway, Julie Short, Karen Wallwork, Mal Clark, John Rigg, Lawrie Bonadeo, Jane Henderson, Sylvia Bray, Suzanne Long, Denise Hall and Bernard Yates.

Carla is stepping down and Eve Clarkson is now your contact. Thank you so much for your hard work Carla. Great job and much appreciated by all "mentees".

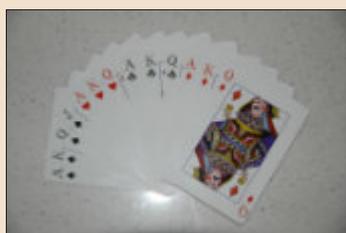
Autumn Vivaldi Pairs

Congratulations to Anne-Marie Marias and John Bell.

New members

A warm welcome to Rae Leach, Mark Glaser, Ian Olsen, Margaret Saunders, Jenny Clark, Bobby Brownhill, Kaye Clements, Margaret Leith, Mary Burke-Heydon Diana Broadfield, Penny Taylor, Davd Steinberg and Jonathan Nassim

Good scores May/ June - club



Dick and Helen Austin	87.50
Mary Burke-Heydon/Director	77.08
Bernadette Fee/Kylie Silvan	77.04
Penny Fletcher-Hughes/Jo Stokes	75
Mary Burke-Heydon/	
Lawrie Bonadeo	74.50
Sylvia Bray/Ziggy Morawiec	73.24
David Burn/Judy King	71.43
Margaret Dodds/	
Penny Fletcher Hughes	70.83
S;ally Hobday/Ann Biggs	70.11

Great scoring, especially Dick and Helen. 87.50 best this year.

Good breeding; bad manners.....

Peter Busch writes articles for the Sunshine Coast BC, including 'What annoys bridge players' - some are worthy of revisiting here - with local commentary.

'Thanking' the opps for doubling you or forcing you to game when you a make it - the last thing your opps want to hear is gratuitous "thanks" for doubling" or "I would never have bid game if you hadn't forced me". They are already in 'pain' ...best say nothing even if well meaning

Fiddling with the bridgemate or scoring sheet before leading - if it's your lead or turn to pace dummy down, do so before your other tasks. Failing to do so wastes time

Not declaring when you can - when the contract is obvious - declare - don't put the opps through the unnecessary task of deciding what to discard - also wastes time.

When declaring, outline the line of play or indicate, for example, 'one trick each'.

Asking questions when you are not going to bid - this serves no purpose. You can clarify the bidding at the end of the auction if it will help with your lead.

Running post mortems at the table - this should be left to a post-session discussion and is disrespectful to your opps who really have no interest in your problems. Time is better spent welcoming new players to the table.

Alerting a bid with the alert card then also announcing the meaning - this is against the rules as it may provide unauthorised information to partner who may have not meant that meaning - alert and only announce when asked by the opps

Dummy touching cards prematurely- this is strictly against the rules, including moving a finger towards a suit. Wait until a card is called, even a singleton.



Impressions from a new member...

Newly joined member Gwen Williams; *"I had always wanted to play bridge - my grandmother did and her passion for the game was contagious. Retirement from my veterinary practice allowed me to commit the time to learning. I live in the Fremantle area but chose to join WABC because I understood it to be the best club in the state with excellent classes.*

Having completed the beginners' classes we were offered the services of a mentor for four weeks and for free. I was also assured that people who take advantage of this offer tend to do better in the long run. My mentor partnered me at a supervised class for four weeks and this was a very positive experience. My mentor was kind and tolerant of my shaky bidding and card play. Having a mentor gave me a gentle introduction to playing at the club, taught me some of the basics of bridge etiquette as well as how to use the dreaded bridgemate. Mentors are special people - they generously volunteer their time with the sole purpose of helping with another member's initiation to the club. Taking the leap from classes to actually playing at the club has been made easier with supervised lessons."

Thanks for this Gwen. The 'special mentor' was Bernard Yates. If anyone else would like to assist, please see Eve Clarkson. When you catch up with new members in normal duplicate, please 'walk in their shoes'. They will often be there with great trepidation. Make them feel especially welcome and as Bill Kemp always said when directing, "be kind to your opponents". Our new members are our future. Be kind to them especially.

Charity day 2021 deals our young people a great hand...

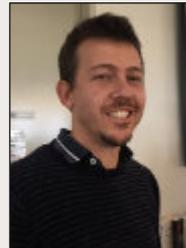
Charity day this year supported a small organization run entirely by volunteers, Zephyr Education, which assists children whose education has been disrupted by domestic violence, thrive at school. Once again, our members' support was fantastic - donations of prizes, purchase of raffle tickets and donations of extra table money - resulting in an amazing total of \$4,310. Nicola Henderson from the foundation joined Kate North on the day (photo). Special thanks to Jacqui Ecclestone, Heather Bannerman, Prue Hart and Anne-Marie Marias for their hard work for such a great cause...and also our members' generosity.



News from Melanie and David Sheffield...in Europe

We have received an update from Mel and David on their annual pilgrimage to the Netherlands from May to October, sailing their boat along Europe's canals. Some excerpts; At Perth Airport ... "like a morgue with only one duty free shop and one coffee shop open". On the flight... "plenty of spare seats from Perth to Doha ..food and service good so I've had to change my opinion of Qatar Air". Arrival .. "Got the boat back in the water..but a major problem with ensuite loo..moving on today to Zwartsluis". Happy cruising Mel and David. Sounds like a different kind of bridge you'll be dealing with and you won't have to wait for someone to open the bar!

Winter Congress Action - Friday



Two wise men? - Peter & David - Winter Congress Directors



Friday Restricted Pairs

1st E/W Diana Wellby/Trevor Smith (Top left); 1st N/S Elsie Chua/Liz Farr (Top Mid); 2nd E/W Andrea Peretti/Hamish McCracken (absent); 2nd N/S Eugene McClorey/ Jay Wongphsukchot (2nd row left)

Pairs Graham Raad

1st E/W Ann Youngs/Jo Sklarz (2nd row mid); 1st N/S Laura Raiter/Leone Lorian (2nd row right); Best WABC lowest MP Doug Grace/Maurice Owen (3rd row left); 2nd E/W Jessica Chew/Ron Cooper (3rd row middle); 3rd N/S John Beddow/Egmont Melton (3rd row right)

Win Lee Saturday Pairs - 1st E/W Namy Bodinner/Sue Lendich; 1st N/S Sue Evans/Barbara Riddle; 3rd N/S Chris Bagley/Lynne Milne



Ruth Harris Sunday Pairs - 1st Tim Wright/Susan Clements; 2nd Lynne Milne/Gwen Wiles; 3rd Faye Shelton (Lyn McClain no pic)



David Macey Pairs; 2nd Terence & Hilary Heptinstall (L). **Novice Pairs**; 1st Pat Allen/Alan Gregory; 2nd Aruni Bandarage/Robyn Wansborough; 3rd Gabrielle Bastow/Shane Brown



Open Swiss Pairs 1st Fiske Warren/Kaiping Chen; 2nd Gerry Daly/Trevor Fuller; 3rd Gill Gavshon/Chris Cullen



Open Teams; 1st Anton Pol/David Matthews/Jessica Chew/Ron Cooper 2nd Andrew Swider/John Beddow/Tad Bieganski/Egmont Melton; 3rd Gwyniera Brahma/Cassie Morin/Deana Wilson/Sue Gammon



Restricted Teams; 1st Jane Adams/Sarita Singh/ Tomoko Nakamatsu/Chis Bacon; 2nd Alfred Leung/Phil Jacobsen/Sylvia Bray/Ziggy Morawiec

