

# Trumps Plus

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## Super Saturday Success

Our first Super Saturday was an amazing success with 176 enthusiastic players enjoying their bridge and the after game festivities. Special thanks to our sponsor Aspire2 Wealth Advisors.



Malcolm Davis joined us and participated in the quiz. Special thanks go the Prue, Kitty and Sheenagh for all the preparations that made the day so enjoyable. Lots of other people helped but we can do with more especially

if we start rolling out a few social events - please see Prue if you can assist. The next Super Saturday on 21 August will be followed by a Fabulous Friday on 17 September. And as a reminder, please support our sponsors Aspire2 and Advantage Pharmacy in Claremont who donated the raffle prize. Their generosity allows this and other events to happen.

## News and events

### Championship Season is here

A number of major club championship events are occurring over the next few weeks. These cater for all members and include Restricted Teams; Open Teams; Novice Pairs; Mixed Pairs; Men's Pairs; and Evening Pairs. Also don't forget the September Swiss Pairs. See website and Notices for details.

### Need a partner?

Don't forget the brilliant new initiative on Thursday 9 September to help you team up with a partner. See website.

### Annual General Meeting

Reserve Tuesday 12 October for the AGM preceded by red point bridge. Your chance to tell us how we're going.

### Super Saturday Fun

The food and drink were well enjoyed by the group at Super Saturday. And anybody who thought that Carol Pocock (red top) was a glass-half-empty person should think again. Mind you, Nerilyn and Mike seem to be enjoying themselves with the party pies and red wine. It was wonderful to see so many there - we



have a few surprises in store next time - Saturday 21 August and only \$7 table money

## Member Profile - Dr Carol Pocock



Carol Pocock's early years were spent in London, apart from a wartime break in Wales to escape the bombing. Her primary education resulted in her winning a scholarship to James Allen's Girls' School in Dulwich where she became a prefect and Head Girl. A scholarship to the medical faculty at Newnham College, Cambridge, saw her well and truly launched in the medical world. While training

at King's College Hospital in London she also became involved in family planning programs and met future husband Derek - they married in 1964.

In 1973, with their three children and Derek's mother, they arrived in Perth, where Carol soon commenced GP work in Bayswater and with the Family Planning Association. Around this time Carol established the first Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Australia. This was a highly acclaimed achievement with this critical service now widely available. Her overseas experience and that developed in Perth proved to be ground breaking. Her immense range of consultation work with medical, police and government agencies created standards and protocols across the country. Throughout the years of this wonderful medical work, Carol and Derek's family commitments were interspersed with great travel experiences, enjoying bridge at club, state and national level as well as 20 years volunteer work at King's Park. Past committee member, President and Life Member - a life of service and a wonderful person. Thank you Carol; and keep enjoying your bridge. (prepared by Carol's good friend, Mike George, with thanks)

## I never get a decent hand.....!!!

Consider the following probabilities;

1 or less HCP - 1%; 2 - 6HCP- 19%; 7 - 9HCP - 27%; 10 - 14HCP - 39%; 15 - 17HCP - 10%; 18 - 19HCP - 3%; 20+HCP - 1%

This shows that for one in every hundred boards you will have 1 or less HCP; and in 47 boards you will have 9 or fewer HCP and likely passing. The action is around 10 - 17HCP and occurs in 49 or nearly half of boards. The clear message is to learn to work in this range. Don't sit there waiting for the 18 - 20HCP hand before you bid up - it's almost as rare as a Dockers' premiership cup!



Thanks to Robin Paterson, who along with Kerry Barns and other helpers, generously assist with club catering. Robin is 'retiring' and will be greatly missed - but not forgotten - she and her bridge partner Marie Musitano are two of the most stylish dressers in the club...and canny players to boot. I'm quite envious - Robin even has colour coded walking canes. Well done Robin and we'll miss the homemade meat balls.

## About bridge....

A winner takes notice of their partner's point of view; A loser just waits until they can express their own

What's the difference between politicians and bridge players? Bridge players sometimes tell the truth.

## Professor Prue..



Our own Prue Hart, head of the inflammation research group at the Telethon Kids' Institute, recently featured in an article in

'The Guardian' on the importance - good and bad - of sunlight on our skin and health. Prue's tip..learn to know your skin'. Thanks Prue. Have you conducted any research that could assist my 'inflammatory bidding?'

## Interclub Teams

Karen Moller's team including Jodie Basham, Kath Negus and Andrea Gaff had a big win over Maylands then thumped Nedlands. Phil Jacobsen's team including John Finlay-Jones, Kate North and Bernard Yates had a convincing win over West Coast.

## Club Swiss Pairs C'Ship

Winners were Deana Wilson/Gwyneira Brahma from Mimi Packer/Jonathon Free.

## New members

Welcome to Sheila Barlow; Robyn Wansbrough; Christine Spartalis; Kerrie Roberts; Claire Brittain; Rosemary Ongley. We hope you enjoy WABC.

## Winners are grinners.

Kath Negus drew on her cryptic crossword experience to solve one of the



'who am I?' teasers at Super Saturday. For those who weren't there, here are the clues; 'I am a member of a Royal Family'. 'I am a male'. 'I have

yellowy ginger hair'. 'My Royal Family is the most important but I am the least important member'. 'I appear in a dark suit'. Answer; *The Jack of Spades*. Well done Kath - shame your bridge partner isn't as intuitive.

## From the Doc...

Dr Karen Moller has passed on a link to the July edition of the 'Medical Forum' which referred to research indicating that reading, writing and playing card games can delay the onset of Alzheimers Dementia by at least 5 years. Playing against some of our senior players at WABC proves this - they get better every time you play them.. or maybe I'm getting worse. Thanks Karen.

Reminds me of a story of two old mates, Bob and Jack who had been meeting up for coffee every Friday morning for 40 years. One day Jack said, "you know we've been catching up for 40 years and I've forgotten to ever ask your name. What is it?". Bob replied, "I'll need to get back to you later on that one." Obviously not bridge players.

## DEREK POCOCK'S GOLDEN RULES

Some years ago I was fortunate enough to play six games with Derek - 4 wins, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. - shows you what a fine player he was! He was kind enough to share with me his 27 'Golden Rules', some of which are listed below. It is fitting that with our Member focus on Carol, we also remember Derek for the fine player, generous person and absolute gentleman he was.

Never lead a singleton trump

Never under lead an Ace, except in no-trumps

Five of a minor in a PAIRS event is likely to be a bad score - try for 6

Don't sacrifice without a singleton or void in the opps suit

Be very cautious about a sacrifice when you are vulnerable and they are not

Bid a five card suit twice and a good six carder three times

Length in a suit is often more important than strength

Never leave partner in NT with a singleton/void in an unbid suit or the opps suit bid

Never lead from Jxxx, but maybe from J,10,9,x

Lead from the top of a sequence, play from the bottom

Keep parity with dummy's suit providing your last card can beat their's

A new suit at the 3 level is forcing for one round

If the 4<sup>th</sup> suit is bid - game forcing

If partner opens (other than a pre-empt) and you have game points, it is your responsibility to get to game

If you have no obvious lead, lead a trump, but not if a singleton

If partner leads trumps, do the same if you can

Generally do not rough in with the master trump - wait to draw two of theirs

Firmly establish a system with partner for ALL OF; leads; discards; count

Do your working out of partner's hand AT TRICK ONE - work out what points they may have and what suit they may have to defeat the contract - make time to do this

When being finessed from a sequence of honours, cover the last one led - not the 1st

A lead of an 8 should be the top of nothing - unless you play MUD

Lead through dummy's strength and up to dummy's weakness

If they bid a suit you have good values in, PASS and await partners double which you pay then choose to pass for penalties

Do not double a slam unless you want partner to make an unusual lead - **not trumps** or any suit you may have bid. If on lead, the double is for penalties

**Rookies and Novices** - 1<sup>st</sup> E/W Penni Fletcher-Hughes/Keith Cramond (Top L); 1<sup>st</sup> N/S Jeff Veling/Eve Clarkson (Top R); 2<sup>nd</sup> E/W Cindy Rodeheaver/Maurice Ford (Mid L); 2<sup>nd</sup> N/S Amanda Bracewell/Fran Brennan (abs) (Mid R)

**Masters Teams of 3**; 1<sup>st</sup> Liz Jacoby/Lyn Milne/Shirley Lavarack/Diana Humphrys (Bot L); 2<sup>nd</sup> Tad Bieganski/Shelley James/Jill Jenkins/Brian Embleton (Bot R)

