

Trumps Plus

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Well here we are safe and well at the end of 2021. Fortunately our bridge has been largely uninterrupted with most of our events proceeding. A great winter congress, outstanding Christmas congress, an enjoyable Club Christmas party

and prize giving, Super Saturdays, Fabulous Friday, a clean sweep in interclub teams, outstanding personal achievements by some members, new members on our Management Committee, a new website under way, refurbishments to our clubhouse, a number of new members and so the list goes on. We also remember those members who are no longer with us. We have much to celebrate at your club and in 2022 we hope to make your experiences even better. From all who have worked to make our club the best, we hope you have a fulfilling festive season and good bridging in 2022. Merry Christmas.

NEWS AND EVENTS

- Red point events 27, 28, 31 December
- Andy Hung Lessons commence 24 January
- Annual subscriptions due 1 January
- Check website for vaccine requirements

CHRISTMAS CONGRESS SUCCESS.....AGAIN



Once again the well-oiled WABC Congress machine lept into action with outstanding attendances and an enjoyable time for all. The five events attracted a total attendance of 572 players. Thanks go to all who helped before, during and after the events. In particular, thank you to members for the wonderful contributions to catering. There is an article in this edition about the importance of volunteers. Who cares about winning when you can enjoy a spread like this. Thanks also to David, Peter and Gwen for the

smooth directing we have come to expect at our congresses. There were a number of very positive comments about the events, particularly from visitors.



In the last edition of Trumps Plus, we wrongly reported Jean Rosendorff's name as Joan - apologies, and thank you to Ali Rigg for picking this up. Jean died in 2002 and as previously reported, made a great contribution to bridge in WA. Congratulations to Jan Blight and Jo Sklarz, the best WABC pair, finishing 3rd in the HGR Women's Swiss Pairs. I'm sure Jean was there in spirit at the presentation.

Member Profile - Hilary and Terry Heptinstall



Hilary and Terry met in 1964 while teaching at the Ecclesbourne Grammar School in Duffield, Derbyshire UK. Terry taught French and Hilary, Chemistry. They had both learned to play bridge while at University so there was an immediate connection!

They were asked to speak in a school debate on the topic 'A woman's place is in the home' (Terry in the affirmative) and Terry said that if he won, he would shout Hilary a drink in the local pub. Hilary won so, of course, had to return the favour! After a whirlwind courtship they married within the year.

Terry wanted promotion so they moved to Coventry for a few years, during which time sons, Alan and David, were born.

They were not happy in Coventry. Terry's brother, Peter, and his parents had migrated to Perth in Australia, so they decided to follow them. In 1970 Terry got a teaching post at Ballarat College. Eventually, a job offer from Scotch College brought the family to Perth, initially living in Sorrento and playing at the old Undercroft Bridge Club. After six happy years at Sorrento the family moved to Cottesloe to be closer to work and school for the boys. Hilary was by this time teaching at Presbyterian Ladies' College where she taught for 26 years.

They became very involved with the 'St Oswald's Music Hall' in Swanbourne. This was a very popular local event in the community and they made many friends.

On Terry's retirement in 1995, they built a house in Swanbourne, where they still live today.

Terry worked on the Samaritans telephone counselling line and drove a shopping bus for Nedlands Council, until he got the sack last year when he achieved his OBE - over bloody eighty! They became very involved with the Friends of Lake Claremont who fought to have the golf course revegetated. They have planted trees to make a beautiful parkland. Hilary is kept busy writing the newsletter each month.

In 2003, Hilary joined Terry in retirement and they enjoy playing bridge at WABC and West Coast. While they might be new members they are indeed old friends...and by the way, don't let their polite manner make you underestimate their canny bridge play.

About Bridge...

In bridge, you should always learn from the mistakes of others..you won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

In bridge, it's not sufficient to win the tricks that belong to you ...try to win some that belong to your opponents.

TRIUMPHANT TEAMS

WABC Interclub Teams have had a clean sweep of all 3 divisions, including a 1st and 2nd in the Intermediate Teams. **Open Teams;** Dave Munro; Deana Wilson; Mimi Packer; Jonathan Free; Doreen Jones; Ann Youngs; Vinod Nasta; Geoff Holman; Henry Christie; Sue Gammon; Kaiping Chen; Geoff Yeo; David Burn; Lynne Milne; Fiske Warren; **Intermediate Teams A and B;** Kate North; Bernie Yates; John Finlay-Jones; Phil Jacobsen; Mark Doust; John Rigg; Kate Pinniger; Carla Sullivan; Belinda Taranto; Hamish McCracken; Mavis Koay; Julie Short; David Woodliff; Andrew Edwards; **Novice Teams;** Karen Moller; Jodie Basham; Andrea McCallum; Nicki McGrath; Kath Negus.

The Open Team lost only 1 match; the Intermediate A Team was undefeated; and the Novice Team lost only 1 match.

A great effort by all players. Why don't you sign up for 2022?

Helping needy kids....thank you



Members will recall the generous support we were able to provide for needy kids through Zephyr Education. Well, once again our generous members have answered the call by providing a stock of drink containers and lunch boxes. The WA Coordinator of Zephyr, Nicola Henderson, has passed on her gratitude. Over the Christmas period, the refuges will fill up with families escaping from domestic violence and forced to flee their homes. Every little bit helps the children prepare for school in February. If anyone feels inclined, there are many organisations like Zephyr who do so much and would appreciate any support right now when so many will have so little.

THE GREAT BRIDGE BOYCOTT

An article by David Owen in 'The Sporting Scene', October 2021



Thanks to Judy Crooke for bringing this article to our attention; the full article is on the BAWA website.

The story involves the 30 teams competing in the European qualifying tournament for the 2021 World National Team Championships. Fulvio Fantoni (pictured) was a member of the Italian team. Trouble is, he and his former partner, Claudio Nunes, were caught for cheating in 2016. They were banned from competition for five years and stripped of their titles for the previous four years. At the championships, the German team withdrew in protest at Fantoni being allowed to return. As Italy was scheduled to play teams, each one forfeited in protest - at the end of the rounds all 30 teams forfeited and Fantoni did not play a hand.

But how did they catch Fantoni and Nunes? It took a female physicist with limited bridge knowledge examining 85 hands on video. In 82 of the 85 occasions, they placed their cards horizontally and vertically with distinct meanings - vertically when they had an unseen A,K or Q of the same suit. Owen noted this led to low percentage plays that few others would contemplate. This he said, was quite different from some common methods used by less sophisticated cheats such as excessive and contrived delays; gestures such as smiles, eye-rolls, frowns etc; and placing cards in vertical and horizontal positions. Others include gazing at the floor or ceiling, rocking back in the chair, fiddling with the bidding box and careful arrangement of the bidding cards on the table....and the list goes on. Owen also refers to 'coffeehousing' where certain antics like deceptive timing, and misleading movements are a form of bluffing, like poker.

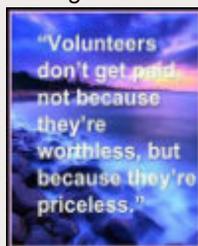
The article is well worth a read. Several other alleged cheats are referred to, such as the late Terence Reese who was accused of using the position of his fingers to indicate how many trumps he had.

Owen also outlines how cheating occurs in online tournaments. Some experts such as Nicholas Hammond have developed an algorithm which apparently detects consistent high risk plays that come off more than normal.

If you have evidence that someone may be breaking the rules, a quiet word with a club recorder is advised. All discussions are confidential, even from the Management Committee.

Members - we welcome the following new members and hope they enjoy their time at our club; Susan Dawson; Stuart and Fiona Phillips; Beata Bieganski; Guy Kirk; and rejoining members Neville Gale and Mona Ketelsen. We also remember the following members who have passed away; Ian Oldham; Hilary McWilliam; Ilma Steel; Lee Stupart; and Wendy Birman. Please make our new members welcome when you see them.

Volunteers - as the picture says, our club volunteers are priceless. Thank you on behalf of everyone for your selfless contributions in 2021 - management committee; subcommittees; library; inter-club teams organisers; recorders; bar activities; tidying social area; preparing cheese; gardens and surrounds; catering/hospitality; tournament conveners and helpers; table covers; auditor; and many more. Our members are also incredibly generous with donations and charity days. A big thank you to all our helpers - it's what makes your club strong. Wonderful people. If you are able to assist with anything around the club, we are always appreciative of extra help - speak with a member of the Management Committee.



CHRISTMAS CONGRESS ACTION



RESTRICTED PAIRS

3rd N/S Tessa Mayall, Kate Gould (L) 3rd E/W Simone Pettorino, Kali Crosbie (Mid)

BEST NOVICE Leanne Lapworth, Shelley James (R)

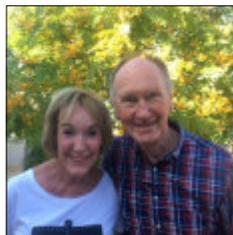
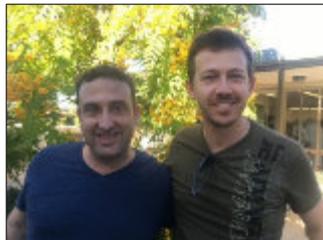


FRIDAY PAIRS 1st N/S Geoff Yeo, (John McMullan; 1st E/W Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer; 2nd N/S Yvonne Burns, Julie Short 2nd E/W Egmont Melton, John Beddow



PRESIDENT'S PAIRS

1st N/S Patricia Rosser, Corinne Monteath (Top L); 3rd N/S Kath Negus, John Nelson (Top R); 1st E/W Linda Wild, Robyn Howe (Bot L); 2nd E/W Jonathon Pynt, Andrea Peretti (Bot M); 3rd E/W Jeff Veling, (Jan Blight) (Bott)



SWISS PAIRS

1st; David Schokman, Nick Cantatore (left) 2nd; Maura and Rick Rhodes (middle) 3rd; Tim Munro, Chris Mulley (right)



TEAMS 1st Alan Cransberg, Florence Maltby, Kimberley Zhao, Di Brooks; 2nd; Vinod Nasta, Cynthia Belongoff, David Schokman, Nick Cantatore; 3rd; Kaiping Chen, Fiske Warren, Val Biltoft, Karol Miller