

Trumps Plus

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Happy 14th Anniversary to our Swanbourne Clubhouse. Many members may remember the enlightened decision by some of our early members to issue debentures to purchase the original Dalkeith premises. The sale of Dalkeith provided the \$1.6 million it cost to build

Swanbourne which opened in 2008 - a tremendous investment all would agree. If you have the chance, have a chat to some of our founders. Significantly, the Federal Member for Curtin, Celia Hammond, wrote to the club acknowledging the milestone and our club's contribution to the community.

We had a great Fabulous Friday thanks to Aspire2Wealth with 40 tables. Happy bridging in 2022 and please stay safe. Rumour is there may be a future Marvellous Monday.

NEWS AND EVENTS

- COVID-19 protocols in place - please assist; masks are compulsory **EVERYWHERE** except when drinking or eating - entrance, foyer, passageway, social area, toilets, library, playing area. There are no exceptions and this is a government regulation - as well as consideration for others, particularly health-compromised.
- Check events tab on website - Novice/Super Novice Congress; Red Point sessions; Women's Pairs; Restricted Swiss Pairs; Handicap Pairs; Men's Pairs
- Red Point Charity Day Friday 29 April - stay tuned for details. A 'must come' event.

President's Award



The Management Committee has introduced a new annual award to recognise volunteer work for the club - in 2021, John Nelson, Kate Nadebaum and Jane Henderson. Two of these people deserve it more than the bloke. A great initiative to continue in 2022.

Hats off to our Management Committee

At the cake cutting ceremony at Saturday's Anniversary Pairs our Patron, Helen George, payed special tribute to the wonderful work our Management Committee has done over the past two years to keep our club thriving like no other. This should be extended to Sheenagh, other sub-committees, volunteers and John our cleaner. The thunderous applause said it all. Thank you from every single member.

Member Profile - Rose McAleer AM



Rose McAleer might not be well known by some of our members but she is a highly distinguished pioneer in the area of medical mycology - the study of fungus organisms that cause disease in humans.

Rose was born in Perth and spent her early childhood in Meekatharra. She completed her schooling as a boarder in Santa Maria College and received a scholarship to study Botany at UWA. Following her degree, Rose worked as a Plant Pathologist in the Department of Agriculture in Perth for almost 4 years, then went to Europe to work and study at the Commonwealth Mycological Institute at Kew, Surrey, England. On her return from Europe in 1959, Rose set up the first Medical Mycology Laboratory at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in the State Health Laboratories. Rose is recognised as being responsible for the initiation of Medical Mycology in WA. This included managing the laboratory for 35 years, teaching medical mycology to medical and dental students at UWA, medical science students at Curtin and Dermatology Registrars.

Rose served on numerous committees and presented scientific presentations at international and Australian conferences. Rose is a Fellow of the Australian Society for Microbiology; Hon. Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia; Hon. Member of the Australian College of Dermatologists; recipient of the Janssen-Cilag Distinguished Mycology Award 1996; and the Mycology Award for Meritorious Contributions to Medical and Veterinary Mycology from the Australian Federation of Medical and Veterinary Mycology. Rose was awarded an Australia Medal in the 1996 Queen's Honours List for her services over many years.

In retired life Rose enjoys gardening, bridge and has studied Italian at UWA. - including a visit to that country. Thank you Rose for a life of service and we all hope you continue to enjoy your bridge at our club.

Using the Recorders....please

The previous edition of Trumps Plus featured an article on the 2021 World Bridge Championships and the issue of cheating by the Italian team. Apparently this has triggered somebody to send a highly inappropriate and frankly, appalling, anonymous letter to one of our members making accusations of cheating by them and one of their partners. This method is totally unacceptable. If anyone is concerned about the conduct - etiquette or bridge play - of a member they should contact a club recorder. Their complaint will be addressed in complete confidence and with discretion.

Claire Brittain OAM

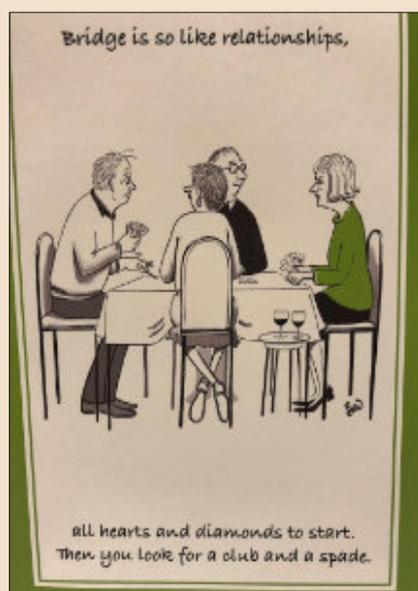


Congratulations to Claire, a new member, for her award of OAM for service to the community of Claremont and the environment. This was announced at the 2022 Australia Day ceremony. Well done Claire.

Christmas Party 2021



Humour in our frustrating game



Bridge Tips - minimising those annoying mistakes

At a recent lesson, Andy Hung commenced by commenting that one of the key things is to minimise mistakes - winners are usually those who make the fewest mistakes - at all levels. This article is the first of a two-part series drawing on an article by Mary Smith in a 2007 'Bridge Bulletin' on the ten most common errors;

Playing too fast - spend 30 seconds examining your hand whether declarer or defender. After dummy goes down, prepare a plan of attack - necessary finesses/order of play/which hand you need to be in/what bidding told you about other players' likely holding/contingency provisions if there is a shocking split. If defending, spend time visualising partner's holding - make the partnership work - you are not flying solo

Cashing tricks too early - especially aces. The aces have one purpose - killing kings, not 2s and 3s. Set up other winners or long suits. Be cautious about losing control of a vulnerable suit by playing a boss card too early

Trump mismanagement - this has many aspects - forgetting the number of trumps out and either failing to take them out where appropriate, or taking your own out unnecessarily. There is usually no point sending out two of your trumps to catch the last one out if it is the highest rank. Similarly if defending, consider using your boss trump to knock out two of declarer's - reduces the remainder of the game to a no-trump contest

Bad bidding part 1 - missing games and part scores because of inappropriate responses to takeout doubles of one level suit openers - you need to adopt a system where you quickly tell partner what you've got rather than making them guess. Bidding at this level depends on information flow, whatever system you choose

Misusing conventions - there are hundreds of conventions - have a well understood agreement with partner, especially the followup bidding. Be careful about bidding Michael's and unusual no-trump when vulnerable without reasonable values - distribution is not a licence to bid recklessly. If using gerber or blackwood, best to bid 6 if off one Ace. Finesses may overcome a king shortage. Be very clear if conventions are off or on after interference. One of the biggest problems with conventions is not having an agreement with all the possibilities which emerge with responses.

Next edition - the remaining five mistakes.

2022 Anniversary Pairs, February 5

First Place Helen Cook, Deborah Greenway; 2nd Barbara Riddle, Susan Evans; 3rd Geoff Yeo, John McMullan; 4th Kate Nadebaum, Val Keevil; 5th Dianne Dwyer, Mavis Koay

Working with bridge....hmmm.

A cleaning woman was applying for a new job. When asked why she had left her last employment, she replied: 'You see, the wages were good, but it was most ridiculous place I ever worked. They played a game they call Bridge - and last night a lot of folks were there. As I was about to bring in the refreshments, I heard a man say, 'Lay down and let's see what you've got.' Another man said, 'I've got strength but not much length.' Then another man said to a lady, 'Take your hand off my trick!' I pretty near dropped dead just when a lady answered, 'You forced me, you jumped me twice when you didn't have the strength for one good raise!' Another lady was talking about protecting her honour, but two others were talking and one said, 'Now it's my turn to play with your husband while you play with mine!' Well, I just got my hat and coat and as I was leaving - I hope to die if I didn't hear one say, 'Well I guess we can go home now, this is our last rubber!' so I hurried out the door.'

Story kindly provided by an anonymous member.