

Trumps Plus

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Thanks must go to our members who have graciously supported club policies to deal with COVID-19 and in particular providing evidence of vaccination and the correct wearing of the dreaded mask. Great effort in difficult times. It is probably no coincidence that adherence to the required policies has contributed to us remaining open for business - and with strong attendances.

This edition also features our generous sponsor - Aspire2 Wealth Advisors - and how uncertain times require us to be seeking more certainty. Their advice may save you thousands as we struggle with how far our dollars go - and global uncertainty. Currently, work is continuing to launch an exciting new fresh and interactive website - keep a lookout.

Finally, we have our annual charity coming up on Friday 29 April. Please see the article in this edition and support our worthy cause - Express Wildlife Rescue - and the tireless work they do to save native fauna. Donations for the raffle appreciated.

NEWS AND EVENTS

COMPETITIONS

Check events Tab - Handicap Pairs; BAWA Evening Swiss Pairs; Men's Pairs C'Ship; Australia Wide Novice Pairs; Evening Pairs C'Ship; Red Point Charity Day

LESSONS

Check website - beginning 25 April

NEW MEMBERS

Guy Kirk; Stuart and Fiona Phillips; Patricia and Darrell Lynch; Judy Ley; Kevin Redfern; Lidia Rozlapa; Murray McGill; Roma Gehringer; Susan Zhang; Leanne Lapworth; Lois O'Halloran; Jenny Bourke; Daniel Cronin; Robyn Ellis (rejoining)

DECEASED MEMBERS

Gillian Milne; Kim Crossing

Member Profile - guess who!



I was born in Sydney and travelled to Perth with my mum and dad and two sisters in 1937. We lived in Peppermint Grove and I remember all we girls riding our bikes to attend St Hilda's Girls' School. I enjoyed my school years, especially my sport and at age 13 joined the Peppermint Grove tennis club. My career was in nursing with the first three years at Royal Perth Hospital and a year in the operating theatre.

Following this, I went to Sydney to study midwifery at Crown Street Womens' Hospital - all boobs and bottoms but a very happy side of nursing. I spent a year as a midwife at St Luke's Hospital then to Sydney Hospital as a theatre sister. I returned home to visit mum and dad and I was invited to a party where I met Mervyn. We later married and had 48 fabulous years together. Mervyn had a daughter in Perth. Our son Andrew was born in 1963 and was a Christ Church boy. Mervyn and I travelled a lot and we had a friend who had a chateau in France. During my travels I fell in love with Hong Kong. Mervyn was president of the Architects' society and I recall one year meeting the Duke of Edinburgh who presented Mervyn with an award in Perth. The Duke was a gorgeous man. Andrew travelled to Sydney after leaving school so my life became busy with golf at Lake Karrinyup Country Club and tennis at the local club. Mervyn also had a boat so we spent many weekends at Rottneet Island at Marjorie Bay.

Bridge took over my life when I reached 80..no more sport. I have enjoyed 30 years of bridge, meeting many great people. The move of WABC to Swanbourne has been fabulous...I just love this club. *(Editor's note; a wonderful lady, great club person; canny player; club royalty.... 'young' Jocelyn Parry)*

Annual Charity Day



Our 2022 Charity Day on 29 April, will support Express Wildlife Rescue. It is a small not for profit foundation that rescues and rehabilitates injured and sick native wildlife. Many come to Express Wildlife in poor condition after being run over, burnt or attacked by cats or dogs, often requiring veterinary care. There are no paid staff, no government funding and rely on donations to buy much needed supplies of food, linen and vet care. We need your help to help make the day a success and ask that you please donate items for the raffle. Donations of wine, chocolates, giftware, gift vouchers, tokens for bridge sessions, services, etc would be most welcome. Please bring your donations to the club as soon as possible and leave them in the office by Tuesday 26 April.



Costa Georgiadis - maybe not?

The club is looking for a group of 4 to 5 interested members who would be willing to take on the role of looking after our gardens and plants. It might involve getting together every month or so. A generous budget is available including an allowance for a bit of hospitality. If you're interested, can you please contact

Sheenagh Young or Richard Basham. We need your help so please think about forming a team.

Is there bridge up there?

A fanatical bridge player inquired of his priest, 'Father do they play bridge in heaven?' Father responded, 'I will check with Him and get back to you'. A week later the priest caught up with the parishioner and said, 'I have some good news and bad news. The good news is that there is indeed bridge up there - the bad news is you're playing Swiss pairs tomorrow'.

Finances; future; costs; inflation; retirement and all of that....



In times of great uncertainty, there's an old saying

... 'seek certainty'. There is no doubt that we live in troubled times and maintaining the value of our wealth is a real issue. Rising inflation; low interest rates; global volatility; rampant inflation; COVID-19 etc. We should be turning to the experts who are dealing with dozens of real life stories every day - Malcolm Davis at Aspire2 Wealth Advisors. Malcolm and his staff are experts in not only advising, but in helping you put your plans into action - wealth creation; wealth preservation; investing, transition to retirement; navigating the complex pension and social services landscape; retirement homes and living and much more. Sadly, there are many people making risky and desperate decisions. Malcolm is a good friend of the club. His company has been generously sponsoring our highly successful Super Saturdays and Fabulous Fridays for five months which supports multiple prizes. He or one of his associates is only too happy to have a chat with you. Contact details are; 9322 7029. Ask for Malcolm and mention WABC.

New member's day

New members' day is considered to be one of our more important events where we welcome our new members into our club with a game with an existing member. The winners are below left to right; N/S Tracey Kudelka and our Patron Peter Smith and E/W Stuart Phillips and Brian Embleton. We hope our new members enjoy their engagement with the club. While we're on the topic of new members, and those with fewer MPs, remember that there are many opportunities to play in congresses such as the Novice and Super-novice. And what about the performance of the 2nd place getters in the Swiss Restricted Pairs - less than 300MP. Yulia and Manuela from Undercroft Bridge Club, each have 33MP and 28MP respectively - a fantastic effort given that on MP they were amongst the lowest ranked in the field. Swiss competitions re-rank you after each round so that you generally play similarly ranked people. Try one - they're good fun and earn you red points.



Bridge tips - minimising mistakes - part 2

We continue from last edition's article on the first five bad mistakes with the last five;

Bad penalty doubles - don't double for penalties based on high card points alone - you need some aces or certain tricks and some useful trumps; your kings can be finessed. Be wary of vulnerability; sitting over declarer can be an advantage.

Captaincy issues - this involves a failure to establish captaincy, resulting in overbidding and underbidding. When you have basically described your hand, leave the competitive decisions to partner. This highlights the need to describe your hand as early as possible - especially HCP - but also shape. Assume your partner is the boss any time you open the bidding or overcall. Many game contracts in No Trumps are missed because of this problem.

Telling the same story twice - it is not always useful to bid a 5 card suit twice - think about your rebid when opening. Many people advocate playing Jacoby transfers, Michael's cuebids, or unusual no trump to help with this issue. Remember the previous problem about captaincy - tell your partner about your hand asap.

Bad bidding part 2 - missing games and part scores because you didn't respond to partner's overcall - you MUST do something - 'support with support'. Treat an overcall as if it was an opening bid until you find out differently.. If you're not broke - bid.

Physical or mechanical errors - these include pulling out the wrong card and revoking. Before you play your card, look to the left and right.... say to yourself 'spade played/club played' or whatever. Another tip, if the opps lead out of turn, know your options, especially that of keeping the stronger hand off the table.

Results - Novice and Super Novice Congress

Novice 1st Eve Clarkson, Sandy Veling (Top L); 2nd Karen Moller Kath Negus (Top R); **Super Novice** 1st Joann Theriault, Bev Ockerby (Bottom L); 2nd Shane Brown, Gabrielle Bastow



Results - Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress

1st Alfred Leung, Diane Smith (Top L); 2nd Yulia Koh, Manuela Steinbrecher - see comment under New Member's Day (Top R); Best under 150MP Cathy and Ron Grogan (Bottom L); Best under 50MP; Leanne Lapworth, Penny Fletcher-Hughes

