

April 2019

## From the President's desk

February was marked by the physical move from 790 to 431 Canning Highway. The Grand Opening went very well with a great turn out of 31 tables for bridge in the afternoon. Thank you for making time on your Sunday to those who attended to celebrate this landmark occasion.

Our members should be proud of the fact that Melville Bridge Club is now the most spacious, modern and comfortable Bridge Club in WA.

In order to keep it that way, it is mandatory for *only water* to be allowed in all carpeted areas. Thank you for your understanding and support on this.

The weekend following our grand opening was the biggest event in our bridge calendar. Our sponsored Oakwood Pairs attracted 41 tables and Teams 35 Tables Congress. This is, of course, record-breaking for the Club and we wish to break this record again in 2020. The Sponsor's Representative Pauline Campbell of Oakwood has gifted a food hamper valued at \$100 to the winner of the Teams event (Hardie Team). Thank you, Pauline and congratulations to the winners.

Both events were very well managed and directed by our State Director Dave Parham and his assistant director Bruce Penhey. Bruce is new to our club but we will see more of him as he will direct 2 Thursdays a month. He brings a wealth of experience directing to the club. Welcome, Bruce.

A big thank you to all the helpers who came in to lend a hand to our House Manager Lyndie on the 3 big recent events and also to our members for their trademark generosity of bringing plates of finger foods on the Congresses days.

As a service to members, mobile phones may be charged in the director's office. Please put your mobiles on mute and hand over to the Director who will charge your mobile whilst you are playing. Please do not forget to collect it after bridge! We have 4 such USB chargers available to us.

Enjoy the excellent facilities at our Club and I wish you happy bridging.

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LEST WE FORGET  
ANZAC DAY

## Celebrating our spacious new clubrooms

The 10 years of planning and preparation that have gone into the new clubroom project have most definitely paid off. We now have the capacity to accommodate up to 40 tables on a regular basis and on special occasions up to 60 playing tables.

Our Club has 24/7 CCTV monitoring, a state-of-the-art audio visual and public address systems, not to mention top-notch bar and kitchen facilities.

Our new accommodations brings us into close proximity to the Bride Association of WA who are housed next door and will sub-lease our premises for their bridge events.

The temperature is centrally controlled so we don't have the ability to raise or lower the settings on request. We suggest you come prepared with an extra layer for use if you find it too cold.

### Bridge improvement

We are delighted to have the services of bridge fellowship teacher and expert **Jonathan Free** on an exclusive basis. New members and even seasoned players will benefit greatly from his lessons. Thank you, Jonathan, for joining our team.

*Wishing our club members a happy Easter*



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proudly presents Jonathan Free's 4 week  
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- ♦ **SLAM BIDDING**
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telephone Jonathan:  
0407 202 776**



## Sunday Bridge

The first of the Sunday Bridge sessions was on 3 February. We asked a relatively new club member for his thoughts on the Sunday Session. Below is the feedback we received:

'While it was a bit daunting to find ourselves up against some very skilled players, it was a great challenge to try to upset the apple cart by coming in with that extra trick . 16 tables made for a challenging afternoon and it was a great opportunity to meet other club members and visitors in an informal setting....Sunday bridge gives us increased bridge playing options and will be particularly appealing over the winter months. With the end result being a top four placing, we were encouraged, to return for more Sunday outings with an eye set on pole position . The Sunday bridge initiative is a worthwhile addition to our bridge calendar.

*The next Sunday bridge will be on 7 April.*

## New sponsorship

We are very pleased to announce a new club sponsor: Total Dental Care (see below). Note the offer of a free health check and clean for our members. Please, support our generous sponsors, as they support us.



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TBIB—0431 570 561

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*If you use any of the above services please mention you are a member of this bridge club.*

### Bridge humour

An elderly gentleman goes to the Dr for his annual check-up. The doctor is impressed that the man is in even better health than he was the year before.

Curious, he asks him what he does for mental stimulation. The man answers that he plays duplicate bridge.

"And what do you do for physical stimulation?" asks the doctor, "I sit east-west" he replied.



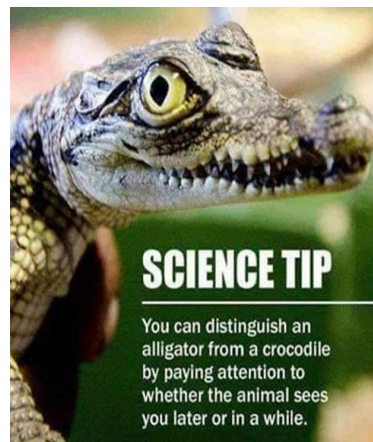
## WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTORS

We are delighted to welcome three new directors to our team:

- **David Burn**, a well-known experienced director with an intensive knowledge of all the computer systems needed to score and manage a bridge session. **David** has recently achieved recognition as a state director, congratulations David.
- **Bruce Penhey**, originally from New Zealand, Bruce is currently directing at the Undercroft Bridge Club & WABC.
- **Lyndall Steed**, has been directing at the South Perth Bridge Club for more than five years and is a long standing member of our club. Lyndall will be directing a new supervised session every Tuesday evening 7:15 to 9:45pm.

### Bridge trivia

The king of hearts is the only king with no moustache, and is also typically shown with a sword behind his head, making him appear to be stabbing himself. This leads to the nickname "suicide king."





## BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

1. Bridge is a social game so, be friendly, smile, acknowledge and greet your opponents. No matter how good or poorly you play, you are an ambassador for the game. You can drive people away or you can make them love it.
2. Check that your telephone is on silent when you are playing bridge.
3. Learn to not get offended every time the director is called on you —this is a part of the game.
4. Refrain from criticising partner for some wrong doing and do not give impromptu lessons at the table.
5. When dummy lays her hand down, she will usually say, "Good luck, partner." Declarer, upon seeing her hand, will usually say, "thank you, partner." Such simple courtesies are intended to maintain partnership harmony. If you are in the habit of saying "good luck" and "thank you," though, be sure to do it on every deal, even if you want to strangle partner for his horrendous bidding. It is important to not tip the defenders off about your bidding having gone awry. If dummy says "good luck" and declarer sighs and shakes his head, the opponents can make inferences about the bidding and defend better as a result.
6. When someone says "can I see the last trick?" it depends upon whether or not all four cards from the trick have been turned over. The answer *should* be "no" if all 4 cards have been turned face down. It is not ok for a player to belatedly reverse their turned down card to support a request to review the cards played. If at least one card has not yet been turned over, the answer will be "yes." After players agree that the cards should be viewed," all four players turn over their last card, and leave it face up until it's indicated that the questioner is satisfied.

### Take a bow!

Dorothy Stevenson & Julie Parsonage achieved first place in the ANC Restricted Pairs Heat.

Congratulations also to third placed Kevin Wellisch & Sheila Cooksey.

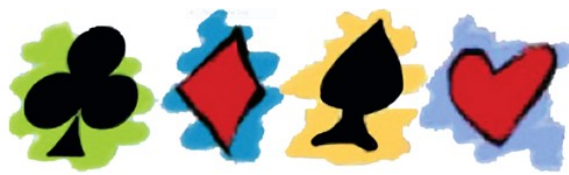
Well done to Hilda Remedios and Merwyn Menezes, the winners of the **Swiss Pairs** event.

Second place holders: Errol Jacob and Eugene McClorey.

Third place: John Clarke & Wes Rudnicki

*Congratulations to all of our recent event winners!*





## PHOTO GALLERY



*Left: mayor of the City of Melville cuts the ribbon*



*Grand opening of our clubhouse*



*Above: Congress Teams Hardie team Winners*



*Oakwood Congress Teams 2nd Gammon Team*





## PHOTO GALLERY— CONTINUED



*Winners Swiss pairs: Hilda Remedios  
and Merwyn Menezes*



*Oakwood Congress Pairs Qualifying  
North/South*



*Oakwood Congress Pairs Qualifying winners East/  
West—Ross and Gill Blakey*



*Oakwood Congress Pairs Plate Winners  
Viv Wood and Kim Morrison*



*Oakwood Congress Pairs Winners—Wendy Driscoll and Jan  
Blight*

## FLU SEASON



With the onset of the flu season just around the corner, it is in all our interests to ensure that, as far as possible, the bridge club does not become a breeding ground for bugs.

We ask all members to be considerate of others by **not coming** along to bridge if you have flu or cold symptoms eg. coughing, temperature, head ache, sore throat etc.

Hand sanitiser has been placed in the supper room (tea station), on the ledge at the bar and on the table outside the director's office. Please make use of this as required.

Here are some simple rules:

- ♦ Wash/sanitise your hands often, particularly after touching your nose or mouth and before consuming or preparing food;
- ♦ Sneeze or cough into a tissue, throw it away immediately and wash /sanitise your hands;
- ♦ Clean shared surfaces such as keyboards, phones, door handles, & mouse pads often;
- ♦ Avoid contact with people who are unwell.







### Bridge quote

"If you focus on playing good bridge then good results will come. If you focus on trying to get good results then you won't play good bridge."

— Robert S. Todd

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## REVISED EVENT DATES

**Sunday 9 June** —Club 0-100 MP

**Sunday 28 July**—Club open teams & restricted teams championships

**Sunday 8 September**—Joan Butts teacher seminar

**Sunday 15 September**—Club AGM

**Sunday 10 November** - Arthur Finley Novice Pairs

**Sunday 8 December**— Christmas Party Melville BC

## 2019 EVENTS—APRIL—MAY

Date	Time	Event
6 Apr	1 pm	Life partner pairs—CANCELLED
7 Apr	1 pm	Open pairs—green points
10 Apr	12.30 pm	TBIB club mixed pairs—session 1
17 Apr	12.30 pm	TBIB club mixed pairs—session 2
25 Apr	12.30 pm	Anzac Day open pairs
9 May	12.30 pm	Bridge for Brains
15 May	12.30 pm	Dorothy Kitching Trophy—session 1
28 May	7 pm	Australia wide open novice pairs (0-100 MP's)

