

THE TRUMP

February to April 2018



Hello all,

Cool and Sunny days of Autumn are here and we hope your bridge is just as enjoyable. Trust you all had a great Easter.

How fast has this quarter gone? I am happy to report that since 1st Jan 2018, our membership has gathered pace and we have signed up 20 new members. Welcome to one and all. A big part of this success is due to the concerted efforts of our teachers Bill

Symons and Noel Daniel who do a sterling job not only educating but keeping it fun and interesting for the students to make them want to join our Club to continue their education.

Bridge is a complex game as we all know. There are times you ask yourself why am I putting myself through this frustration? But hang in there, there will be sweet moments too where Bridge will become a passion and a welcome challenge.

Some major competitions were held in January 2018. We kicked off the year with our Club Swiss Pairs Competition. The worthy winners were a sisters' team of **Rachel Shave & Bridget Cooke**. Congratulations to them. They

got to take away their very own miniature Cup as a memento of the event.



Our Australia Day event was well attended. We had asked our members to come in their own national dress to compliment the diversity that is Australia. We are happy to report that our members obliged as the following photo attest.



February saw the Open Restricted Pairs being played and won. Congratulations to **Frank Thorogood and Laurie Money**.

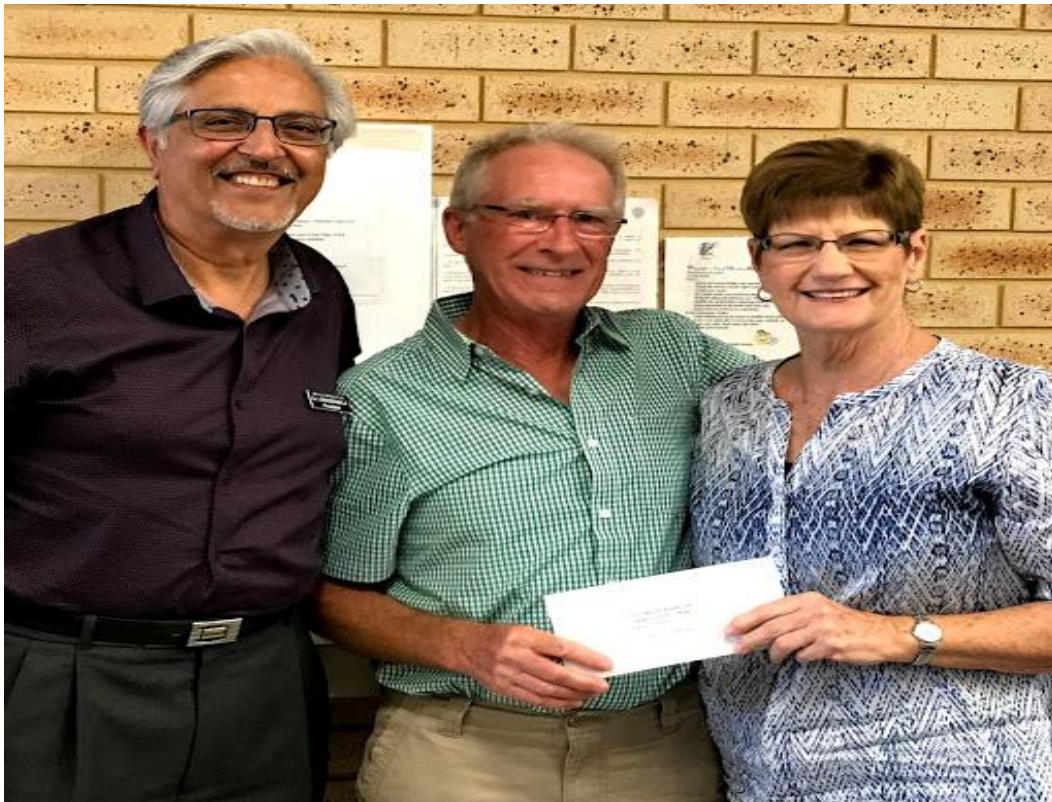
The month of March was a very busy month for our Directors and Convenors. 2 Major events were held. Our ever-popular **Congress Pairs and Teams** were closed for entries almost as soon as they were opened. As we can only accommodate 26 tables at our Club we fill up fast. I am extremely hopeful that the next Congress will be held at our new location where we can have as many as 60 tables, 120 pairs participating. That certainly will be a great achievement.

The winners for the event are as follows:

Congress Pairs Final: **Fiske Warren/Kaiping Chen**



Congress Pairs Plate: **David Cowell/Ann Hopfmueller**



1) Congress Pairs Consolation: **Joan Valentine/Helen Arendts**



2) Congress Teams: **David Schokman/Deana Wilson/Fiske Warren/Cynthia Belonogoff**



Later in the month we saw our **GNOT Qualifying** event, where the top three teams would qualify for the finals. The results were:

1st Place: Cassie Morin/Elizabeth McNeill/Sue Grenside/Richard Grenside

2nd Place: Noriko Sakashita/Salim Songerwala/Jeanne Hey/Peter Gill

3rd Place: Dave Sloan/Gary Frampton/Steven Pynt/Kate Pinniger/Carla Sullivan

Good luck and best wishes to all in the finals which are to be held on 21st and 22nd July 2018.

The Restricted Pairs Championship has been run and won! The winners with an impressive percentage were Margaret & Graham Williams. Congratulations to them. An interesting aspect of this event was that the first three across the line were all husband wife pairs! Congrats also to the runner ups. Is this sending a message that more partners in life and bridge should participate? We certainly hope so. The turnout was an excellent 19 tables. With our new Club ready by the time this event comes around again and with more space, we anticipate even more participation. So start planning now!!



1st Graham Williams and Margaret Williams (left)

2nd Paul Sarich and Margaret-Ann Sarich (right)

3rd John Reid and Monica Reid (centre)

Club Mixed Pairs 2018



1st Merwyn Menezes and Hilda Remedios



2nd Rachel Shave and John Clarke



3rd Bill Symons and Cassie Morin (not available for photo)

Entertainment Book: This year once again your Club is participating in supplying ENTERTAINMENT BOOK to members who wish to buy one. Last year our membership showed tremendous support and we were able to sell over 30 books. Early bird buyers will get extra vouchers to a value of \$180.00. So, if you are planning to get one please let our Director know and pay for them as soon as possible. Of course, you are also able to get a [DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP](#) if you so wish. For that you will need to go to the link hereunder and follow the prompts. This year the book cost is \$70.00. As we all know it only takes a few dinners out to recover the cost and thereon in it's all **BIG SAVINGS!!**. This book is not only for members, your family and friends can also place their orders through the Club. It helps the Club revenues.

Link for Digital Membership:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8k5256>

Our Constitution:

This needed a relook and rewording to make sure we comply with the Associations Incorporation Act that was amended a couple of years ago. Great thought and hard work was initiated by our Club Secretary Richard Fuller and Mark Hughes to come up with suitable amendments. This has now been done and presented and passed unanimously by the Management Committee at their meeting on 26th March 2018. The Revised Constitution appears online.

You will notice that in this Revised Constitution we have added two new sections: **INCOME AND PROPERTY OF THE CLUB** and **DEALING WITH DISPUTES**. Since we had to make these changes to comply with the requirements of the Act they **DO NOT** require approval by a General Committee meeting.

There are other recommended changes to be made in the Constitution that will help this Committee and future Committees meet their obligations more effectively and with fewer complications. We will let you know of these changes in due course. They will require approval from members at our AGM which this year is to be held on Sunday 9th September 2018. So please notarise this date in your diary.

Relocation update:

We are very happy to inform you that things are moving along at a much faster pace now. Tenders have been awarded and work has started in earnest from 9th April 2018. The 1st phase we are informed, is to relocate the Library in its original space once that area is remodelled and when they have shifted, work will begin on the Bridge area. As we get news we will keep you posted via newsletter like this and email to members. **One more reason to make sure we have your email id, if not already done.** The Council has given a timeline of our relocation as sometime in November 2018, notwithstanding unforeseen circumstances. We are certainly optimistic that we will be able to celebrate our 2018 Christmas Party in a brand-new home.

A lot of hard work from the various committees and your Management Committee lies ahead as we want to make sure we get this right the first time. We want to make this the best Club venue for Bridge in Western Australia. As you all know B.A.W.A. has joined us to make our Club their official home and with that comes prestige and increased patronage.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

It is so wonderful to see that even at 98 our Life Member Miriam Winter is still able to play great bridge. She celebrated her Birthday recently and we wish her a Happy Birthday and a healthy year ahead. We would love to celebrate her centenary at our Club - a remarkable woman.



Up and Coming Events:

Here are the Competitions coming up in the next 3 months. Do join and compete. It is a great experience and if you win a whole lot of fun!!

May: Dorothy Kitching Handicap Pairs (Members Only) Over 2 weeks. 7th and 14th Afternoons. Registration via Red Book Start Time: 12:30pm

June: Club Open Pairs Championship. (Members Only) 2 sessions. 11th and 18th. Afternoons. Registration via Red Book Start Time: 12:30pm

June: Club Team Championship. (Members Only) One day event on 24th. Registration via Red Book. Start Time: 9.30am

Good luck if you are taking part.

SOME INTERESTING BRIDGE READING

I was in India earlier this year and had a chance to play Bridge at a prestigious Club, Royal Willingdon Sport Club. Here, as a visiting President of an overseas Club, I was presented with a book written by a well-known Bridge personality Mr. Anant Bhagwat whose book contains humorous and interesting hands that have occurred during his career as a bridge player. He has kindly allowed me to reprint from his book one chapter at a time in our club's newsletter. I thank Mr. Anant Bhagwat for his generosity. I hope you enjoy the first instalment.

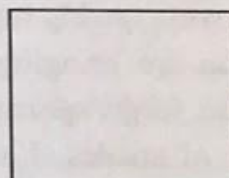
Chapter from "Mr.Badhir Returns". (Badhir means Dumb)

DIABOLIC LEAD

Not only Mr. Badhir but his partner also was another Badhir. Naturally the members had thronged to the table in anticipation of entertainment. They were not disappointed. Already one of them had passed his partner in a cue bid, and the other had played in a part game where a small slam was cold. Their opponents were enjoying the session as they were earning good money. Then this deal came along. The original Mr. Badhir was west

♠- 7 6 4
♥- J 9 8 3
♦- K 3 2
♣- A 8 5

♠- 10 8 5
♥- A K Q 2
♦- A 7 5
♣- 9 7 6



♠- A K 2
♥- VOID
♦- Q J 10 9 6 4
♣- K Q J 10

South opened 1 diamond Mr. Badhir passed, North bid 1 heart, east passed, South jumped in his chair and bid 2 no trump. North promptly bid 3 no trumps. Before Mr. Badhir could lead, North scolded his partner "Why did you jump in the chair "That is bad manners". South replied "You told me to jump when I have a strong hand" The kibitzers erupted in an uncontrollable laughter.

In the meanwhile Mr. Badhir was pondering the lead. Ultimately he selected the 2 of hearts. Declarer finessed the 9 of hearts, and east won with 10. He seemed shocked. He could not understand why declarer had ducked the opening lead, and was thinking of shifting to some other suit. Then he recollected the firing he had received from his partner for not returning the lead. He led back a heart with some trepidation, but Mr. Badhir proceeded to gather 4 more tricks and the contract went down. There was an eerie silence at the table. The kibitzers had witnessed a defence worthy of Belladonna and Garozzo. Then the declarer went berserk. He tore at Mr. Badhir's card and then said "You cretin! Why did you lead the 2 of hearts with A K Q in your hand?"

Mr. Badhir looked hurt and said in an injured tone "Haven't you always told us to lead the 4th best of the longest and strongest suit?"

See you at our wonderful Club.

Salim I Songerwala

President.



Suzanne Goodall:

My Top Ten Pet Peeves at the Bridge Table

- 1 People who come to Bridge when ill. If I catch a cold or any virus it is generally at the Bridge Club.
- 2 Arrogance! Is this really necessary? You are not a neurosurgeon or top scientist! Well maybe you are but this is only a game - a difficult one perhaps but still nonetheless a game.
- 3 GLOATING in any form. Yes, you may consider yourself or your partner brilliant but please don't crow about it! Part of good sportsmanship means being humble.
- 4 SLOW PLAY. Need I say more?
- 5 Intimidation of a novice in any form. There are bullies everywhere and unfortunately some are at the bridge table.
- 6 Summoning the Director as if he/she were a servant. A simple 'Director please' will do.
- 7 Poor hygiene. Good grief! We are sitting in close quarters!
- 8 Players who chat throughout the auction and sometimes the play. Not only illegal but annoying. Just STOP IT please!
- 9 Players who give unsolicited advice. Really? There are only a few real experts in Australia. Aren't we lucky to have some of them at our club?!
- 10 Taking up too much personal space at the table. Leave your clutter on the side table please.

Some of My Favourite Things at the Bridge Table

- 1 My wonderful partners. All are people with whom I am happy to sit opposite for four hours or more.
- 2 The lovely and interesting people we meet at Bridge. We are a diverse lot.
- 3 My partner's understanding when I make errors.
- 4 The wonderful sense of humour Bridge engenders in people.
- 5 When my partner knows our system. Thank you for your effort.
- 6 In a suit contract, when my partner places the trump suit on the table first.
- 7 Players who claim in a clear and precise manner and then place all of their cards on the table.
- 8 Partners and other players who save the post-mortem for after the game. Hey, that's why they call it a post-mortem after all.
- 9 Players who accept that calling the Director is a requirement and not a personal affront.
- 10 Our great Directors - especially when they are able to diffuse a tense situation.

Thank you all.