

THE TRUMP

City of Melville Bridge Club Newsletter
April, 2017

From the President

The start of 2017 has been a busy one for your Management Committee sorting out several issues that affect the Club. It is heartening that the MC works closely for an equitable outcome on all issues.

Discussions with the Council are ongoing and some progress albeit slow is happening. We hope to give Members more details in our next newsletter.

January saw the Club Swiss Pairs played and won. Congratulations to David Gallagher/Hugh Alguire.



In February, the ANC Open Restricted Open Pairs was played and the first 3 will be invited to play in the State Final. Well done Dave Sloan/Steven Pynt, Laurie Money/Richard Harris and Bhavna Patel/Nilesh Patel. Wish you all good bridging going forward.

March saw one of the major events in our Calendar played: Our Pairs and Teams Congress.

As always it was great success with all players. The Convener Nicole Bertinshaw, House Manager Kathleen Thomson and her army of helpers and our efficient Director Dave Parham made it a success.

Thanks are also due to our Members, who generously brought in plates of delicious food to share on both the days of the Congress. I had so many people approach me and tell me how much they had enjoyed the variety of food on display.

Congress Pairs Final was won by Nick Cantatore/Marnie Leybourne . Unfortunately, no photos of prizemoney awarded available as they had left by the time the results were announced. The Plate was won in-house by Nilesh and Bhavna Patel. The Consolation was won by Liz McNeill/Cassie Morin. Congress Teams was also very well patronized with a full contingent of players. The winning Team was the Wilson Team comprising of Deana Wilson/Cynthia Belonogoff/Val Biltot/Kaiping Chen. A very close Second was the McNeill Team comprising of Liz McNeill/Cassie Morin/Ros Warnock/Valarie Isle. It was probably only one swing board that determined the winner. Third Team was the Frankle Team comprising of Deborah Frankle/Deidre Greenfeld/Rick Rhodes/Maura Rhodes.

Our Congratulations to them all.

The Restricted Pairs event in April, saw a good turnout of 15 Tables and was won by Rachel Shave and Shana Smith. Congratulations to them both.

We have also collaborated with *The Entertainment Book* this year. Every sale made through our Club will see \$14.00 go to help the Club fund the future relocation. Every bit helps. You are welcome to order books for yourself and for family and friends. The more the merrier. You can do it online using our special weblink – <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8k5256> – (Here you will find the option for either the Paper Version or the Digital Version, the choice is yours) or approach the Director who will be happy to help. The cost of the book this year is \$70.00. As members familiar with this book will tell you it only takes 2 or 3 dinners out and you will have recovered the outlay. The books will be ready for collection sometime in May. All orders can be collected from the Club. As soon as they are delivered we will advise the purchasers.

Thank you all for being such great members. I wish you all happy bridging and memorable hands.

Finally, on a sad note, last week one of our members, Gail Pultz, lost her battle with brain cancer. She was a lovely and quiet lady who was very well liked and will certainly be missed by those who knew her.

Salim



Winners of CONSOLATION Congress Pairs:
Cassie Morin & Liz McNeill.



Winners of PLATE Congress Pairs:
Bhavna and Nilesch Patel.



Congress TEAMS Winners:
Val Biltoff/ Cynthia Belonogoff/ Deana Wilson/
Kaiping Chen



2nd CONGRESS TEAMS:
Liz McNeill/ Valarie Isle/ Ros Warnock/ Cassie Morin.



3rd CONGRESS TEAMS:

Deidre Greenfeld/Deborah Frankle/Maura Rhodes/
Rick Rhodes.



Best Melville Team:

Marty Goodall/Dave Sloan/Suzanne Goodall/Gary Frampton



Winners of QUALIFYING CONGRESS PAIRS:

George Bozanich & Peter Cameron



Best Melville Pair in FINAL:

Suzanne Goodall & Marty Goodall.



Congress Pairs PLATE 2nd:

Rachel Shave and Bridget Cooke.



Club Restricted Pairs, 1st place:

Left to Right: Shana Smith, Terry Antrobus (Convenor),
Rachel Shave, Errol Jacob (Tournament Manager)



Club Restricted Pairs, 2nd place:

Mary Macaulay & Irene D'Almedia



Club Restricted Pairs, 3rd Place:

Mavis Koay / Jay Wongphasukhot

From the Tournament Manager

The first tournament for 2017 was the Club Swiss Pairs held over two Wednesdays in early January. Thirty six pairs took part, some taking part in a Swiss Pair format for the first time and loving it and have requested for more such format events. The Tournament Committee will consider this (request) for 2018. Members are encouraged to let us know what new events or formats they would like to see for 2018, just pass your ideas to any Director or Management Committee member. For example this year we are having a Red Point event on a Monday night (in July) as requested by some members.

Back to the Swiss Pairs, the winners for 2017 were Hugh Alguire and David Gallagher.

Laurel Lander / Se-Moi Lee, Mary Johnston/Leon Ref were 2nd and 3rd respectively. The top restricted pair was Stephen Holyoake and David Henderson.

The Club Open Restricted Pairs (0 to 300MP) event was held on Sunday 5th February (a whole day event). Twenty two pairs took part with the top seven winners qualifying for the state finals which will be held on the 27th and 28th of May at the Nedlands Bridge Club. The top three in this event were, 1st Steven Pynt/Dave Sloan, 2nd Laurie Money/Richard Harris and 3rd Bhavna and Nilesh Patel.

Congratulations to our winners.

Coming up events in April are: Club Red Point on the 8th, Club Restricted Pairs (0-100MP) on the 11th and Club Mixed Pairs Championship on the 28th.

We would like to encourage more members to attend the Saturday afternoon sessions. A walk-in policy has been introduced with no stand-by members required. The walk-in member(s) takes a chance whether the person(s) gets to play.

It is pleasing to note that our latest Wednesday morning "learning" session attracted 11 pairs. These sessions (catering for novice and intermediate players) covers topics like 2 Clubs Game Force Openings, Weak 2 Openings, Notrump Openings, Responses to Bids and Card Play Tips. I would like to encourage the newer players to attend.

The next set of Bridge lessons for beginners will commence on Tuesday May 9th at 9am Do encourage your friends to take up Bridge.

Slow Play

Slow play can be a serious problem for both Directors and players alike. Some players may have an excuse due to age or infirmity. Also sometimes those who are new to the game have difficulty keeping to time because of the complex nature of Bridge. Allowances are generally made for those players.

The problem arises when players consistently use up more than their share of the clock. At the beginning of a session or an event there is a stated time for each round. Most clubs have a two or three minute warning on the clock to signal the approach of the end of the round.

It is very important that if people are late coming to your table or if you are following a slow pair that you advise the Director. Most of our Directors keep a close watch on the room but they cannot possibly be aware of everything.

If players take an unfair amount of time to bid, play or defend their hands and you feel short-changed you do have recourse. The Director can warn the pair and also potentially penalize the pair if they continue to eat up too much of the clock. The penalty may consist of a number of matchpoints or victory points being deducted from their score. Also, a reduced or increased percentage can be allocated at the Director's discretion.

At a recent club session a pair notorious for 'slow play' arrived at my table two minutes late only to continue to discuss their previous board. When they finally decided to play the current round they used up another eight minutes for the first board. Leaving us only 3 minutes to bid and play the second hand. Obviously this was not fair.

Once at a national event we were allotted 19 minutes for 2 boards. The opponents took 18 minutes to bid and play the first board. We called the Director and explained the situation. We were told not to play the second board and we were given an average plus. The offending slow players were given an average minus for the second board.

Occasionally I have seen those who have no concept of their slowness. After being warned several times and or perhaps even penalized one would expect that they would get the message. Occasionally anyone can take extra time on say a particularly difficult board. Having said that, you really should be aware if you are habitually slow.

Players should be thinking when playing versus rushing through the bidding and play. If others have taken up too much time on the clock the following boards are often a rushed affair.

What can we do? Firstly, call the Director if you think you are a 'victim of slow play'.

Next if you are a guilty party be aware and try do everything you can to remedy the situation.

Some of the following suggestions may help:

- Sort and count your cards without undue fuss.
- While you are waiting for the auction to begin plan your bidding.
- When the auction is over and you are on lead select your lead and place it face down before making notes on your personal scorer.
- When declaring plan the hand carefully and where possible make a clear and concise claim.
- Claiming is a great time saver.
- Avoid asking questions if you have no intention of bidding. Interrupting the auction is a great time waster and can be potentially unethical. Wait until the end of the auction and ask for a complete review.
- If you are new to the game opt for an East/West position as the burden of scoring which takes time is on someone else.

Above all avoid unnecessary chatter and discussion. If you have been labelled a 'slow player' then save your socializing and post mortems for after the session.

To ensure that we have a level playing field be certain to notify the Director if your opponents have held you up unduly.

Also be aware if you are guilty of slow play and do what you can to rectify the situation.

Slow play can never be obliterated but we can all do our best to try diminish it so that all share the time allotted equitably.

Suzanne Goodall

Lyndie has sent some photographs which will be of interest.

It has been 'holiday season' for our directors at Melville during February and March. In the week of 20th February, four of our Directors were away. We have eight playing sessions a week at Melville and Leon Ref very willingly stepped up to direct six of those sessions! Thanks very much Leon.



Leon photographed receiving a bottle of his favourite vodka as a "thank you" from club President Salim Songerwala.

Bridge is a game for people worldwide and obviously we have a great mix of cultures at our club. Below, Noriko Sakashita teaches Japanese Tea service every Monday, but did not have time on this particular day – our good fortune. She looks so lovely.



Noriko and her bridge partner Salim Songerwala

Wow! This young lady sure turned heads when she turned up at our club recently to assist Director Leon Ref. She is Victoria, Leon's lovely grand-daughter visiting all the way from Germany.



Leon Ref with his granddaughter, who is visiting from Germany and came to the club for a few days handling the card dealing machine.

Lyndie Trevean

MBC Trophy History – Can you help?

We are endeavoring to collect and collate information on the trophy donors of the Melville Bridge Club before we move from our current premises and are appealing to members for information.

In particular, those who have been members of the Club for a long time and who may also have knowledge of the history of the Club.

If any member can help – no matter how small the information may be, it all gets put together. Either e-mail, write it down or contact us at the bridge club:

Laurie Money : e-mail: money.laurie@gmail.com

Kathleen Thomson : e-mail: kath.thomson1@bigpond.com

TROPHIES AND AWARDS:

Silver tray - donated by John and Vlivienne Irvine 1978

Don Walkerden Trophy (Open Pairs) - donated 1980 to 2010 – became Evening Pairs in 2011 (Monday evening)

- Who was Don Walkerden?

First trophy (with old Melville crest) presented for Teams of 12 v Canning Bridge donated by City of Melville until 1992

Bob Simpson Shield for services to the club – donated 1994 – East Wall “long and outstanding service”

Phillip Pental Silver Tray for Individuals - 1983 (First presented by Don Walkerden at club's opening) - until 2003

- Phillip Pental (d June 2008) was a Liberal and later Independent Western Australian politician – from 1980 to 2005

Esme Purcell Teams of Four Trophy (*check) - 1985

Pat Whitley – Consistency Award - started 2000

- Who was Pat Whitely?
- Awarded in December

Dora Wilson Cup - donated 1993- Two years still available on trophy

- *Who was Dora Wilson?*

Gordon Wilsmore Tray

- *Who was Gordon Wilsmore?*
- What is the award for?

Elaine Langman Restricted Pairs (Cup*check)- donated 1983

- Feb event is two sessions

Swiss Pairs¹ Championship Trophy from 1990 January

- Presented by Harold Landers

Chris Christie Trophy Teams x 12 - Cannington and Rockingham

- *Who was Chris Christie?*

Rockingham Club supplied Trophy - teams x 12

- Last run in 2007
- Teams were 6 people <500 MPs and 6 others

John and Vivien Coleman Cup for - beginners then supervised

- *Who were they?*
- Last run in 2007

Most Improved Player

Mixed Pairs Janet Woollard—from 2012

- Janet Woollard (b 1955) was a member for the seat of Alfred Cove in the Western Australian Legislative Assembly from 2001 to 2013 as an Independent.
- Winner of Mixed pairs event held in April

Women's Pairs—Norma Pears Oct— from 2005

- *Who was Norma Pears?*

Mens Pairs—Yvonne Oswald (Jack) Oct— from 2006

- Part of the current Guys and Dolls Competition
- Best performing male pair

Open Pairs—Johan Van Kessel (Marion) June— from 2008

- Open to all members
- Two session event

Handicapped Pairs Championship – from 2003 Dorothy Kitching

- Information on Dorothy available
- 'Handicapping' this year determined by Dave Parham

Melville Mayor's Trophy - from 2010, Sept

- One member of pairs to have 0-15 MPs
- Names of players without partners go into two hats – one less than 15MPs one over
- Winning pair on the day

Butler² Pairs from 1998 Sept

- Two session event scored by Butler methodology

Melbourne Cup Trophy –from 2013–

Event open for all but only members can win the trophy.

¹ Competitors meet one-to-one in each round and are paired using a predetermined set of rules designed to ensure that each competitor plays opponents with a similar running score, but not the same opponent more than once. The winner is the competitor with the highest aggregate points earned in all rounds.

² Butlers Pairs are scored in International Match Points (IMP)s. These are awarded on a sliding scale which depends on how far away your score is from the average for the room. Tactics for a good score are quite different than the usual Matchpoint scoring

Novice Pairs Trophy—from 1998 Oct

- For players with 0-25 MPs as at
 - 1st July prior to the event (if held in second half of the year)
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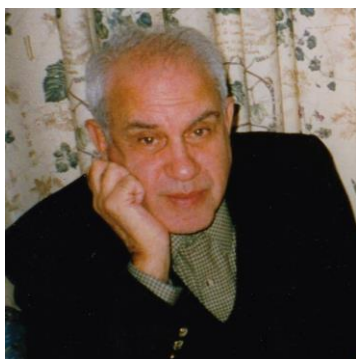
OTHER TROPHIES

City of Melville Bridge Club Trophy

- held in March

City of Melville Interclub Teams Trophy

Jack Oswald



Jack came to Australia in 1984 from the UK, where he had lived and worked most of his life with several overseas secondments to make his and his wife, Yvonne's life interesting! His daughter, Jacqueline, moved to Australia in 1985 and after many visits Jack and Yvonne decided to set up house in Perth. Jack retired from Crown Agents in 1990 by

which time they had a home in East Fremantle from where he ran his own home business, AUSTEC.

Jack was a Marine Engineer by profession and did voluntary work with AESOP which was run by the Australian Government and only after this did he fully retire in 2002.

Jack was always a Bridge player but retirement gave him more time to hone his skills and finally he became a Director for Bridge sessions. He loved the game when he wasn't losing and put his hand up to be Treasurer when needed.

Jack died of complications from a stroke in December 2003. He was survived by his wife, Yvonne, and his children, Mark and Brian and Jacqueline.

Bob Simpson



Came to Australia in 1971 and joined Melville Bridge Club shortly thereafter when it still had a room at Tompkins Park.

He was one of the main instigators in getting the present club rooms financed and built, and also designed the airconditioning system in the club (being an airconditioning engineer). He was certainly a well known, dominant,

“leading light” in the club, being forever on the Committee in one capacity or another, including President. He was awarded Life Membership of the Club.

[He was always a controversial figure! And he hated becoming a smoking pariah!! That the club had to adjust its smoking ways!!]

But Bridge was his passion and his life!

When he died in 1994, his sister Yvonne in the States donated a trophy in his memory to be awarded to an outstanding contributor to the club during the year.

The trophy is often awarded by his son Bob or daughter Jeannie Ravn
Thanks to Jeannie Ravn for supplying this information

Harold Lander



Harold Bernard Lander was born on 22nd August 1919 and died on 16th June 1994.

His mother and brothers were keen bridge players and they had sessions at least twice a week in the Southern River Hall in Gosnells in the 1950's.

The following trophies which were awarded to him are in the possession of his brother Charles:

- BSC Teams Championship 1954
- CDBC Open Pairs Championship 1974
- CDBC Knock Out Pairs Championship 1978

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- CDBC Consistency Trophy 1980
- GDBC April 1982
- GDBC January 1983
- CDBC Open Pairs 1982 (partner S Moses)
- CDBC Consistency Trophy 1984 (partner J Ravn)
- CDBC Knock Out Pairs Championship 1986 (partner J Ravn)
- CDBC Open Duplicate Pairs Championship 1988 (partner J Ravn)
- CDBC B & A Campbell Trophy Consistency 1988 (partner J Ravn)
- CDBC Consistency Trophy 1989 (partner J Ravn)
- CDBC Knock Out Pairs Championship 1989 (partner J Ravn)
- MBC ABF Australia Wide Multi Pairs 27th April 1989 (68.94%)
- GDBC Pairs Champions 1992 (partner M Mioceovich)
- (CDBC is Canning Districts Bridge Club
- GDBC is Gosnells Districts Bridge Club
- MBC Melville Bridge Club)

The photo was taken about 1960.