

THE TRUMP

City of Melville Bridge Club Newsletter
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Our club's Christmas Party (Photographs kindly supplied by Noel Daniel)



From the President

Hello fellow members.

This month our club held its annual Christmas Party.

For those new and not so new members it was a great opportunity to meet the people in the community who support our club, as well as those members who play on different days, in a casual and relaxed atmosphere.

Our Club was honoured to have Dr Janet Woollard, Mayor Russell Aubrey and Mrs Glenys Aubrey, along with representatives from several metropolitan bridge clubs join in the celebrations.

Special thanks to Erica Augustson, Noel Daniel, John and Patsy McDonald and Richard Power who all worked tirelessly to make this day successful.

Thank you also to everyone involved in making this day so enjoyable.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe holiday and prosperous new year.

Danny Mistry





Winners and Grinners

Congratulations To Lise Bank and Mary Johnston who won the President's Pairs at the WABC Christmas Congress.

Guys and Dolls



Norma Pears seen here presenting the Dolls trophy, donated by her late husband Fred Pears, to Mary Firth and Margaret Blagg as Tournament Manager Erica Augustson looks on.



"Guys" winners Tony Stevens and Dave Parham .

The annual Guys and Dolls Championship was held on two Wednesdays, 16th and 23th November.

This red point event was well supported with 8 Guys pairs and 24 Dolls pairs participating; a mixture of experienced and newer players

Leaders after the first round were Guys Tony Stevens and Dave Parham, Dolls Valerie Isle and Anne Mitchell.

Final results:

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| Guys | First | Tony Stevens and Dave Parham |
| | Second | Salim Songerwala and Fred Barnes |
| | Third | Robert Jones and John McDonald |
| Dolls - | First | Mary Firth and Margaret Blagg |
| | Second | Joan Lloyd and Helen Arendts |
| | Third | Chris Lawrence and Merleine Wylie |

Leon Ref did a great job directing.

Most players stayed behind for the announcement of the winners and to enjoy a drink and light food supplied by the players.

All members are encouraged to enter Club competitions. They are both enjoyable and educational.

John McDonald

Club Trophy Events

The following is a list of the trophies and winners for Club Championship Events held throughout the year and presented at our club's Christmas Party.

Restricted Pairs

First - Ken Harrison and Greg Horne; Second - Ewa Lipnicki and Dorothy Stevenson; Third - John Elias and Diane Elias.

Open Pairs

First - Bill Symons and Suzanne Goodall; Second - Yvonne Oswald and Lise Bank; Third - Erica Augustson and Larry Szalay.

Dorothy Kitching Trophy

First -Audrey Patterson and Anne Jones; Second - Bhavna Patel and Fay McDermott; Third - Sandy Vertannes and Noel Daniel.

Mixed Pairs

First - Noel Daniel and Sandy Vertannes; Second - Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel; Third Jackie Williams and Darrell Williams.

Butler Pairs

First - Tony Stevens and Noel Daniel; Second - Mary Johnston and Christa Nimmo; Third - John McDonald and Patsy McDonald.

Swiss Pairs

First - Bill Symons and Suzanne Goodall; Second - Noel Daniel and Sandy Vertannes; Third - Mary Firth and Margaret Blagg.

Teams Championship Trophy

First - Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, Leon Randolph, Michael Turner and Don Sutton-Mattocks; Second - Erica Augustson, Ros Warnock, Robert Wylie and Merleine Wylie; Third – Anne Mitchell, Lisa Wylie, Valerie Isle and Salim Songerwala.

Dora Wilson Trophy

First - Mary Johnston and Christa Nimmo; Second - Ros Warnock and Salim Songerwala; Third - Melanie Szalay and Larry Szalay.

Men’s and Women’s Pairs (Guys and Dolls)

Refer to Winners and Grinner on previous page.

Evening Pairs

First - Mary Firth and Noel Daniel; Second - Salim Songerwala and Barbara Frost; Third - Leon Randolph and Sandy Sutton-Mattocks.

Novice Pairs



Winners Betty Carter and Ewa Lipnicki photographed with Erica Augustson and Mary Firth.

First - Ewa Lipnicki and Betty Carter; Second - Richard Power and Joe Kroeger; Third - Ailsa Stokeld and Jennifer Simpson.

Mayor’s Trophy



President Danny Mistry with Mayor Russell Aubrey congratulates winning pair Betty Carter and Erica Augustson.

First - Erica Augustson and Betty Carter; Second - Ailsa Stokeld and Noel Daniel; Third - Brenda Goodreid and Miram Winter.

Most Consistent Player



Noel Daniel with Mayor Russell Aubrey’s wife Glenys

This award is given to the person with most masterpoints up until September 30 each year. This year’s winner - Noel Daniel.

Most Improved Player



Marilyn West with Mayor Russell Aubrey’s wife, Glenys

This year’s winner - Marilyn West.

Janet Woollard Christmas Trophy

Inaugural winners - Robert and Merleine Wylie



Quotable Quote

The real secret of the (bridge) expert is to make logic seem like flair. - H. W. Kelsey



The game of bridge is one where the social requirements are almost as important as the game itself. Thank you to Suzanne Goodall who has kindly offered to guide us through the finer points of bridge etiquette and correct procedures.



Bridge Etiquette

Answering the Opposition's Enquires

There is so much to learn about Bridge that often etiquette and correct procedures are ignored.

In my 20 years of playing I find that many players are unaware of how to answer questions.

The opposition is entitled to what is known as 'full and frank disclosure.' This simply means you are obliged to tell them what the bid means.

A common error is to reply with an answer such as 'Weak'. When in actual fact one's definition of weak may not be the same as another's. So it is required that you answer with your partnership agreement. So instead of describing your partner's 2S bid as weak you should state your agreement such as 6 spades and 6-9 hcp, or 6 spades and 5-10 hcp or at least 6 spades and 7 -11 hcp.

Having said that, if the opposition asks the question 'Is it weak?', then a yes or no answer is sufficient. (More on how and when to ask questions another time.) You are only obliged to respond to the question asked.

Another common mistake in answering the opposition's enquiry is by naming a convention as the reply. Simply saying 'Cappelletti' is not sufficient. There are many different ways to play any convention plus the opposition is not required to know what various conventions commonly mean. So say the opposition open 1NT and your partner bids *2D which you alert. Your right hand opponent enquires. Your reply should be whatever your specific partnership agreement is. So the answer should be something like at least 4 / 4 in the majors and 10-15 hcp. The answer should not be 'Cappelletti' or a '2D Tasmanian Fling'.

Remember the Director should be called in the event of any irregularity. The Director is the umpire and the first line of defence so if you feel something has gone wrong such as you have been given the wrong information don't hesitate to call.

Suzanne Goodall



House Manager's Report

The Christmas party was attended by 100 plus members and invited guests. The caterers provided us with a delicious meal of cold turkey, ham and a variety of salads, also a choice of desserts.



We ate in the playing area which was beautifully set-up and decorated. Thanks to Richard Skinner for his suggestion for the lay-out of the room; the decorators who were caught up in the Christmas spirit and even managed to decorate the Director; and a big thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a success.



The three (identical) Christmas hampers were won by Rose Lawrence, Marilyn West and John Penman (an invited guest from the Fremantle Bridge Club). Lots of tickets were sold – thank you for your generous support of the raffle.

Patsy McDonald



Mal's Logic

Getting into trouble with a marginal Balance of Power

Board 25	♠QT87	
21/11/11	♥AKQ92	
Dlr: N	♦96	
Vul: E-W	♣95	
♠AJ5	—	♠942
♥T76		♥J54
♦K8743		♦5
♣Q8		♣AKT764
11	♠K63	N: 3♦3♥2♠
10	♥83	S: 3♦3♥2♠
8	♦AQJT2	E: 1♣1NT
11	♣J32	W: 1♣1NT

This hand was played 27 times by NS in contracts of either 2 or 3 Hearts or 2NT. It caused our partnership (and others) much grief in bidding and play yet is not an uncommon situation with a marginal balance of power. We play 5-card Majors and North would open 1NT with 12-14 HCP. With her 11 HCP holding bidding passed round to South who opened 1NT (in the 3rd and 4th seats our range is expanded to 11-15 HCP). My partner at North very unusually did not transfer me into Hearts but raised me to 2NT. Not too uncommon as a NT contract occurred at 9 Tables out of 27!

The outcome was 5 to 10 Tricks for a NT contract. The outcome for the 11 pairs who played in Hearts was less wide ranging as one would expect with 7 to 9 Tricks made.

What was interesting was that these 11 Heart contracts were all played by North. So presumably when playing 4-card Majors, North opens 1H with the intention of rebidding 2H; though on 3 occasions N was left in 2 Spades to go down 1 Trick. More often with the phantom reverse shown by North, South with invitational values bids on to a game in Hearts or No Trumps armed with the knowledge that the partnership has 26 HCP and a double fit in the Majors, all be it both 7-card holdings.

At our post-mortem we recognised we had re-learned that Red Card Transfers into the Majors is good safety bidding — Trump contracts are safer than NT contracts as there is less variability in the number of tricks won.

Mal Clark

Guess who

Who could this young lad be?



Hint: Today, he and his wife are two of our most well liked and hardest working members.

Note: He will buy a drink for the first person who can tell him what he is holding in his left hand.

Last month little cherub was, of course, Lise Bank.



Good to Know

The new White Pages Telephone Directory listings are almost impossible for some people to read. The print is so small that it all tends to all just merge into grey.

While looking through the front of the directory the other day - on page three - I came across a number to call for a free magnifying glass which many of us who are getting on in years, or who just simply find it difficult to read small print, may find very useful.

Telephone: 1800 625 944

Mary Firth

Thought for the Season

Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy forgiveness. To your opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.



Tony's Game Plan

Greg's hand from last month's issue:

	♠AQ10432		
	♥AQ		
	♦J64		
	♣K10		
♠J987		♠K5	
♥98		♥J54	
♦10972		♦KQ83	
♣J54		♣Q872	
	♠6		
	♥K107632		
	♦A5		
	♣A963		

This is the hand presented by Greg in the October Trump. Not too sure about safety plays if you are in 7H as you can't afford to lose a trick. However if you are in 7H I don't think the lead makes much difference.

Whatever the lead you win it with an Ace. Let's say it's a spade lead and you win with the AS. Next lead a low spade and ruff out the KS. Lead a heart back to the A or Q and lead another low spade. It doesn't matter what East does as you can over ruff anything East plays. Lead another heart to the A or Q and back to South's hand with say the AD. Draw the last trump and lead a club to the King. The QT4S allows the discarding of a diamond and 2 small clubs and for 7H to be made. Well done if anyone made it in reality.

Tread your own path.

Interesting Championship hand:

	♠AQJ75		
	♥Q5		
	♦AK4		
	♣973		
♠T8632		♠K4	
♥T6432		♥K9	
♦85		♦QJT32	
♣6		♣J854	
	♠9		
	♥AJ87		
	♦976		
	♣AKQT2		

This was one of the hands in the Guys and Dolls competition on which I failed miserably. The bidding got us to 5NT and the QD was led.

I decided to take this with the AD. I then proceeded to count my tricks which on the bidding as East had overcalled 2D looked like 2 spades, 2 diamonds, 2 hearts and 5 clubs for 11 tricks. After taking the AD I decided to lead a club to the AC and lead the 9S and finessed the JS. As expected this lost to the KS. Another diamond was led which I took with the KD. I then tried AQS hoping for a miracle that the TS would fall as the 8S had fallen on the first round of spades. No such luck so I was forced to take the heart finesses and hope that the clubs break. Again, no luck there - two down. Not a happy partner

So, where did I go wrong? The fact is it looks like to heart finesse has to work for 11 tricks so after winning with the AD take the heart finesse immediately. Then lead the A and K of clubs finding out the bad break. Then the 9S and you are home. The worst part is that 6NT can be made by playing the AS on the 9S lead and then exiting with a low spade.

Tread you own path.

Tony Stevens



Bridge Lessons

Mrs Jan Howell will be conducting bridge lessons at our club on the following dates:

Beginners

8 weeks - commencing Tuesday 7 February
9.45 am – 11.45 am

Cost \$70.00 (including Paul Marston's book – "The Language of Bidding").

Card Play

4 weeks - commencing Thursday 2 February
7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

This class is mainly for players who have finished a beginners' course within the last year. It is not for experienced players.

Cost \$35.00

More Acoll Bidding

4 weeks – commencing Thursday 8 March
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

This class is for players who have completed a beginners' course and are ready to learn more basic Acoll bidding.

Cost \$35.00

Bookings essential.

Enquiries: Erica Augustson - 9457 5365



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While it is recommended people should not ever rely solely on a mobile during emergencies, including ICE in your mobile is an easy step that that may help you when you need it most - in times of accidents and emergencies.

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Thanks to Mary Firth for bringing this to our attention.

Quotes compiled by Danny Mistry

Every wife is a MISTRESS for her husband: "MISS" for one hour and "STRESS" for twenty three hours.

There are two times when a man does not understand women: before marriage and after marriage.

“My husband and I divorced over religious differences; He thought he was GOD and I didn't.”

And finally:

Husband was throwing darts at his wife's photo and not even a single one was hitting the target. From another room wife asks husband "Honey, what are you doing?" Husband replies "Missing you"

Danny Mistry 😊

Bridge Humour

“How should I have played that hand, partner?”

“Under an assumed name!”

Cryptic Christmas Card

A man sent a friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said:



Can you figure it out?



New Member

A warm welcome to our newest member Leonie Webb.

Bridge Tip

Never, but never forget you are playing with a partner. It pays to consider what things may look like from partner's point of view, particularly when you are privy to information that partner isn't.

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Coming Events

Esperance Bridge Congress – South Coast BC
Labour Day long weekend 2 March 2012
Email: jimles.smith@bigpond.com; Telephone: Terry and Mitch Garbutt 0413053558. See flyer on our club's noticeboard.

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