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President's Report

Last year, we have had a successful year, welcoming new members and reached our highest membership level yet with 535 members. Sadly, some members passed away and we will miss them, particularly **Darrell Williams**. More recently we were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of **Bill Bradshaw**.

In December, Bill Kemp announced he had decided to reduce his directing commitments and unfortunately for South Perth, he had decided to make Tuesday evening 18th December his last regular directing session at our Club. In making a small presentation to Bill on that evening, I reflected on his contribution to the Club. He has been our senior director since the passing of Terry Glover in 2007 and since that time he has directed all our congresses and mentored and assisted our directors whenever we have sought his help. He was Masterpoint Secretary for many years and Chair of the Tournament Committee. Whilst we will miss him in his regular directing role on Tuesday evenings, he will still be around the club as a member playing his usual twice a week sessions.

As the club grows there is pressure to offer more sessions to meet the needs of new players. In March a new supervised session was added on Monday mornings. The Thursday morning novice group requested an earlier start time to add two boards to their session and this has resulted in increased numbers, somewhat to the detriment of parking availability for the supervised group but they are managing to find that elusive spot! Our new evening players have been missing out on lessons to further their knowledge and now that BAWA will be moving to Melville on Thursday nights we will start a Thursday night novice session which will include a monthly lesson from Fiske.

Whilst night time play is not popular with older players many of our new and future members are still in the workforce and we do need to welcome them into our club.

Our 2019 programme has some new features which we hope will encourage more members to participate! More championship events will be held on weekdays, the Mens' and Womens' Championships will be played as a combined event, and there is a new pairs event in winter. Some of the restricted events have been given greater prominence by being increased from one to two session events. I urge you all to take part this year.

We do however, have a quandary with members who require a stationary seat due to the need for players in championship events to play as many of their opponents as possible. This means that rarely can players who are not able to move be accommodated. A side movement will be available for these members when at all possible. So please, if you are a member who needs a stationary seat keep coming to bridge on these days.

As you know, we are still unsure about the time we have left in these premises and they were looking rather tired. The playing room has had a spring clean and together with the new carpet and LED lights is looking much brighter and welcoming. We thank the City of South Perth for their grant

of \$5000 which will go towards the cost of the carpet. The supper room also has new carpet and chairs. These improvements provide a much needed lift to our clubrooms.

I thank all the members who helped with moving all the furniture from the carpeted areas for the carpet laying and then moved them all back, as well as members who cleaned the cloths and side tables etc. Robin Barron deserves a special mention because he came specifically to help each day and even to unload the new chairs at 7.30am. Our club is indeed blessed with its helpful members, without whom we could not manage.

The Management Committee has introduced a new by-law which restricts the consumption of food and drinks in the playing room to only water. This should help prevent stains on the carpet and maintain the cleanliness of our bridge equipment and cloths.

And now I wish you all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Jan Howell

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SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB FROM THE BEGINNING

Jan felt that members of South Perth Bridge Club would like to read a little of the history of the club from the very beginning. There will be members who may recall other members stories of those days, and I hope to bring just a few of those times to you. I have spent several happy hours sifting through many files, many documents, lots of photographs and several differing interpretations of the early beginnings. I write below, as best I can, a very shortened version of the whole.....

Bridge first began in Western Australia in 1928 with the Perth Bridge Club and was then followed by clubs in outlying areas such as Kalamunda, Mundaring, Wembley, Gosnells, Esperance, Albany, Mandurah, Geraldton, and others during the 1950's, 60's and 1980's.

South Perth Bridge Club had its first beginnings in the Church Hall, Dyson Street and George Murchison was the initiator. The Ernest Johnson Pavilion (Old Aquinians football club) was the next step, where members had to carry chairs and tables to the venue and take them away at the end of the session. It was freezing cold in winter and the players took their own heaters and in summer all the windows and doors were thrown open and players took fans. Flying beetles were a nuisance and from time to time play had to be stopped to eliminate them. As Min Hammond quoted, nobody worried, as the objective was to eventually build their very own Bridge Club. In order to raise money many raffles were held, there were bring and buy tables, and Noelle Stewart is mentioned for providing marvellous cream buns which she started baking at 6:00am and then donated the proceeds to what became the building fund. Don Browning canvassed companies for funding, Marion Browning gave bridge lessons. Others did as much and more, and soon the sum of \$37 000.00 was raised which the Town Clerk, Mr Peter Bonnetts described as staggering, and as a result, contributed \$25 000.00 from the Council and pledged a bank loan of \$50 000.00 over ten years to enable the club to build. Other members loaned money to the club as debentures, but when finally the club was able to repay these loans the debenture holders declined the money. Others lent money on interest free loans. Such was the love for the club.

The first Inaugural Meeting of South Perth Bridge Club was held on 8th May 1981 under the auspice of the Mayor Mr. George Burnett. The Mayor was so impressed by Don Browning that he allowed him to chair the meeting. Don and Marion Browning were the prime movers in bringing the club into what it is today. Mr Gordon Murchison who originally initiated Bridge to the community was at the meeting with the Mayor but resigned at that meeting.

Many names are quoted in my findings and it is impossible to name them all but Kath Needham who started playing bridge at the age of sixteen, taught everyone how to score at duplicate bridge and would spend her evenings scoring the sessions. The Constitution of South Perth Bridge Club was written by Andrew Wilkinson. Andrew was a Quantity Surveyor and Builder and saw to the incorporation of the club in June 1981. The Secretary of the club Mr. George Greep, was instrumental in raising money in the form of river trips and cinema evenings. Maureen Goodbody and her team worked hard on Lamington Drives. Marion Browning held the first Melbourne Cup luncheon at her house and provided all the goodies. The charge was \$5 and this went immediately to the building fund. Min Hammond, made, by hand, dolls that were reversible which took a long time to make. Progressive Dinners were also very popular. Anything and Everything was made available to the members with the prime motive of raising money for the building of the club. But maybe the 'piece de resistance' was the Melbourne Cup luncheon held at Le Fanu Court where only the hall was provided. Everything had to be taken, even to the last teaspoon, and everyone was asked to bring food. It was a mammoth operation. So much food arrived that there was no possibility of it being eaten and with wine flowing four large cakes were raffled, one of which was a chocolate cake made by Gladys Carter which sold for \$45.00 to a male bidder, and then finally excess food was sold back to the members for a \$1 or 50c for a plate! Such were those days of work and fun!

On 15th February 1983 a Special Meeting was called to discuss building financial arrangements. But things moved slowly with the Government delaying funding, to the dismay of the architect and all of those involved in the building schedule. The quote for the building was \$144 600 but when April 1984 arrived and there was still no clarification from Government, it was agreed that the initial building cost could be amended by cutting out extras which would reduce the amount considerably leaving the balance at a sum of \$22 500.00 to be raised by members. After discussions with the Council regarding parking and the availability to the public to be able to access the building negotiations took place which included the Minister of Youth Sport and Recreation. By October 1984 Marion Browning announced that the building was going ahead and by January 1985 all was almost complete but with a deficit of \$2500.00 needed for a refrigerator, dishwasher etc. An anonymous member donated \$3000.00 to cover this. And so, the bridge club as we know it today was born.

FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW (*and I quote*) **'FROM AN ACORN CAME AN OAK'**.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH – 6TH NOVEMBER 2018



In the Club Rooms of Today- THE HAT PARADE

VALEDICTUS

A TRIBUTE to Darrell Williams.....Life Member and Dear Friend of many.

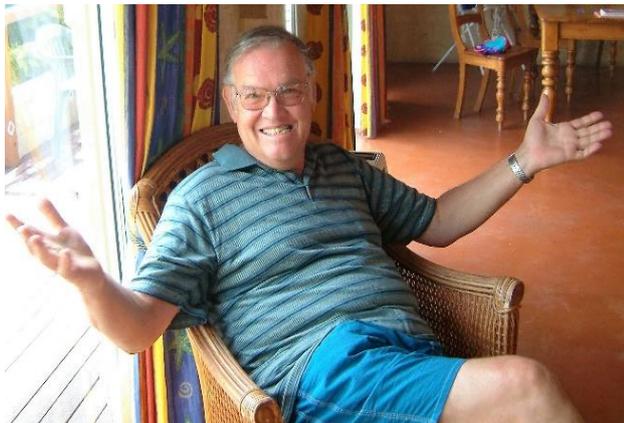
Darrell passed away in October 2018 after a long battle with illness. When he and his wife, Jackie retired to Perth on 2nd October 2002, they wasted no time in joining the Club – on 7th October 2002. Since then Darrell took on many Committee positions including:

Hon. Treasurer	2007-2010
President	2010 & 2011
Tournament Committee	2012 & 2013
Budget & Planning Committee	2012 – 2017 incl.
Hon. Secretary	2016 & 2017

Because he was passionate about encouraging new members and took great delight in seeing players go through the supervised, novice and full player stages, it was he who was responsible for the inception of the Education and Membership Committee in 2010, which he chaired for five years. Life Membership was bestowed in 2015.

During all his years at the club, Darrell acted as mentor to many new members and committee members and also gave service to the Melville Probus Club. His knowledge of Club matters brought about by his experience at work, and at the Club, in so many roles proved invaluable whenever precedent was sought.

A busy, active life well lived.



Farewell Darrell.

P.S

PHOTOS OF MIXED PAIRS WINNERS— A FULL REPORT AT THE END OF THE MAGAZINE



1st Martin and Carol Cleeve

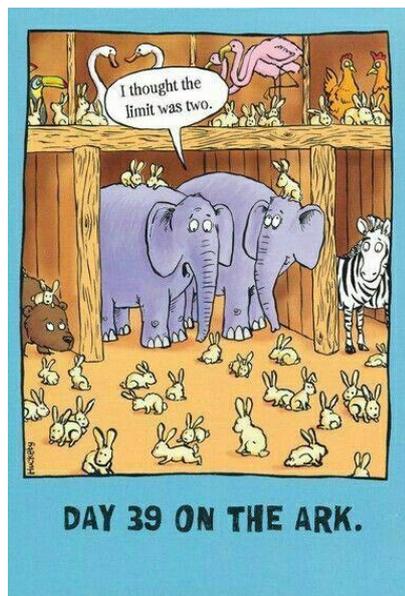
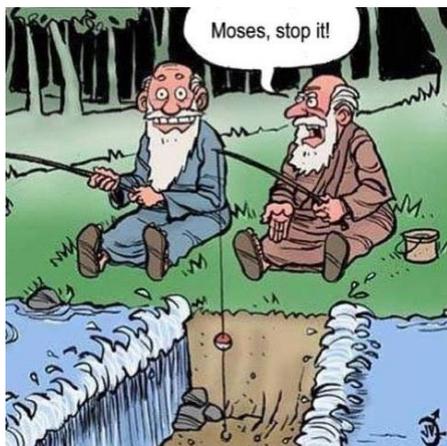


2nd Rez Karim and Elizabeth McNeill



3rd Bob and Joan Prince

A friend sent me the following. I, hope that you have a smile just as I did!!



An old Italian Gentleman lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was difficult work, as the ground was hard. His only son Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.
 Love Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son:

Dear Papa, Don't dig up that garden. That is where the bodies are buried. Love Vinnie

At 4:00am the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son:

Dear Papa, Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Love you, Vinnie

NEOLOGISM CONTEST

The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its annual **Neologism** contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. Have a smile.....

The winners are :-

1. Coffee the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted..... appalled over how much weight you have gained
3. Abdicate..... to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach
4. Esplanade..... to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly impotent
6. Balderdash... a rapidly receding hairline
7. Lymph to walk with a lisp
8. Testicle ... A humorous question on an exam

INTER CLUB TEAMS OF FOUR ACROSS ALL DIVISIONS

South Perth Bridge Club had tremendous success in the 2018 Novice Teams Division.

South Perth Novice B Team came first in the Novice competition and the winning team members were Alfred Leung, Dianne Smith Sarita Singh and Rachel Shave with help from Lyn Toft and Rod Bryant. The Captain's role in the team was rotated.

Rachel was at the presentation of the shield in order to receive a reward for winning the Grand Master/Restricted Pairs with her sister Bridgett Cooke.

As detailed below by Laurie Money, not only did the Novice Teams score well but there were other great successes. For 2018 **Laurie Money** was the co-ordinator of all of the teams and I include below a report from him on the organisation of and on the competition.

INTERCLUB TEAMS OF FOUR 2018 In February 2018 club members were invited to nominate for the BAWA sponsored Inter-Club Team competition. The program aims to enable club members to play in teams of four and meet with members of other clubs in friendly competition.

There were three levels of competition, membership based on ABF Master Point Rankings on the 1st January 2018. The Competition was coordinated by John Beddow.

For the Novice level of the competition eligible players needed to have less than 150 MPs. For the Intermediate the limit was 500 Masterpoints.

For each match of the competition each club was to field teams of 4 eligible players. The team could consist of different people for the matches – provided they were eligible for that level.

Selected players must be bona fide financial members of the club

The Club was required to pay an entry fee of \$100.00 per team entered.

Depending on the number of teams in each division, the competition was run as a Round Robin or on a Home and Away schedule, with a series of 28-board head-to-head matches between the teams. In the Novice Level each team played 5 matches, in the Intermediate Level each team played 10 matches and in the Open Level 7 matches were played.

The Club Teams Manager was required to negotiate a schedule of matches with participants and with other clubs. All matches were required to be played at club premises with a qualified director present.

South Perth Bridge Club was very successful in the 2018 Interclub Teams Competition. At the Novice Level **South Perth B was victorious and South Perth A was second. South Perth B team also won the Intermediate level competition and the Open Team came third to two WABC teams.** The program distributed 100% of the entry fees as prize money. **South Perth was the most successful club winning \$900 with 2 first places, 1 second place and 1 third place across the three divisions.** From the Feedback back I received, participants appreciated the opportunity of playing in a generally low stress, friendly teams competition.

While most teams were made up of 'core members' many of the organised games would not have been possible without people volunteering to play at times which did not suit core team members or to replace those members who for various reasons could not play at the last minute.

It was my pleasure to be teams coordinator and I would therefore like to thank the following people for participating in the Interclub Teams matches on behalf of the South Perth Bridge Club (people early in the list were core participants):

Wilma Coloper, Jenny Simpson, Bob Mitchell, Don Moran, Sarita Singh, Rachel Shave, Alfred Leung, Diane Smith, Tom Peacock, Mark Goddard, Gordana Komadina, Jenny Hawkins, Danny and Jeannie Ravn, Clive Youdell, Alan Roberts, Mark O'Connor, Gordon Dunlop, Richard and Sue Grenside, Merle

and Bob Wylie, Bob and Joan Prince, Fiona Han, Denis Gimlett, Rodney Bryant, Lyn Toft, Frank Thorogood and Fred Barnes.



Alfred, Sarita and Dianne Smith



Alfred Leung, Sarita Singh and Rachel Shave

I particularly wish to thank Rachel Shave who prepared a set of Guidelines for InterClub Teams Players that has been used by all participants in 2018.

Laurie Money

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SOUTH PERTH – THE VANISHING VILLAGE - continued

In the previous edition of ENews we covered the 1800's and now we go into the 1900's and up to the present day. So much was achieved in such a relatively short period of time.

The Electric Trams of South Perth

Electric Trams began operating on 25th September 1899 over a track commencing in Carbarn, in Hay Street, East Perth opposite Queens's Gardens and terminating in Thomas Street, West Perth. In 1905 a tramline was constructed from Carbarn, across the Causeway, along Albany Highway to Victoria Park Post Office on the corner of Duncan street. In 1922, with considerable agitation from the then South Perth Roads Board, the Government agreed to a tram line being built to the then distant suburbs of South Perth and Como. Until then public transport was by ferries to Mends Street Jetty from Barrack Street.

The Cinemas of South Perth

Short reels of moving pictures were projected from a new cinematograph machine for the first time in Perth in October 1896. In the second decade of their existence, the films made truly remarkable advances with the steady development of feature-length productions. Purpose built cinemas then made their appearance, and notably several in open air on summer evenings. South Perth had one

season in the grounds of the Perth Zoo but rather a cool summer rendered its failure. The first 'hard-top' venue in South Perth was in Swan Street which was a simple wooden hall in Swan Street which

had been built in 1909 for the Young Men's Association. Gaiety Theatre opened its doors in 1927 and was situated on the corner of Angelo and Coode Street in South Perth. This was conveniently opposite the tram line which serviced the growing suburb. The next was the Hurlingham Theatre situated at the corner of Canning Highway and Hovia Terrace. Both theatres showed their films on the same night, with boys on bicycles conveying successive reels from one theatre to the other. By 1950, it was estimated that the population in South Perth had reached 20 000. All through the prosperous 1950's the South Perth Theatres screened six nights a week. South Perth's 'Gaiety' had seen silent pictures and then the first 'talkies'!

Development in South Perth

1898 was a significant one in South Perth History, for in that year five prominent institutions had their beginnings. The Perth Zoological Gardens, the Windsor Hotel, the South Perth Primary School, which opened its doors in 1916 but the present Como School was built on its present site in 1921, the Post Office and the South Perth Lawn Tennis Club. The latter consisted of playing members and non-playing members who were named as 'bathers' as they used the facilities for showering or to bathe in the mineral waters piped from the Zoo!

These institutions were quickly followed by The Royal Perth Golf Club. In 1893, Burswood Island was rough farm land and accessible only by boat. Three enthusiastic officials of the W.A. Houses of Parliament who had played golf elsewhere had a vision of golf on the island. One of the three had a boat and they travelled to the island on a Sunday to hit golf balls often losing them among the Cape Weed and Wire Grass. Predictably others joined these three and in 1895 twelve players met at the Government House Ball Room to discuss the formation of a club and the acquisition of links. As Royal Perth Historian Jack Lee wrote, "They can be truly be said to be the founders of golf in Western Australia". The clubs, fortunes moved rapidly from that point and before the year ended a nine-hole course known as 'The Links' had been laid out on the eastern end of the island and opened in picnic fashion. By October 1896, eight competitions had been held. It was clear Burswood Island would have limited appeal due to the rough terrain and the difficult access. In 1890 a more suitable piece of land was selected on Grove Farm, Belmont, but on Aug 2nd 1908, thirteen years after the club had been founded the Governor of Western Australia, Sir Frederick Bedford officially opened the new golf course at its present site in South Perth.

But South Perth finally came into its own in 1959 when the Narrows Bridge was opened and South Perth moved from a village scenario to a town, but much had transpired in the years leading to this. The close distance between Mill Point Road and Point Lewis at the foot of Mt. Eliza meant the site cost of Thirteen thousand pounds was deemed too high. Preliminary planning for a bridge commenced in 1947 but was suspended so that a replacement, The Causeway, could be built at Heirisson Island but finally the Narrows Bridge was constructed and opened to vehicular traffic in 1959, followed by a second road bridge in 2001 and a Railway Bridge in 2005.

And so, I end this very brief record in the history of South Perth. I hope for some it will bring back memories and for others a realisation of how, in such a short space of time, the city has grown and grown and grown.....

VALEDICTUS - Bill Bradshaw 1948-2018

It is a privilege to write this short piece on Bill and, in so doing, I hope I am reflecting on just how all of you reading this are feeling.

Bill hadn't been a Club member for long. He only joined us in 2013 and showed early promise in his game. A couple of experienced players did a lot to get him on the road to success quickly, and he was just starting to appear regularly in the top half of the result sheets, sometimes right at the top.

Just as important to him was his contribution to the day to day working of the Club. He spent two years on the Management Committee, but was happiest looking after the garden, serving in the bar and being "mine host" at every Christmas Party and Melbourne Cup Day, often in disguise!



Sudden death, shocks everyone. In this case Jan Howell was typical of many when she compared it to being hit by a truck. So many of you have recounted to me how you were talking with Bill on New Year's Eve during the day, and Laurie Money bumped into him at a restaurant in Rossmoyne that same evening just before he left to go home and sleep.

A lot of us, during that first week after the news, found a group hug consoling. Bill was not just a man who died too early and without warning. He was a warm hearted, humorous (the same dry humour that his bridge partner, Geoff, has) and helpful man who died too early and without warning and that made it doubly hard to bear. In any discussion where there was a job to be done, whether on the Committee or off it, he was always the one who would put his hand up and say "I'll see to that" or "I can do that". Whenever I walked into the Club, I was always pleased to see Bill there and I know every member who knew him felt the same.....he carried a little bit of light around with him.

We have lost a Very Important Member and our thoughts go out to his wife and family who have a far greater claim on him than do we. We were just lucky to share him for a few hours each week.

G.S.

EDITOR'S NOTES

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!! I do hope your Christmas 🎄 celebrations went well and happy times were spent together, whether travelling or at home with family. Another New Year brings with it, expectations, not only of bridge but of life with all of its idiosyncrasies, its problems, its sadness and its joys.

We now begin a busy and hopefully productive New Year. I would love to hear from you, if you have any items to include in the magazine, and any outings with Bridge Club members. It is your magazine and your ideas, and your articles are very special.



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CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2018

CLUB PAIRS	Marnie Leybourne and Leone Fuller
MEN'S PAIRS	Dave Munro and David Schokman
WOMEN'S PAIRS	Marnie Leybourne and Leone Fuller
MIXED PAIRS	Carole and Martin Cleeve
NOVICE PAIRS	Laura and Rob Breen
RESTRICTED PAIRS	Marilyn Maserow and Linda Millar
STATE MASTERS AND BELOW	Ann Devereux and Maureen Thomas
BROWNING CUP (Handicap event)	Judith Selleck and Pam Smith
CLUB TEAMS	Carole and Martin Cleeve, Valerie Isle and Tony Stevens
CLUB SUMMER TEAMS	Carole and Martin Cleeve, Bob and Joan Prince

FUTURE EVENTS 2019

January

South Perth Swiss Pairs Mon 7,14,21st 7:30pm
Australia Day Open Pairs Mon 28th 12:30pm

February

Club Restrictred Pairs Ch'ship Sat. 2nd 9:15am
(Members with less than 50MP)
GNOT Heats Tues 5th,12th 7:30pm
(Gold Point Event)

March

Club Summer Teams Wed 6th,13th 12:30pm
(James Hammond Trophy)
Friendship Day Tues 19th
12:30pm
(Green Point Event)
Club Birthday Party Sat 30th 1:30pm
(Dora Wilson Trophy)

April

Easter Congress
Welcome Pairs (2 Sessions) Fri 19th 1:30pm
Open Pairs (2 Sessions) Sat 20th
10:00am
Swiss Pairs (2 Sessions) Sun 21st
10:00am
Open Teams (2 Sessions) Mon 22nd
10:00am
(Terry Glover Trophy Event)

BRIDGE RESULTS OCTOBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019:

MENS PAIRS 23rd OCTOBER 2018

1ST Dave Munro and David Schokman
2nd Tony Stevens and Leon Randolph
3rd Mark Goddard and Tom Peacock

MELBOURNE CUP 6th November 2018

N/S 1st Bente Hansen and Wendy Harman
2nd Fran Muller and Nancy Long
3rd Isabella Gorski and John Ward
E/W 1st Nick Cantatore and Trevor Fuller
2nd Bob Prince and Joan Prince
3rd Denis Lawrence and Janice Howell

MIXED PAIRS 10th NOVEMBER 2018

1st Carole Cleeve and Martin Cleeve
2nd Rez Karim and Elizabeth McNeill
3rd Joan Prince and Robert Prince

JACKPOT FINAL MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2018

1st Joan Barnett and Fred Barnes
2nd Jeanne Hey and Wendy Harman
3rd Fiona Han and Denis Gimblett

JACKPOT FINAL TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2018

1st Martin Goodall and Susan Goodall
2nd Rez Karim and Doreen Jones
3rd Pamela Smith and Gillian Salter

JACKPOT FINAL WEDNESDAY 21ST NOV 2018

1st Marnie Leybourne and Trevor Fuller
2nd Jeanne Hey and Wendy Harman
3rd Valerie Isle and Elizabeth McNeill

JACKPOT FINAL THURSDAY 22ND NOV 2018

1st John Ward and Metka Agrez
2nd Gordon Dunlop and John Clarke
3rd Peter Sewell and Alan Roberts

JACKPOT FINAL FRIDAY 23TH NOVEMBER 2018

1ST Phil Bapty and Bill Symons
2nd John Clarke and Gordon Dunlop
3rd Tony Stevens and Elizabeth McNeill

CHRISTMAS PARTY 9TH DECEMBER 2018

SECTION A

N/S

1st Erica Auguston and Betty Day
2nd Barbara Frost and Helen Arendts
3rd Jennifer Simpson and Wilma Coloper

E/W

1st Pam Hawkins and Bob Hawkins
2nd Antoinette Titley and Gwen Larsen
3rd Ailsa Stokeld and Marilyn West

SECTION B

N/S

1ST Hillary Stilling and Rebecca Cooper
2nd Isabella Gorske and Rachel Shave
3rd Evelyn Tay and Margaret Mackenzie

E/W

1st Jesse Lim and Joan Barnett
2nd John Bampffield and John Clarke
3rd Christine Dunlop and Gordon Dunlop

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