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President's Notes

In this September 2018 edition of ENews, we felt it would be beneficial to repeat the President's Report from the AGM as some members were unable to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO 2018 AGM

Preparation of the new constitution was completed and approved by the members at a SGM in June. It is now in operation. Most of the changes were

administrative. However, we took the opportunity to alter the commencement date of the subscription year from 1st October to 1st January. This date brings our subscriptions better into line with payments to BAWA and ABF and is easier to remember. This year your subscriptions will not fall due until 1st January.

We continue to run beginners' lessons and have added another supervised session which aids the process of bringing in new players. The most important thing we can do to increase our membership and attendances is to provide a welcoming, friendly and accepting environment to newcomers regardless of their skill level.

The club prides itself on its social side. Our Melbourne Cup Day and Christmas Party were well attended and enjoyed by all and Jacquie Wilding's Winter Warmers have been a great success. We have lively post bridge sessions after most games. Our supervised and novice groups meet for lunch or dinner once a month. There was even a day trip to the Swan Valley and a weekend away organised by these groups.

Although, as Garth reminds us in his report, we are in fund raising mode, we do need to provide a safe and comfortable clubhouse and up to date facilities for members. We purchased a defibrillator in response to requests. Hand sanitisers were installed to aid members' hygiene and a trolley was purchased to help directors move boards safely. The installation of new screens to display club notices and results was completed. A new domain name for the club was established to ensure more reliable delivery of emails to members. And a new honour board was purchased which records the winners of all restricted championship events in the one place.

Planning for a move to new premises has resumed. We have met with the consultants preparing a masterplan for the development of the George Burnett Leisure Centre precinct. Their report is now being reviewed by the City. Further discussions with the City are expected in the near future.

Much of the success of our club can be attributed to the tireless efforts of the wonderful committee and volunteers we have. We are very lucky to have so many willing workers and I can't thank them enough for their contributions. There really are too many to name. But I would especially like to thank Jeannie Ravn, who in her first year as Secretary, has ably and cheerfully mastered all the duties she took on and Garth Scotford, who has been a most exemplary Treasurer. The committee has worked together very well and we will miss Wendy Harman and Jacquie Wilding who are stepping down this year. It remains for me to thank you all for your support during the year.

Jan Howell

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<u>PHOTOS OF SOUTH PERTH WINNERS – A FULL REPORT AT THE END OF THE MAGAZINE</u>



Carol /Cleeve, Martin Cleeve, Tony Stevens, Valerie Isle with Wendy Harman 1st Club Championships Open Teams



Do Dean and Jenny Bowler 2nd E/W Open Winter Pairs



Sue and /Richard Grenside 1st N/S Congress Welcome Pairs



Sarita Singh and Helen Arendts 1st E/W Congress Welcome Pairs



Gwyneira Brahama and Phil Bapty

1st Congress Pairs Final



Wendy Harman and Joan Valentine 2nd Womens' Pairs Final



Gillian Slater and Helen Barrett Best under 100Mps-Womens Pairs Final



1st Linda Coli and Jonathan Free together with Sponsor Nigel Krummel in Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

POSTERUM SODALICIUM NOSTRI

Hope I've got your attention. Let's try a more modern version......IL FUTURO DELLA NOSTRA ASSOCIAZIONE. Succinct though the Latin may be, it doesn't hold a candle to the lovely expressive flow of the Italian translation of, you've got it, **The Future of our Club**. Can you not just see those arms rising from waist to shoulder height, fingers rigidly splayed, and the musical fervour with which the words would be uttered lifted from progenitors such as Monteverdi, Boccherini and Puccini.

But I digress. Why the Latin? Why the fervour?

Well the Latin bit is easy. The Roman Empire collapsed for many reasons but it is widely accepted that the principal of these was that they ran out of good Romans after a classic case of over — extension and a succession of poor Emperors. They just turned in on themselves and left all the hard graft to non-citizens and mercenaries. They relied on past glories to get them through a hard patch. Big mistake!

And the fervour bit is easy too. This is a <u>VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT</u>. In the Empire of the South Perth Bridge Club we have to ask ourselves the question "Are we in danger of running out of good bridge players?".

So, when I talk about the future of our Club, I'm not talking about the roof over our heads (leaky though it sometimes is, as was the Forum's). I am talking about succession for success and that subject is far more important than whether we end up in Como, Manning or Baldivis (only joking on the last one!). And (I know, there's a whole string of prepositions beginning sentences in this piece; that's just me trying to be intense) I can only do so without the help of an Italian bloodline but carefully trying to avoid the buttock clenching pedantry we ex-Poms are so famous for.

Let me switch to statistics to outline the little problem I think we have. The ABF kindly produce breakdowns of the grades of players in each club in Australia and also come up with a mean for the country as a whole. In the grouping of 300+ Masterpoints (going on up into the 000's) reside 22 per cent of our members compared with 14 per cent as the mean. That is a figure I think we should be pretty proud of. However, when we drop down to the grouping of 300 Masterpoints down to 20 we have only 32 per cent, significantly below the national mean of 43. And below 20 Masterpoints we have 46 per cent, which is just above the national mean of 43.

Now before going any further let me just say that I don't believe for one minute that a club like ours is all about competitive performance and grades. People take up bridge for a number of motives and exercising your brain and finding new community of friendly people with whom you can spend your time on a regular basis would be high up there, not the acquisition of Masterpoints. In that way, and substituting "body" for "brain" we are no different from a tennis, bowls or golf club. For some members of our club, Masterpoints remain a total irrelevance. Their principal wish is that we open our doors every day of the week so that they can come and play and enjoy their game without a backward glance at the result sheet. I applaud that attitude.

Of course, there are also those who, having mastered the rudimentaries, willingly or unwillingly become competitive. It is but human nature and the club must provide for that grouping also. Some of this group are blessed with natural card skills and can progress through the grades without an enormous amount of assistance from others. Others need a bit of a nudge, a bit of help, a bit of tuition, a bit of tempering in the coals of adversity (spot the touch of fervour!).

Just recently, I have re-joined the small band of Directors that run Supervised sessions and what a rewarding experience it is. The Club runs 4 such sessions a week (about 23 tables in all) and roughly 50 different players take part over the course of the week, most attending more than one session. I have told my group that much as I want to see them each week, my goal is to give them a firm handshake as they move on to greater things. Some have been going to Supervised sessions for a long time, perhaps in tandem with playing in a non-supervised novice session. Of these, a proportion do so because the day and time of the session is the only one that suits in an otherwise busy schedule. However, the majority do not yet feel comfortable moving into unsupervised play although I believe that many of them would succeed if they did.

I have tried to put myself into their shoes. What would be the negatives for them when rocking up for their first normal club session? Here are my tentative conclusions:- intolerant opposition, the d***** clock, and the fact that they need a partner, preferably one who knows more than they do.

The clock one is hard to overcome. A typical supervised hand can take 12 or more minutes to bid and play compared with the 6.5 allowed in club play. We all get through it somehow and a tolerant director can make a difference.

Intolerant opposition! Moi! Well, some of us, when concentrating, can be a little grumpy if a train of thought goes off track because of an error being made at the table and newcomers have a fear of the director being called "against" them as they see it. It would be helpful, when a "P plater" makes an error, and before calling the director, to lean over to the player and say something like "I'm just going to call the director. It's no big deal but there's a small problem that's got to be put right". Oh! And there are ways and means of giving unsolicited advice. Probably better not to give it at all but, if you do, be gentle with them ...positives, not negatives.

The third one is really the point of this piece. At the upper grades, there are a significant number of top players who regularly or occasionally play with players of lesser competence and who are not their normal partner. This provides invaluable experience and is mentoring at its best. We also have one or two top players who regularly assist at supervised sessions, sometimes playing, sometimes looking over a shoulder. What we don't have with any regularity are less experienced players helping those below them as partners in normal club play. It's quite understandable in a way ...they are learning themselves and feel unqualified to help others. But, if you fall into this category, you really can be of great help. You know your way round the system, you can operate the Bridgemate and you can keep a note of how the bidding went for discussion over a glass of wine afterwards. The big problem in bridge, unlike tennis, bowls or golf, is that there are no games of bridge singles....you always need a partner and they can be like hen's teeth, particularly if you are a newcomer. So please, all of us, spare a thought for those we so badly need to eventually replace us. When your regular partner is crook or away on holiday, consider inviting a supervised player or novice for a game or consider playing an extra day a week with someone who would jump at the chance to enter the main field with a knowledgeable player at their side. Talk to any of the directors who regularly work with the supervised or novice members such as Jan Howell, Lyndall Steed, David Burn, Laurie Money or myself and we could find you someone who is just about ready.

Remember what happened to the Roman Empire. Unlike Rome, we do have new citizens at the gate, we just have to encourage them in. Those 22 per cent of top grade players are going to need repair or replacement sometime!

Thank you for listening

<u>Garth</u>	

Enjoy the following and have a smile.....A CHANGING WORLD!!!!!!

PEOPLE ON A ROPE:

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter – 10 men and 1 woman The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall.

They were not able to choose that person, until the woman gave a touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go the rope, because as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech all the men started clapping*

This is when we know we were brought up in a different generation.....





SOUTH PERTH – THE VANISHING VILLAGE

As so many members of the South Perth Bridge Club have been residents of South Perth for many years, and some were born here, I felt it appropriate to investigate just a little of South Perth history. I accessed a book named as above by the City of South Perth Historical Society and also went further afield to discover more. I have only just touched on some of the events but to write even half of the history would take up the whole of the newsletter. I will divide the information I have into two sections the 1800's in this copy, followed by the 1900's in the next edition of ENews.

<u>History of South Perth Ferries, Steamers and Sailing Boats</u>

The earliest history known of river traffic in South Perth begins with the Dutch, when they came on river exploration trips in 1696, to be followed by other explorers over the centuries including the party of Captain James Stirling. It wasn't until 1829 that vessels and small boats plied the water ways. In 1833, a Ferry Service was established between Point Belches and Mount Eliza. Within months of the founding of the township Perth, there were four ferries established on the river, one at Guildford, another at Preston Point, the third at Fremantle and the fourth from Point Belches. The South Perth venture was a rowing boat and it operated not by a regular timetable but by patronage only.



A man by the name of Thomas Browne purchased a derelict mill, set up a picnic area, built a gallery, a viewing platform and called it Alto Gardens. In order to bring customers to his picnic grounds he asked Sam and William Lawrence to build him a small steamer and 'The Lady Ord graced the waters at South Perth. The first 'screw steamer' in Western Australia, as opposed to paddle steamers. South Perth could also boast of another great boat builder, Tommy Rann who built yachts and racing gigs which won many trophies at various yacht clubs.

Shenton's Mills on Point Belches

It may not be widely known that one of Western Australia's most noted landmarks is the Old Mill of South Perth which was originally owned by Margaret Elvirie Hammersley the wife of the future long serving Premier, John Forrest.

The founding of the Mill resulted in the first corn being grown successfully in the Swan Valley in 1832. The mill was built on a Crown Lease on the four and a half acres abutting a small bay on the South Perth peninsular adjoining Point Belches. The area was later to be name Miller's Pool and was at that time surrounded by trees. The Mill opened its doors on 10th August 1833

The Chinese Gardens

The Chinese immigrants came to Australia in the 1880's to join the Gold Rush in Kalgoorlie but were denied minor's rights and then made their way west and discovered the land bordering the Swan River and so the Chinese Gardens commenced. These gardens stretched from the South Perth Foreshore area between Mends Street and Causeway through the land that we now know as Sir James Mitchell Park, west of Coode Street. Shacks were built, a series of irrigation channels were set out and although the market gardening was seasonal it became the back bone of their survival. Out of season many sought other work but the Chinese Gardens were in existence for a period of around eighty years and increased from providing for just individuals, to supplying fruit and vegetables to City markets. In the 1940's there were attempts to evict the gardeners but it took until 1952 before the Chinese Gardens were abolished.

From the club archives, I hope, that in the next edition of ENews that I may bring to you, an abbreviated history of **South Perth Bridge Club**. I look forward to that!!!!!!

VALEDICTUS

The South Perth Bridge Club would like to extend their sincere condolences to Judith's husband and family on the loss of a much loved, member, and friend to so many. **Tresna Davies** a very long time, friend of Judith very kindly wrote the following which is a great tribute to a great lady.

Vale: Judith Ternahan



One of the Club's most popular members, Judith passed away on 21st August 2018 after a long battle with Multiple Myeloma, fought with great tenacity and courage. She was stoic to the end, and even whilst in palliative care, continued to follow the bridge results on her iPad with great interest.

Judith was born in New Zealand at Te Kopuru in the north east of the North Island. She had a very happy childhood in Auckland where she and her extended family lived together in her grandparents' very large and impressive house. The family were a gregarious lot with many visitors. The house was very happy, a place of parties, card mornings,

afternoon teas and mah-jong sessions. There was a tennis court, orchard and even their own bowling club which Judith's Dad founded, using the tennis court as the green. As a family there was always great interest in food and cooking and an appreciation of the right drink to have before, during and after the meal.

In her early twenties, Judith left home and travelled extensively for three years, mostly in Europe but also in Perth where her sister Margot lived, before returning to Auckland. At a party in 1965 she met a handsome young Irish backpacker and was immediately smitten. Soon after they met, Gerry was offered a prestigious post at the New Zealand Antarctic Research Station, and he spent twelve months in Antarctica. The courtship survived the long separation, and they became engaged soon after he returned to New Zealand.

In February 1967 they married, and moved to Belfast to spend time with Gerry's family. After a year they both felt that the weather and the 'Ulster Troubles' were enough to send them back to a warmer and more peaceful place, and they decided to settle in Perth.

With Judith's natural flair for cooking and hospitality, she, initially with her sister Margot, took on the management of the Arches Restaurant in Fremantle. Apart from a break, during which their daughter Kate was born, she spent over five years at the Arches. In 1971, Judith and Gerry built their family home in Attadale, which began a lasting friendship with their neighbours, the Davies family. When Kate started school Gerry and Judith took over the Princess Coffee Lounge in Fremantle. They ran this cafe and catering business very successfully for ten years. Judith finished off her working life as manager of the canteen at Penrhos College from 1991 to 2004 which she loved and made many friends.

Following her retirement, it was all about Bridge, Bridge and more Bridge where Judith's fun-loving nature ensured she made many more friends. She started lessons with Nigel Dutton at South Perth Bridge Club in 1991 and formed an immediate friendship with Alice Johnson and Wendy Kapelle, and they both remained amongst her bridge partners until the end.

She was keenly competitive and played in many competitions in Perth and regional areas, also travelling East to play in the Canberra Summer of Bridge on several occasions, attaining the rank of Silver Life Master before her illness. As Alice said "She was never happier than when she was dealt a hand with the potential for a Grand Slam"

In spite of her failing health, she continued to play and enjoy bridge. Gerry was a familiar figure at the Club also, as he escorted Judith in her wheelchair to and from bridge sessions. In her final months when she was in palliative care her friends took a bridge table and cards etc. to her and she loved those visits. By her final game she was confined to bed, but she still struggled to play and enjoy her bridge.

Judith will be missed by so many members. Her bright and friendly personality endeared her to everyone, and over the years she contributed much to SPBC, especially using her hospitality skills in organising catering for Congresses and other functions. Judith is survived by Gerry, Kate and Peter and her much loved grandsons, Thomas and Patrick.



Judith's last game of Bridge wit Helen, Tresna and Alice

South Perth Bridge Club group who annually go to Dunsborough for the ZONTA WEEKEND



ZONTA International is a global organization, empowering women worldwide, through service and advocacy. Zonta envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential and in such a world are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world no woman lives in fear of violence.

The proceeds of the Bridge Congress in Dunsborough go towards the achievement of	of
all of the above.	

I discovered this quoted message from the **Dalai Lama**. He was asked what surprised him most about humanity. I have thought long on this, and his view is clever, well written and sadly true. I quote:

'Man. Because he sacrifices his health in order to make Money.

Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health.

And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future.

He lives as if he is never going to die and then dies having never really lived'

	ENTS 2018	
<u>October</u>		
Melville v South Perth	Sunday 7 th	1:00pm
Inter club Teams of 12		
Host Club: Melville		
South Perth and Melville	Sunday 7th	1:00pm
Masters in Teams of 3		
Host club South Perth		
Spring Open Pairs	Monday 22 nd	12:30pm
Men's Pairs (<u>rescheduled</u>)Tueso	day 16 th and 23 rd	7:30pm*
November	-	
Club Mixed Pairs Championship	Sat.3 rd /10 ^{th h}	1:30pm
Melbourne Cup Day	Tues 6 th	10:00am
(Green Point Event)		
Jackpot Final Week	Mon to Fri 19th-23rd	
Balmy Evening Open Pairs	Tues 20th	7:30pm
December		•
Christmas Party	Sun 9 th	TBA
(Green Point Event)		
	Fri 21 st	12:30pm

EDITOR'S NOTE

When summer is with us and it is in a +40 degree, spell of hot weather, we long for winter, and the chance of a log fire and a jumper, but when winter is here and it rains and rains and we shiver, we long for summer and gaze at the beaches wistfully. But at least when we play bridge, the temperature is managed in the club room in either season, and so I ask myself "why do we not play bridge all the time?" Easy solution methinks!!!!!

I am always so grateful to members who provide me with information I require, or who come forward with information on something within the bridge club that I may not know. Without your help my task would be very difficult.

In Jan Howell's report, Jan says that the Supervised and Novice players get together once a month for lunch or dinner. I would be so grateful if one or more of this group would send me a photograph from time to time and/or write a short article on the occasion or on their experiences in the Supervised sessions. This would complement Garth's Latin masterpiece and would be invaluable for Supervised lessons going into the future. I am certain, members of the club and especially those who spend so much of their time in attending to the wants and needs of us all, would like to know of the enjoyment or the fears of the Supervised group, for only feedback of this kind will make a difference.

Before I end this edition, I just have to tell you one last joke......

PSYCHIATRIST VS. BARTENDER

Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So, I went to a shrink and told him:

I've got problems. Every time I go to bed, I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I am going crazy".

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year" said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?"

'Eighty dollars per visit'" replied the doctor.

'I'll sleep on it.' I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street.

"Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?' He asked.

"Well ... eighty bucks a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$12 480.00. A bartender cured me for \$10:00. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new ute".

"Is that so?' with a bit of an attitude he said, "And how may I ask, did a bartender cure you?' 'He told me to cut the legs off the bed. Ain't nobody under there now."

IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO GET A SECOND OPINION!!!

Apologies to any Psychiatrists out there, I hope you have a smile just as I did!! Once again, my thanks to those of you who send me quips or make suggestions on the content of the magazine. It is greatly appreciated and it does make me feel it is 'your magazine'. I look forward to bringing you the Christmas edition, and then we once again begin a New Year without, having hardly settled into this one.

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JIM TALLY was delighted to receive a beautiful Birthday Cake on the occasion of his 90TH BIRTHDAY and shared it with his friends at a very special tea at SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB



CONGRATULATIONS JIM..... from all of us!!!!

MEN'S PAIRS COMPETITION

FULL LIST OF SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE RESULTS JULY- SEPTEMBER 2018:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

- 1ST. Carole Cleeve, Martin Cleeve, Valerie Isle, Tony Stevens
- 2nd. Dave Munro, David Schokman, Doreen Jones, Catherine Hood
- 3rd. Joan Valentine, Helen Arendts, Barbara Frost, Maree Miliauskas

WINTER OPEN PAIRS

North / South

- 1st. Doreen Jones, Dave Munro
- 2nd. Wilhelmina Piller, Christine Jenkins
- 3rd. Jeanne Hey, Elizabeth McNeill

East/West

Merwen Menezes, Leon Ref Do Dean, Jenny Bowler

Denis Lawrence, Janice Howell

SOUTH PERTH AUGUST CONGRESS

Welcome Pairs

North / South

- 1st. Richard Grenside, Sue Grenside
- 2nd. Rohan Bandarage, Sam Zurub
- 3rd. Cassie Morin, Jeanne Hey

East/West

Sarita Singh, Helen Arendts Meredith Goodlet, Jennifer Andrews Mimi Packer, Virginia Seward

Congress Pairs Consolation

- 1st. Shizue Futaesaku, Wendy Driscoll
- 2^{nd.} Val Biltoft, Phil Tearne,
- 3rd Anne Mitchell, Rajeeve Gunawardeena

Congress Pairs Plate

- 1st. Barbara Frost, Helen Arendts
- 2nd. Alan Harrop, Jessica Chew
- 3rd. Merleine Wylie, Robert Wylie

Congress Pairs Final

- 1st. Phil Bapty, Gwyneira Brahama
- 2nd. Mark Goddard, Tom Peacock
- 3rd. Doreen Jones, Dave Munro

Congress Teams

- 1st. John Beddow, Egmont Melton, Tad Bieganski, Andrew Swider
- 2nd Rose Moore, Linda Coli, Virginia Seward
- 3rd Janice Howell, Sheryl Coates, Kimberley Zhao, Eugene Wichems

WOMEN'S PAIRS FINAL

1st. Leone Fuller, Marnie Leybourne 2nd.Wendy Harman, Joan Valentine 3rd. Jeanne Hey, Carmen Jackson BEST UNDER 100 Mps. Gillian Slater, Helen Barrett

PHARMACY 777 OPEN PAIRS

1ST. Jonathan Free, Linda Coli

2nd. Susan McGill, Elsie Chua

3rd. Phil Bapty, Rohan Bandarage

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