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# UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB

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## Happy Anniversary

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ABF President  
Allison Stralow



Mayor City of  
Joondalup  
MR Albert Jacob



Robin Clarke



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## The Undercroft Bridge Club 50th Anniversary Celebration

By Connie Coltrona

The UBC 50th Anniversary and Book Launch was held in the Club rooms on Saturday 10th September.

More than 120 guests enjoyed the afternoon, with guest speakers, food and drink. The Social Committee of Nita Fraser, Jill Lyon, Melissa Underwood, Margaret Greville, Lilian Haagensen, Sally Jowett, Robin Woodall and Connie Coltrona are to be commended for providing the sumptuous feast. Thank you to Joe Peci for buying the drinks

The UBC was formed on the 7th September 1972 in the basement of a group of flats in Elsie St. North Beach, hence named "UNDERCROFT". The vision shown by the members under the leadership of President Gwen Johnson, was to one day have their own premises, and, after negotiation with Local Government Authority of Wanneroo, State government and Commonwealth Government the dream came true and UBC opened the door to the current location at Percy Doyle Reserve in 1994. The Lotteries Commission also gave a grant.

The Club has grown from 42 members in 197 to over 500 members today

The further extensions were completed in 2017 and the Club is now complete.

The work done by past Presidents, Management Committees and the many Volunteers is highly valued and today the Club cannot function to the high standard we enjoy if not for these past and present members.





The Celebration was launched by the Mayor City of Joondalup MR Albert Jacob, stating the importance of the Club in providing a service to the Community, which is stimulating, social and an inexpensive hobby.

The ABF President Allison Stralow, an official guest, gave an overview of the Bridge Federation and the role of Bridge Clubs in the community.

Albert Jacobs also Launched the Commemorative Book "Social History of Undercroft Bridge Club".

The Main Focus of the Book is to tell the story of the Club through researching of the facts from available documentation and from memories as told by past and present members. The book is by the members for the members and has many Biographies on the past and present members.

The Book was collated by editor Robin Clarke and members of the Publication Committee, Lesley McGlone, Billie Skinner, Judy Clear, Jack Bana, Nick Jakowyna, Lillian Haagensen and Connie Coltrona.

Acknowledgement is to the Council of Joondalup up for the grant enabling the Club to print the Books and give to the UBC Members.

The 2022 Management Committee of Bernie Plath, Vice President, Debbie James, Secretary, Rupert Dodd, Treasurer, and Committee Chris Jenkin, Katrina Will, Sharon Dyball, David Pitts, Richard Grenside, Solomon Gokavi is committed to the continued success of the Club by providing a dedicated community service to the members that enhances cognitive stimulation, socialisation and fellowship. ●



## President's Report

From Connie Coltrona

The 50th Anniversary of the Undercroft Bridge club was celebrated on Saturday 10th September 2022 at the Club rooms. This celebration marked the milestone achievement of the Club, highlighting the foresight of the founding members and the roles played by past Presidents, Management Committees and members to ensure the future of the Club.

The Commemorative Book "Social History of Undercroft Bridge Club" illustrates the History of the Club through the Members. A full report can be read in the Newsletter.

The celebration will continue with the Xmas themed event on Sunday 11th December 2022. The focus of the day (UBC members only) will be on playing Bridge and enjoying good food! Look for the flyer on the Notice Board to register your attendance. (coming soon).

Thank you to

Gwen Kremer for taking the acting Directors Secretary position whilst David Cowell is rehabilitating. David good to see you progressing well and

definitely to see your Bridge skills are excellent.

Allan Rolls and his team of Board Dealers. All Boards are dealt inhouse, and at times multiple for Red Point events. These Volunteers save the Club a lot of money.

Sharon Dyball and Liz Gray for coming monthly to ensure the kitchen and appliances are kept in good working order.

Yvonne Vea for taking on the Book Keeper position assisting the Treasurer. A most important task.

The Teaching and Coaching team, Joanna Tennyson, Jenny Skinner, Martin Broome, Tad and Beata Bieganski for providing an opportunity for members to enhance their playing skills. These lessons are very well attended. Look on the Club Notice board for upcoming sessions.

The Covid Pandemic seems to have subsided and members are returning to their favourite game of Bridge

Welcome back to all members and Happy Bridging!!●

## Pearson Points aka Rule of 15

[bridgebum.com/pearson\\_points.php](http://bridgebum.com/pearson_points.php)

Pearson Points (aka Rule of 15, or Cansino Count) are a hand evaluation method for opening the bidding in **4th seat**. When an auction begins Pass-Pass-Pass, the player in 4th position often holds a marginal hand containing 9-12 HCP (high card points), and must decide whether to bid or pass.

Calculating Pearson Points is easy. Add your high card points and the number of spades in your hand. If the total is 15 or more, then you should open the bidding. If the total is 14 or less, then you should pass the hand out.

In my experience, Pearson Points are pretty reliable. They are predicated on the idea that when the honor cards are evenly distributed around the table, the best suit to own is spades because you can outbid the opponents at the 1- or 2-level. Hands short in spades are worth less because of the increased probability of the opponents bidding and landing in their own spade contract.

♠KQ987

♥AT

♦J32

♣873

This hand has 10 HCP + 5 spades = 15 Pearson Points. Open the bidding in 4th seat with 1♠.

♠A9

♥T987

♦AK32

♣J43

12 HCP + 2 spades = 14 Pearson Points. Pass.

♠Q42

♥QJ

♦KJ85

♣QJ83

### Example

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠ (1)
Pass	2♦ (2)	Pass	Pass (3)
Pass			

- (1) South opens the bidding with 15 Pearson Points.
- (2) North barely has enough to bid 2♦.
- (3) South knows that game is impossible since North is a passed hand

The Rule of 20 is a guideline for deciding whether to open the bidding. It attempts to refine traditional high card point count by also taking suit length into consideration. The rule is pretty simple: add your high card points plus the number of cards in your two longest suits. If the total is 20 or more, then the hand is worth an opening bid.

♠T8  
♥KT973  
♦6  
♣AK865

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## A Friendly Game of Bridge

By Peter McCann

I enjoy the informal book exchange we have running at our Club. A couple of months ago, I saw an Agatha Christie on the table. It must have been over 40 years since I had read Agatha, so I thought why not give her a go.

To my surprise I found the story contained this rather delightful description of a game of bridge. To set the scene: all of the suspects (guests) have now assembled at the hotel but the murder has not yet taken place.

*"A rubber had just finished in the drawing-room and I was invited to cut in.*

*Norton and I cut together against the Luttrells. I noticed that Mrs Luttrell was definitely displeased by this. She bit her lip and her charm and Irish brogue disappeared completely for the moment.*

*I soon found out why. I played on many future occasions with Colonel Luttrell, and he was not really such a bad player. He was what I would describe as a moderate player, but inclined to be forgetful. Every now and then he would make some*

*really bad mistake owing to this. But playing with his wife he made mistake after mistake without ceasing. He was obviously nervous of her, and this caused him to play about three times as badly as was normal. Mrs Luttrell was a very good player indeed, although a rather unpleasant one to play with. She snatched every conceivable advantage, ignored the rules if her adversary was unaware of them, and enforced them immediately when they served her. She was also extremely adept at a quick sideways glance into her opponent's hands. In other words, she played to win.*

*And I understood soon enough what Poirot had meant by vinegar. At cards her self-restraint failed, and her tongue lashed every mistake her wretched husband made. It was really most uncomfortable for both Norton and myself, and I was thankful when the rubber came to an end."*

*From "Curtain: Poirot's Last Case"*  
by Agatha Christie

Aren't we thankful we have no Mrs Luttrells playing at Undercroft? ●



## (Bridge) Crime and Penance

By Lilia Male

After my recent woeful performance at bridge, I decided to take some time out and take a good look at myself as a bridge player. I needed to heal my bridge soul, I needed to get away as far as possible to lick my wounds and recuperate. So, where to go? Where to go? Arctic Circle, of course!

On seeing my inner bridge turmoil, my husband, Nick, decided to come with me. Just in case if I decided to do away with myself. We decided on the start date, places to visit and made preparations for our expedition. In my case, preparations were buying a pair of nice boots and borrowing my mother's gorgeous fur jacket. After all, it's cold in the Arctic Circle.



Which car to take? As it was early September, there might be snow already. Car had to be reliable enough to cover around 3.5 thousand kilometres in uncertain terrain. We decided on Corolla hybrid, of course.

We set out on a beautiful summer day towards the Cold. Our trip took us alongside Baltic Sea on the drive called Swedish High Coast. Apparently, it's one of Europe's most famous drives. Motorheads really love this road. Hang on, what was Nick's real motive for coming? After all, he insists on driving all the time. Hmm...





The views of sea, lakes, valleys are amazing. After a while you become a bit blasé about them. I would point out a magnificent view on my side and Nick would say 'Yeah, my side pretty too'. We since found out that the High Coast is on the UNESCO Heritage list.

After several days we got to Kiruna which is an iron ore mining town and the place with famous Ice Hotel. We were hoping to see Northern Lights there even though the locals were saying that it was too early in the season. Our app for spotting Northern Lights told us we had 34% of seeing them that night. So, braving the cold we went out and waited – my mum's fur got an outing, finally! And we did see them. We had to wait for about 5 minutes and then there they were in all their glory. We were the only ones outside the hotel to see them – it was breathtaking.

From Kiruna we went to Norway, drove alongside the lakes and fjords, through snow-capped mountain ranges and saw glimpses of Northern Lights. Pretty again. And again.

We decided that Swedish Lapland and Arctic Circle have similarities with Australian Outback. Both sparsely populated with



magnificent nature. One is hot one is cold. In Australia, the dangerous fauna are mostly spiders, maybe crocodiles and roos when you're driving. Here, wild boar is the most dangerous animal with elk taking second spot. The latter likes to appear suddenly in front of a moving car and it's a beast.

In retrospect, I don't think that this trip helped me hone my bridge skills but so what. It was an amazing experience, saw beautiful nature, Northern Lights, got to wear my new boots and mum's fur. Corolla did really well – although all Nick's mates laughed when he told them what car we're travelling in. We were the fastest car on the road, in Sweden and Norway.

Bridge, ready or not, here I come!



Judy Clear celebrating 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with Bridge Girls at Hamptons on City Beach.



### GUESS WHO



*I have been asked to submit this photo to a new "GUESS WHO" segment in the UBC newsletter. So hopefully this might prompt other brave souls to follow for a bit of fun.*

I unearthed this photo after a conversation with my sister whose granddaughter is experiencing her first school ball and the excitement of finding just the right dress. Whether purchasing or hiring it is such a frenzied time in Sydney they have to pre book a dressing room.

Inspired by our wonderful new UBC 50th Anniversary Book and members' stories of "what was" this photo appeared with my

memories of our school leaver's ball and how we acquired our ball dresses.

Sawtell pop 2000, just south of Coffs Harbour pop 5000 – (Brisbane 10 hours North and Sydney 12 hours south) had no ball gown store either for sale or hire, just the local Drapers shop. Remember them. So it was into the car & off to the material shop in Coffs Harbour, choose from the Vogue or Butterick pattern books, select the fabric and hand over to Mum and the trusty Singer sewing machine.

I chose a pattern with a scalloped neckline, balloon skirt with pleats, a bow under the bust line in shiny pink fabric. Mum didn't bat an eyelid. She was a very impractical woman but a perfectionist so I know after sewing two pieces of fabric together, the left piece would have the pattern showing and the right piece had the inside showing. After much unpicking and many, many hours, she handed me the finished dress which I thought was wonderful. Thank you, Mum R.I.P., The result is in the photo. The boys all wore white, long-sleeved shirts (there wasn't any other colour), a tie and long pants. Not

a suit or dinner suit (what were they) in sight.

**Hans G Rosendorff  
Memorial Weekend –  
Mixed Pairs**

*Congratulations*



4<sup>th</sup> Peter McCann (and Christine Jenkins) pictured with BAWA President Nigel Dutton.

**Nedlands One Day  
Congress (46 Pairs)**

1<sup>st</sup> Beata Bieganski and Tuya Cooke

**South Perth Winter  
Congress**

1<sup>st</sup> Tad Bieganski and Andrew Swider

# RESULTS

## Kath Brosnan Pairs



1<sup>st</sup> Christine Jenkins and Peter Mccann

## Leslie and Ray Routledge Swiss Pairs



1<sup>st</sup> Brain Kaye and Mike Mahon



2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Bacon and Tomoko Nakamatsu



2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Kemp and Gill Gavashon



3<sup>rd</sup> Nerilyn Mack and Joanna Tennyson

3<sup>rd</sup> Alice O'Brien and Margaret Wilson

Best Under 200  
Avryl Atkins and Dino Pardini

Best Under 20mp  
Elaine Perry and Maree Jardine



## Ossie Trigwell Handicap Pairs



1<sup>st</sup> Bernie Plath and Greg McKie

## Don Fraser Swiss Pairs



1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Greenway and Marion Bogue



2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Adams and Katrina Will



2<sup>nd</sup> Louise and Terry Collins



3<sup>rd</sup> John Frozop and Dermott Doherty

3<sup>rd</sup> Valerie and Martin Broome

*Congratulations*

## 70%

Manuela Steinbrecher	Yulia Koh	75.0%	11-AUG-22
Philip Oldershaw	Anthony Eardley	74.1%	22-AUG-22
Kaiping Chen	Noriko Sakashita	71.7%	4-SEP-22
Kayoko Bredemeyer	Robin Clarke	71.1%	2-SEP-22
Jacques Bellevret	Jamie Luxton	71.0%	10-AUG-22
Robin Rose	Daniel Cronin	70.4%	28-AUG-22
Terry Collins	Louise Collins	73.8%	29-SEP-22
Christine Smitham	Helen Hyland	73.2%	28-SEP-22
John De Raad	Brian Fensome	71.7%	12-OCT-22
Tad Bieganski	Yulia Koh	70.8%	6-OCT-22

## Grand Slams

Mike Mahon / Brian Kaye	7S W	11-OCT-22
Peter Mccann / Martin Broome	7NT N	6-OCT-22
Joe Peci / Anthony Eardley	7H W	5-OCT-22
Brian Fensome / Tad Bieganski	7NT N	3-OCT-22
Louise Collins / Terry Collins	7H E	29-SEP-22
Joe Peci / Anthony Eardley	7H N	27-SEP-22
Peter Stephenson / Matthew Bampton	7S N	8-SEP-22
Raine Woodhead / Margaret Jenkinson	7D W	1-SEP-22
Martin Broome / Valerie Broome	7S N	19-AUG-22
Edward Roscoe / David Cowell	7S N	19-AUG-22
Joan Rosemeyer / Maureen Aldridge	7NT S	14-AUG-22
Lillian Haagensen / Alan Rolls	7S S	11-AUG-22

## Walk-in Swiss Pairs

August	September
1 <sup>st</sup> Terry Collins and Peter McCann	1 <sup>st</sup> Chris Bagley and John Beddow
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuya Cooke and Christine Jenkins	2 <sup>nd</sup> Terry and Louise Collins
3 <sup>rd</sup> Debbie James and Joan Schneider	3 <sup>rd</sup> Beata Bieganski and Davis Cowell

## Free School Holiday Bridge Day





## GUESS WHO

There must be many of us in the club who could come up with similar stories of fun & interest accompanied by a GUESS WHO photo. It would be great to share some of them with our readers and help our long time members to better know our newbies.

Photo: De'arn Alexander School Leavers' Ball 1961

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