



Bridge – an official ‘Olympic Mind Sport’, is played throughout the world. It is taught to primary students in China to promote systematic thinking processes.

The Undercroft Bridge Club is a microcosm of ‘World Bridge’. A chapter is devoted to ‘Harmony within Diversity’ as it highlights the multicultural composition of the club. Our bridge club is a rare opportunity for people from diverse cultures to meet together for a shared enjoyable experience.

Undercroft Bridge Club is very fortunate to have a member in Richard Grenside who was an ‘International Director’ for twenty years. His biography expands our perception of the game in recognizing the world-wide congresses, played in various continents throughout the world.

Sue Grenside was a regular participant in these events. She tells a delightful story of a game in Cairo when she was asked to partner a handsome man, by the name of Omar Sharif! They performed well.

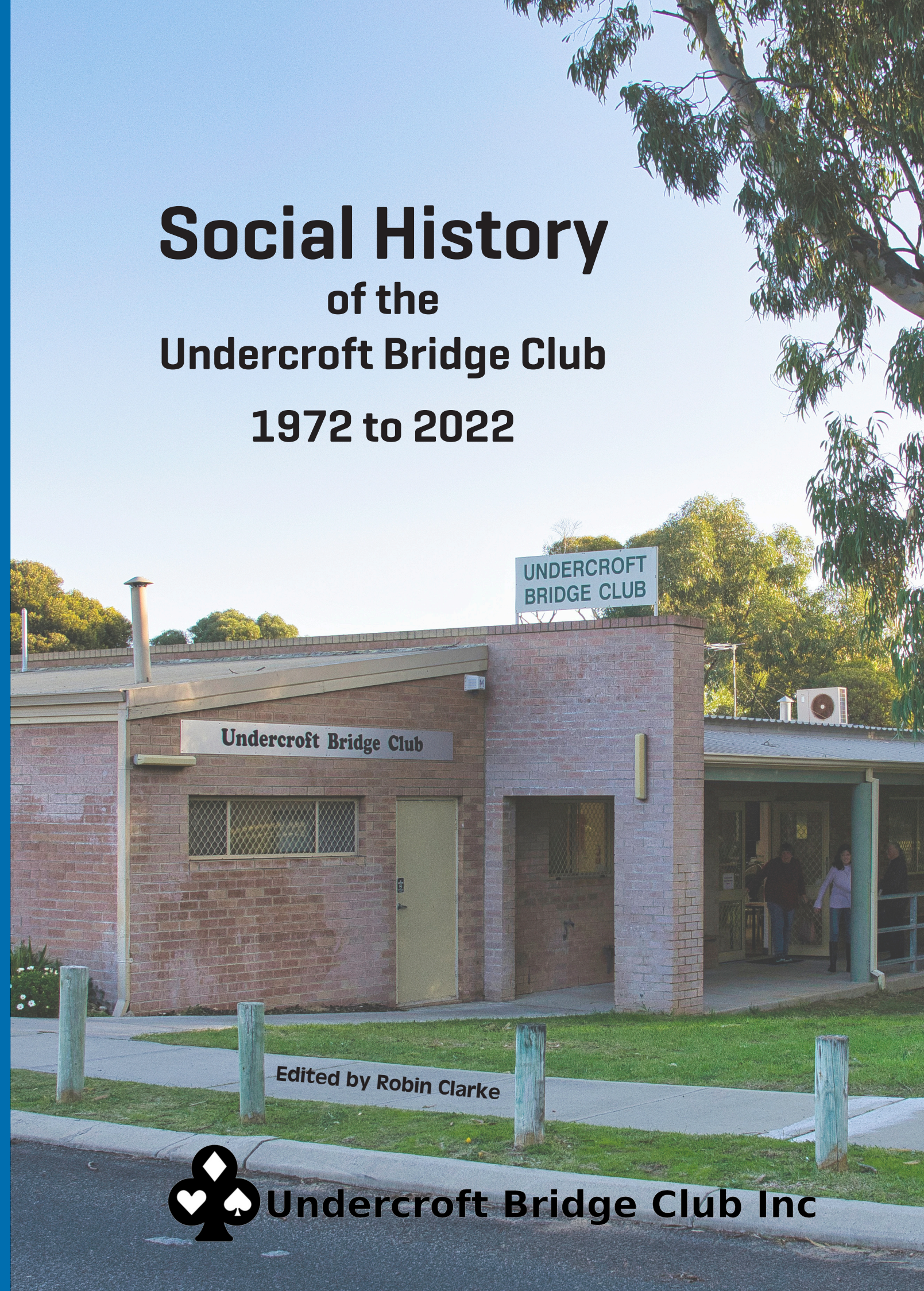


World Mind Sports Games in Poland, attended by Tad and Beata Bieganski

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A commemorative publication

***50 Years since Foundation
1972 to 2022***



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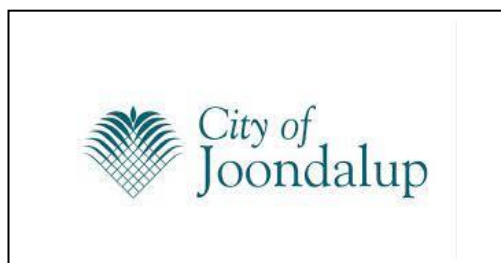
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We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Wadjuk (Perth region) people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and region.

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The Club would like to acknowledge and thank the City of Joondalup for recognising the value of this commemoration, and providing a substantial grant.

The grant enabled the club to provide a high-quality publication – free to members – as a gesture of appreciation for the many members over the years who have contributed to the development of a successful club. The publication provides a tangible feature of the launch for the commemoration of the fifty years since foundation.

The range of facilities provided by the City of Joondalup at the location of the Percy Doyle Reserve represents a valued service provision across the entire population. The dedicated building that is the Undercroft Bridge Club is greatly appreciated by the 500 members; and the planning and development for this facility, undertaken by the City of Joondalup, is highlighted in the book.

Acknowledgement to the Management Committee, led by the President Connie Coltrona, who formed the Publications Sub-committee. The initial proposal was presented by the editor Robin Clarke, who then devoted many hours to undertake the research, consult with members and write the history. He was supported by long-standing members in Billie Skinner and Judy Clear. They provided valuable personal reflections and actual details of the series of events and people who took the initiatives to create and develop the club. There was also inherent expertise within the committee in Lesley McGlone who typed, proof-read the text and formatted the images. Jack Bana provided his editing expertise, following his experience in publishing numerous mathematics education publications. Nick Jakowyna used his professional contacts and research skills to obtain relevant primary resource information. Lillian Haagensen assisted in the process of engaging others and submitting research findings.

The *Social History* focuses on the key element of the club – the members. The book reflects the values that are inherent within the club culture – ‘of members – by members – for members’. The latter section of the book is devoted to biographies. The contributors are to be commended for their willingness to share their personal stories and undertake the challenging task of writing their biographies to share with fellow members.

Writers have enduring influence, and the publication of *the Social History of the Undercroft Bridge Club*, will be a valuable resource for the club and contribute to the understanding of bridge club management for many years.



Foreword



The Undercroft Bridge Club was formed in 1972 when a Bridge teacher at the local YMCA met a North Beach resident who knew several people keen to play the game.

They rented a basement room in a block of flats in Waterman's Bay and called the club "Undercroft". The first meeting was in September 1972, and six months later they had already amassed 42 members.

In November 1993, Undercroft held its first Bridge session at their new venue at Percy Doyle Reserve, Duncraig. Their clubrooms were officially opened by the then-City of Wanneroo in February 1994.

As the years passed, the club identified that they had outgrown their clubroom facility due to a growth in memberships, and they were forced to utilize the adjacent Mildenhall for beginner and advanced lessons.

In 2017, the Undercroft Bridge Club celebrated the opening of their refurbished clubroom at Percy Doyle Reserve, with the club contributing \$140,000 towards the total project cost of \$450,000.

Today, the Undercroft Bridge Club provides a stimulating social, accessible and inexpensive hobby for almost 500 members, the vast majority of whom are local residents.

The club gives lessons and endeavours to assist new members to integrate, and as they cater for all levels of ability, their members enjoy a social atmosphere of camaraderie.

The City of Joondalup supports local community and sporting groups such as the Undercroft Bridge Club, as we recognize the very important role that sport and recreation plays in building stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities.

On behalf of the City, I congratulate the Undercroft Bridge Club on 50 years of dedicated service to our community and wish everyone associated with the club all the very best for continued success long into the future.

Albert Jacob
Mayor

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A Social History of Undercroft Bridge Club

The 50th Anniversary of Undercroft Bridge Club is a time for reflection of the past.

The insight and determination of Gwen Johnson and Eve Darby to co-operate and form a Bridge club in North Beach, started with the humble beginnings in a basement room of a group of flats in Waterman's Bay. This became the first premises of a new Bridge club to be called "Undercroft", and the first meeting held on 7th September 1972, a committee was formed with Gwen Johnson as President.

The early beginnings are vastly different from the club rooms we now enjoy at Percy Doyle Reserve in Duncraig. This has been as a result of the dedicated work by past Presidents, Management committees and member contribution to ensure all members can come to play Bridge in a comfortable and friendly environment, seven days a week. The cooperation of the Local Government authority of Wanneroo and Joondalup is to be commended, and the club has exclusive use of the premises. The club can now boast from 42 members in 1973 to over 500 members in 2022.

The teaching component commenced with Allan Doig, a retired teacher, in 2006, and has become the grounding for many players – not only at Undercroft Bridge Club, but for many players in the Bridge community. Many of these players are now ranked as State players. The teaching component continues as a strong hold on Saturday mornings, with qualified Bridge teachers and assistants. Lessons continue at an intermediate level with prominent Bridge players.

The Undercroft Bridge Club fund raises for community groups, mainly Cancer Council, Wheelchair for Kids, Bridge for Brains (Neuroscience research), and Disaster Appeals (Flood Relief in the Lismore region of NSW).

The club cannot function without the volunteers who take responsibility for the many tasks in the functioning of the club. I commend you in your efforts.

I look forward to the continued success of Undercroft Bridge Club providing members a dedicated community service that is enhanced with cognitive stimulation, socialisation and fellowship.

Connie Coltrona

President

Undercroft Bridge Club

Editor's Explanation: *Why a Social History*



The design of the *Social History of the Undercroft Bridge Club* differs from a 'traditional factual history design'. Factual histories are 'informational texts', where the emphasis is on the factual account of key events and the facts are indisputable.

In contrast, the 'Social History' is based on reflections and perceptions of participants in the history. The social history is a social construct of memory. While the Social History attempts to be factually accurate, the key sources of information are the 'lived experiences' of the participants of the history.

Relevance of a Social History

The choice of the 'Social History' design is appropriate for the purpose. The purpose of this publication is to *Celebrate the 50th Year since the club's foundation*. Celebration implies an emotional and reflective experience – which is a feature of a Social History.

The Social History of the Undercroft Bridge Club is a 'participative process'. The book is *OF members, FOR member and BY members*. Each individual member has been invited to participate in the publication. In some cases, their perceptions are built into the historical account of the growth of the Club. An interesting feature of the book are the 'voices' of the people who have lived the experience that emerge within the historical profile.

Over the fifty years, there have been members who have made significant contributions to the growth of the club. The book is an opportunity to recognise and appreciate their initiatives and actions. Such members have *given so much*, and the publication is an opportunity for the Undercroft Bridge Club as an organisation to *give back* to these members.

The book is recognition of the fact that '*people make decisions*' which have a significant impact on the direction and growth of the club. Often these initiatives require considerable time, effort and resources. In many cases there were difficulties and challenges that had to be overcome. The social history is an opportunity *to reflect on underlying processes that determine the factual outcomes*.

The final chapter is on the *multicultural composition of the Undercroft Bridge Club*. It highlights the fact that this dynamic social/recreational activity has brought together a diverse group of people into a *shared, harmonious environment*. There are few organisations that can achieve this valued feature of our multicultural society. An analysis of the club is proposed to highlight the wonderful mix of people who make up the Undercroft Bridge Club.

There is also a *practical aspect to the design* – there was a scarcity of primary sources such as minutes and historical records. Therefore, the design of the history, by necessity, has been through the individuals who participated in the events that have created the history.

Robin Clarke, Editor



Chapter 1: 1972 to 1981

Foundation of the Bridge Club

The genesis of this story is the recognition that fifty years ago a small group of people created a Bridge club – the Undercroft Bridge Club.

Consequently, current members began to reflect on the remarkable initiatives of these people and there was a growing appreciation of the impact that they have had on the lives of so many people over the subsequent fifty years.

It was therefore appropriate to distinguish the book from a traditional 'History' and publish a *Social History of the Undercroft Bridge Club*. A social history enabled members to focus on the people who undertook challenges, who showed initiative and took action to bring change, and created the organisation that exists today.

Therefore, the book is structured differently: the historical realities are conveyed as accurately as possible, given that information is limited. Within the historical profile the people who lived the experience and those who took leadership roles, are given a 'voice'. The recollections of these significant 'voices' are heard as we present their experiences verbatim. The capacity for these founding members to undertake their initiatives is reflected in their personal stories. This is revealed in their biographies. The final section has four categories of these biographies: Founding members, Life-members, Presidents and Members. The book is essentially – of members – by members – for members.

Initiation

The story begins with a conversation in 1972 between Gwen Johnson and Eve Darby. Bridge was a popular night-time experience for many families as they gathered around the kitchen table following the evening meal. Many people talk of this time with great affection as it was a shared family activity, involving people of all ages. The terms fondly used to describe this form of Bridge included: 'kitchen Bridge', 'social Bridge' and 'auction Bridge'. However, there was a yearning for a heightened level of challenge.

This is well described as follows by De'arn Alexander – a current member of the club:

I teamed up with some like-minded friends to learn to play Bridge. Kitchen Bridge, in our homes, even weekends away, was how we started. In hindsight we were a totally dysfunctional group with varying degrees of commitment. With such long breaks between our meetings, we simply replayed the same boards, which I prepared, again and again for two years and none of them were the wiser. We played like this for 12 years. Eventually, with a deep sense of frustration, club Bridge enquiries were made, and we were fortunate enough to speak to Allan Doig who welcomed us to Undercroft. Wow!!! Club Bridge!!! What a wonderful new way of playing Bridge with so many options to suit all differing player levels.

Origins

Early in 1972 Gwen Johnson was teaching Bridge at the YMCA Bridge Club. The spiritual forces intervened on our behalf as Gwen met Eve Darby, a resident of North Beach. They were like-minded people who ultimately formed a lovely friendship. Eve was also frustrated with the limitations of 'kitchen Bridge'. When she learned that Gwen was teaching Bridge, an offer was made for her to establish a Bridge club so that the joy of a more challenging form of Duplicate Bridge could be provided. Eve knew several people in her district who were keen to play Bridge. Subsequently Eve asked Gwen if she would take a class in the North Beach/Watermans Bay area if enough prospective learners could be found. The response was very positive and so our two 'founders' agreed to co-operate in an endeavor to form a club in that area.



They contacted Mr John Kooperman who had a basement room in a block of flats in Watermans Bay and made arrangements with him to use it. He offered to let the room rent free to the end of the year and then to charge a small rental. This room became the first premises of the new Bridge club that was colloquially called the 'Basement Bridge Club', and subsequently was given the more auspicious title of the 'Undercroft Bridge Club'.

Eve Darby canvassed the area and managed to recruit a number of prospective members. Early club records tell us that the first meeting of the club was held in September 1972. Gwen Johnson was elected as President, Eve Darby as Secretary-Treasurer, Rod Birbeck as Auditor and Joe Smith as Tournament Director. There were three committee members: Mrs E. Dowsett, Mr R. Tarbox and Mr R. Wanstall.

Description of the organisation of a session in the 1970s

We would have four players seated at a fold-up card table. One person would shuffle the pack of 52 playing cards, cut the pack to the person on the right, then deal the pack to four players, 13 each. Players carefully counted their points and depending on the value of their cards in turn would pass or open with 12 plus points until a contract was bid and three passes followed. The game would then begin to its conclusion. This procedure would be followed at all tables.

The Director having welcomed the players and decided on the movement according to the number of tables was then in control and continued to supervise the session, calling movements, answering queries and enforcing regulations and laws as needed.

In early days the 52 cards, divided into four 'hands', would be placed into homemade cloth containers and each container passed to the next table. Movements were decided on the number of tables into Howell or Mitchell with east-west moving to the appropriate table until all the boards in the movement were played. At half-time the players would have a coffee break.

At the end of the night, we would straighten up the room, but tables were left in situ. The Director of the day or perhaps a member keen to learn how, would take the 'travellers' home to manually score the session. Boards were placed in boxes ready for the next session. Undercroft was a step

ahead of other clubs who were sharing accommodation with tennis clubs and having to store tables away between sessions.

Saturday night once a month was party night with drinks and supper to follow. Also, flowers were placed in the room to add to the atmosphere.

Gwen Johnson was being encouraged by other clubs to hold a Congress and so we held our first Congress in the Carine High School. The premises were arranged through Ossie Trigwell's friendship with the headmaster.

Melbourne Cup Day and Christmas parties were held with a ham at Christmas time, carved by expert Jim Sanderson. Several Christmas parties were held at the T-Ball Premises and the new hall at Clarko Reserve until we were able to use our very own premises.

Early Conditions

It was such a hazardous place. At some point a row of faux curtains (dusky mid-blue) was put across the far wall. I call them 'faux' because what they were hiding was the fact that there were no windows – no ventilation, and the only escape route was the front door. The place was thick with cigarette smoke and I had to wash my hair and clothes after each session to get rid of the smell. It was 50c a game.

Mary Rose

Running of the Club: *Initially the club organised playing sessions for just one night. However, interest quickly gained and additional nights were organised.*

The night sessions catered for the workers employed during the day. However, there was sufficient demand for the introduction of day-time sessions. The entire club came together on Saturday nights, once per month and this was party night. The club gradually increased membership with Christmas parties in hired premises becoming the norm.

The efficient conduct of the playing activities depended on the skilled direction by Gwen over many years. Eventually Ann Ohlsen relieved her of these duties.

Maintaining the Facility: *Alan Routman was an early member of the Club and eventually became our Landlord, saving our tenancy when the basement was about to be sold.*

Billie Skinner

Affiliation

Gwen Johnson had a sound knowledge of the state-wide organisation of Bridge clubs, as she also belonged to other clubs. She was keen to secure recognition for the club and was eventually successful in arranging for affiliation with the Bridge Association of WA and the Australian Bridge Federation.

Participation in Competitive Events

Gwen worked with Billie Skinner to encourage members to participate in Grand National Open Teams events. While nervous at first, their diligence and persuasion encouraged members of the Undercroft Bridge Club, together with members of other clubs to enter. Eventually they were able to field 15-16 teams. Preparation for these events required the hiring of duplicate boards.

Foundation Members

The challenge of founding a new Bridge club could only be achieved through the initiatives of extraordinary people. The Undercroft Bridge Club exists because of the fortuitous meeting of some outstanding people with the energy, the drive and aspiration to form a Bridge club.

While each individual exhibited commendable qualities, the collective force was greater than the sum of the parts. A new dynamic was created. A new Bridge club was founded.

It is widely accepted that the key driving force was **Gwen Johnson**. Her biography is foremost in the section on Life Members. She is a member for life – even in her death – in recognition of her esteem. She was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the club and to the wider community. She was president of the Undercroft Bridge Club for 12 years from the foundation in 1972 until 1989.

Eve Darby was the integral part of a dynamic duo, for she worked tirelessly with Gwen to form the Bridge club. Eve was the foundation secretary in 1972 and was awarded the honour of Life Membership in 1978. Her energy was generated through her active life-style in that she swam in all seasons. She had an expansive personality and was instrumental in growing the club membership by encouraging local participation, teaching new members and increasing day and night-time competitions.

Aidie Silbert is a foundation member of the Undercroft Bridge Club. She was born in 1919, which is only 90 years since the foundation of Western Australia. Aidie subsequently went to Kalgoorlie where she set up another Bridge club, with her good friend Chris Kinnear.

Nellie Van Wonderen joined in the second year since foundation in 1973. Gwen Johnson got three families involved: Noakes, Sandersons and Van Wonderens. They all became committee members, and Nellie became the 'computer' of the club. In those days, smoking was a problem, so another room was hired and the smokers were required to smoke only in this room, close the door, and had to clean their own ashtrays.

Edie Robinson was born in 1917 and was an active member of the club for the rest of the twentieth century and well into the twenty first century when she died at the ripe old age of 94. She is remembered as a very likable person with a calm and quiet disposition, and always with a friendly smile for everybody.

Dulcie Crossley was a very active member of the Undercroft Bridge Club in the early days. Unfortunately, Dulcie suffered an early death, but was busy in the club as a teacher, organiser, director, committee member, and a helpful and popular member of the club.



World Events for Undercroft Bridge Club Members

Aidie Silbert recalls going down to Rose Bay Sydney to watch the Sea Planes flying under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. She recalled her father taking her to see Charles Kingsford-Smith fly in from England, after winning the air race from England to Australia in 1930.

Her capabilities were recognised as she worked for the Premier and several Ministers then finally for the Governor. She recounted that Sir Charles Court often knocked at the door with the words, *It's your postman knocking*. She thought he was lovely.

Eddie Robinson was born in 1917 and also lost a parent at an early age. She was 13 when her mother died, and she was forced to leave school and work to help support the family. Her entry to the work force coincided with the arrival of the Great Depression. Life was very hard for working people in that dark decade of the 1930s when the unemployment hovered for a time around 33%. Eddie worked in a factory for long hours for little pay.

However, at 15 years of age she walked across the newly built Sydney Harbour Bridge at the day of the opening in 1932.

Nellie Van Wonderen was born in Amsterdam in 1922 and was a child of the Great Depression. She suffered the food deprivation and limited employment opportunities. She finally got a job in a department store for 10 cents per hour. But it meant a reduction in her father's assistance. She married in 1948 and hitchhiked to the Riviera for her honeymoon. One of the 'lifts' was an empty manure truck. *Our shoes were rather dirty, but we found a nice hotel and a new use for a bidet. Our shoes looked much better afterwards.*

Although **Henk Piller** was not a founding member, his World War II experience is characteristic of the diversity of members' lives that can be revealed in the social history. Henk has a remarkable story of survival during the German occupation of the Netherlands. He was just 10 years old when he was forced to leave his family and join a foster family to avoid capture.

One night my foster father woke me up suddenly and told me that I had to run quickly and hide in the wheat field, some 100m away, as the Germans were in the street and they were shooting. I was in my pyjamas and barefoot. It was bitterly cold, and the ground was marshy and wet. I kept bobbing up, as I was so scared, soaking wet and shivering with cold. I still have nightmares about running; and the chill I caught then has given me long-term lung problems.

His mother had died at Auschwitz, but his father survived the ordeal, but since he was severely physically and mentally damaged, he could not take care of his children. *I lost close to 150 family members in the Holocaust — including both sets of my grandparents, aunts, uncles and all my cousins, he said.*

In 1954, my foster family was emigrating to Australia to begin a new life. I was encouraged to come to Australia with them. Shortly after arriving in Australia, I met my wife, Wilhelmina.

The Piller family have the distinction of three generations of the family having played Bridge at Undercroft.

Memories

The Undercroft Bridge Club is fortunate to have current members who have a direct personal knowledge of the club. Billie Skinner has memories of 46 years of the club history and so is a valued member of the Publications Committee. She has shared some of her memories.



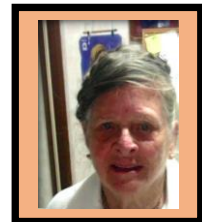
Billie Skinner

My memories begin from about 1976 when I joined UBC. The club was by then a going concern formed by Gwen Johnson and Eve Darby in 1972, meeting in the undercroft of a building in Elsie Street, Watermans Bay, North Beach. Other names I remember were Dr Grace from Kalamunda, Don Fraser, John Beresford, Barbara and Syd Noakes, Mr and Mrs Rose, Mrs Hoseman, Irene and Jim Sanderson (Jim was our treasurer for approximately 25 years), Jean and Ron Williams, Alan Routman (who eventually became our landlord, saving our tenancy when the basement was about to be sold), Ossie Trigwell, Sheila Parker, and Mr and Mrs Hannen Williams. The club started playing one night but quickly began other nights, as quite a few workers played, and later days were added. Saturday night once-a-month was party night.

Billie Skinner

The socialising on club days was an opportunity to find out about the history behind the player. Some notable members were: A Jewish man who was in a concentration camp; the pilot of a helicopter who met the Queen; and a new member coming to the table saying he was going to be president one day, and he was.

Doris Keeble



Gwen Johnson: Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia

Gwen's still bridging the gap

DUNCRAIG-based Undercroft Bridge Club owes its existence to Gwen Johnson.

The 84-year-old North Perth resident formed the club in premises under a block of Waterman flats in 1972.

Several years ago, it moved to Percy Doyle Reserve on Beddi Road, where 400 members regularly enjoy the mind game. Mrs Johnson calls a "mathematical problem".

Now Mrs Johnson has been honoured for her service to the game. She was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in this year's Australia Day honours list.

The award recognises her service to recreational activities, particularly contract bridge as a teacher and promoter of the game.

Mrs Johnson's links with bridge go back more than 70 years when, as a 12-year-old, she reluctantly agreed to a family request to be the fourth player in a game.

Gradually reluctance turned to passion for a game that she said was believed to help the immune system, keep the brain alert and stave off dementia.

As her interest grew she joined Perth Bridge Club in 1964 where she taught the game.

Mrs Johnson started the YWCA Bridge Club in 1974. She has also been involved with the Dianella Bridge Club, Bridge Association of WA, and the WA Chapter of the Australian Bridge Directors' Association.

Around the state, Mrs Johnson has taught and promoted the game, refereed, held management positions and established clubs.

She fondly recalls local members "piling into cars" destined for country areas to start new clubs.

Mrs Johnson remains active in bridge, training bridge directors (or referees) and visiting her beloved Duncraig club. She also plays golf and examines at ballroom dancing competitions.

Playing her cards right: Undercroft Bridge Club members congratulate club founder Gwen Johnson (front) on her Australia Day award.

Wanneroo Times 27th February 2001



Chapter 2: 1981 – 1993

Growth and Initiative

The second decade of Bridge in the 'Elsie Street' building is characterised by the consolidation of the Club, with growth leading to a change in scale and initiatives to establish a dedicated facility. The growth in membership led to a realisation that the current 'Undercroft/Basement' facility was inadequate for the efficient functioning of the Club.

The descriptions below are first-hand accounts of the situation. These comments are taken as an official history of the events as they occurred at the time.

Realisation of Inadequate Premises: Until the late 1980s the members of Undercroft had been happy enough with their tiny premises, as the Club was the only tenant of this part of the building, and the room had served the membership quite well in the early years of the club's existence while numbers were small. But as they grew, it became obvious that eventually they would have to move.

Parking was limited, with one toilet serving as many as 30 to 50 people of both sexes, and there was only one exit from the room. The place would have been very dangerous if a fire had occurred. Any visit from health and safety inspectors of the Stirling Council would likely have brought the Club's tenure to an abrupt end.

As retiring President, Rita Heale, said at the 1991 AGM that . . . *poor ventilation, inadequate sanitation and poor parking are but a few examples of the fundamental problems we are experiencing with our current site...*



Early Efforts for a Solution: Each incoming committee, was faced with the need for other accommodation, and they would take a look at what might be available in the way of buildings large enough to accommodate the numbers. These surveys were generally carried out in the Stirling area in which our current clubroom is situated, but invariably produced no result.

Initiatives: In late 1990, while two of our members, Kath Brosnan and John Lees, were looking at possibilities in the Stirling area, John Beresford suggested to Syd Noakes that they should take a look at the Percy Doyle Reserve in Duncraig. There they saw several buildings large enough to suit their needs, so they proceeded to make inquiries with the City of Wanneroo about leasing a council building. They were told that it might be possible, on this reserve or another, and a solution to the problem was perceived.

Goal of a Dedicated Building: John Beresford and Syd Noakes reported to the Committee on the prospect of establishing a dedicated building at the Percy Doyle Reserve. Although it would

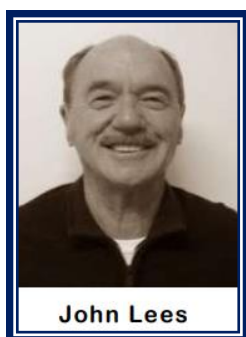
have been easier to find an existing facility on one of the Wanneroo Council's reserves and share it with other groups, it was decided that they needed their own building. This would provide the advantage of not having to pack up all our chairs, and store tables and equipment at the end of every session. The disadvantage would be that it was going to cost a lot of money and some very energetic lobbying was going to be needed to raise grants or loans, as the Club could not possibly fund such a facility by itself.

Fund Raising Action: So, a 'New Premises' sub-Committee was formed which was composed of John Beresford, Kath Brosnan and Syd Noakes. This sub-committee would, it was hoped, over the next few years, guide the Club to new clubrooms of its own on the Percy Doyle Reserve. The group immediately began to contact the Lotteries Commission, Wanneroo Council and State and Federal Government members to see what assistance could be obtained.

In September 1991 the three members of this sub-committee became Club President, Vice-President and Secretary respectively, and the drive for the new premises moved into top gear.

To say that the way was not easy would be something of an understatement. At first the task seemed insurmountable. Negotiations for grants or loans resulted in very few offers, at the best only a few thousand dollars, whereas the amount needed was estimated at around \$170,000 (this later blew out to well over \$200,000 when the site the Council had allocated us was changed). The first request for a loan from the Lotteries Commission was rejected, and we were advised in May 1992 that our first application to the Federal Government had also been rejected. A small ray of hope was the invitation to apply the next year.

So, our stalwarts did not give up. Perhaps inspired by the news that an application to the State Government had brought the promise of a loan of \$35,000, a Fund-Raising Committee was formed, headed by Kath Brosnan. It held its first function on August 15th 1992 with some success, and several hundred dollars were raised.



At the Annual General Meeting in August 1992, John Beresford, in view of an intended move to the Mandurah area, vacated the position of Club President and was succeeded by John Lees. In fact, John's move south did not eventuate for some time and while he was no longer as closely involved in the planning for the new premises, he continued to take an active part in associated activities.

The Club moved into fund-raising mode. Some members contributed fairly substantial amounts of money via a debenture scheme, and some 'bought bricks' for \$5 each. Regular fund-raising nights were held at which members took part in quizzes and Dutch auctions, and they paid to enter games and competitions of many kinds. Each one of these functions swelled club funds by several hundred dollars. Individual members made food or other commodities, sold them to members and donated the proceeds to the Building Fund.

Syd and Kath, now joined by Don Fraser, who had replaced John Beresford on the New Premises Sub-Committee, did not let up for a moment. They made copious phone calls, arranged numerous interviews and wrote dozens of letters, seeking support from politicians, councilors

and practically anyone else who held any position of authority and seemed prepared to listen. At last, a few hopeful signs began to appear.

The Club had about \$30,000 in reserve. With the State Government contribution, the debenture money and the fund-raising, the Club was looking at nearly \$90,000. Wanneroo Council, a little luke-warm at first, set aside a site on the Percy Doyle Reserve and promised they would draw up the plans and supervise the construction of the building, if and when full funding was available.

That there could be no 'full-funding' without a substantial Federal grant was obvious. With a feeling that the next effort would be the last throw of the dice, the sub-committee composed an application which was duly forwarded. There followed an agonising wait and then, late in 1992, came the wonderful news that the club had been awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Federal Government. Although quite a bit more money would be needed, there was light at last at the end of a long tunnel.

Fund raising began in earnest with raffles, appeals to other clubs (who made donations) and debentures from members. Syd. Noakes showed great persistence in approaching State and Federal Governments. Finally sufficient funds had been secured to enable the club to proceed with plans for a modest building in Duncraig.

Plans: Grants from the State Government of \$30,000, and the Federal Government for \$100,000 together with the accumulated club funds enabled the building to proceed. The plans were drawn up by the City of Wanneroo. An additional grant from the Lotteries Commission enabled air-conditioning to be installed.

Membership Expansion: The club was a drawcard for other clubs, and many Associate Members joined for a fee just covering affiliation costs. Members came from The Wanneroo Club, West Coast BC, Maylands, Dianella, Italian, Maccabi and others. The membership quickly grew, and so did the finances, as Wanneroo City Council did not charge us rent for the land at that stage. Within a very short time debentures (with added interest) were repaid, proper tables and chairs, new computers, and new Bridge dealing machines became affordable.

Further Extensions: *There was a realisation that further expansion was needed. So, plans were developed for a coffee area, office, and a storeroom. The project was achieved largely due to the many hours of project supervision supplied by Don Fraser and John Satchell. We are proud of the fact that this first extension was funded entirely from the club's own funds due to the astute handling of our money by our various committees.*

The improvements were continued by various committees, leading to an extension of the playing area and eventually the extension kitchen, with additional office space and toilet facilities.

Don & Billie Skinner – Memories



I became a member of the Undercroft Bridge Club in about 1976 after lessons with Eve Darby. Don joined some years later with his partner Kath Shepley after lessons with Peter Smith.

I became a member of the committee and with the proposal to achieve new premises, we both joined in fund-raising and the excitement of achieving the building of a new clubhouse. We watched the building grow and eventually the grand opening, which the then City of Wanneroo sponsored with an afternoon tea and ceremony conducted by the Mayor of Wanneroo.

At this stage we were dealing hands manually, bidding on paper pads in the centre of the table and recording details of play on 'travellers' with the Director scoring manually after each session. All results had to be cross-checked with 100% accuracy and weekly results were published in the W.A. newspaper along with scores from other Clubs. About this time, Ossie Trigwell and Syd Noakes were organising a second-hand computer with a scoring program and eventually all Directors were able to use this method.

Our Membership increased (our Club was very attractive with a very efficient air-conditioning system) and our finances grew so that we were able to replace our plastic chairs, tables, computers and furnishings; and eventually add a coffee area, office and storeroom, dealing machines and all things necessary for the Club to continue to run smoothly. Of course, with our increasing membership more sessions were added with day and night sessions, and inter-club teams of 4 and 12. More directors were needed, so Syd Noakes and Gwen Johnson taught others to fill this role.

Lessons for beginners were introduced and Ben Smith introduced Friday night as lessons and a social night. Later, this night was run by Bert Connell who eventually moved to Queensland. Others I remember include: Elizabeth Bennett, John Conway, L. Page and eventually a 'Teacher in Residence' – our own Alan Doig. Allan was assisted by Thelma Hope, Whilma Piller and others. Recently, specialty sessions have been conducted by newly qualified teachers in Christine Jenkins, Jenny Skinner and Joanna Tennyson.

I must add that my years of committee work have been greatly eased with Don's knowledge of procedure and etiquette. His experience included 11 years on the committee of the Western Australian Golf Club, two years as President and a member of the Governor's Golf Team. He also had involvement with other sporting clubs and ran a very successful business.

In conclusion, my highlight, apart from just belonging and meeting great people, was 20 years as a director – both playing and sometimes non-playing!!! Don and I played together on Friday afternoons which was my afternoon for directing and scoring. Don began his direction as a 'caller', originally scoring with 'travellers'. This involved first typing in the names and ABF numbers of 60 to 80 players, inserting all scores for each partnership, checking all scores and entries, balancing, printing results and placing the results on the notice Board. We would then go home and discuss our hands over a well-deserved drink.

It was great to welcome BRIDGEMATES !!!

It is very satisfying, and I am sure those who worked tirelessly in the beginning, and all who continue to volunteer their time so generously, feel proud and happy that the Undercroft Bridge Club continues to promote the wonderful game of Bridge for all to enjoy.



Chapter 3: 1993 to 1999

Beginning of a New Era

Dedication: It is a remarkable achievement that the Bridge Club survived for twenty years in the basement of a block of flats: no window, limited catering facilities and only one toilet for 30 to 50 people. This aspect of the club history reflects the dedication and perseverance of the founders and the early members.

They boosted their spirits by using a pseudonym for the actual 'Basement' and called it the 'Undercroft'. This title has been retained to this day and is proudly displayed on the current building.

Initiatives: The 'history' of the club was determined by the initiatives taken by key leaders. We can again reflect and appreciate the efforts of the early leaders including Kath Brosnan and John Lees, who explored options in the Stirling area. Furthermore, John Beresford and Syd Noakes surveyed the facilities at the Percy Doyle Reserve in Duncraig, where they identified several buildings that would be suitable. Enquires were made with the City of Wanneroo. The problem had been identified and a solution was being explored!

One option was to share an existing facility with other recreational groups, but a dedicated building was the preferred option. Finance was then the problem. But a subcommittee comprising John Beresford, Kath Brosnan, and Syd Noakes moved into gear. Their roles were formalised when they were elected as President, Vice President, and Secretary respectively. But it was estimated that a budget of \$170,000 to \$200,000 would be required.

It was evident that no one group could fund the goal of a dedicated Bridge building. So, options were explored at all levels: community, local government, state government and Federal government. Initial applications were rejected – but the leaders were not dejected. Ultimately, the State government saw value in the project and promised a loan of \$35,000 – which was eventually converted to a grant. Kath Brosnam led a fund-raising committee, and the energies of the entire club were mobilised through **fund raising activities**, including debenture schemes, Dutch auctions, food sales, and competitions of various kinds. However, despite massive efforts, there remained a shortfall of \$90,000. Persistence was rewarded however, when the Federal Government awarded a grant of \$100,000. The 'Undercroft Bridge Club' building was a reality!



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Membership Expansion: The Club was a drawcard for other clubs and there was a marked increase Associate Membership. A modest joining fee was set, to just cover affiliation costs. Members came from The Wanneroo Club, West Coast BC. Maylands, Dianella, Italian, Maccabi and others.

Billie Skinner is one of our long-term members with fond memories of the achievement.

On Monday 8th November 1993 Undercroft held its first Bridge session at the new venue and in February 1994 the clubrooms were officially opened by the City Mayor, Graeme Major. Kath Brosnan, now the President, accepted the new premises on behalf of the club.

There were many members who contributed to the success of the enterprise, but the main credit must go to Syd Noakes and Kath Brosnan. Syd proving the old adage that ‘the pen is mightier than the sword’, and Kath rivalled Goldsmith’s village schoolmaster who “e’en tho vanquished could argue still”. While the building was being constructed, Don Fraser, an ex-builder himself, attended each day to see that the specifications were being followed. At one stage the builder, irked by Don’s attention to detail, ordered him from the site, but a prompt call by Syd to the Wanneroo Council brought about the swift re-installment of his position as the club’s ‘watchdog’.

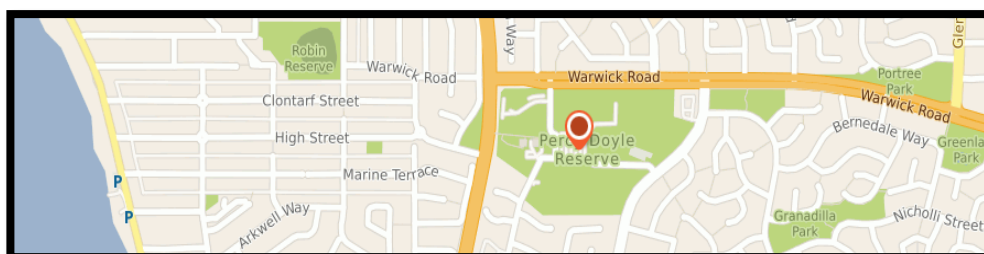
These three, Syd, Kath and Don, were subsequently awarded Life Membership of the club for their efforts.

We should not forget John Beresford, who, although he was unable to follow the enterprise through to its successful conclusion, was the first to see the possibilities of the Percy Doyle Reserve as a site for our club house, so he was involved in much of the early negotiations.

Give a thought also to John Satchell, who, although a very new member while all this was going on, later undertook the extension of the club-house to include the coffee area and office and storeroom. A licensed builder, John drew the plans, let the contracts for the various tasks, and with assistance from Don Fraser, supervised the whole free of charge, thereby saving the club approximately \$13,000. During the extensions, despite all the work going on from day to day, our members did not have to lose even one Bridge session.

As a result of the combined efforts of club members over the years, Undercroft has grown to be one of the larger Bridge clubs in WA with exclusive use of its club premises. Membership has grown to a point where the committee is currently looking at further extensions to the building to provide additional office and storage space and toilets. Billie Skinner

Site of the Undercroft Bridge Club



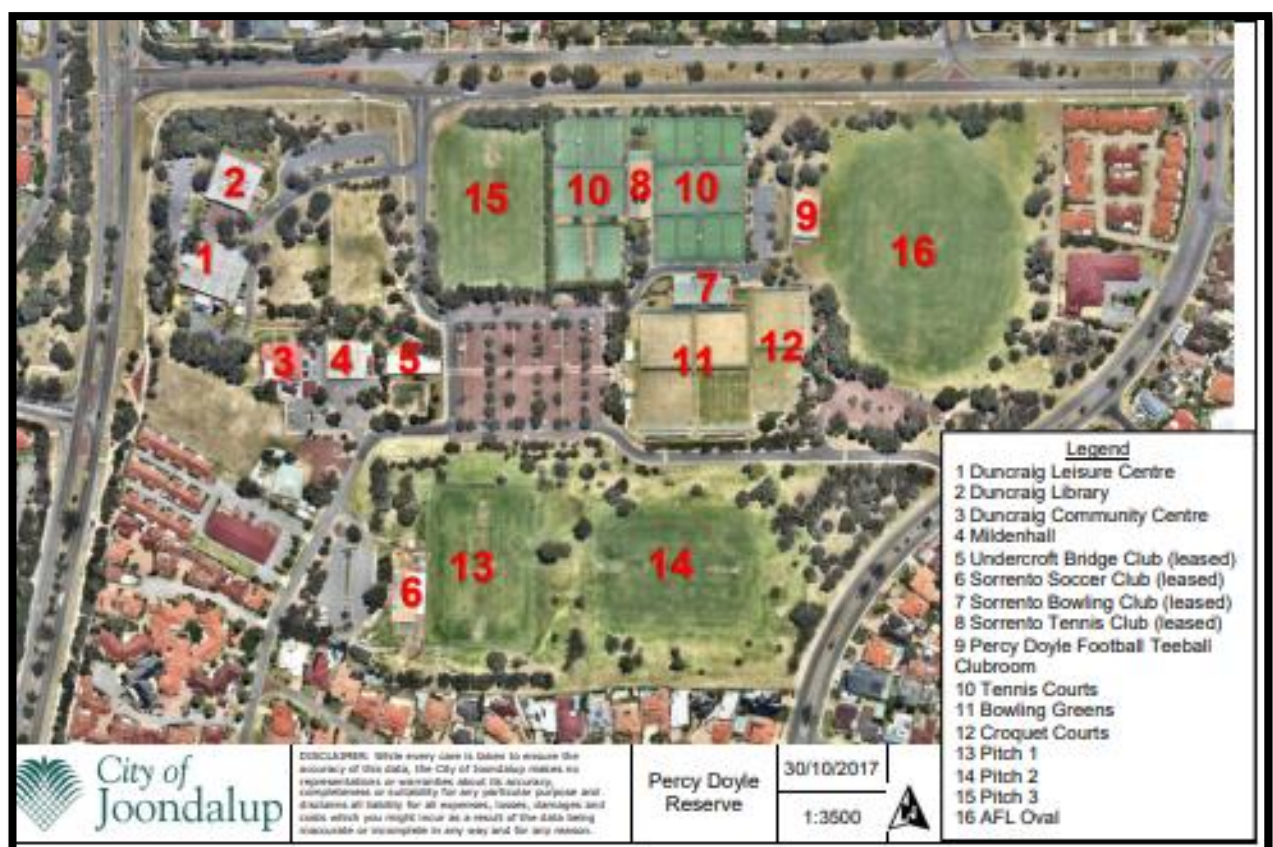
Grand Opening: On Monday 8th November 1993, Undercroft held its first Bridge session at the new venue, and in February 1994 the clubrooms were officially opened by the City Mayor, Graeme Major. Kath Brosnan was the President, and she accepted the new premises on behalf of the club.

Kath Brosnan's Speech Excerpts: Kath gave a welcoming speech at the opening of the new premises . . .

I would like to welcome all members new and old to our opening which is the most significant event in the 21 years of the club. It is a miracle, as just a few years ago it was just a dream. There was plenty of 'knocking and asking', especially by the previous president in John Beresford, Syd Noakes and myself. We are grateful to all government departments who provided assistance: Department of Sport and Recreation, Federal Government and notably to the City of Wanneroo who approved the application, provided the land, and enabled the construction.

It is of immense value to the community as the building for the sole purpose of playing Bridge, so it is a valuable asset. Since the building has been established membership has grown by forty percent. A special welcome is extended to the members of the Greenwood Bridge Club who have decided to join Undercroft.

Kath Brosnan



Undercroft Bridge Club Facility

Capitalising on the new facilities during the 1990s: The members relished the new facilities, and the focus was on improving playing performance and enjoyment. Kath Brosnan was elected as president in 1993 to 1995. She was an enthusiastic person and a capable leader and created a very happy playing environment.

Directors: The club recognised that the quality of the play and the enjoyment in playing depended on the capabilities of the Directors. A series of Directors engaged in the role including some notable female directors, including Norma Morrison, Freda Richardson, Sheila Parker, Billie Skinner, Eleanor Davidson and Vivienne Holloway.

Margaret Melsom has memories of some enjoyable experiences in the 1990s.

Back in the 1990s, Friday night Bridge at Undercroft was a pleasurable experience. In my time we began with a sweet lady who was a Director/Player – the norm at the time. We had a substantial number of players, and it was very relaxed and friendly. Before long, this friendly environment grew to include wine and nibbles brought along by players for players who chose to imbibe (of course, most of us) at any time of the evening – usually at the half-time break and/or after Bridge.

Margaret Melson

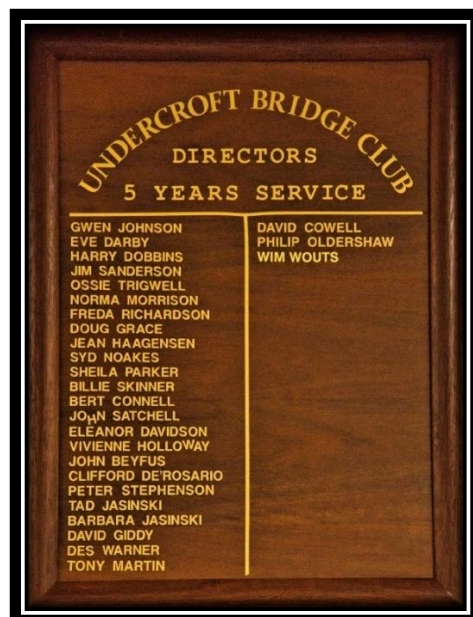
Judy Clear reflected on the contribution of Eleanor Davidson who was an avid Bridge player, popular director.

Eleanor joined the club in 1885 and moved to the new premises in 1993. She played for a total of 36 years and only retired from active playing in 2021 when she found that her eyesight was failing. She enjoyed many happy years at the club with various partners and enjoyed weekends away at Kalgoorlie, Esperance and Albany, playing in the Congresses. Eleanor and I played in the Vet's Congress a couple of years over recent times.

Judy Clear

In 1993 the Greenwood Bridge Club amalgamated with the Undercroft Bridge Club and benefitted from expertise from Greenwood, including Jean Haagensen who as a director for five years, and John Beyfus who was a valued coach and director and became President in 2003 to 2005.

Recognition of Service as Directors



Discipline at Undercroft: It was evident that the Undercroft Bridge Club valued different styles of leadership at different stages in its history. The innovation and drive of the first president in Gwen Johnson, was followed by the energy and initiative of Syd Noakes, Harry Dobbins and Ossie Trigwell, in gaining support for the establishment of a dedicated facility. Membership grew significantly following amalgamation with Greenwood, and the welcoming of 'Associate Members' from other clubs. The in the mid-1990s it was necessary to establish structures and processes to ensure the efficient running of the club. Enter Bert Connell – as described by Margaret Melsom.

The Bert Connell Show – President 1995 to 1997

*Much to our disappointment our 'Sweet Lady' Director decided to retire, and we were introduced to a 'Sergeant Major' of Bridge who believed it was his duty to bring some discipline to the event and insisted we do everything 'by the book'. **Bert Connell!** We were not impressed! We would simply behave the way we always had and when Bert became annoyed at this lack of discipline (which he saw as lack of respect) we would simply say with big smiles 'O come on Bert – it's Friday night!!*

There was no disrespect for Bert who, after putting up a valiant fight for 'Bert style' discipline, realised that we all respected him and that we loved our Friday night sessions the way they were!

An intelligent man, Bert became a great Director/Player and became one of us. He realised we were really enjoying the game as well as enjoying the social aspect of the evening, so he joined in and became a 'friend'.

Bert left us when he had health issues and went to live with family in Queensland.

Margaret Melsom



Efficient Organisation: The club functioned well, and the voluntary office bearers fulfilled their roles efficiently. Shirley Manlein has some interesting recollections of her experience in 1998. She was so impressed with the club that she has retained her original receipt for membership provided by the then secretary, Judy Clear.

Noticing a small newspaper advertisement suggesting the game of Bridge and calling for students to attend classes being held at the Undercroft Bridge Club, we enrolled in a course of about 6 lessons. The year was around 1998. Little did we realise what we'd let ourselves into. We became members of the club, held the original receipt signed by our Secretary at the time – Judy Clear – and after our six lessons we were released into playing sessions. Of course, we thought we knew it all but soon began to wonder why other partnerships always won that extra trick or why they bid to game when we didn't etc. Fortunately, the club provided a library of Bridge books, and our experienced players were keen to assist with our questions, so it was up to us to progress if we wished.

Shirley Manlein

Quality Bridge Performance: During the 1990s there was a significant increase in membership and a corresponding improvement in Bridge performance. There were a number of very capable players who were willing to share their knowledge. Shirley Manlein expressed her appreciation of the support provided by John Beyfus.

We were fortunate to play during the membership years of John Beyfus who, in the early years, always sat North at Table 1, who played 4 card majors, who told us we don't need many conventions – 'keep it simple' being his motto. But then, his brain was a mathematical computer always amazing us. We never aspired to 'beat' him – just to learn something new by playing alongside him.

Shirley Manlein

John Gilbert Beyfus was President 2003-2005, and his contribution is acknowledged by Diane Tilvern with whom they shared the Open Pairs Championship for six years.

John qualified to fly fighter jets and helicopters and achieved the rank of lieutenant. John was originally a foundation member of the Greenwood Bridge Club which later amalgamated with the Undercroft Bridge Club. He was the Club President from 2003-2005 and was the winner of the Club Championship Open Pairs in 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2008. John achieved the title of Grand Master and was also a member of the West Australian State Bridge team competing interstate.

Playing five or six days a week was the norm for John and his contribution to the club was multi-faceted. He was a weekly Director at our club for some time. He mentored several of our current Bridge players and was always there with sound advice for others. Our Honour Board pays tribute to John's enormous Bridge success over the years.

Diane Tilvern

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The improvements were continued by various committees, leading to an extension of the playing area and eventually the extension kitchen, with additional office space and toilet facilities.

Change in Local Government Jurisdictions: Initial discussions for the dedicated Bridge Club building were negotiated with the City of Wanneroo. But in 1998 the Percy Doyle Reserve was under the jurisdiction of the newly created City of Joondalup.

On 1 July 1998, on the recommendation of a report by the Local Government Advisory Committee, the City of Wanneroo was bifurcated. The southwestern section, encompassing the urban centre of Joondalup, was separately incorporated as the new City of Joondalup. The remainder, including the inland suburbs east of Lake Joondalup and the coastal suburbs north of Burns Beach, formed a reduced Shire of Wanneroo, which quickly regained City status on 1 July 1999.

Wikipedia

Wanneroo City Council Decision to Build the UBC Facility

Minutes of the Wanneroo Council meeting 24 February 1993)

In August 1992 the Wanneroo Council agreed to the location of the proposed building for the Undercroft Bridge Club south of the football/T-Ball clubrooms on the Percy Doyle Reserve (Item G10828) (City Building Surveyor's Report H10233).

This site has now been changed to one **east of the Senior Citizens Centre** to allow for change in the drainage requirements next to Mildenhall.

The City Building Surveyor provides details of the financial arrangements and the estimated cost of the building and the anticipated completion time of the contract.

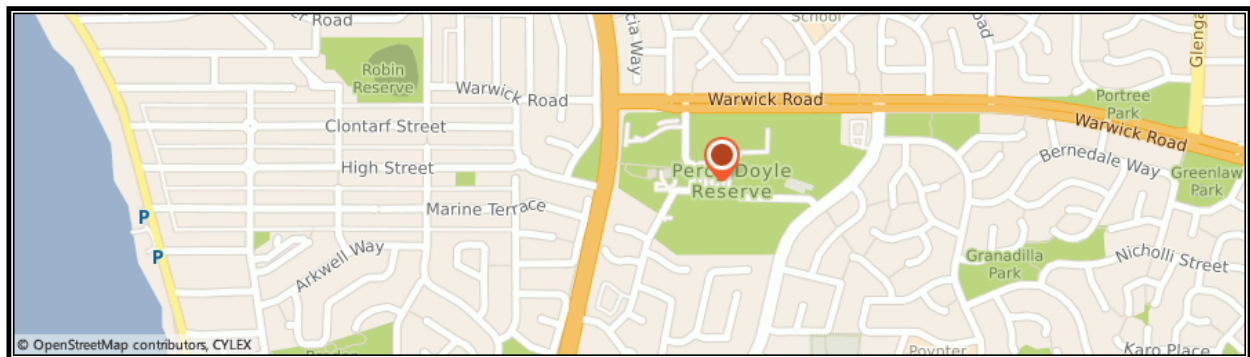
The sketch plans and location adjacent to the sump site and the main carpark at Percy Doyle Reserve were carried.

Tenders closed in April 1993. The council accepts the tender of \$224,900 from Longo Constructions for the construction and completion of the Undercroft Bridge Club building on Percy Doyle Reserve.

The Wanneroo Council put the above project out to tender in mid-1993 and work began.

By 2014, the City of Joondalup estimated that the capital replacement cost was \$995,000.

Location of the Percy Doyle Reserve



Wanneroo Times Article (extracts)

The members of the Undercroft Bridge Club experienced a significant growth in numbers, and it became evident that larger premises were needed. As a result, a New Premises Sub-Committee was formed, and it was fully focused on funding a new building.

Finally, in late 1992, the Club has been awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Federal government, \$35,000 from the former State government Department of Sport and Recreation, and \$30,000 from the Lotteries Commission. The Club itself raised \$65,000.

In November 1993, Undercroft held its first Bridge session at the new venue and in 1994 the Club was officially opened by the Wanneroo City Mayor, Graeme Major.

It was the first club in the City of Wanneroo to have its own dedicated building.

Greenwood Bridge Club Merges with Undercroft

Greenwood Bridge Club History

The Greenwood Bridge Club was formed in 1978. In 1993 Greenwood merged with the Undercroft Bridge Club. A brief history follows . . .

Some initial conversations between Terry Glover, Denis Yovich and Robyn Illing during social Bridge games resulted in the decision to form a Bridge club – the Greenwood Bridge Club. They continued to be the drivers of the club in the early years in conjunction with Geoff Carter.

During 1979 to 1981 the play was conducted at the staffroom of the Greenwood Senior High School, as Geoff Carter was member of the school leadership team. The original clubroom was located as part of the eggshell designed 'Recreation Centre Reserve'.

Office Bearers: The Honour Board below is valuable historical record of the club leadership from 1978 to 1993.

GREENWOOD BRIDGE CLUB (Inc)			
OFFICE BEARERS			
	PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
1978	G. HACKETT	T. GLOVER	R. ANDERSON
1979	T. GLOVER	B. DRAKE	R. KEENAN
1980	T. GLOVER	B. DONALDSON	D. BLYTH
1981	L. ANDERSON	B. DONALDSON	D. BLYTH
1982	J. O'BRIEN	D. PARDINI	M. GILLIES
1983	D. YOVICH	K. HENSON	M. GILLIES
1984	P. GILLIES	A. HASLEGRAVE	H. YOVICH
1985	D. YOVICH	A. HASLEGRAVE	M. EGAN
1986	P. GILLIES	M. GREGORY	H. YOVICH
1987	D. YOVICH	E. FULLER	K. HENSON
1988	D. YOVICH	E. FULLER	P. McCLELLAND
1989	P. GILLIES		
	J. O'BRIEN	V. LAMB	K. HENSON
	J. HAAGENSEN		
1990	J. SNELL	W. SUMMERVILLE	K. HENSON
1991	J. BEYFUS	D. BURN	G. CARTER
1992	J. BEYFUS	D. BURN	G. CARTER
1993	J. BEYFUS	D. BURN	G. CARTER

Life Members: To maintain a fully functioning small club required considerable personal investment by a few people. The Honour Board of the key management personnel are displayed. Life Membership was bestowed upon the key drivers of the club: Terry Glover, Robyn Illing, K. Tang and Denis Yovich.

Membership: During the early years the membership was around 50 and so the club ran 6 to 8 tables, once per week.

Geoff Carter was a foundation member and he has provided his recollections:

I was a member of the Greenwood Bridge Club from about 1978 until it amalgamated with Undercroft in about 1997. We used to run 6 to 8 tables in those times and run once a week.

We had a clubroom in part of the eggshell designed Recreation Centre at Pennistone Reserve for many years. Then, for a few years (1979-81) used the staffroom at the Greenwood Senior High School. Finally, we had a purpose-built facility again at Pennistone Reserve in Greenwood. But, in the mid-nineties, numbers were starting to dwindle and the Undercroft offered so many more playing opportunities to play during the week.

Dennis Yovich was President for several years, and then John Beyfus took over, and who carried on to the Undercroft. John was an avid player and relished playing many times a week.

Competitive Events: Despite the relatively small size of the club, the members were keen to compete with one another and so organised events for Pairs and Teams.

	OPEN TEAMS		OPEN PAIRS
1979			C. BEAMES
1980			P. BEDBROOK
			R. ANDERSON
			T. GLOVER
1981	R. ANDERSON	T. GLOVER	K. TANG
	K. TANG	L. ROZVACZY	L. ROZVACZY
1982	R. ANDERSON	T. GLOVER	J. BOURN
	J. HOCKEY	J. BOURN	J. HOCKEY
1983	R. ANDERSON	T. GLOVER	R. NAIDOO
	J. HOCKEY	J. BOURN	C. BHAGAT
1984	R. ANDERSON	T. GLOVER	A. FARBENBLOOM
	J. HOCKEY	J. BOURN	R. NAIDOO
1985	D. YOVICH	H. YOVICH	R. ANDERSON
	A. HASLEGRAVE	B. HASLEGRAVE	T. GLOVER
1986	E. THOMPSON	W. GALE	J. HOCKEY
	K. TANG	J. BEYFUS	J. BOURN
1987	E. FULLER	J. SZYMAKOWSKI	J. HOCKEY
	W. GALE	E. THOMPSON	J. BOURN
1988	A. EARDLEY	P. HOLLOWAY	D. BLYTH
	H. MOLDRICH	O. NEWHAM	P. GILLET
1989	J. BOURN	D. YOVICH	J. O'BRIEN
	A. FARBENBLOOM	E. MELTON	W. PILLER
1990	J. BOURN	D. YOVICH	D. YOVICH
	A. FARBENBLOOM	E. MELTON	J. BOURN
1991	G. CARTER	O. NEWHAM	J. BOURN
	K. HENSON	V. LAMB	D. YOVICH
1992	J. BEYFUS	D. BURN	T. GLOVER
	K. TANG	C. KINNEAR	R. ILLING
1993			G. CARTER
			N. RILLSTONE

It was evident that the standard of play was high, as the Greenwood partnership of Beyfus and Tilvern won the Open Championship Pairs on six occasions from 2000 to 2008. They also contributed to the new club management, as John Beyfus was elected President of Undercroft from 2003-2005. Diane Tilvern was president in 2007-2008. David Burn also took an active role in the Greenwood Club as treasurer from 1991 to 1993. His expertise as a Director was also welcomed at Undercroft, and he continues to direct in major events around the state.

The tournaments were increased and included an interesting range of competitions. Greenwood introduced the popular Swiss Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Individual events. The Honour Board provides an interesting record of achievements.

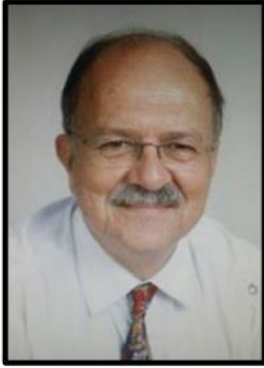
Analysis of the prominent players at Greenwood shows that there was a transfer of talent to the Undercroft Bridge Club, as there are notable Bridge players at Undercroft to this day, including Joe Peci, Anthony Eardley, Diane Tilvern and Dino Pardini.

	SWISS PAIRS	MIXED PAIRS	INDIVIDUAL
1979		D. YOVICH	C. BEAMES
1980		H. YOVICH	B. NOAKES
1981		W. LEUNG	
		M. WILKIE	D. YOVICH
1982	J. BOURN	J. HOCKEY	G. LEE
	J. HOCKEY	C. SIMPSON	
	O. NEWHAM	J. HOCKEY	
	Y. COMAN	M. BUCKLEY	
1983	J. BOURN		M. GREGORY
	J. HOCKEY	K. TANG	
	P. WOOD	C. McMAHON	
	M. WOOD		
1984	E. FULLER	F. RICHARD	J. HOCKEY
	P. GILLET	G. LEE	
	D. BLYTH		
	G. CARTER		
1985	D. YOVICH	O. NEWHAM	J. HOCKEY
	H. YOVICH	A. EARDLEY	
	A. KEOUGH		
	K. HENSON		
1986	E. FULLER	J. BEYFUS	N. WOOD/ J. BEYFUS
	J. SZYMAKOWSKI	J. HAAGENSEN	
	Y. COMAN		
	A. KEOUGH		
1987		W. GALE	O. NEWHAM
		T. FARRALL	
1988	E. FULLER	O. NEWHAM	D. BURN
	J. SZYMAKOWSKI	A. EARDLEY	
1989	E. FULLER	L. CROFTS	J. O'BRIEN
	J. SZYMAKOWSKI	J. BEYFUS	
1990	W. GALE	J. BOSWORTH	D. YOVICH
	E. THOMPSON	P. GILLIES	
1991	M. HERON	J. BEYFUS	S. BEDEKAR
	K. TANG	J. HAAGENSEN	
1992	L. GIERKE	Y. COMAN	Y. COMAN
	D. TILVERN	J. PECI	
1993	T. EARDLEY		M. GOODWIN
	V. LAMB		

Amalgamation: Numbers began to dwindle, so in 1993 the club was amalgamated with the Undercroft Bridge Club and the Greenwood Club was closed. The Undercroft Bridge Club had just secured an extension to the dedicated facility and so offered a well-established facility with many opportunities to play Bridge in a variety of forms. John Beyfus was the president during 1991 to 1993 and he and his Vice President, Diane Tilvern, negotiated arrangements to join the Undercroft Bridge Club. The remaining funds were transferred to Undercroft to support the construction of the new dedicated building.

Biographies: While there are many prominent members of the Greenwood Bridge Club that would be worthy inclusions in the record of biographies, but we not been able to obtain the information. However, the BAWA site has included a worthy biography of Denis Yovich.

Denis Yovich



Dennis fell in love with Bridge in 1965, when he learned the game while studying electronic engineering at UWA. That love stayed with him for the rest of his life.

Dennis was a club player and assisted in founding the Greenwood Bridge Club. He served as President in 1983-84 and again in 1987-88.

He started playing State Bridge when he became President of the Bridge Association of Western Australia in 1988, and continued to play at club, State and National levels. He represented WA as a player and NPC several times and achieved the rank of Australian Grand Master.

In 1989 he helped Joe Greenfield run the Bermuda Bowl when it was held in Perth (the first and only time the Bowl has been held in Australia). He was BAWA President until 1995, convening the Far East Championships in Perth in that year, before stepping down. However, he continued to contribute to the administration of the game, including as secretary of the Australian Bridge Federation Management Committee between 1997 and 2006.

At the 1990 World Championships in Geneva Dennis first encountered Per Jannersten and his Bridge dealing machine, and it immediately interested him. He was soon to become instrumental in introducing electronics and computers into Bridge in Australia.

In 1994 Dennis and Martin Wilcox formed a business to market a range of innovative electronic and other accessories for duplicate Bridge players, Bridge clubs and National Bridge Organisations across Australia, starting in Perth. Hands could now be pre-dealt by machine and hand records generated for players.

Dennis continued to provide this service until his death on 26th September 2020. His innovations helped make the game more enjoyable for players, and more manageable for tournament directors and administrators.

Dennis is survived by his wife Hilary, whom he met learning Bridge at university. For 55 years they had a devoted partnership, both in the game and its administration, and in their lives together.

Dennis leaves behind his devoted children: Paul, Matthew and Sarah, and three adoring grandchildren.



Chapter 4: 2000 to 2016

Bridge in the New Century

Capitalising on the Purpose-built Facility: The dedicated Bridge club building enabled the leaders to focus on building member capacity to play and enjoy the game. This is evident through the ‘Honour Boards’ that are displayed around the Undercroft Bridge Club room, with a series of Championship Events and Red Point Events that began in 2000.

Honour Boards

UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS					
YEAR	CLUB CHAMPIONS OPEN PAIRS	OWEN JOHNSON TEAMS OF FOUR	BETTY CONNOLLY INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION	H & G DOBBINS ORDER STATE MASTER	J & I SANDERSON ANNUAL TROPHY EVENT
2000	J. Beyfus	F. Bennett, J. De Raad	N. Consigliere	P. Oldershaw	J. Clear, P. Cole
2001	D. Tilvern	G. Page, R. Wood	S. Parker	S. Parker	J. Conway, A. Doig
2002	K. Johnson	Z. Balicki, S. Bedekar	D. De Gasperis	D. De Gasperis	J. Beyfus
2003	C. Quesnel	Z. Toleja, J. Werkendam	K. Smith	K. Smith	D. Tilvern
2004	J. Beyfus	B. Fensome, J. Beyfus	F. Juliet	F. Juliet	C. Fensome
2005	D. Tilvern	A. Eardley, S. Bedekar	R. Jallen	R. Jallen	B. Britton
2006	J. Beyfus	B. Fensome, J. Beyfus	S. Manlein	S. Manlein	B. Fensome
2007	D. Tilvern	C. De Rosario, M. Tilak	L. Giles	L. Giles	J. Beyfus
2008	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus, C. De Rosario	T. Cooke	T. Cooke	J. Beyfus
2009	D. Tilvern	J. Carr, M. Pirajao	H. Van Der Waal	H. Van Der Waal	D. Tilvern
2010	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasperis, B. Rocchiccioli	G. Ethel	G. Ethel	D. Fensome
2011	D. Tilvern	V. Menezes, G. De Souza	V. Holloway	V. Holloway	C. Fensome
2012	M. Medhat	D. De Gasperis, B. Rocchiccioli	C. Quesnel	C. Quesnel	C. Smitham
2013	V. Valhalla	V. Menezes, C. De Rosario	E. Roscoe	E. Roscoe	D. De Gasperis
2014	D. Tilvern	J. Beyfus, C. Fensome	NOT HELD	NOT HELD	W. Norstrand
2015	S. Parker	D. Fensome, J. Gristwood	L. Hoge	L. Hoge	J. Beyfus
2016	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus, C. Fensome	D. De Gasperis	D. De Gasperis	D. Tilvern
2017	D. Tilvern	B. Fensome, T. Cooke	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	C. Fensome
2018	T. Cooke	J. Beyfus, C. De Rosario	J. Bandy, A. Newton	J. Bandy, A. Newton	D. De Gasperis
2019	B. Fensome	K. Smith	J. Beyfus, T. Martin	J. Beyfus, T. Martin	C. Smitham
2020	F. Thompson	J. Tennyson, A. Newton	J. Tennyson, A. Newton	J. Tennyson, A. Newton	T. Beyfus
2021	D. Degasperis	T. Bieganski, B. Bieganski	A. Hopfmueller	A. Hopfmueller	A. Hopfmueller
2022	D. Rocchiccioli	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus
2023	T. Burr	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	D. Cowell	D. Cowell	D. Cowell
2024	A. Burr	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	G. White	G. White	G. White
2025	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	N. Mack	N. Mack	N. Mack
2026	C. Smitham	D. Womersley, J. Lees	T. Martin, M. Long	T. Martin, M. Long	T. Martin, M. Long
2027	T. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2028	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2029	C. Fensome	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller
2030	B. Bieganski	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin
2031	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2032	D. Rocchiccioli	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki
2033	T. Burr	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke
2034	A. Burr	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan
2035	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2036	C. Smitham	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees
2037	T. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2038	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2039	C. Fensome	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller
2040	B. Bieganski	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin
2041	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2042	D. Rocchiccioli	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki
2043	T. Burr	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke
2044	A. Burr	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan
2045	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2046	C. Smitham	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees
2047	T. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2048	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2049	C. Fensome	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller
2050	B. Bieganski	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin
2051	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2052	D. Rocchiccioli	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki
2053	T. Burr	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke
2054	A. Burr	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan
2055	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2056	C. Smitham	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees
2057	T. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2058	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2059	C. Fensome	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller
2060	B. Bieganski	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin
2061	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2062	D. Rocchiccioli	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki
2063	T. Burr	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke
2064	A. Burr	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan
2065	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2066	C. Smitham	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees
2067	T. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2068	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2069	C. Fensome	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller
2070	B. Bieganski	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin
2071	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2072	D. Rocchiccioli	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki
2073	T. Burr	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke
2074	A. Burr	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan
2075	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2076	C. Smitham	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees
2077	T. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2078	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2079	C. Fensome	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller
2080	B. Bieganski	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin
2081	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2082	D. Rocchiccioli	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki
2083	T. Burr	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke
2084	A. Burr	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan
2085	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2086	C. Smitham	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees
2087	T. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2088	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2089	C. Fensome	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller
2090	B. Bieganski	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin
2091	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2092	D. Rocchiccioli	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki
2093	T. Burr	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke	C. Fensome, T. Cooke
2094	A. Burr	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan
2095	D. Degasperis	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	C. Fensome, B. Bieganski
2096	C. Smitham	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees	D. Womersley, J. Lees
2097	T. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2098	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski	B. Bieganski
2099	C. Fensome	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller
2100	B. Bieganski	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin	T. Beyfus, T. Martin

UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB RED POINT EVENTS							
YEAR	NEW YEAR PAIRS	SUMMER PAIRS	SVI NOAKES SHIELD	JOHN BEYFUS SPRING PAIRS	KATH BROSNAN WINTER PAIRS	OSIE THIGWELL OPEN PAIRS	SWISS PAIRS
2000	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	D. Stogell	K. Johnson	P. McCann	D. Degasperis	L. Rea
2001	B. Fensome	T. Martin	J. Bana	C. Quesnel	C. Fensome	D. Rocchiccioli	M. Rea
2002	A. Eardley	J. Carr	J. Carr	C. Fensome	C. Fensome	M. Havercroft	J. Beyfus
2003	B. Fensome	B. Fensome	A. Torre	T. Cooke	C. Jenkins	L. Jackson	D. Tilvern
2004	B. Fensome	M. Schonwolt	T. Bieganski	T. Januszewski	A. Doig	J. Beyfus	T. Januszewski
2005	T. Cooke	V. Maia	B. Bieganski	Z. Balicki	J. Pinington	T. Martin	Z. Toleja
2006	K. Johnson	P. McCann	C. Fensome	D. Cowell	C. Fensome	D. Cowell	Z. Balicki
2007	D. Rocchiccioli	R. McCann	B. Bieganski	A. Hopfmueller	M. Sheridan	P. Oldershaw	D. Degasperis
2008	V. Menezes, L. Lums	K. Smith	T. Bieganski	J. Beyfus	T. Martin	V. Menezes	C. Smitham
2009	D. Cowell	P. Oldershaw	F. Thompson	J. Tennyson	R. McCann	N. Pears	
2010	A. Doig	A. Eardley	A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell	C. Price	C. Fensome	
2011	B. Fensome	T. Burr	C. Fensome	D. Cowell	J. Bandy	V. Menezes	S. Bedekar
2012	T. Burr	G. Roussilhes	B. Bieganski	A. Hopfmueller	T. Burr	S. Parker	A. Eardley
2013	D. Cowell	D. Cowell	C. Fensome	A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell	N. Pears	B. Bieganski
2014	A. Doig	A. Hopfmueller	J. Tennyson	A. Hopfmueller	T. Burr	A. Tolley	A. Bieganski
2015	B. Fensome	C. Fensome	C. Price	A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell	S. Parker	
2016	T. Burr	G. Roussilhes	B. Bieganski	A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell	N. Pears	
2017	D. Cowell	D. Cowell	C. Fensome	A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell	N. Pears	
2018	A. Doig	A. Hopfmueller	J. Tennyson	A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell	N. Pears	
2019	C. Fensome	A. Hopfmueller	C. Price	A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell	N. Pears	
2020	B. Bieganski	A. Hopfmueller	B. Kaya	A. Hopfmueller	D. Cowell	N. Pears	
2021	D. Cowell	K. Parry	N. Sakashita	D. Cowell	D. Cowell	N. Pears	
2022	J. Giraldo	G. White	T. Sakashita	A. Hopfmueller	R. Giraldo	N. Pears	
2023	P. McCann	J. Giraldo	Z. Balicki	T. Sakashita	T. Cooke	N. Pears	
2024	T. Burr	D. Cowell	Z. Toleja	N. Sakashita	B. Fensome	N. Pears	
2025	B. Fensome	SVI NOAKES TROPHY	JOHN BEYFUS SPRING PAIRS	KATH BROSNAN WINTER PAIRS	OSIE THIGWELL (N) PAIRS	SWISS PAIRS	
2026	T. Bieganski	R. Gresside	S. Steer	P. McCann	S. Steer	NOT HELD	
2027	A. Swider	S. Gresside	G. Brahma	T. Burr	G. Brahma	NOT HELD	
2028	B. Bieganski	L. Klein	P. McCann	G. Brahma	G. Brahma	NOT HELD	
2029	L. Klein	L. Klein	C. Jenkins	D. Wilson	S. Steer	NOT HELD	

Decades of Teaching Bridge: A significant factor in the ongoing success of the club has been the introduction and maintenance of the ‘Teaching and Coaching’ services that commenced in 2000 and has been provided for over the past 22 years. Allan Doig was a key initiator, and he has continued to provide valued service for new members for two decades.

The following is a first-hand account of the introduction and development of the teaching and coaching programs introduced at the club.

Teaching and Coaching Programs – by Allan Doig

The instructional sessions were initiated in 2000 and have continued for the past 22 years. They form an integral and major part of the player development program at the club. John Conway, who has sadly passed away, started teaching Bridge in June 2000, and after a few weeks he asked me to help. I was initially reluctant as I had been playing only three years. However, after one week, I could see that the lecture situation had to be supplemented with lots of practice. John agreed and the format of short lectures and lots of practice was implemented. It wasn't long before John decided that he would withdraw. I searched around for someone to help me and Thelma Hope volunteered. We worked well together as a team and numbers increased dramatically. The only downside of this was the massive increase in preparation. There were no dealing machines at this stage of the program so the boards had to be made up by hand. Because there was a great variation in ability in the group, different sets of boards had to be made up each week. It used to take me hours and hours each week, but I got great gratification when I saw how the people were progressing and absolutely enjoying the game of Bridge. After a few years I enlisted the help of extra helpers. Wilma Piller was a great help because of her knowledge of basic ACOL and great card play. Val Noble, with her experience in education, was able to give lessons to various groups. A third member in the early days was Dorothy Stagoll whose knowledge and general helpfulness was greatly appreciated. The sessions went along without a hitch but gradually, for various reasons, the helpers left and in retrospect, what I consider a masterstroke, I managed to persuade Jim Pinington, and Leslie and Ray Routledge to become part of the team.

Leslie does a marvellous job in this area. She has been doing this for 16 years now and was ably supported by her husband Ray whose help is invaluable. No task is too menial for Ray. Jim has been a quiet behind-the-scenes helper for many years. His knowledge of card play is tremendous and he manages to transmit his expertise in a no-nonsense and effective way. At one stage the numbers were exceeding 100 participants and apart from logistic problems we needed an extra helper. I enlisted the services of Peter McCann. His insightful and meticulous manner in which he explains the various intricacies proved invaluable. One of the issues that we have been trying to resolve is the high attrition rate. This is being caused to some extent by the increased standard of play at our club. Ten years ago, it was fairly straightforward to have a series of lessons and then blend seamlessly into the normal club sessions. To attempt to solve this problem and to provide some sort of intermediary process, we now run supervised sessions at regular intervals on selected days during the week.

I would like to finish this history of Saturday morning sessions by listing some of the highlights. Without any doubt the first thing that comes into my mind is the quality of the participants. It's not so much the Bridge playing ability, but the way in which graduates over the years have helped out in various activities necessary for the smooth operation of our club. Although the attrition rate is high, I have felt that the game itself, Bridge, is what is important and not whether the participants continue on and join our club. Some of our graduates have joined other clubs and this is often a matter of geography or convenience. What pleases me, in particular, is the number of people that I see around the place that still play Bridge, but only at a social level. Bridge has become an integral part of their social life. Over the 17 years the sessions have been operating, I have been greatly assisted by the various committees and I have been greatly heartened by the support and offers of help that I have received from the club members.

Allan Doig

Expanded Playing Opportunities: A series of initiatives were introduced to encourage members to participate. The Honour Boards show the organisation of ‘Day Sessions’ from Monday to Saturday that commenced in 1993 and continue into the new century today. The ‘Night Sessions’ also provided were expanded to enable working members to participate.

UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB DAY SESSIONS						
YEAR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1993	J. Byrne		M. Brown		B & S Hoakes	F. Richard
1994	K. Hughes		J. Beyfus		B & S Hoakes	A. Stampalia
1995			J. Beyfus		R. Hoakes	T. Hope
1996	E. Keadrex	P. Oldershaw	W. Nordstrand		S. Hoakes	S. Richard
1997	A. Stampalia	C. De Rosario	C. De Rosario		J. Byrne	B. Barnes
1998	M. Brown	P. Oldershaw		C. Simpson	J. Byrne	N. Consigliere
1999	V. Holmes	W. Piller	J. Beyfus			
2000	I. Mendelsohn	W. Piller	J. Beyfus	R. Rose		
2001	M. Brown	W. Piller	C. De Rosario	K. Johnson	J. Gristwood	
2002	W. Nordstrand	W. Piller	C. De Rosario	W. Piller	F. Oldershaw	
2003	V. Monsees	W. Piller	J. Beyfus	J. Gristwood	V. Holmes	
2004	V. Holmes	N. Consigliere	C. De Rosario	C. Fensome	J. Gristwood	J. Beyfus
2005	I. Mendelsohn	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus
2006	J. Gristwood	T. Kirby	C. De Rosario	C. De Rosario	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus
2007	C. Smitham	M. Brown	C. De Rosario	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus
2008	D. De Gasparis	T. Kirchhoff	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus
2009	D. De Gasparis	S. Parker	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus
2010	C. Smitham	J. Beyfus	T. Martin	H. Pears	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus
2011	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus, T. Martin	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus
2012	C. De Rosario	S. Parker	J. Beyfus, T. Martin	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus
2013	A. Eardley	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus, T. Martin	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasparis	J. Beyfus
2014	J. Thompson	J. Beyfus	J. Muller	K. Smith	J. Szymakowski	
2015	C. Bousfield	J. Beyfus	M. Brown	M. Brown	C. Price	
2016	A. Eardley	C. Price	A. Hopmiller	M. Brown	R. Woodhead, J. Muller	
2017	P. Oldershaw	P. Oldershaw, T. Barr	D. Connell	J. Gristwood	S. Parker	
2018	A. Eardley	F. Oldershaw	J. Muller	T. Gristwood	J. Muller, R. Woodhead	

UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB NIGHT SESSIONS				
YEAR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1993	A. Stampalia	E. Banks, A. Mason	A. Stampalia, T. Wills	
1994	J. Beyfus	T. Wills	A. Stampalia, T. Wills	
1995	J. Beyfus, D. Tilvern	L. Gierke, N. Billstone	T. Wills	
1996	J. Beyfus, D. Tilvern	W. Piller, C. Ross	B. Fensome	
1997	B. Fensome	W. Piller	E. Fuller	
1998	B. Fensome	J. Werkendam	M. Mallin, V. Noble	M. Denney
1999	B. Fensome	J. Tinn, J. Werkendam	R. Kaye	M. Denney
2000	J. Beyfus	W. Nordstrand	G. Kidd	J. Carr
2001	B. Fensome	K. Johnson, J. Szymakowski	J. Beyfus	L. Jackson
2002	D. Tilvern	J. De Raad, R. Wood	J. Beyfus	R. Jasinski, T. Jasinski
2003	J. Beyfus	K. Johnson, J. Szymakowski	J. Beyfus, B. Fensome	C. De Rosario
2004	J. Beyfus	B. Biaganski	B. Fensome	J. Beyfus
2005	D. Tilvern, J. Beyfus	B. Biaganski	J. Beyfus	L. Ernesto
2006	D. Tilvern, J. Beyfus	B. Fensome, J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	L. Jackson
2007	D. Tilvern	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	T. Jasinski
2008	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Clear
2009	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	
2010	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	
2011	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	
2012	T. Januszewski	J. Beyfus	G. Milward, M. Drepulich	D. Wheaton
2013	T. Januszewski	T. Biaganski	H. Bampton	B. Fensome
2014	T. Januszewski	A. Hopmiller	P. Stephenson	B. Fensome
2015	T. Biaganski	T. Biaganski	R. Rose	B. Fensome
2016	P. Garnett, P. Garnett	B. Fensome	B. Fensome	T. Biaganski
2017	B. Fensome	B. Fensome	H. Mack	T. Biaganski
2018	D. Cowell	D. Tilvern	D. Tilvern	T. Biaganski
2019	D. Cowell	B. Fensome	B. Fensome	B. Fensome
2020	B. Fensome	B. Fensome	J. Kirkwood	M. Bampton
2021	B. Biaganski			

Encouraging New Members: A series of awards and incentive programs were introduced to encourage and support new members. Tony Martin was president from 2009 to 2011 and he awarded prizes to new members. Below is a newsletter article published in the club newsletter in 2010.

Undercroft Bridge Club is pleased to announce that a new award has been donated to the club by Tony Martin to encourage new members. The award will be made annually to the most improved player who started this year as a Nil master (excluding experienced players who have transferred from overseas). There will be a trophy and \$100 1st prize, \$50 2nd prize and \$25 3rd prize. The winner will also be offered some mentoring.

Newsletter Article

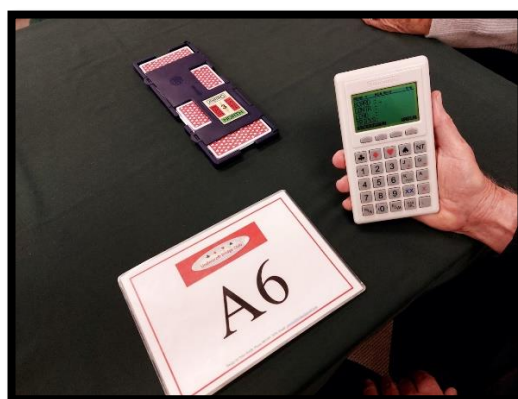
Generations of Members: The club had been operating for three decades and this longevity resulted in successive generations of family members participating in the Undercroft Bridge Club. Allan Doig had the opportunity to recognise and participate in this generational growth.

Three Generations of the Piller Family: *The Piller family were very supportive of the coaching classes. Wilma helped me on Saturday mornings for quite a while and was very helpful. At one stage her husband, Henk, came along and played. He is a survivor of the Holocaust and a really nice fellow. For a while on Saturday morning when Wilma was helping me, and Henk was also playing, one of the grandchildren was there so three generations of the one family have played at our club. The extended family included Astrid, who is Wilma's daughter, who has also played at our club.*

Allan Doig

Improved Technology: Bridge players and directors have also benefited from the improved technology. The 'Dealing Machines' have reduced workload significantly. Furthermore, the software program enables the dealers to immediately print a 'record sheet' of the hands played in each session.

Recording the outcomes of each play on each table has been facilitated by the remarkable 'Bridge Mates'. The technology enables the players to be entered into the system immediately. Then the result of each play is recorded and entered automatically. The progress for the event can then be determined in real time. Directors can manage the process and observe any anomalies and check with the players at the table to determine if there were any incorrect entries. They can then be corrected immediately.



At the end of the day the results are then displayed on the screens and players can then assess their performance and rankings immediately. This generates immediate interest and at times some consternation. The word that is commonly used amongst partners is 'sorry'!

An insight into the value of these efficient processes is captured by a statement from Ian Rowlands who joined the club in 2008. He described the impact of the club's organisation in the following statement:

Undercroft opened my eyes to what was possible – Bridge Mates, red point events, gold point events, congresses. I had never been involved in these things before. Not to mention a library of books which I read while travelling on the train to/from work, and my interest kept growing. Before this, I was fitting in my Bridge around my tennis competitions – soon I was adjusting my tennis to fit my Bridge competitions!

Ian Rowlands

Special Teaching Boards: While technology was of great benefit for the organisation of the regular playing events, the teaching programs required specific hands for the teaching of particular concepts. Allan Doig explains how the special teaching hands were arranged:

The morning was set up into sections. Firstly, there was the section that Leslie did, and she taught beginners with the scope and sequence decided by the teacher. The main room where I was was set up where the players had control over what they played. I supplied a set of mixed boards each Saturday morning, and different tables played the way that they wanted to play. Some simply played the boards and had some fun which I was quite happy with. The more serious players would ask for help often and if there was a particular topic on one board such as Stayman (not Namyats) that a particular table had trouble with, they could ask for a lesson or they could choose from a set of made-up boards. I have attached a copy of the made-up boards. So they could simply play some boards and then if they got stuck on a particular topic, they could ask for a set of boards on that particular topic or even a lesson as well. All the boards that I made up had the deep finesse attached to the back so they could play the boards and then work out what they should've done, then also ask for help from one of the staff.

Allan Doig

Allan asks, What will you bid?



Initiatives for the Facility Upgrade: The purpose-built Bridge Club facility and the efficient management of the club resulted in a substantial increase in membership. The club had grown from an initial 45 members to 450 members in 2014 – a ten-fold increase.

Again, the history of the club can be traced back to leaders who identified issues, recognised the need for change, and took initiative to address the issues. Ann Hopfmueller was elected president in the period 2011 to 2014 and recognised that a facility upgrade was needed to provide the necessary amenities for the efficient management of the club. Ann engaged others, including her Bridge partner in David Cowell, to seek solutions. An approach was made to the Council of the City of Joondalup in 2014 to assist with the proposed extensions. While this initial application was not initially successful, the Council did subsequently agree to a partially club-funded facility upgrade. In 2015 the council agreed to undertake these works.

Persistence was required and the leadership role had been passed on to David Cowell who was president in 2014 to 2016. David recognised the imperative for the development and he and his team continued the negotiations with the council. In an interview with David he explained,

I had a surveyor draw up plans which I presented to the council. I had several more meetings with Joondalup Mayor Troy Pickard and the Councillors. They agreed to undertake the works at a cost of \$450,000 to which the club contributed \$140,000.

When I retired from being President in 2016, I passed the presidency on to Graham Milward. I understood that Graham, as a Civil Engineer for Local Councils, had experience in supervising building works and dealing with local councils, so he was the ideal man to oversee the project.

David Cowell

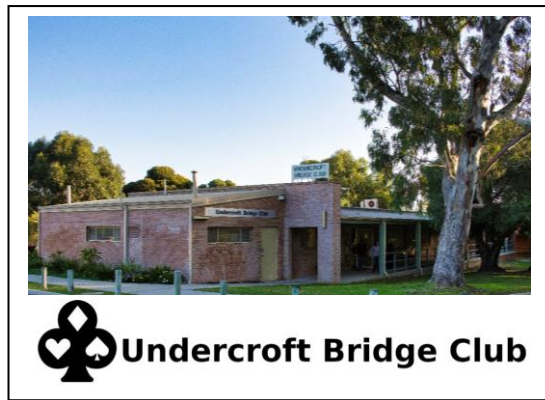
Redevelopment Committee: A Redevelopment Committee was formed to arrange for planning and implementation of the club extensions. The following is an article in the Undercroft Bridge Club Newsletter on the progress of the planned extensions written by Graham Milward, who was the 'Redevelopment Committee Convenor'.

The Capital Works Committee (CWC) of the City of Joondalup recently considered the Club's application for extensions and toilet upgrades. It didn't approve our request, but it didn't refuse it either. Instead, the matter has been referred back to the Chief Executive Officer to give further consideration to what we desire. However, the indications are that 2016/17 is the earliest anything will happen. President David and Graham Milward, Redevelopment Committee Convenor, made a presentation to the CWC and managed to get an Officer Recommendation to refuse our application changed to the referral back to the CEO.

The Club Committee is not letting the matter rest and an email has been sent directly to the CEO of the City, detailing some shortcomings with the report which the officers submitted to the CWC. The report neither gave the history of the Club's approaches to the City, going back 10 years or more, nor made reference to the fact that club members get turned away from our major events, due to the lack of room.

The Club has received excellent support from Ward Councillors Teresa Ritchie and Russ Fishwick, and general Councillor sentiment seems to be positive. Questions posed by Mayor Troy Pickard at the CWC and subsequently, indicate that he is considering options which may assist the Club to achieve its objectives. Please continue to bear with us.

Graham Milward, Redevelopment Committee Convenor



Chapter 5: 2017 to 2022

Expansion and Development

The 'History of the Undercroft Bridge Club' is organised according to significant events for the club. 2017 was a turning point for the club as it was the year in which the extension of the club facility came to fruition.

While the club had a dedicated building, devoted solely to Bridge, additional space was needed to accommodate the membership that had grown to 500. The management committees had created an expanded schedule of events that built a reputation for being one of the most successful in the State.

The photographs below mark the opening ceremony with a snapshot of the members' participation in the event.

Opening Ceremony on 1st May 2017

Celebrating a remarkable achievement



Immediate Past President David Cowell & President Graham Milward



Such significant developments do not occur without the initiative and drive from the leadership of the Undercroft Bridge Club. Below is an account of these developments, as gleaned from the Undercroft Bridge Club Newsletters.

Many years ago, increasing membership of UBC resulted in the Management Committee initiating a fund-raising programme to enhance the facilities provided by the building. The need for a teaching area and enlarged office, toilets and playing spaces was identified.

In 2009 a working group headed by Club Treasurer Wim Wouts prepared the first extensions submission to the City of Joondalup. Unfortunately, the application was unsuccessful.

In subsequent years numerous approaches were made to the City, but the response was always that a major redevelopment of Percy Doyle Reserve was planned. No other building improvement would be approved ahead of the redevelopment.

In 2014 The Club's building lease required renewal. The new lease included a clause stating that no alterations would be made to the facility during the 10-year lease term. It was becoming evident that the Percy Doyle Redevelopment was unlikely to happen.

The Committee decided to make a new approach to the City and a small working group headed by Graham Milward was established to prepare a submission. In response to an application, based upon a drawing prepared by Graham and adopted by the Club, the City let it be known that a full set of working drawings together with a Quantity Surveyor estimate would be required. Those details were duly provided at a cost to the Club of approximately \$140,000 towards the total project cost of \$450,000.

David Cowell, Club President at the time, and Graham were invited to a committee meeting of the City to speak to the application. City officers had recommended against approval, on the basis that the project didn't appear on the City's Forward Works Programme. Such reasoning was

rather bemusing, as rejection of all past approaches meant it was impossible to get the project onto a Forward Works Programme. Catch 22 came to mind. However, following some good talking by David and Graham, Mayor Troy Pickard successfully moved that the application be referred to officers for further consideration. The outcome being that, following a further presentation by David and a Saturday morning inspection by Councillors, when the clubrooms were overflowing, our project was included in the City's Budget for construction in 2016/17.

Tenders were duly called with an acceptable bid, equal to the budget amount, being received. Nothing ever goes smoothly, however, as City officers advised that an amount of \$50,000 would have to be taken from the budget to cover the cost of document preparation and contract supervision. The mobile dividing wall and verandah extension would have to be removed from the works.

The Management Committee thought such a move was totally out of order, so back to the Mayor went President Graham and VP Alan Tolley. A favourable reception and a presentation by Graham to a full Council Meeting, saw an additional \$50,000 allocated and works underway.

Prior to construction commencement, City officers were extremely helpful in finding temporary accommodation in the T-Ball Hall at the eastern end of Percy Doyle Reserve, resulting in minimal disruption of our playing programme.

The contracted builder performed well, allowing a return 'home' as scheduled. A wonderful opening event – the brainchild of Des Warner – was subsequently held. Shortly afterwards our May Congress saw that the new facility was completely filled by members and admiring visitors.

The outcome is a great credit to all those members who were not deterred by obstacles, but instead persisted with fund raising and multiple approaches to the City of Joondalup.



Increased tables in the extended clubroom

Response to the Club Room Extensions: The appreciation of members was immediate. Some of the comments are presented as excerpts from the 2018 Newsletters.

January 2018

Our wonderful extended clubrooms were full on both days and the food was a sight to behold. Proposal for the upgrade of our kitchen facilities. Plans are now being finalised to seek approval from the City of Joondalup for work to proceed. New ovens will support the wonderful work being done by our red point catering team of Gloria James, Gwen Kremer, Lesley Smith and Helen Hylan; and a new dishwasher will allow consideration of the elimination of much waste, by the cessation of the use of disposable cups.

The extensive hole digging, occurring around Percy Doyle Reserve, is associated with a major upgrade of the power supply. Once completed, it is hoped we will be able to install solar cells on our clubrooms, saving the club money and doing a small bit towards caring for the planet.

April 2018

Well doesn't the new kitchen look fantastic!! Very well-done Connie. Many thanks for all your hard work and thanks also to Mark Cooper for his able assistance. The new dishwasher is great, churning through a load of cups in just 3 minutes.

The Committee has recently purchased new light fittings to replace our aging, flickering flouros. Many thanks to Alf Surace and John Towill for giving up a Sunday morning to complete the installation. An application for the club to install solar panels is with the City of Joondalup.

Graham Milward



Alan Tolley in the new kitchen

Organisational Management in 2022

Management Committee: The Undercroft Bridge Club had a purpose-built facility, and the next stage was to ensure that the structures and processes were well-established to ensure the efficient running of the club. The Management Committee therefore identified the processes that were required and created sub-committees with designated required roles. These roles and responsibilities were defined within the policy documents developed for the management of the club. The following information was provided by the President, Connie Coltrona.

The Management Committee is the overarching committee responsible for the efficient management of the Undercroft Bridge Club.

Policy: *The Undercroft Management Committee is bound by the by-laws and any resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting, and by which it shall be responsible for the execution of the Club Policy and proper conduct of the club affairs.*

Office Bearers and Committee Members: The Members of the Management Committee shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Masterpoint Secretary, and between five to eight committee members.

- The current office bearers are:
- President Connie Coltrona
- Vice President Bernie Plath
- Secretary Debbie James
- Treasurer Rupert Dodd

Committee: The 2022 committee members are: Christine Jenkins, Katrina Will, Sharon Dyball, David Pitts, Solomon Gokavi, and Richard Grenside.



Back: David Pitts, Katrina Will, Rupert Dodd, Richard Grenside, Bernie Plath
Front: Solomon Gokavi, Christine Jenkins, Connie Coltrona, Debbie James (Sharon Dyball absent)

Operation: The Management Committee meets monthly. The agenda includes a review of club finances, through a monthly treasurer's report. Correspondence, incoming and outgoing is noted.

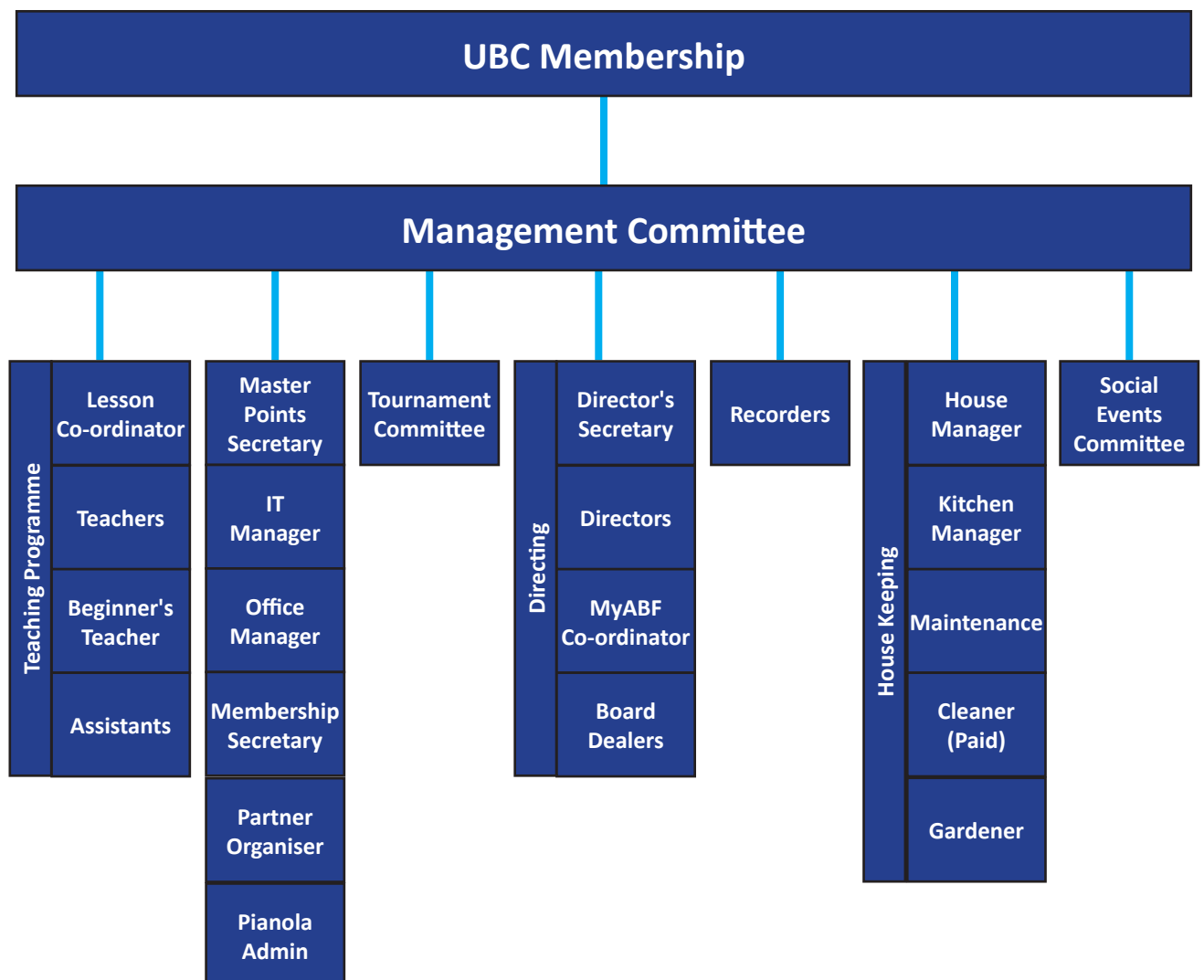
The agenda items include:

1. Receives, reviews and makes recommendations on reports from:
 - Director's meetings
 - Tournament Committee meetings
 - Social Committee
 - Lessons report
 - House Manager
2. New Business:
 - Regular communication is maintained through automated communication to all members through 'Pianola', UBC Website and club notice boards.

Below is a diagram of the **Organisational Structure** of the club.



Undercroft Bridge Club Inc



Undercroft Bridge Club Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee was appointed by the UBC Management Committee in 2020 as a permanent sub-committee of the Management Committee, and its inaugural meeting was held on 7th October 2020. It has its own Terms of Reference which can be found on the UBC website. The current TC is comprised of the following UBC financial members:

- David Coulter Chairperson
- Gwen Kremer Director
- Ross Blakey Ordinary Member (2021 chairperson)
- Richard Grenside Director
- Stella Busch Masterpoints Secretary
- David Cowell Director
- Bernie Plath Vice President
- Lesley McGlone Secretary
- Connie Coltrona UBC President (Ex-Officio)



Back: Ross Blakey, Richard Grenside, David Coulter
Front: Connie Coltrona, Lesley McGlone, Stella Busch

This committee conducts regular meetings at least six times per year, but can hold additional special meetings if necessary. It usually meets on the day after the MC meeting where recent business, if applicable to the TC, can be specifically discussed.

The main purpose of the TC is to organise and manage all UBC red point events. At the start of each year, an events calendar is produced where dates are nominated for each event. The TC will strive to coordinate UBC red point events with those held by BAWA, ABF and other metropolitan clubs as far as practicable in order to avoid a clash of dates. The information on the calendar is used in the UBC Handbook.

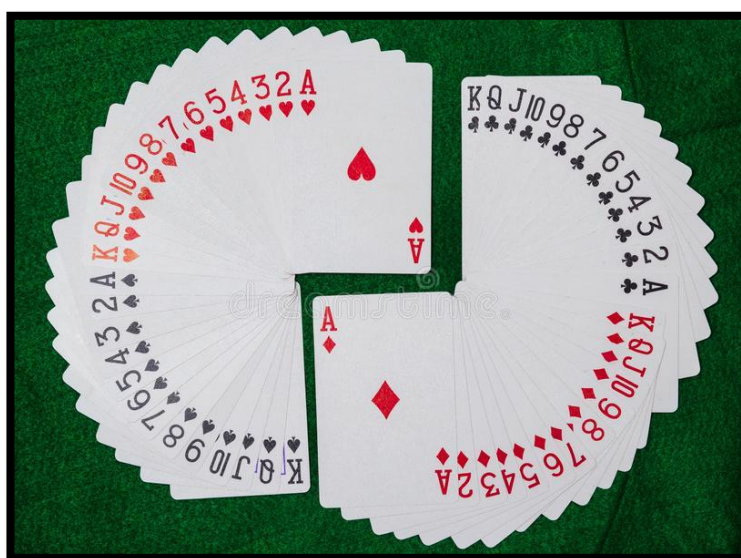
Since November 2020, directors of red point events have been asked to complete a report at the conclusion of their particular event. These reports detail statistics of both a financial and technical nature. They have proved to be useful documents in evaluating the success of events, and also in an auditing capability where costs associated with directors' fees, assistant director and caddy fees, board dealing costs (for open events), catering costs and prize money are scrutinized. Names of prize winners are also recorded. Often the director will also comment on the movement efficiency or any other aspect that they consider pertinent.

The TC will make recommendations to the MC on general matters arising, but with particular focus on the improvement in competitive Bridge by the UBC membership, as well as maintaining enjoyment value for everyone.

The TC also takes an active interest in the green point ordinary sessions and has recently been instrumental in the trialing of a Swiss Pairs session. At the time of writing, there have been two such events and these are proving to be extremely popular, especially with less experienced players who stand a significantly better chance of gaining master points. It is likely that these will continue to be run on a monthly basis for the foreseeable future.

The Tournament Committee also assists with the organisation of the major open event – the Undercroft Bridge Club Congress. The Congress attracts a great number of entries, as the building extension is able to cater for 36 tables or 144 players from around the State.

David Coulter



Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities

A feature of the Undercroft Bridge Club and its effective functioning required a clear identification of the varied roles needed to address the functions.

Sharon Dyball has assumed the role of House Manager which encompasses a wide variety of functions. The 'House' is certainly kept in good order and she is assisted by **Liz Gray** to maintain the cleanliness and operation of the Café Bars, urn, water-cooler, maintenance of dishwasher, fridge and storage facilities. Sharon assumes responsibilities for the regular morning and afternoon refreshments. Furthermore, there are major Red Point events requiring catering that need liaison with the Social Committee. The 'Friday drinks roster and supplies ordering' is undertaken by Sharon, and she also ensures that the kitchen and other associated orders are fulfilled. **Jill Lyon** assists with a number of activities, and is also the Saturday morning manager. **Alan Tolley** maintains the milk supplies, and **Joe Peci** also assists with the alcohol drinks purchasing. Sharon is also the 'Bidding Box Manager', and she is ably assisted by **Janette Fink** and **Kerry Float**. **Katrina Will** coordinates the washing of the table-cloths.



Nesha Shah has taken on the responsibility of the Office Manager so efficiently, and I asked her to explain the complexities of her role...

The club runs daily sessions, with almost monthly competitions. It is my job to prepare notices of upcoming competitions and any other event the committee may plan, from extra lessons to soup nights. Members are also encouraged to keep a score at every session they play. For this I print out Bridge scoring sheets for member use. Table slips are also prepared for use at the start of the session to register member ABF numbers and table monies paid. However, for club competitions, table envelopes are

prepared for collection of entry fees where competitors may not wish to pay online. Prize envelopes are also printed for the winners. There are also other forms that are printed for operations in the back office. All in all, I try and keep the notice boards up to date and the office supplied to facilitate the smooth running of the club.

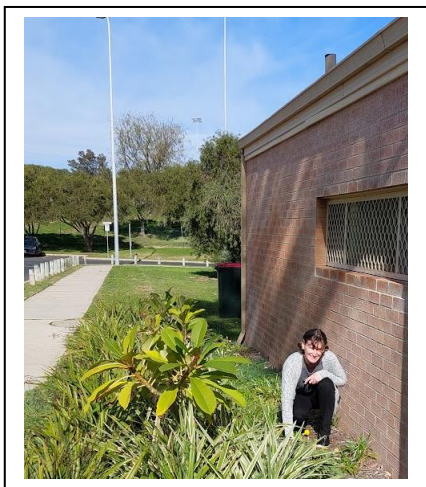
John Bayly assisted by **Peter Mohen** ensures that the daily and weekly Bridge playing fees are collected, recorded and banked as part of the efficient financial functioning of the club.

Alan Rolls is our Dealer Coordinator, as he and his team of **Shirley Latham**, **Angie Bloxome**, **Merily Letts**, and **Jill Lyon** ensure that we have boards to play for each session.

De'arn Alexander organizes the sending of 'Get-well Cards'.

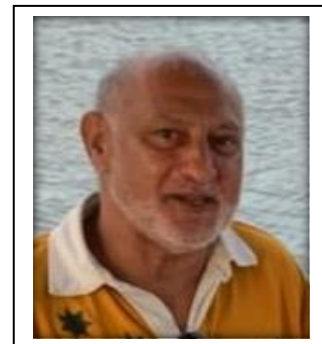
Alan Tolley ensures that the First Aid Box supplies are current.

The Club Recorders led by **John Frzop**, together with **Shirley Latham, Jenny Skinner and Robin Clarke**, have a role in dealing with complaints and resolving interpersonal issues, to maintain club harmony.



The environment of the Undercroft Bridge Club is so caringly attended to by our volunteer gardener – **Jenny Dawson**.

Ky Khan has extensive experience in building and renovation and therefore he has undertaken the role of 'Maintenance Coordinator'. He attends to repairs and updates required to maintain the facility.



David Pitts has assumed the role of updating Honour Boards that represents the history of individual achievements.

A feature of the club's activities is the Friday afternoon entertainment session provided by the members. **Shirley Latham** coordinates the weekly program and often leads the singing.



Communication is a vital aspect of organisation, and a key person is **Beata Bieganski** who edits the Club Newsletter.

Solomon Gokavi also assists with the 'Focus Articles'.

Bernie Plath has expertise in digital communication and has a key role in the design and development of the website and coordinated digital communication.

Stella Busch is our Master Point Secretary, a vital role in maintaining our personal records of achievement.



The management of members is undertaken by **Mary Purcell**, who is the Membership Secretary. Her role entails receiving new membership applications and maintaining an accurate record of both full and associate members.

Peter Stephenson is the MY ABF Coordinator and liaises with the Tournament Committee in all aspects of Red Point Events being placed on the ABF website, including the efficient entry system.





Undercroft Bridge Club

Chapter 6

History Through Honour Boards

The Undercroft Bridge Club is very fortunate in having a dedicated building devoted to Bridge. This has enabled the club to display the 'Honour Boards' through the wall displays.

Honour Boards for History: The boards represent the history of the events conducted by the club since its inception.

Day Night Records: The boards represent the beginning of the club within the new building as the first records begin when the building was opened in 1993.

Naming Awards: The boards are a record of individual achievement and also an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of key personnel in the development of the club, through the allocation of 'Naming awards'.

Championship Events: The individual achievement awards commenced in the year 2000. The events that were conducted from that date and continue today are:

- Club Champion Open Pairs
- Gwen Johnson Teams of Four
- Betty Connolly Individual Competition
- H and G Dobbins Under State Master
- J and I Sanderson Annual Trophy Event

Red Point Events: In 2009 the club expanded the range of events and began conducting and recording various 'Red Point' events:

- New Year Pairs
- Allan Doig Summer Pairs
- Syd Noakes Trophy
- John Beyfus Spring Pairs
- Kath Brosnam Winter Pairs
- Don Fraser Swiss Pairs
- Leslie and Ray Routledge Swiss Pairs

Presidents and Life Members: Honour boards are also displayed to show the history of key personnel in the club:

- Presidents
- Life members

History Through the Honour Boards

NIGHT SESSIONS				
YEAR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1993	A. Stampalia	E. Banks, A. Mason	A. Stampalia, T. Wills	M. Denney M. Denney J. Corr L. Jackson B. Jasinski, T. Jasinski C. De Rosario J. Beyfus L. Erneste L. Jackson T. Jasinski J. Clear
1994	J. Beyfus	T. Wills	A. Stampalia, T. Wills	
1995	J. Beyfus, D. Tilvern	L. Gierke, N. Rillstone	T. Wills	
1996	J. Beyfus, D. Tilvern	W. Piller, C. Ross	B. Fensome	
1997	B. Fensome	W. Piller	E. Fuller	
1998	B. Fensome	J. Werkendam	M. Mallin, V. Noble	
1999	B. Fensome	J. Thom, J. Werkendam	B. Kaye	
2000	J. Beyfus	W. Nordstrand	G. Kidd	
2001	B. Fensome	K. Johnson, J. Szymakowski	J. Beyfus	
2002	D. Tilvern	J. De Raad, R. Wood	J. Beyfus	
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2005	D. Tilvern, J. Beyfus	B. Bieganski	B. Fensome	
2006	D. Tilvern, J. Beyfus	B. Fensome, J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	
2008	D. Tilvern	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	
2009	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	
2010	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	
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2014	T. Januszewski	A. Hopfmueller	M. Bampton	
2015	T. Bieganski	T. Bieganski	P. Stephenson	
2016	P. Garnett, P. Garnett		R. Rose	
2017	B. Fensome		B. Fensome	
2018	D. Cowell		N. Mack	
2019	D. Cowell		D. Tilvern	
2020	B. Fensome		B. Fensome	
2021	B. Bieganski		J. Kirkwood	

Description of the Events: The Night Sessions provide additional options for members to play bridge. Some members have full time work positions and so the night sessions is a bridge playing opportunity.

The honour board shows that night sessions are available every day of the working week: Monday to Friday.

Organisation: Directors are allocated to conduct each night session. The table numbers vary but the Monday night sessions were consistently popular.



Patrick Garnett



Pam Garnett



Tad Bieganski



Brian Fensome

Day Sessions

YEAR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1993			M. Brown		B & S Noakes	F. Richard
1994	J. Byrne		J. Beyfus		B & S Noakes	A. Stampalia
1995	K. Hughes		J. Beyfus		B. Noakes	T. Hope
1996	E. Kendrex	P. Oldershaw	W. Nordstrand		S. Noakes	F. Richard
	A. Stampalia				J. Byrne	K. Hughes
1997	M. Brown	C. De Rosario	C. De Rosario		J. Byrne	B. Barnes
		P. Oldershaw				
1998	V. Holman	W. Piller	J. Beyfus	C. Simpson	J. Byrne	N. Consigliere
	I. Mendelawitz					
1999	M. Brown	W. Piller	J. Beyfus	R. Rose	L. Page	B. Barnes
			C. De Rosario			
2000	W. Nordstrand	W. Piller	K. Johnson	W. Piller	P. Oldershaw	J. Gristwood
2001	V. Menezes	W. Piller	J. Beyfus	J. Gristwood	V. Holman	V. Holman
			C. De Rosario			
2002	V. Holman	N. Consigliere	J. Beyfus	C. Fensome	J. Gristwood	J. Beyfus
	I. Mendelawitz	D. De Gasperis	C. De Rosario			
2004	J. Gristwood	T. Kirby	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasperis	J. Beyfus
				C. De Rosario	D. Rocchiccioli	
2005	C. Smitham	M. Brown	C. De Rosario	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasperis	D. Rocchiccioli
	D. De Gasperis				D. Rocchiccioli	K. Johnson
2006	I. Mendelawitz	T. Kirchhoff	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasperis	B. Fensome
					D. Rocchiccioli	J. Beyfus
2008	D. De Gasperis	S. Parker	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasperis	J. Beyfus
2009	D. De Gasperis	J. Beyfus	T. Martin	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasperis	J. Beyfus
	C. Smitham				J. Beyfus	
2010	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	T. Martin	N. Pears	D. De Gasperis	J. Beyfus
					D. Rocchiccioli	
2011	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus, T. Martin	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus
2012	C. DeRosario	S. Parker	J. Beyfus, T. Martin	J. Beyfus	D. De Gasperis	B. Fensome
2013	A. Eardley	J. Beyfus	J. Beyfus, T. Martin	J. Bandy	M. Britten	B. Fensome
					J. Szymakowski	
2014	J. Tennyson	J. Beyfus	J. Muller	K. Smith	T. Burr	B. Fensome
2015	G. Roussilhes	J. Bandy, J. Tennyson	K. Smith	M. Broome	C. Price	B. Fensome
2016	A. Eardley	C. Price	A. Hopfmueller	M. Broome	R. Woodhead J. Muller	M. Szymakowski, B. Fensome
2017	P. Oldershaw	P. Oldershaw, T. Burr	D. Cowell	J. Giraldo	S. Parker	E. Roscoe
2018	A. Eardley	P. Oldershaw	J. Muller	T. Bieganski	J. Muller, R. Woodhead	J. Muller
2019	L. Errington	J. Tennyson	J. Skinner	M. Broome	T. Burr	L. Rea
2020	J. Giraldo	T. Burr, J. Giraldo	P. McCann	J. Peci	B. Kaye	J. Giraldo
2021	P. McCann	C. Fensome	T. Burr	J. Giraldo	B. Kaye	J. Giraldo

Description of the Events: Day sessions are the regular Bridge playing events. They are all 'Green Point' sessions. The most popular event is the Friday afternoon session that often attracts over 30 tables. In this case the session is divided into 'A' and a 'B' groups with the 'B' group composed of players with less than 50 Master Points.

Previous Winners: The boards show a wide range of Day Winners, and highlights the breadth of talent at the Undercroft Bridge Club.



Anthony Eardley



Joanna Tennyson



Philip Oldershaw

New Year Pairs

The New Year Pairs is the first event of the years and that produces some interesting combinations.

The most recent winners proudly proclaimed that this is their first event achievement.

New Year Pairs Winners 2022



Harry Crosby and Julia Hustad

In 2021, the experienced team of Beata Bieganski and Lila Male were successful.

New Year Pairs Winners 2021



Lila Male and Beata Bieganski

YEAR	NEW YEAR PAIRS
2009	J. Beyfus B. Fensome
2010	A. Eardley S. Bedekar
2011	B. Fensome T. Cooke
2012	K. Johnson D. Rocchiccioli
2013	M. Jenkinson, L. Barrie K. Johnson, D. Rocchiccioli
2014	D. Cowell A. Doig
2015	B. Fensome T. Burr
2016	D. Cowell A. Doig
2017	C. Fensome B. Bieganski
2018	D. Cowell J. Giraldo
2019	P. McCann T. Burr
YEAR	NEW YEAR PAIRS
2020	T. Bieganski A. Swider
2021	B. Bieganski L. Male

Allan Doig Summer Pairs

Allan Doig was awarded Life Membership in 2006, recognizing his outstanding efforts in the provision of coaching for newer members a period of over 20 years. The event was previously called the Summer Pairs.

SUMMER PAIRS

J. Beyfus
T. Martin
J. Beyfus
B. Fensome
M. Schonwolf
V. Maia
P. McCann
R. McCann
T. Bieganski
B. Fensome
P. Oldershaw
A. Eardley
T. Burr
G. Roussilhes
D. Cowell
A. Hopfmueller
D. Cowell
A. Hopfmueller
K. Parry
G. White
J. Giraldo
D. Cowell
ALAN DOIG
SUMMER PAIRS
R. Grenside
S. Grenside
L. Klein
L. Klein

Allan Doig Pairs Open



1st Gwyneira Brahma & Dave Munro



2nd Shizue Futaesaku & Noriko Sakashita



3rd Metka Agrez & Faye Shelton

Allan Doig Pairs Restricted



1st Avryl Atkins & Dino Pardin



2nd Katrina Will & Peter Malar



3rd David Saunders & Bernie Plath

Syd Noakes Trophy

The Syd Noakes Trophy (originally Syd Noakes Shield) is an annual Red point event and is named in honour of Syd Noakes who was a foundation member of the club and President in 1978-79.

Syd Noakes and Barbara were very active members in the Waterman's Bay era of the club. Syd was a very capable Director, and capable in all aspects of running a club. He created a friendly atmosphere that was appreciated by members. Syd dedicated many hours to the acquiring of the new clubrooms, during his persistent applications for funds to state and federal authorities.

Syd Noakes Trophy Winners 2021



Christine Jenkins and Peter McCann

Syd Noakes Trophy Winners 2022



Andrew Swider Tad Bieganski
President Connie Coltrona



John Beyfus Spring Pairs

The John Beyfus Spring Pairs is an annual Red point event and is named in honour of John Beyfus who was an outstanding player and President in 2003-2005.

The Spring Pairs is a three day event designed to enable all players to compete with one another over the extended period.

Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell comprised a remarkably successful team as they won the event on six consecutive occasions from 2012 to 2018.

Winners over 6 consecutive events



Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell

Winners 2021



**Gwyneira Brahma & Deana Wilson
with Vice President Alan Tolley**

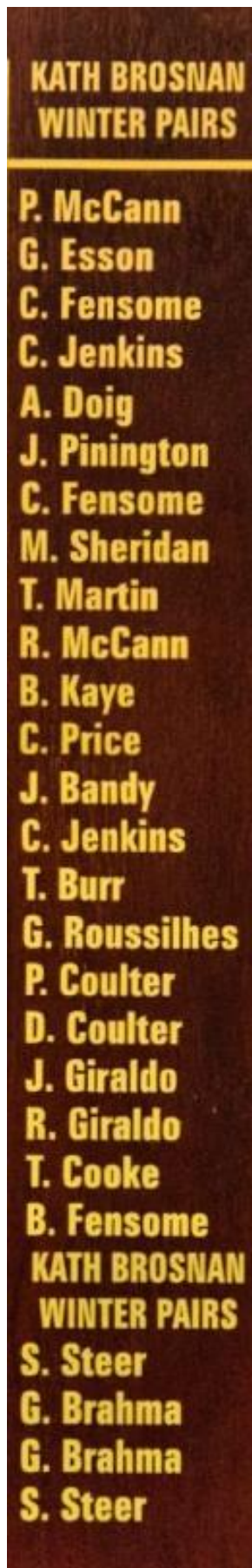
JOHN BEYFUS SPRING PAIRS	
K. Johnson	
C. Quesnel	
C. Fensome	
T. Cooke	
T. Januszewski	
Z. Balicki	
D. Cowell	
A. Hopfmueller	
J. Beyfus	
J. Tennyson	
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A. Hopfmueller	
D. Cowell	
A. Hopfmueller	
T. Sakashita	
N. Sakashita	
JOHN BEYFUS SPRING PAIRS	
P. McCann	
T. Burr	
G. Brahma	
D. Wilson	

Kath Brosnan Winter Pairs

Kath Brosnam was awarded the honour of the the name event was in recognition of her leadership as President from 1993 to 1995

Kath was a leader, driven by purpose and with the energy to achieve her chosen goals. So Kath and Syd Noakes combined their talents and initiated a campaign to get a dedicated bridge facility. Kath was elected president and Syd the secretary and they contacted the Wanneroo Shire for the use of the vacant land adjacent to the Duncraig library. They initiated as series of fund-raising projects and also obtained grants including the infamous 'Ros Kelly whiteboard funds'. Success was achieved and the Undercroft Bridge Club has gone from strength to strength.

In recognition of her commendable efforts Kath was thrilled to be awarded Life-membership in 1996. Her legacy continues with the annual Kath Brosnan Winter Pairs Competition. She relished the privilege of presenting the winners with their prizes, and was honoured to be able to do this pleasant task.



Kath Brosnam Winter Pairs Winners 2019



**Tuya Cooke & Brian Fensome
with President John Bayly**

Ossie Trigwell Open / Handicap Pairs

Ossie Trigwell was awarded the naming rights for the Open and Handicap Pairs as a tribute to his commendable contribution to the club. Ossie was elected as president in 1984 to 1986 and again in 2001-2002.

This Red Point event is played over three consecutive Tuesday afternoons. The handicap events encourages players with varied lengths of experience to compete.

Ossie Trigwell Handicap Winners 2021



Ky Khan

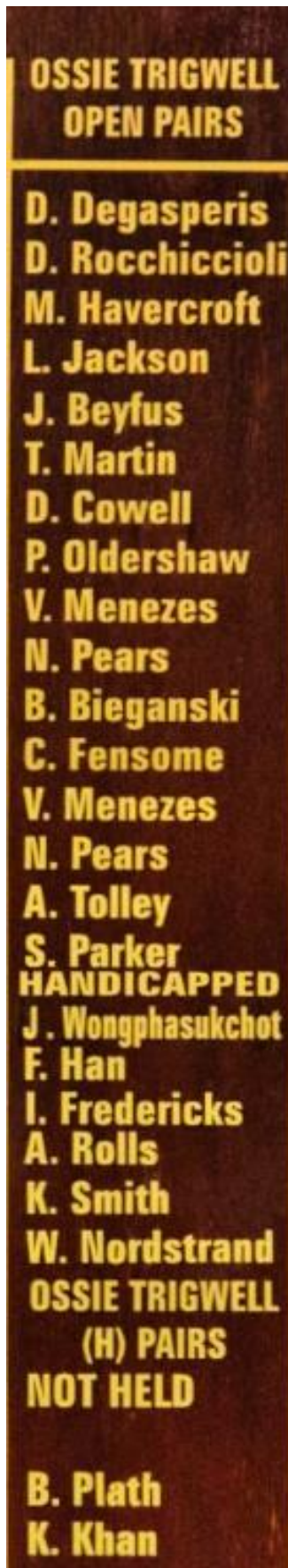


Bernie Plath

Winners Open Pairs 2015



**Vince Menezes & Norma Pears
with Ossie Trigwell**



Leslie and Ray Routledge Swiss Pairs

Leslie and Ray Routledge were awarded this naming honour in recognition of their dedicated teaching sessions conducted each year for the past 16 years. There have been over 500 graduates from the course and this has been a key source of new membership for the Undercroft Bridge Club.

The event was previously called the Swiss Pairs. The competition is conducted over three days. The event was re-named the Leslie and Ray Routledge event in 2021.

2021 Swiss Pairs Winners UBC Under <300 Pts



Lorraine Rea & Anneta Doktorovich
with President Connie Coltrona

2021 Swiss Pairs Winners Under UBC<100 Pts



David Saunders and Bernie Plath
with President Connie Coltrona

SWISS PAIRS	
L. Rea	
M. Rea	
J. Beyfus	
D. Tilvern	
T. Januszewski	
Z. Balicki	
Z. Tuleja	
Z. Bailicki	
D. Degasperis	
C. Smitham	
S. Bedekar	
A. Eardley	
B. Bieganski	
A. Swider	
S. Steer	
J. Steer	
V. Wood	
G. Daly	
NOT HELD	

LESLEY AND ROY ROUTLEDGE SWISS PAIRS	
Not Held	
S. Steer	
G. Brahma	
J. Tennyson	
C. Jenkins	

Don Fraser Swiss Pairs

The naming of the 'Don Fraser' Swiss Pairs was made to acknowledge the contribution that Don Fraser made over his years at the club. Don was awarded Life Membership in 1996.

Don Fraser Swiss Pairs Winners 2021



Terry and Louise Collins

Don Fraser Swiss Pairs Winners 2015



Bruce Penhey and Trevor Burr



Club Champions Open Pairs

YEAR	CLUB CHAMPIONS OPEN PAIRS
2000	J. Beyfus D. Tilvern
2001	K. Johnson C. Quesnel
2002	J. Beyfus D. Tilvern
2003	J. Beyfus D. Tilvern
2004	J. Beyfus D. Tilvern
2005	J. Beyfus D. Tilvern
2006	M. Medhat V. Valhalla
2007	D. Tilvern S. Parker
2008	J. Beyfus D. Tilvern
2009	T. Cooke B. Fensome
2010	K. Smith F. Thompson
2011	D. Degasperis D. Rocchiccioli
2012	T. Burr A. Burr
2013	D. Degasperis C. Smitham
2014	T. Bieganski B. Bieganski
2015	C. Fensome B. Bieganski
2016	G. Roussilhes T. Burr
2017	R. Giraldo J. Giraldo
2018	N. Sakashita T. Sakashita

The Monday night sessions were popular in the period 2000 to 2018 and so a 'Club Champions Open Pairs' event was conducted on one night to determine the winner. This event was a special Monday night event and it was conducted within the regular Monday night session.

A prominent team comprised John Beyfus and Diane Tilvern, and they won the Champions Open Pairs on six occasions.

The 2018 winners were T. Sakashita and N. Sakashita

Club Champions Open Pairs



T. Sakashita and N. Sakashita
With John Bayly

Club Champions Open Pairs 2014

The combination of Tad and Beata Bieganski demonstrated that married couples can form an effective partnership and they won the Open Pairs Champions event in 2014.



Tad and Beata Bieganski

Gwen Johnson Teams of Four

The naming award is in honour of our inaugural president 1972 and life member 1978.

The Teams Event is conducted over three days to enable all teams to play one another. It is designed on the Swiss movements and adopts an intricate system of scoring. The team comprises two pairs and each pair is allocated to a different table to compete with the same boards. The team scores are then combined and converted into International Master Points. To enable comparisons these points are converted to Victory Points, that are consistently allocated out of 20, and ultimately reveal the winners.

Teams of Four Winners - 2018



**Brian and Carol Fensome with David Cowell
Bieganski Tad Bieganski**

Winners 2021



**Noriko Sakashita, Stella Steer, Cassie Morin,
Gwyneira Brahma (James Steer and Dave Munro)**

GWEN JOHNSON TEAMS OF FOUR	
F. Bennett, J. De Raad	
G. Page, R. Wood	
Z. Balicki, S. Bedekar	
Z. Tuleja, J. Werkendam	
B. Fensome, J. Beyfus	
A. Eardley, S. Bedekar	
B. Fensome, J. Beyfus	
C. De Rosario, M. Tilak	
J. Beyfus, C. De Rosario	
J. Corr, M. Pirajno	
D. De Gasperis, D. Rocchiccioli	
V. Menezes, G. De Souza	
D. De Gasperis, D. Rocchiccioli	
V. Menezes, C. De Rosario	
J. Beyfus, C. Fensome	
B. Fensome, J. Gristwood	
J. Beyfus, C. Fensome	
B. Fensome, T. Cooke	
J. Beyfus, C. De Rosario	
J. Bandy, A. Newton	
J. Beyfus, T. Martin	
J. Tennyson, A. Newton	
T. Bieganski, B. Bieganski	
T. Januszewski, Z. Balicki	
C. Fensome, T. Cooke	
C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	
C. Fensome, B. Bieganski	
C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	
D. Womersley, J. Lees	
N. Consigliere, T. Farrell	
D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueller	
T. Martin, M. Lang	
B. Bieganski, T. Bieganski	
B. Fensome, C. Fensome	
S. Steer, J. Steer	
A. Swider, M. Kouwen	
E. Roscoe, J. Muller	
A. Hopfmueller, D. Cowell	

T. Bieganski, A. Swider
B. Bieganski, L. Male
T. Bieganski, B. Bieganski
B. Fensome, C. Fensome
J. Steer, D. Munro
C. Morin, S. Steer

Betty Connolly Individual Competition

Most competitive events are 'pairs events' with a partner. However, as the name implies the 'Individual Competition' is to determine an individual winner.

To determine the winner of the 'Individual Competition' requires an organisation that enables all players to play everybody. It is conducted over three weeks and requires a

The naming rights were given to Betty Connolly, who was a worthy contributor the club. The first competition was organised in 2000 and the last event on the notice board is for Peter Wilson who was the 2018 winner. Greater interest in teams events and Swiss Pairs In subsequent years resulted in the Individual Competition to be discontinued.

BETTY CONNOLLY INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION	
N. Consigliere	
D. De Gasperis	
D. De Gasperis	
J. Beyfus	
S. Axford	
G. Ethel	
C. Quesnel	
NOT HELD	
L. Hoge	
D. De Gasperis	
J. Beyfus	
A. Hopfmueller	
J. Beyfus	
D. Cowell	
G. White	
N. Mack	
M. Bampton	
R. Blakey	
P. Wilson	

Individual Competition



Nerilyn Mack 2015 Winner

Individual Competition



**Ross Blakey 2016 Winner
with President Graham Milward**

H and G Dobbins Under State Master

The naming rights were granted to Harry Dobbins as he was an accomplished President of the Undercroft Bridge Club from 1980 to 1982. He undertook the management of the club while it was located in the 'Basement' of the Ellis St facility and contributed to its significant growth despite the difficult physical conditions.

The 'Under State Master' event has been specifically designed for newer members to compete with players of similar experience for the one-day event. The players have less than 50 Master Points.

MASTER RANKINGS

Rank	Minimum Requirements			Notes
	Total	Red & Gold	Gold	
Graduate	2			
Club	5			
Local	15			
Bronze Local	25			
Silver Local	35			
Regional	50			
Bronze Regional	100			
State	50	25		
Bronze State	100	50		

Under State Master 2020 Winners



**Ingrid Fredericks and David Pitts
with President Connie Coltrona**

H & G DOBBINS UNDER STATE MASTER

P. Oldershaw
S. Parker
D. De Gasperis
K. Smith
F. Julien
R. Julien
S. Manlein
L. Giles
T. Cooke
H. Van Der Waal
C. Holloway
V. Holloway
L. Leach
E. Roscoe
M. Jenkinson
L. Barrie
B. Day
B. Watson
G. Esson
P. McCann
J. Majewski
A. O'Brien
I. Rowlands
J. Reid
T. Burr
A. Burr

D. McPherson
M. Branch
M. Mahon
W. Baillie
K. Parry
G. White
G. Blakey
R. Blakey
B. Partridge
K. Partridge

G. Kremer, C. Walker

D. Pitts, I. Fredericks

K. Will, N. Shah

J and I Sanderson Trophy 2000 -2022

Jim Sanderson was a foundation member of the club the and was the treasurer for approximately 25 years. He was awarded Life Membership in 1982.

Jim and Irene were keen players and active contributors to the club. The event is conducted all day on a Sunday to enable working members to compete in a non-working day.

Sanderson Pairs Open Winners 2021



Richard and Sue Grenside
With President Connie Coltrona

Plate Winners 2019



Alan Tolley and Dawn Duly

J & I SANDERSON ANNUAL TROPHY EVENT	
J. Clear, P.Cole	
J. Conway, A. Doig	
J. Beyfus	
D. Tilvern	
C. Quesnel	
M. Britten	
B. Fensome	
J. Beyfus	
J. Beyfus	
D. Tilvern	
B. Fensome	
C. Fensome	
C. Smitham	
D. De Gasperis	
W. Norstrand	
C. Quesnel	
J. Beyfus	
D. Tilvern	
D. De Gasperis	
C. Smitham	
T. Bieganski	
B. Bieganski	
V. Menezes	
N. Pears	
J. Beyfus, J. Bandy	
B. Fensome, T. Bieganski	
D. Cowell, A. Hopfmueeller	
E. Roscoe, C. Price	
I. Rowlands, P. McCann	
C. Jenkins, M. Sheridan	
T. Bieganski, B. Fensome	
B. Bieganski, C.Fensome	
B. Bieganski, T. Bieganski	
B. Fensome, C. Fensome	
B. Bieganski, T. Bieganski	
B. Fensome, C. Fensome	
C. Fensome , T. Bieganski	
M. Agrez	
J. Tennyson	
T. Sakashita	
F. Hashimoto	
R. Grenside	
S. Grenside	

Tony Martin Master Teams of Three

YEAR	TONY MARTIN MASTERS IN TEAMS OF THREE
2019	T. Bieganski
2020	A. Swider
2021	K. Will, P. Malan
	N. Shah, J. Skinner
	M. Aldridge, C. Chadd
	L. Ramsay, D. Burn

The Tony Martin 'Master Teams of Three' is designed to encourage newer players to develop their abilities through support from an experienced player – within a competitive environment.

The Master plays North and the team members rotate during the event to have the benefit of playing with the master. The bidding system that is adopted is determined by the team member and not the master. Advice is given at the end of the game to promote player improvement.



2022 Winners

1st Manuela Steinbrecher, Jamie Luxton, Connie Coltrona (Master) and (Yulia Koh)

2nd Jill Lyon, Diana Martin, David Cowell (Master) Stella Stewart-Wynne

3rd Dorothy Jones, Stella Steer (Master), Sharon Dyball, Bernie Plath

Tony Martin Award Most Improved Beginner

Winner - Ingrid Fredericks 2016



I was thrilled and excited to receive this award for Best Beginner 2016 and would like to thank Leslie Routledge for introducing me to bridge. As a result of her knowledge, kindness and patience, she developed in me a love of the game. The 4+ months it took to learn the basic ACOL 4 card system was so meaningful and instructive. Bridge, like learning a language, needs reinforcement and learning the intricacies was absorbing and interesting.

Following our Beginners' Classes, supervision was provided by Allan Doig on Tuesdays and Saturdays. He helped consolidate it along guided pathways using only a few key conventions and mantras such as KISS 'Keep it simple stupid'.

Although I explored other bridge systems, I always reverted back to ACOL 4 card system, finding it simple and easy. In addition to bidding, leads, defending, how to play cards and discards have to be studied and practiced for many hours. I have been an avid reader of bridge books including Ron Klinger. Learning to communicate with your partner in order to be on the same page is vital.

Once more, thanks to Leslie Routledge and Allan Doig for their hard work for the Undercroft Bridge Club, and instilling in me and others, a great love of bridge.

BAWA SUPER VETS COMPETITION

Winners - Diane Tilvern & Win Nordstrand 2015



Diane and Win and were delighted to win the prestigious BAWA Super Vets Competition in 2015. This is a statewide competition, that attracted many highly capable bridge players across the state.

At the time of the competition, Diane had played bridge for 25 years at both Greenwood and Undercroft Bridge Clubs and had achieved notable success. She was the Club Pairs Championship on seven occasions.

However, the Super Vets Competition was different in that we were competing in an event organized by BAWA against the best over 80s players in the state.

The competition was the first event of its kind in Australia, acknowledging that the octogenarians are an appreciated and respected group, who had contributed much towards the growth and development of bridge in WA. The award was presented at the yearly BAWA awards night. Diane was delighted to have received this award, and am grateful to Win Nordstrand, aged 91, my partner and friend.