



# Undercroft Bridge Club

Newsletter July 2023

**Congratulations!**

UBC members representing WA at the  
2023 Australian National Championships

## ANC Women Team



Stella Steer and Gwyneira Brahma



Christine Jenkins and Tuya Cooke



## ANC Seniors Team

Tad Bieganski (and Jan Kochmanski)

## 2023 Australian National Championships

### WABC Monday Congress Pairs

<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>%</i>
4	Tuya COOKE - Christine JENKINS	59.01

### Best 3 of 4 - Part 3

<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>%</i>
3	Yulia KOH - M STEINBRECHER	58.33
4	Gregory MCKIE - Bernie PLATH	57.37
5	Chris ROSS - Judy HAVAS	56.25

### Best 3 of 4 - Part 2

<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>%</i>
3	Tuya COOKE - Christine JENKINS	59.89
4	Beata BIEGANSKI - Lilia MALE	57.83

### Best 3 of 4 - Part 4 - UNDERCROFT

<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>%</i>
3	Katrina WILL - Jane ADAMS	59.86

Congratulations to David Fowler and Sharon Dyball for the Best Novice Pair in the Best 3 out of 4 Part 4 - Undercroft Bridge Club Session.

### Volunteer Power - Stralow Swiss Pairs

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Total</i>
3	Richard GRENSIDE - Sue GRENSIDE	76.60

### Joondalup BC Congress Pairs

<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>%</i>
5	Pauline COULTER - David COULTER	52.08

## Restricted Butler Results (32)

Rank	Names	Total
8	Yulia KOH - Manuela STEINBRECHER	99.68
12	Jamie LUXTON - Nilesh SHAH	94.18
13	Katrina WILL - Jane ADAMS	93.41
18	Gregory MCKIE - Bernie PLATH	86.59

Congratulations to Christine Jenkins and Tuya Cooke making finals in the Joseph Greenfeld Butler Pairs.



## President's Report

### From Bernie Plath

Fours year after walking in the club doors for the first time, I have the privilege to have been elected club president. There is a lot to learn, and I will endeavour to maintain the high standard set by presidents past.

The AGM was held on March 21st, and the Management Committee was elected. Thanks to Connie Coltrona who has led the club through the last three years.

The Management Committee is as follows:

<i>President</i>	<i>Bernie Plath</i>
<i>Vice</i>	<i>Sharon Dyball</i>
<i>President</i>	
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Debbie James</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Yvonne Vea</i>
<i>Master</i>	<i>Stella Busch</i>
<i>Points</i>	
<i>Secretary</i>	
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Christina Jenkins</i>
<i>Members:</i>	<i>Richard Grenside</i>
	<i>Helen Larsen</i>
	<i>Jenny Skinner</i>
	<i>Stella Steer</i>

Connie Coltrona has taken on the role of Tournament Committee Chairperson. The Tournament

Committee has been established and is responsible for the running of the major events (red point and gold point). The Management Committee will be responsible for all green point sessions and walk-in redpoint sessions.

Undercroft has a proud history of welcoming new players and providing quality training sessions. The teaching program runs on Saturday mornings with Joanna Tennyson, assisted by Jenny Skinner and provides the opportunity to learn to play Standard American. These sessions are a great success.

The many volunteers that are the engine room of the club were recognised during Volunteer's week and a free session was held on May 17th.

The Australian National Championships will be held at the Perth Convention Centre from 8th to 20th July. Undercroft is sponsoring the Wednesday afternoon session on July 12th.●

# Undercroft Bridge Club Social Committee

By Connie Coltrona



The Social Committee was formed to take the place of the Red point Catering Team and as well as catering for all the Red Point Events the SC undertakes the catering of any special events as deemed necessary by the Management Committee such as the Charity Days, Xmas Party etc.

The members are Nita Fraser, Margaret Greville, Jill Lyon, Melissa Underwood, Lillian Haagensen, Sally Jowett, Robin Woodall. Grateful thanks to Carol Kelly, Elaine Perry, Kerry Float for your assistance with the food at the recent events. The home cooked food is always much appreciated by the members.

The SC always welcomes members to assist, please talk to any SC member.

Thanking you all.●

## Undercroft Teaching Program

By Christine Jenkins

We are well into this year's Saturday morning teaching program and our numbers are continuing to increase. There has been a steady influx of Associate members from Joondalup Bridge Club who have added a new energy to our sessions. These members are a delightful addition to our lessons.

### Teaching Programs

Johanna Tennison has successfully completed Level One Standard and is currently teaching Level Two Standard in the main room. Due to the great interest in this subject, I have moved my teaching program into the back room. Johanna has really excelled in her lessons and is doing a great job. I have been told by several participants that she is interesting, informative, and engaging. She has kindly produced teaching booklets to assist members, and this has saved the club a great deal of time and money by binding them all herself. It was a very large and tedious job.

Once the Level Two lessons finish, we all shall return to the

main room. Thanks to Jenny Skinner, Tad Bieganski and David Cowell who will continue to teach our mini lessons on different topics. They do an amazing job in presenting these lessons.

About every six to eight weeks Johanna Tennison, Jenny Skinner and I meet to evaluate how our teaching programs are progressing and brainstorm what improvements can be made to our lessons. Our biggest challenge is to attract and then retain the interest of new members.

We have a really strong team of volunteers who possess a wealth of Bridge knowledge between them. Without these volunteers the Saturday morning sessions would not run as smoothly or as successful as they do. I would personally like to thank all the teaching volunteers who generously give up their time to help.

### Tuesday Morning Sessions

We are trialling a Tuesday morning session from 8:30 to 11:30 where anyone can come

and practise their skills in a very relaxed and enjoyable environment. Currently there are only around four tables attending but feedback from these players, indicates that this session is helping their play considerably. Connie Coltrana and I are running alternative

Tuesdays and would really love to have a few more volunteers willing to go on a roster to make this a permanent session. The players that attend really want to master their Bridge skills and I can see an improvement in their confidence. This session for me is very rewarding. ●

## The UBC May Congress

By Connie Coltrana

The annual May Congress was held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

The Saturday Swiss Pairs ( 29 tables played) Results

1<sup>st</sup> Deanna Wilson and Pim Birss

2<sup>nd</sup> Tomoko Nakamatsu and Kaiping Chen

3<sup>rd</sup> Tad Bieganski and Andrew Swider

4<sup>th</sup> Viv Wood and Gerry Daly

Best Undercroft BC

(home club member)

Ted Roscoe and Brian Fensome

Best Undercroft BC under 300MP

(home club member)

Alice O'Brien and Yvonne Veale

The Sunday Teams (15 Teams and 1 house team played) Results

1<sup>st</sup> Deanna Wilson, Hamish McCracken, Kimberley Zhao and Mark Goddard

2<sup>nd</sup> Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Ragi El Hoss and Marie-Christine El Hoss

3<sup>rd</sup> David Schokman, Cathy Hood, Martin Doran and Pauline Collett

Best Undercroft BC

(home club members)

Beata Bieganski, Lilia Male, Christine

Jenkins and Tuya Cooke

Best Undercroft BC under 300 MP

(home club members)

Bernie Plath, David Saunders,

Greg McKie and Marie Finegan





Grateful thanks to - Director David Burn, Assistant director John Bayly  
The wonderful UBC members for the delicious food you supplied.

Helpers with food delivery and serving drinks - Christine Martin, Jill Lyon, Sally Jowett, Robin Woodall, Shelley Williams, Deb Mahoney, Fiona McCarthur, Margaret Greville. To Sharon Dyball, Liz Gray, Katrina Will and Helen Larsen assisting with preparing the Club rooms.

Robin Gokavi for the beautiful vases of Roses to decorate the Club rooms.

A great Congress again by UBC. ●



## National Volunteer Week 18-21 May 2023

By Sharon Dyball

Our free Swiss Pairs session was held on Wednesday 18th May to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers in bridge clubs, state bridge organisations and bridge congresses.

The theme this year is The Change Makers, as we look to our members to assist in bringing about positive change and improvement to our club.

Thank you to the many volunteers at UBC whose contributions to the running of the club enhance the positive, friendly vibe that we see and feel in our sessions and Congresses.

Many hands make light work and everyone who gives of their time or expertise, no matter how small, is very much appreciated and enables the club to move forward into the future.

Special thanks to the members who contributed to the delicious afternoon tea and helped clean up afterwards.



# RESULTS

## Syd Noakes Swiss Pairs (Jan 2023)

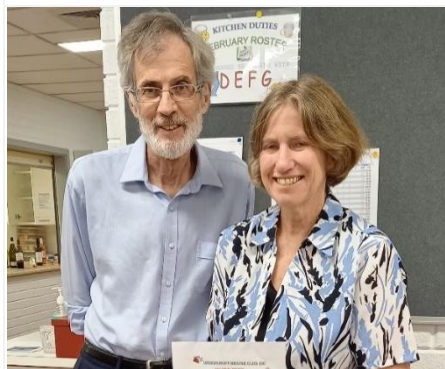


1<sup>st</sup> Peter McCann & Beata Bieganski

## Understate Master (April 2023)



1<sup>st</sup> Carol Kelly & Jenny Kirkwood



2<sup>nd</sup> James Steer (substitute) Stella Steer & (Gweneira Brahma)



2<sup>nd</sup> John Frizop & David Chatman



3<sup>rd</sup> Carol Fensome & Tuya Cooke



3<sup>rd</sup> Geoff Gardiner & Susan Parkinson

## Understate Master (April 2023)



Sharon Dyball with Director's Prize  
- Kerry Goldfinch & (Bev King)

## J&I Sanderson Swiss Pairs (April 2023)



1st Gweneira Brahma & Dave Munro

## Undercroft GNOT Heat (April 2023)

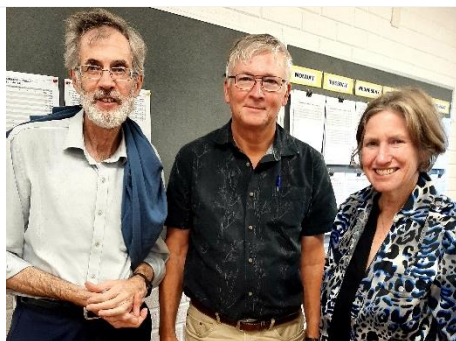
1st PACKER - Don Allen -  
Jonathan Free - Linda Coli - Mimi  
Packer - Cynthia Belonogoff -  
Vinod Nasta

2nd - STEER - Gwyneira Brahma  
- Deana Wilson - Dave Munro -  
James Steer - Stella Steer

3rd - BROOM - Richard Grenside  
- Sue Grenside - Valerie Broome -  
Martin Broome



2nd Terr Collins & Louise Collins



3rd James Steer & Stella Steer



Allan Doig Pairs – Restricted (Feb 2023)	Allan Doig Pairs – Open (Feb 2023)
1 <sup>st</sup> Sharon Dyball & Dorothy Jones	1 <sup>st</sup> Chris Bagley & John Beddow
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacques Bellevret & Morris Tilak	2 <sup>nd</sup> Richard Grenside & Sue Grenside
3 <sup>rd</sup> John Frzop & David Chatman	3 <sup>rd</sup> Peter McCann & Stella Steer





### **Restricted Butler**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Bacon / Jenny Dawson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Christina Wu / Sara Westergren
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nesha Shah / Ingrid Fredericks

### **Don Fraser Swiss Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Katrina Will / Christine Jenkins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> David Schokman / Geoff Yeo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Ross / Judy Havas

## Ossie Trigwell Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Philip Oldershaw / Margaret Szymakowski  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Mccann / Jane Adams  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Jenkins / Katrina Will

## Walk-in Swiss Pairs

January	April
Terry Collins / David Cowell	Margaret Szymakowski / Jean Muller
Michael Lawes / Magda Lawes	David Cowell / Ann Hopfmueller
Jenny Skinner / Connie Coltrona	Debbie James / Joan Schneider
May	June
Christine Jenkins / Sue Grenside	Joan Touyz / Roberta Altmuner
Linda Reading / John Bayly	Sharon Dyball / David Fowler
Ann Hopfmueller / David Cowell	Zbigniew Balicki / Gregory Kuszewski
July	
John Beddow / Chris Bagley	
David Coulter / Valerie Broome	
Jenny Skinner / Connie Coltrona	

## 70%

Yulia Koh	Christine Jenkins	85.0%	13-Apr-23
Terry Collins	Louise Collins	73.6%	26-May-23
Gill Blakey	Ross Blakey	72.7%	28-Jan-23
Ian Christie	Liz McTaggart	72.7%	10-May-23
Gill Gavshon	Helen Kemp	72.4%	14-Apr-23
Joanna Tennyson	Christine Jenkins	72.4%	5-May-23

Jane Adams	Peter Mccann	71.9%	5-Jan-23
Joanna Tennyson	Christine Jenkins	71.7%	25-Mar-23
Derek Dorward	Mike Bennett	71.4%	24-Jun-23
Philip Oldershaw	Anthony Eardley	71.4%	22-May-23
Rina Shah	Divyesh Shah	71.3%	12-Apr-23
Lilia Male	Tad Bieganski	71.2%	24-Jun-23
Edward Roscoe	Joan Schneider	71.0%	20-Feb-23
Alex Bates	Shayne Bates	70.8%	1-May-23
Christine Jenkins	Jane Adams	70.2%	31-Jan-23
Angela Newton	Jenny Skinner	70.2%	25-Mar-23
Carol Kelly	Jan Berg	70.0%	6-Jul-23
Peter Stephenson	Matthew Bampton	70.0%	30-Mar-23
Morris Tilak	Brian Fensome	70.0%	16-Feb-23

## Grand Slams

Pim Birss / Deana Wilson	7DX W	6-MAY-23
Geoff Kaye / Barbara Kaye	7H E	29-APR-23
Lorraine Rea / Wendy Baillie	7H E	29-APR-23
Joanna Tennyson / Nerilyn Mack	7NT W	23-APR-23
Jay Medhat / Marleen Medhat	7NT W	23-APR-23
Yulia Koh / Manuela Steinbrecher	7NT W	23-APR-23
Diane Tilvern / Peter Stephenson	7D N	17-APR-23
Pauline Coulter / David Coulter	7H W	14-APR-23
Joe Peci / Satish Bedekar	7NT E	10-APR-23
Geoff Yeo / David Schokman	7C N	4-APR-23
Dermott Doherty / John Frzop	7NT N	28-MAR-23
Melissa Underwood / Alice Wouts	7NT S	28-MAR-23
Dino Pardini / Avryl Atkins	7NT N	23-MAR-23



Stella Steer / Peter Mccann	7D E	17-MAR-23
De'arn Alexander / Connie Coltrona	7S W	16-MAR-23
Chris Ross / Luba Klein	7S W	16-MAR-23
Anneta Doktorovich / Rachel Wagner	7C N	6-MAR-23
Yulia Koh / Manuela Steinbrecher	7NT E	20-FEB-23
Yulia Koh / Manuela Steinbrecher	7NT W	5-FEB-23
Anneta Doktorovich / Soussan Abouzari	7NT W	5-FEB-23
Joe Peci / Anthony Eardley	7NT N	1-FEB-23
John Frzop / David Chatman	7NT S	27-JAN-23
Maria Pirajno / Joan Schneider	7NT S	27-JAN-23
Alan Rolls / Colin Walker	7NT S	27-JAN-23
Metka Agrez / Shirley Manlein	7NT S	27-JAN-23
Judy Clear / Joan Rosemeyer	7NT S	27-JAN-23
John Beddow / David Cowell	7NT S	27-JAN-23
Sharon Dyball / Dorothy Jones	7NT N	27-JAN-23
Christine Glasson / Caroline Chadd	7NT N	27-JAN-23
Kayoko Bredemeyer / Robin Clarke	7NT S	27-JAN-23
Alex Bates / Shayne Bates	7NT S	27-JAN-23
Helen Waters / Kerry Float	7NT S	27-JAN-23
Luba Klein / Marilyn Atkins	7S S	26-JAN-23
Gregory Mckie / Bernie Plath	7NTX N	26-JAN-23
Willy Dadour / Ron Kremer	7S E	20-JAN-23
Yvonne Vea / Doris Keeble	7C W	19-JAN-23
Shirley Manlein / Peter Stephenson	7C W	19-JAN-23
Mike Mahon / Brian Kaye	7NT W	6-JAN-23
Yulia Koh / Joan Rosemeyer	7H W	5-JAN-23
Gregory Mckie / Bernie Plath	7NT E	5-JAN-23
Zbigniew Balicki / Gregory Kuszewski	7S S	19-JUL-23

## Top 20 Most Improved Players for 2023 (UBC Home Members Only)

*Masterpoints shown are as at 30-June-23*

		<i>2023 MPs</i>	<i>2023 IMPROVEMENT</i>
Cleaver, Mark	Bronze Local	19.35	1,498
Jones, Dorothy	State	21.66	1,307
Chatman, David	State	23.70	1,185
Male, Lilia	Life	44.68	1,057
Koh, Yulia	Regional	17.70	993
Gray, Liz	Regional	14.49	951
Steinbrecher, Manuela	Regional	15.51	915
Aggarwal, Pravin	Regional	14.62	910
Bloxsome, Angie	Bronze Local	11.09	823
Kelly, Carol	Regional	13.41	793
Adams, Jane	Bronze State	17.59	775
Kirkwood, Jenny	Regional	11.27	727
Aggarwal, Shakuntla	Silver Local	10.26	711
Ginbey, Enid	Local	8.25	697
Dyball, Sharon	State	12.79	693
Plath, Bernie	State	12.16	683
Will, Katrina	Bronze State	15.11	676
Luxton, Jamie	Regional	11.38	657
McKie, Gregory	Regional	10.96	612
Buzzard, Rita	Regional	9.07	599

## McCutcheon Totals To 30-June-23 (UBC Home Members Only)

		MPs
7	Bieganski, Tad	67.34
9	Steer, Stella	63.04
10	Jenkins, Christine	57.72
15	Broome, Martin	46.82
18	Bieganski, Beata	46.39
20	Collins, Terry	44.76

## George McCutcheon

*George McCutcheon - Queensland Bridge Association ([qldbridge.com.au](http://qldbridge.com.au))*



George McCutcheon was born in Scotland in 1925, graduated in medicine from the University of Aberdeen, and migrated to Australia in the fifties. In subsequent years he exerted a profound influence on the organization of bridge in Queensland and Australia.

Located at Toowoomba, and with a background of club bridge in Scotland, he decided that the local bridge scene would benefit from a similar arrangement, and was a prime mover in the establishment of three of the earliest clubs in Queensland – Toowoomba, Dalby and Gatton. The establishment of several other clubs in Queensland soon followed.

Moving on from that base, and looking for a system that would allow clubs to interact and compete, he decided that the European congress system might well be the answer, and organised Australia's first country congress at Toowoomba in 1960. Other congresses soon followed in Queensland and other parts of Australia, and this establishment of a congress circuit had a profound effect on bridge in this country. They became a very popular extension of the club system and added

immeasurably to the opportunities for advancement and to the enjoyment of the game.

At another level still, Dr. McCutcheon saw the need for a major congress in Queensland that would attract players from the rest of Australia and overseas, a vision that resulted in the organization of the Gold Coast Congress. This congress, of course, has now grown into one of the nation's most popular events.

As a final acknowledgement of the outstanding organisational contributions to bridge by Dr. McCutcheon, it should be mentioned that he was responsible for the introduction of a masterpoint scheme in Queensland, and also played a significant role in the establishment of the national masterpoint arrangements. It was most fitting, then, that the ABF later established in his honour the McCutcheon trophy, which recognises the player gaining the most masterpoints annually.

*Further details of Dr. McCutcheon's contributions to bridge in Queensland may be found in Mind Games – A Biographical History of Bridge in Queensland. ●*

## **Opening Suit Bids at the One Level**

### **In First and Second Chair**

Guideline of 20

Add the high-card points to the number of cards in the two longest suits. If the total is 20 or more, open the bidding; otherwise pass.

### **In Third Position**

After two passes, a hand can be opened in third position with 1 or 2 fewer points than in first or second position. (The Guideline of 20 does not apply.)

### **In Fourth Position**

Guideline of 15

Add the high-card points to the number of spades. If the total is 15 or more, open the bidding. Otherwise, consider passing the deal out.

## **Contributors are Always Welcome**

Please feel free to forward material or suggest topics you like to read about to Sharon Dyball [dyball58@iinet.net.au](mailto:dyball58@iinet.net.au) or Suggestion (Red) Box

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