

Committee 2014-2015



Back row: David Coulter, Ann Hopfmueller, Linda Reading, Helen Hyland, Graham Milward
 Front row: Julia Corr (Secretary) Alan Tolley (Vice President) David Cowell (President)
 Roslyn Varkevisser (Treasurer) Margaret Melsom
 Absent: Helen Larsen and Bruce Penhey

Heartfelt thanks to Armanda and Ann



A big *Thank You* to Armanda Torre for her huge contribution to the Committee over an incredible nine years and to Ann Hopfmueller for her very competent and effective past three years as our President



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Undercroft Bridge Club

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Kath Brosnan Winter Pairs Winners

Kath Brosnan presenting awards to the winners
 of the Kath Brosnan Winter Pairs



1st Chris Price and Brian Kaye



2nd Anne De Souza and
 Norma Pears



3rd Margaret and Jan
 Szymakowski

Ossie Trigwell Open Pairs

Ossie Trigwell presenting awards to the winners
 of the Ossie Trigwell Open Pairs



1st Beata Bieganski and
 Carol Fensome



2nd David Cowell
 and Ann Hopfmueller



3rd John Beyfus and
 Sheila Parker

Jim and Irene Sanderson Teams of 4



Congratulations!

1st Rowlands team:
Peter McCann, Christine Jenkins,
Marie Sheridan and Ian Rowlands



2nd Ross team:
Louis Klein, Vina Maia, Win Nordstrand
and Christine Ross



3rd Cowell team:
Stella Steer, Ann Hopfmueller, David Cowell and Chris Price

Undercroft Members Out and About!

Congratulations to Undercroft members for their successes at other clubs and BAWA events

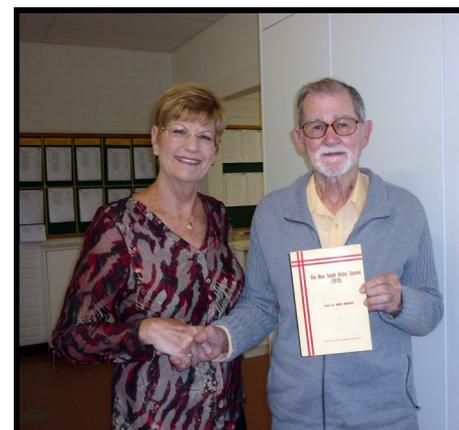
South Perth 2014 Congress Pairs	16th	Mary Lang and Tony Martin
	22nd	Debbie James and Helen Larsen

BAWA Events

Daytime Open Pairs	11th	Ann Ohlsen and Pauline Hammond
	23rd	Julia Corr and Maria Pirajno
Open Pairs Plate	8th	Beata and Tad Bieganski
	13th	Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose
Autumn Pairs	18th	Maria Pirajno & Joan Schneider

A Special Addition to the Undercroft Library

The second edition of the New South Wales System, written in 1970 has been kindly donated by one of our members, Dr Ian Martin. Ian obtained four copies, one of which he donated to the Australian National University in Canberra. He retained the other three copies and was offered and accepted \$400 for one copy from a club



in Melbourne. The third copy was donated to West Coast Bridge Club in 2004 and the final copy has recently been presented to our club. As the West Coast Bridge Club book is believed to have been stolen, this may be the only copy in Western Australia.

Thank you Ian for your very generous gift.

Bridge Oddities



Just bid what you've got!

A competitor was called away on an emergency from a bridge tournament, with still the last board to play. So the players asked a kibitzer to take his place although he knew nothing about the game. They told him "Just bid what you've got and follow suit". He sat South and the following bidding sequence ensued:

Dealer:	♠ A9	West	North	East	South
South	♥ AKQ65	-	-	-	1 ♣
Both Vul	♦ AK	pass	2 ♥	pass	2 ♠
	♣ Q1054	pass	3 ♣	pass	3 ♥
♠ KQ108		pass	4NT	pass	7 ♦
♥ J1097	♠ 76542	dbl	All pass		
♦ Q10	♥ 8				
♣ KJ8	♦ J9				
	♣ 98763				
	♠ J3				
	♥ 432				
	♦ 8764532				
	♣ A				

South took the lead of the king of spades with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, came to hand with the ace of clubs and played all his diamonds.

On the last one, West was hopelessly squeezed in hearts and spades, and ultimately discarded a heart, whereupon South made the last four tricks in hearts.

When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the director, who asked for an explanation of the bidding and got the following reply...

"I was told to bid what I've got, and I have 1 club, 2 spades, 3 hearts and 7 diamonds."



President's Report



On Monday 11 August Undercroft Bridge Club had its Annual General Meeting at which your new committee was elected. I am your new president and before I go any further I must say a very big thank you to the previous president – Ann, for the wonderful job she has been doing over the last three years as your leader and president. I have been part of the team that Ann was heading and it has been a real pleasure working alongside her and the rest of that committee.

During the lead up to the AGM I overheard and was told many times "I don't envy the person taking over from Ann". Yep you all got it in one, Ann will be a very hard act to follow. I am lucky enough to have around me some of the people of the previous committee and also a few new faces and I feel sure if they continue to give me and the club the level of support that was shown to Ann when she was president, this job will be easier than I envisaged. For those of you who don't know me I want you to know I am very approachable, so please come and say hello.

We go into the next phase here at Undercroft, thinking much about an extension to our premises. As your new president, I hope and want to keep all fees as they are. I/we still aim to continue to give you all the cheapest bridge in Western Australia and keep our reputation as being one of the friendliest bridge clubs around.

As many of you know, Ann and the previous committee spent a lot of time and had meetings with Joondalup Shire in an effort to bring our constitution up to date. A draft of the revamped constitution, had been pinned on the notice board for over two months and was presented at the AGM for your vote of approval. Shane Fraser and Sarah Campbell from the Shire were invited to attend our AGM to explain any relevant points of issue amongst the members. You duly voted for the updated constitution which has been ratified. On behalf of the previous committee thank you for your support.

Also at the AGM it was announced that the Shire has now at long last given our club the go ahead to phase two of an upgrade to our building an extension. Like all things there are provisions to be met. The Shire estimates the cost to be in excess of \$476,000 and the Shire does not have any funds currently listed for this project. This means at this stage, any extension work will be self funded. Rest assured the committee will be working hard on behalf of the club to not only get support from outside the club but also to keep costs to a minimum.

Since the last newsletter, our club has had several red point events and the winners are shown here in this newsletter. I am very heartened to see members taking part in red point events who have not played in the past. I applaud you, keep on competing. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up etc. and it's nice to see some new faces amongst you.

The Undercroft Bridge Club's two day Congress is on Saturday/Sunday 25 and 26 October. A notice has already been up in the club for some time to remind you. Entries can only be made on line via the BAWA website from 1st September. As usual we will be asking members to contribute cakes and savouries for the congress, and a list will be put on the notice board in due course.

I look forward to meeting you at the bridge table. Happy Bridging!

David Cowell
President

Building Extension Update

The Club has received, from the City of Joondalup, support for the project to proceed to the next planning phase. This involves the preparation of detailed plans and cost estimates, providing to the City a precise extent of our proposal and comfort that we can complete the works for the cost we have determined.

The preparation of plans and determination of costs is in progress. Subject to the Club providing all necessary information to the City by mid September, a report will be presented to the November meeting of the Council, dealing with the Club's application for funding support and extension of the leased area.

The redevelopment of Percy Doyle Reserve has now been put back until after 2030. In view of that, the building extension presented to the Extraordinary General Meeting, has been enlarged and the arrangement of toilets modified. The amended layout is on display in the Clubrooms.

Graham Milward
Building Extension Committee Chairman

Laws of Bridge

Laws governing Conduct and Etiquette

Law 74A

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A.

Law 91A

Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. This can include immediate disciplinary board penalties, and if a future violation is incurred at the same event, disqualification from future competition in that event. The guilty party or parties will be deemed not to have played in that event. No Masterpoints will be awarded and no refunds received. Any further violations may result in a disciplinary hearing where the player(s) future participation in tournaments will be considered. All incidents with full details of the offence and the offender shall be kept in the Club Recorder Book, and directors will document complaints and action taken.

Let's enjoy our Bridge!

This guide serves as a brief reminder of how to behave at the bridge table. While we believe our players follow this code of conduct, there are times when concentration and pressure can take their toll and it is for these situations that we remind you.

- Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- Be a good "host" or "guest" at the table.
- Fill in your convention card completely and make it readily available to your opponents.
- Make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.
- Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.
- Ensure that your mobile phone is turned off.
- Enjoy the company as well as the game.

Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents in public, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results or object to a call for the tournament director or to dispute or argue about a director's ruling.

Please call the director if you think you may have been affected by bad behaviour. You will be helping others as well as yourself.



Amalia Glacier

Our last port of call was Buenos Aires, a very vibrant city. We took a full day tour of the City and surrounding areas and of course a lot of the talk was about Eva Peron. We saw the famous balcony from where she spoke on a regular basis to her people. We visited the Recoleta Cemetery, where

Eva Peron's body is supposedly buried (a bone of contention apparently). It is an above ground cemetery lined with mausoleums and statues, a really fascinating place to visit. I can only say that Buenos Aires is very typical of any European City with the beautiful old buildings and parks. In the evening we visited the Tango Show, which was spectacular. We were told that the dance originated with the influx of immigrants into Argentina, mainly 50% Italians, 35% Spanish and 15% other Europeans.

All in all we had a fabulous time and I'd recommend South America be put on anyone's bucket list as a must place to visit.

Carole Fensome

Partners for Visitors

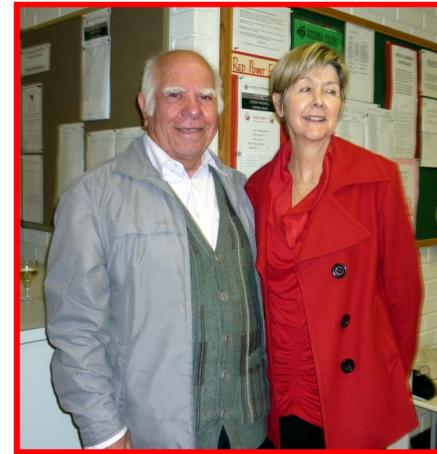
If there are any members who might like to play bridge occasionally with a visitor to our club, I am compiling a list of people whom I can call upon to ask when the occasion occurs. If you think you would like to help out, please let me know stating your availability.

Please contact me either at the club or on 9447 2444 or email:
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Thanks.

David Coulter

Don Fraser Swiss Pairs



1st Domenico De Gasparis and Debbie James



2nd Ann and Trevor Burr



3rd Tad and Beata Bieganski

Don Fraser with winners of the Don Fraser Swiss Pairs event

Carol and Brian's Travels

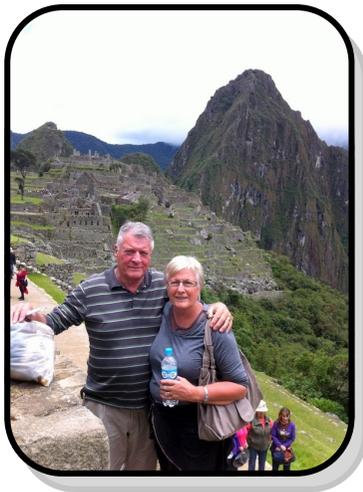
Our trip to South America

South America is somewhere we have always wanted to visit, so when the chance came to take a 21 day cruise with fellow bridge players, we jumped at it.

We spent a week in Lima prior to the cruise and took the opportunity to fly to Cusco, which is a base for trips to the ancient city of Machu Picchu. We spent one night in Cusco to acclimatise to the altitude and early the next morning took a two hour coach trip to connect with the train for Machu Picchu. It is a very interesting place and one of the highlights of our trip. We considered the five day trek to reach Machu Picchu.....(um I am known to tell the odd porky) but decided on the train, which is a much more sensible option, given our age!! I have always found ancient cities fascinating and this was no exception.

We also really liked Lima and found lots of interesting places to visit. We stayed in Miraflores, which is a very nice area in Lima. One of the things that amazed us was the amount of outdoor gym equipment scattered throughout the place and free for anyone to use. Also on a Sunday certain streets are closed off to traffic and they have open air, all day aerobic sessions. All shapes and sizes attended, but with everyone enjoying themselves. I didn't participate, my excuse being I was without gym gear!!!!

We boarded the ship after our week in Lima and looked forward to our three weeks cruising the South American countries of Peru, Chile and Argentina. First port of call in Peru was Pisco, where we visited the Wildlife Sanctuary on Ballestas Islands. Again, another favourite of the trip, as we saw Guanay Cormorant, Peruvian Booby and Pelican birds, as well as Humboldt penguins, Chilean Flamingoes and colonies of Sea Lions. The noise made by the latter was really quite eerie.



Chile is a very diverse country, from desert at our first port of call (Iquique) to beautiful countryside and Fjords at the end. Ports of call were Coquimbo, Valparaiso, Puerto Montt, Puerto Chacabuco and Punta Arenas.

One of my favourite days would have been sailing through the Fjords, very cold, but fasci-

nating. We saw two or three glaciers and with the ship only taking 700 odd people (so not huge), we were able to get in quite close to them.



The ship docked in Port Stanley, Falkland Islands and Brian and I took a trip around the battlefields from the war between Britain and Argentina. It was very strange to hear British accents and to find the currency is pound sterling on an Island so close to Argentina. Not really a lot to see there and funny enough the weather seems to be on a par with England (cold even in their so called summer) but the residents we spoke to said they wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

