



Undercroft Bridge Club

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President's Message

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Upcoming Events:

Don Fraser Swiss Pairs
Monday Afternoons Jun
13/20/27

**GNRP (Grand National
Restricted Pairs)**
Under Life Master
Wed Evenings
June 29 & July 6 / 13

**Jim & Irene Sanderson
Trophy**
Sunday all day July 10

Ossie Trigwell Open Pairs
Wed Afternoons
July 20/27/ Aug 3

Annual General Meeting
Mon August 8, 4pm

It has been a quiet period at Undercroft for the past couple of months with the exception of our red point events which, as always, have been keenly contested.

Congratulations to **Domenico DeGasperis & Domenico Rocchiccioli** for winning the Open Pairs which is basically our club championship, and also to **Lynette Jackson & Max Havercroft** as runners up. Congratulations also to **Ian Rowlands & John Reid** for winning the Under State Masters and the runners up **Vina Maia & Anne DeSouza**.

Of course, we ran our heats for the Grand National Open Teams during this period and congratulations to the following six teams headed for the Regional Finals – **Beyfus, Swider, Nordstrand, Tuleja, Martin & Quesnel**.

Our latest batch of learners graduated out of **Leslie Routledge's** class and into **Allan Doig's** on Saturday 4th June – I'm sure we all welcome them and wish them the very best in their bridge futures.

Not much else to report but don't forget our **Annual General Meeting** is on the second Monday in August where you can vote for a new President and committee and air your views on anything that you feel should be changed in the club. This is really your only chance for the year to have your say in the running of the club so if you feel strongly about some matter lodge a Notice of Motion beforehand. Also think seriously about becoming a committee member – it can be very rewarding to feel that you are helping the club in a positive way.

Promotions as at 31/03/2011

Silver Life Master

Norika Sakashita

Life Master

May Schonwolf

David Cowell

National Master

Lynette Jackson

Christine Jenkins

Philip Oldershaw

Alan Tolley

Rusty Warner

***State Master**

Graeme Esson

Peter McCann

State Master

Johanna Tennyson

Regional Master

Lyn O'Brien

****Local Master**

Vina Maia,

Carola Neutgens

***Local Master**

Metka Agrez

Elizabeth Hokin

Valerie Nicholson

John Reid

Wim Wouts

Local Master

Fran Brennan

Laurie Labross

Club Master

Lynette Harper,

William Harper

Bruce Mason Nick Milne,

David Pills

Melissa Underwood

Graduate Master

Lorraine Beckett

Sue Hayes, Ky Khan

Robert Le Map

Ewa Ilnicki

Susan Scudder

A fond farewell to **Sheila Parker** who has resigned as a Director after many years service in that capacity and a warm welcome to **Lee Leach & Ian Rowlands** who have now qualified in that position.

Two last things, putting on my Director's hat for a moment. Please please remember when making an opening lead to put it FACE DOWN. This allows your partner to ask any questions they may have concerning the auction and MOST IMPORTANTLY ensures there are no leads out of turn causing you to suffer penalties as if it is face down you can be told that it isn't your lead and just put the card back in your hand with no harm done. And be very careful when entering information on the Bridgemate that it is correct and even more important when checking the result – make sure it is correct – not just the score but that it is being credited to the right pair.

Happy Bridging

Tony Martin

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President



A WINNER listens to his partner's point of view;

A LOSER just waits until it's time to express his own.

Thank You

Thank you to **Julie Yeates** who donated a number of books to our library as a way of saying "thanks" to all our members who supported her during the years she ran The Bridge Shop.

The Substitute

A doctor is called away from a bridge tournament to tend to an emergency. There is still the last board to play. They ask a kibitzer to take his place, even though he knows nothing about the game. They tell him "Just bid what you have and follow suit." He, sitting South, thereupon starts the following bidding sequence:

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1C	pass	2H	pass
2S	pass	3C	pass
3H	pass	4NT	pass
7D	Dbl	pass!	pass

NORTH

S - A9
 H - AKQ65
 D - AK
 C - Q 10 54

WEST

S - K Q 10 8
 H - J 10 97
 D - Q 10
 C - K J 8

EAST

S - 76542
 H - 8
 D - J9
 C - 987632

SOUTH

S - J3
 H - 432
 D - 8765432
 C - A

South took the lead of the king of spades with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, came to his hand with the ace of clubs and played all his diamonds. On the last diamond lead, 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 have, and I have: one club, two spades, 3 hearts and 7 diamonds!"

Vale Barbara Noakes

The month of April saw the demise of two ex-members from the “old club” days when our venue was a basement room in Waterman. One of these was a stalwart from the very earliest days of the Undercroft Bridge Club, Mrs Barbara Noakes.

Barbara was born in South East England not far from Plymouth in 1925. When she was 10 her mother died and she was then brought up by her very strict grandmother. She took up employment as a secretary in her early adulthood, joined the army at 18 in 1943, and served in the UK and also in Germany after hostilities ceased. It was there that Barbara met Sydney Noakes and later married him. After the war Syd studied accountancy, with quite a bit of help from his wife we are told, and gained employment with an oil company in Kuwait where he and Barbara lived for 9 years.

Barbara was a resourceful lady. Finding liquor not very readily available in this Muslim state she concocted her own! Both she and Syd played a lot of Bridge in Kuwait and adjacent countries. Barbara was also quite a good painter and musician. In 1972 the pair moved to Western Australia living at first in Belmont, later moving to Hamersley and finally to Sorrento. They joined the Undercroft Bridge Club soon after its inception in 1973. They became very active in the club, both working in many different ways to help it become firmly established. They played together until Syd’s death in late 1995. Barbara continued to play at Undercroft until her eyesight failed from macular degeneration in 2003.

In late 2010 she developed further health problems which required surgery and she died from the effects of a stroke in April this year. Barbara will be remembered by those who knew her as a very popular person, clever and artistic with a happy outlook and a great sense of humour and as one who with energy and enthusiasm helped to give the infant Undercroft Bridge Club the start it needed.

Vale Edie Robinson

The other ex-member who passed away a few days later was Edie Robinson who was another long-time player at Undercroft. Edie was born NSW 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 figure hovered for a time around 33%. Edie worked in a factory for long hours for little pay. However there were some brighter moments in her early life. One she remembered was at 15 years of age walking across the newly built Sydney Harbour Bridge the day it was opened in 1932.

She married Bill Robinson and they lived in Ashfield, a suburb of Sydney where they brought up their family. Bill died in 1972 and Edie moved to WA in 1980 and joined the Undercroft Bridge Club which was at that time still located in the old room at Waterman. [Cont’d next page]

Edie was an active member of the club for the rest of the twentieth century and for several years beyond and only ceased attending when age began to be a burden. She suffered a heart attack in late April and died a few days later at the ripe old age of 94. Those who knew Edie, particularly players from the “old club” days, will remember her as a very likable person with a calm and quiet disposition and always with a friendly smile for everybody.

Ossie Trigwell

Fundraising Successes

Our Easter raffle raised **\$412.00** for the Lord Mayor's Fund.

Our Bridge for Brain Day raised **\$584.00**.

... a great effort, thanks.

Upcoming Lessons

During April, many members attended lessons given at the Club by **Fiske Warren**. The subjects were diverse – slam bidding, discards, end plays, and splinters. We enjoyed his gentle manner and benefited from his wisdom. More lessons from Fiske will take place on the third Wednesday of the month, starting in July.

Fiske will be charging \$12.00 per lecture per person payable direct to him on the day.

Please check the notice board for details of subjects being covered.

Free lessons from **Ron Klinger** will take place on 5th and 8th of September 9.00 to 12.00 noon. Subjects to be advised.

Winners' Gallery



Domenico Rocchiccioli, Tony Martin (Pres.)
& Domenico DeGasperis



Max Havercroft, Lynette Jackson
& Tony Martin (Pres.)

Saturday morning classes

The Saturday morning classes are progressing along very successfully although the numbers at this stage are quite large. Because of a logistical error, we allowed too many beginners to start in the last intake, but the numbers will become more manageable in the near future. However, because of the quality of help that I receive from the people who are regulars and also people who help when needed, we manage quite easily. Of particular note is the quality of instruction given by **Peter McCann** who comes in twice a month. He gets along very very well with all the people that he helps.

A new intake of beginners will commence on 9th July but that is already fully booked.

We had a lot of trouble transferring our boards over from the old computer to the new one and initially **Frank Hingston** was a great help and pointed us in the right direction. Then, **Elaine Khan** offered to transfer the boards for us. Goodness knows how many hours Elaine has put in and without her help I'm not sure what we would have done as the thought of making up 50 lots of boards again would have been a daunting task. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elaine for the selfless way she went about this task often coming in on a Sunday morning or during afternoons when we were playing bridge. Thanks from everyone for what you've done.

Allan Doig

Bridge Wisdom

Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last him all his life, he can't afford to waste it on bridge partners.

Alfred Sheinwold

Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a substantial number of antisocial people.

Alan Truscott