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## New Year Pairs



**1st: Brian Fensome and Trevor Burr**



**2nd: Connie Coltrona and Armanda Torre**



**3rd: Robin Rose and Nerilyn Mack**



## SYD NOAKES TOPHY WINNERS

1st: Chris Jenkins (substitute), Carole Fensome, and Beata Bieganski (absent)



2nd: Brian Fensome and Trevor Burr



3rd: Ted Roscoe and Joanna Tennyson

## President's Report

Already we are well into 2015 and our club has played two red point competitions. The New Years Pairs, was played over three Thursday evenings in January and the winners were Brian Fensome and Trevor Burr. In second place were Armanda Torre and Connie Coltrona, with Robin Rose and Nerilyn Mack coming third. The next red point competition was the Syd Noakes Trophy played over three Tuesday evenings. The winners of this were Carole Fensome and Beata Bieganski with Christine Jenkins who substituted for Beata. In second place were Brian Fensome and Trevor Burr, with Edward Roscoe and Joanna Tennyson coming third. A very big thank you to all those who helped in making these events the success they were: board dealers, directors, ladies and gentlemen who did the catering, barman and barladies.



It must be eighteen years since I first saw the ad,  
so I can safely say it isn't a fad;  
I've also been told it stimulates the brain,  
but all in all and in the main

It's fascinating, challenging and for such a small fee,  
we get heaps of fun, a biscuit and tea;  
so to Bridge players all, whether quiet or snappy,  
bid well, play well, but most of all be happy.



## Building Project Update

Since my last update there has been no formal action by the City of Joondalup, but the Club has continued to canvas support from Mayor Troy Pickard and all Councillors and has requested further action from the City.

A letter has been sent to the Mayor and Councillors requesting that funds be included in the City's 2015/16 budget to allow works to proceed next financial year. The letter also reiterated the Club's ability and willingness to submit a Tender for the work, in the event that the City seeks such Tenders. Our belief that we can complete the work, for much less than the official estimate, was restated.

David Cowell and I recently met with local MLA Tony Krsticevic to seek his support in sourcing state government funding. Tony commented that the Club's case would be strengthened if it could present an approved project. Accordingly, a letter has been sent to the Chief Executive Officer of the City, requesting approval for the project to proceed, subject to the availability of funding and compliance with normal planning/building requirements. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Mayor and Ward Councillors Teresa Ritchie and Russ Fishwick, to keep them informed of the Club's action.

Prior to any work proceeding, the Club is required to obtain a Development Approval from the City. This is a normal requirement for most building activities, but in our case the City is the Landowner and as such must sign the application form. I am hopeful that the City will agree to do this shortly, to enable this formality to be completed. In the meantime stay positive, enjoy your bridge and keep everything crossed.

Graham Milward  
Building Extension Committee Chairman



## This Game We Call Bridge

We used to play Solo with these friends of ours,  
a game we enjoyed for hours and hours.  
It's a contract game with three against one  
and apart from the moans, we had great fun.

This friend of ours also played bridge  
and one day whilst cleaning her fridge  
a bright idea came into her head,  
"why don't you learn Bridge Carol", she said.

Looking through the local rag one day,  
I noticed an ad and thought, ok,  
I'll give this lady, Val, a call  
she was giving Bridge lessons in the community hall.

There were to be ten lessons in all,  
so I went along armed with pencil and rule;  
that first night I went home with my head in a spin,  
boy I really needed that gin.

"I'll never remember all that" I groaned,  
"1NT, Stayman, it's all foreign", I moaned.  
However I determined to persevere,  
"It won't beat me" I said with cheer.

I went to every lesson, ten intermediate too,  
even though I hadn't a clue  
about this game they call bridge,  
which came to mind whilst cleaning the fridge!

Next came the supervised playing sessions  
and advancement to "proper" sessions;  
my first major feat was to reach Junior Master  
and to win a Pairs Competition, shortly after.

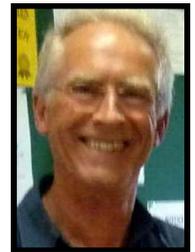
I decided I really loved this game  
and with every opportunity I came;  
to pit my wits against one and all,  
the thin, the fat, the short, the tall.



Poem by Carol Fensome  
January, 2003



The Undercroft Summer Pairs competition is currently being played on three Friday afternoons in March and more of our home directors are getting involved. It has become evident that there is a shortage of red point directors throughout the State, and therefore we are retraining our own to be able to direct these competitions. Bill Kemp has been making himself available to help our directors in this role. The New Years Pairs was directed by Des Warner and the Summer Pairs is being directed by Philip Oldershaw.



Bill Kemp is helping the directors organise the movements, the scoring and any other preparation needed beforehand, as well as being on hand whilst these events are taking place. So a very big thank you to Bill Kemp! A directors course was held at our club in July and several of our members took the course and are now assisting at some of the sessions. Matthew Brampton assists Peter Stephenson on Monday evenings, Gwen Gardiner has been helping the director at the Tuesday morning supervised session, Ann Hopfmueller helps me on Tuesday evenings, Julia Corr has been assisting Lee Leach on Wednesday evenings and Peter Wilson has been directing on Thursday evenings. Bruce Penhey is running a Sunday afternoon bridge session for novice players only, so if you are playing and need to call a director to your table and one of these 'trainee directors' should come to you – please be understanding.

The building extension programme continues and Graham Milward and I have written not only to the Shire but also to the Joondalup councillors and the local MP, and have had meetings with all of these people. Graham has considerable experience in this field and his knowledge is invaluable. Thanks for your help Graham. Unfortunately it is a long slow process dealing with the Shire and our committee will keep you posted as to what and when anything happens. Meanwhile we all have to be patient.

Saturday morning lessons are going from strength to strength. If you do not know, we are currently hiring the Mildenhall rooms next door to accommodate the absolute beginners who Lesley and Ray Routledge look after.

The Tuesday morning supervised sessions are also well supported. This is an excellent way for those coming to Allan Doig's lessons on Saturday mornings to branch out and get a bit more experience, preparing to take the next step and join a day or evening duplicate session. Once again many thanks to all those who help teach on Saturday and Tuesday mornings.

I would like to thank all the members for their continued support in what has become a huge job as president of the Undercroft Bridge Club.

Happy Bridging!

David Cowell  
President

## John Gilbert Beyfus

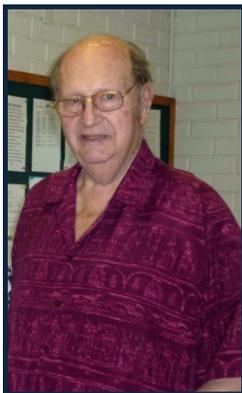
John was born on 2nd June 1930 in London initially in the suburb of St Johns Wood. He was admitted at the age of 13 to the Royal Navy College and served in the Navy from 1943-1973 starting as a Midshipman and in 1958 John completed his aircraft carrier qualifications in America obtaining his pilot's license and qualifying to fly fighter jets and helicopters and in that same year achieved the rank of lieutenant.



While working in Asia John met and married Kosum in May 1982 in Thailand and they had two sons. A few years later, John and family settled in Perth, and in the 90s, after his piloting days were over John owned and operated a number of businesses including a TAB, Top Catch Fish and Chips at Hillarys Marina and the ice cream shop, the last of which he sold to his brother-in-law, deciding that at 74 it was time

to retire.

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 has been a director at our club weekly for some time. He has mentored several of our current bridge players and was always there with sound advice for others. Our Honourable Board pays tribute to John's enormous bridge success over the years.



## Behaviour at the Bridge Table

### 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.***

Many members at the bridge club are uncertain how to deal with the unpleasantness of unacceptable behavior at the bridge table. The club has a system in place that will deal with these matters on your behalf. If any member feels they have been subject to rudeness, bullying or any other form of unacceptable behavior we would like you to follow set procedures as follows:

We have three **Club Recorders** whose task it is to settle disputes. These recorders are:

**Connie Coltrona, Peter McCann and Sheila Parker**

Should you need to report poor behaviour, please approach one of the three club recorders who will help resolve the issue on your behalf. For those people who do not know any of the three Club Recorders, please ask any committee member and they will help you get in touch with one of the three. The Club Recorders will then follow a set of procedures to establish the seriousness of the issue and take appropriate action **or** to diffuse the situation completely. A record is kept of the complaint and the resultant action. ***This record is kept confidential and only the Club Recorders and Club President have access to the information.***

With this system in place, we hope it will alleviate any minor problems and resolve the more serious issues with a mutually satisfactory outcome. We would like to think you will use this process if necessary, though we sincerely hope you don't need to do so.



Vice President Allan Tolley and President David Cowell presenting Brother Olly with a cheque for \$726.10 from our Christmas raffle for Wheelchairs for Kids . Thanks to all who participated in the raffle.

## 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:

[DavidRCoulter@iprimus.com.au](mailto:DavidRCoulter@iprimus.com.au)

Thanks.

**David Coulter**

## Rusty Warner

Over several years, playing Bridge together here and interstate, Rusty and I became good friends who trusted one another beyond the card table.

If there's one thing that was obvious about Rusty it is that here was a lady who dared to be different. Her sense of humour, if you understood it, was a drawcard. When I went to see her in hospital, and she was barely conscious, I passed on best wishes from her many Undercroft friends. She immediately came back with, "*What about my enemies?*". The truth beneath this is that Rusty genuinely cared about others, both here and in her wider life.



Even in poor health Rusty never sought sympathy and was genuinely concerned about the welfare of others. She was pragmatic about her illness and open about it. I saw, and learned from, the courage of my friend. That will stay with me. Life can bring many challenges and Rusty certainly had her share. She had no "head in the sand" attitude but rather one of "*dealing/ coping with whatever is in front of me*". Direct, almost to a fault, but also considerate and caring.

We all have the capacity to learn from one another. What I learned from my dear friend Rusty will stay with me and I know I am not alone in that. It was a privilege to have Rusty as a friend. I am sure many others feel the same way.

I will miss her but will also smile at so many good memories.

**Helen Larsen**

January 2015



### **ROCCHICCIOLI (Domenico):**

Born Pontecchio, Italy 1937. Son of Irma and Guiseppe (dec), loving brother and brother-in-law of Yvonne and Flaviano, Zio to Cristina and Betty. Loving husband of Roma, much loved Papa of Eric and Andrew, father-in-law and Nonno of Lesley, Corey, Connor, Michelle and Christian.

Domenic was a highly regarded member of the Italian Club and the Undercroft Bridge Clubs and will be greatly missed.

# CHRISTMAS PARTIES DECEMBER 2014



Our favourite comedienne

