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### From the Editor:

As you can see, much has happened in the last quarter with successes for club and club members prolific. Thanks to all who have supported the events and the Extraordinary General Meeting with a very special thanks to Faye Snelling who, single-handedly fed the multitude at the Mid Year Congress after a series of unavoidable co-opting of her helpers. What a woman!

Margaret Melsom

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## Undercroft Bridge Club

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### Mid Year Congress Winners



1st Beata and Tad Bieganski



2nd Jan Blight and Heather Williams



3rd Tony Martin and  
Mary Lang



4th Catherine Hood and  
Doreen Jones



6th Domenic Rocchiccioli and  
Kay Johnson

## Under State Masters Winners



1st Margaret Branch and  
Doreen McPhersson



2nd Valerie Hildebrand and  
Michele Collis



3rd Helen Hyland and  
Graham Milward

## Summer Pairs Winners



1st Philip Oldershaw and  
Tony Eardley with Director  
David Burn



2nd Bob Fitzjohn and Chris Price  
with Director David Burn



3rd Joanna Tennyson  
and John Beyfus

## Sydney Noakes Trophy Winners



1st Margaret Britten and  
Peter McCann



2nd John Beyfus and  
Joanna Tennyson



3rd Edward Roscoe and  
Ann Hopfmuller

## Beginners' Lessons

It was suggested that I write about the Beginners' classes as an extension of the history of Saturday morning sessions. Ray is my assistant and I could not have managed all these years without his help.

I took over from Thelma Hope and formulated a graduated and sequential course of basic bidding. The course goes for 18 lessons. Besides the bidding, they learn about etiquette, the bidding boxes, duplicate boards and scoring.



as long as they are continuing with their bridge, I am quite happy with this. Many become very good club members who help out whenever they are needed.

After a couple of years running off notes for the class before each lesson, one of the beginners, suggested that I should make a booklet that had all the lessons in to save myself the rush before each lesson. Realising that this was a very good idea, I set to and compiled the booklet. I run these off in batches of 100. Each new beginner buys one at the start of each new course.

There are two courses per year – one starts in January and the other starts early July. The lessons run from 9.00 to 11.45 am. Each new course starts in the back room so that the new players bond together as a group. They have their lesson there and then play the cards that relate to the lesson. After five weeks, they still have their lesson in the back room but play at tables in the main room so that they feel part of the Saturday morning group as a whole. It is important to me that we all have fun while learning.

I find in each new course that some people have never played cards before while others have played bridge years ago and need to learn the new bidding. There is a wide range of experience and abilities. What has struck me over the years is how lucky we are to have such nice people coming to the Club to learn. Some people come to learn so that they can play at other clubs, and,

After the beginners have completed their classes, a graduation ceremony is performed and they then move into the supervised play sessions with Allan and Jim. Allan continues the learning experience for these graduates by revising any of my lessons as well as teaching them to play the hands.

**Leslie Routledge**

## Bridge Conventions

Alphonse Moyse, a former editor of The Bridge World, advocated the merits of the 4-3 trump fit so strongly that it became well known in bridge parlance as '*The Moysian fit*'.  
Two tournament players ended up in a spade game with a 4-3 fit in the trump suit. After bringing in the ten tricks required, the declarer said: 'I made game on a Freudian fit.'  
To which his ever-ready-with-a-quip partner added :  
'You'll have to forgive my partner his Moysian slip.'

Courtesy Ron Klinger



## 2013 Winners of Undercroft Sessions

Congratulations to all winners of our regular afternoon and evening sessions!

Afternoon Sessions	Evening Sessions
Monday Anthony Eardley	Monday Tom Januszewski
Tuesday John Beyfus	Tuesday Tad Bieganski
Wednesday John Beyfus and Tony Martin	Wednesday David Wheaton
Thursday Jennifer Bandy	Thursday Graham Milward and Mirko Dropulich
Friday Margaret Britten and Jan Szymakowski	
Saturday Brian Fensome	

## President's Report



You probably know but I'll tell you anyway! Undercroft BridgeClub is full of fabulous members! This is demonstrated over and over again. Let me tell you about a few recent occasions when your support has been invaluable.

Helen Larsen had the idea of improving the front of our building with some plants. Along came Des Warner and some other helpers and we now have a reticulated native garden that will only look even better with time.

Bridge for Brains Research has received \$800.00 from the UBC thanks to the 92 members who attended the fund raiser on May 14<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful effort from everyone. A special thank you to Des Warner, who directed and to those people who provided a scrumptious afternoon tea. Congratulations Debbie James and Domenico De Gasperis for your outstanding result.

The Mid Year Congress was again a great event thanks to the hard work of many members. David Cowell, the convenor and Armanda Torre and Pauline Coulter, his committee, did a fantastic job but their efforts were supported by many others – Faye Snelling and her kitchen staff, the caddies, the members who brought morning and afternoon tea, David Giddy and Graham Milward, who came at short notice to be substitutes, Bob and Hilde Audas, who were the emergency pair, Mary Lang who organised the score book, Rick Larsen and Gerry Hopfmuller who carted pot plants and last but not least, our barman Allan Doig. Thank you! The day was topped off with our members, Tad and Beata Bieganski winning. Congratulations! Look out for Beata's new shoes, purchased with her winnings!

We are very proud of this year's Understate Masters winners. Congratulations to Margaret Branch and Doreen McPherson. Thank you to all the members who supported this event.

The Committee has been very busy over the past few months working on revamping the constitution to present at the next AGM and making progress on the extension plans. The redevelopment of Percy Doyle Reserve has now been moved out even further by the City of Joondalup, so we are really pushing for what our club needs – more toilets and more

playing/teaching space. At a recent meeting we received a positive response, something I haven't experienced before, so hopefully this 'dream' will come true!

Recently some committee members and their partners had a lovely evening out at the City of Joondalup chambers, with Cr Brian Corr and his wife Julia as our hosts. We had a delicious three course meal and a tour of the building. Thank you to Brian and Julia for a most enjoyable evening.

Just a few reminders:

- Please stay away from the club if you have any cold/flu symptoms.
- The office and storeroom can only be entered by an authorised person.
- During play etiquette at the table is extremely important and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Please tidy and clear the playing area before you leave a session.

Have a happy winter of bridging everyone.

Ann Hopfmuller  
**President**



## **Building Improvements**

Progress towards a successful outcome for this project has been made on several fronts. Also information has been received that the long awaited implementation of the Percy Doyle Redevelopment Plan, is now not expected within the next 20 years!!

On April 14 our Extraordinary General Meeting resulted in unanimous

Next stop for us was Kyoto. This was one of the highlights for me. The Kumano Nyakuouji Shrine was crowded with people celebrating spring. Food sellers and picnickers abounded. Geishas walked around and posed for photos. The cherry trees were in full bloom with colours ranging from deep pink to white.

We visited Osaka castle and Nagai Botanic gardens where again there were hundreds of people picnicking and a great many people painting.



One evening we headed for Kyocera Dome to the baseball. It had taken two screens, an ipad, three hotel staff, a trip to the convenience store with a member of staff and \$100 for two tickets, not seated together to the Hanshin Tigers. It was worth it all. The atmosphere was amazing. Everyone singing, chanting, flag-waving, eating and drinking in great spirit. The baseball wasn't great as the Tigers lost 10-0.

We visited several Museums one of which allowed us to dress in Kimonos and totter around an ancient village for 30 minutes. As a contrast our next trip was on a boat to see all the billboards near the Dotonbori bridge.



All the while we were enjoying beautiful food and BEAUTIFULLY COOL weather in a spotless environment with amazing service. However, the people themselves are the stars of the visit. They were helpful, respectful, very stylish and charming.

Sadly we missed out on the public baths and the Sumo.

Maybe next time!

**Julia Corr**

Julia's Japan

Eighteen months ago, when Brian asked if I would like to go to Japan I jumped at the opportunity but with one proviso that we go at cherry blossom time. After checking the optimum time for blossoms and booking accordingly we found ourselves in Osaka on Friday morning 28<sup>th</sup> March.

After organising our WiFi ‘dongle’ to keep us connected to the English speaking world for the duration of our stay and purchasing various combinations of rail and bus tickets, we headed for the hotel.

We were constantly going ‘ooh’ and ‘aah’ at the trees all the way there. Our hotel was in Umeda, one of the two main centres in Osaka. It was right next to a Catholic Church called ‘Sacra Famiglia’. The Italians have been here too.

Day one was spent exploring Namba, negotiating the crowds and stopping for lunch in a Ramen bar. I found it quite stressful trying to eat noodles with chopsticks for the first time, sitting very close to other diners with no conversation taking place to cover the sounds. After watching other diners and many splatters later, I got the hang of it. The noodles were delicious.

Our itinerary always includes visits to electronic stores. Nine floors of 'gadgets' for me equates to tired legs - well at least I got my kindle cover.

We visited Kobe, the nearby port that suffered a devastating earthquake in 1995. The earthquake museum is very poignant but the city has recovered and was very lively with a French feel in some parts.



support from 140 members for improvements to the Club building. 135 of those members supported the provision of more toilet facilities and the extension of the teaching/playing areas. A big thanks to all members who were able to support the meeting.

Local councillors Teresa Ritchie (twice) and Russ Fishwick have visited Saturday morning sessions of the Club to witness the strain placed upon our facilities by our bigger gatherings. Many members have also experienced the disappointment of missing a place at our major competitions. It's not only Saturdays that are busy. Both councillors were very impressed by the Club's activities and very supportive of what we are trying to do.

President Ann, Vice President David and I attended a meeting with City of Joondalup officers on 26 May and presented the Club's desires for improvements.

In view of the new "timetable" for the Redevelopment Plan, we amended the building extension plan, submitted to the City, to include an area which would accommodate 12 additional tables plus the new office. The plan submitted to the EGM allowed for nine extra tables and a slightly smaller office. We also indicated that the extension would be completed in brick rather than making use of a transportable. Club member Brian Fensome, who is a Registered Builder, is confident that a comparable sized brick extension, could be built for the same or less than the price that had been obtained for a transportable.

The City officers received our proposal favourably, but several sections of the City organisation have to review it to determine whether there are any obstacles to us proceeding. Officers also raised the possibility of the City contributing financially to the project.

When the okay is received from the City, final plans will be referred back to a General Meeting of members for acceptance.

## Undercroft Members Out and About!



Congratulations to Rusty Warner and Helen Larsen on coming 3rd at the Kalamunda Congress. Fantastic!

## The Gold Coast



Undercroft was well represented at the Gold Coast Bridge Congress. Pictured clockwise Rusty having just injured her foot, assisted by her able 'carer' Helen, our group at the local Surf Club for dinner and Margaret and Joan in our very comfortable apartment on the beach at Surfers Paradise.



## Undercroft Members Out and About!

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

<b>Melville Teams Event</b>	5th	David Cowell, Ann Hopfmuller, Pepe Schwegler and Dominique Rallier
	7th	Tony Martin, John Beyfus, Joanna Tennyson and Jennifer Bandy
<b>Melville Swiss Pairs</b>	4th	Christine Jenkins and Domenico De Gasperis
	9th	David Cowell and Ann Hopfmuller
	10th	Judy Havas and Luba Klein

## BAWA Events

<b>March Open Pairs</b>	2nd	Christine Jenkins and Carol Fensome
	3rd	Ann Ohlsen and Pauline Hammond
<b>0-300 Pairs</b>	4th	Chris Price and Bob Fitzjohn
	5th	Peter Stephenson and Matthew Bampton
	10th	Ian Rowlands and Helen Larsen
<b>Open Selection Final</b>	6th	Beata and Tad Bieganski
<b>Warm Up Pairs</b>	2nd	Chris Jenkins and Domenico De Gasperis
	5th	Julia Corr and Amanda Torre
	10th	Beata Bieganski and Stella Steer
<b>New Year Pairs</b>	7th	Beata and Tad Bieganski