



**Undercroft Bridge Club Inc**  
**Newsletter December 2025**



*We wish you a very Merry Christmas*

*&*

*Happy New Year*

## **President's Report by Bernie Plath**

Your Management Committee has continued to improve club facilities.

The carpet has been laid, and two new Smart TVs have replaced the old Epsom projectors. Both these initiatives were fully funded by UBC.

The MC has approved the installation of a new ZIP hot water dispenser and the relocation of the existing dispenser from the kitchen. This work has been approved by the Joondalup council.

The dealing machine has reached the end of its life and needs to be replaced.

A funding request has been submitted to Lotterywest to support the Water Dispensers and the new dealing machine. This submission will be assessed by Lotterywest in the new year. UBC should be advised of the success or otherwise of the submission by the beginning of March 2026.

As part of the work required for the submission, I was required to justify how the bridge club supports the community. To do this I focussed in part on Dementia.

The following is an extract from the submission document:

*The game of bridge addresses two factors regarding the onset of Dementia – Social Interaction and mental stimulation. The Undercroft Bridge Club focuses on both.*

*This request for funding from Lotterywest, will in part, provide improved facilities and support the ongoing operation of the club.*

*Bridge and mental wellness may seem like an odd topic, but it's important to think of your brain like a muscle. It needs regular workouts to stay fit and healthy. However, whilst many of us hit the gym to exercise our bodies, few of us have a go-to activity for our minds.*

*Beyond a mere card game...*

*Bridge is a superb mental workout and a powerful tool for emotional and mental well-being. It challenges you to think strategically, remember what's been played, and communicate without saying a word.*

*The game of bridge supports dementia prevention by providing intense mental stimulation and consistent social engagement, which help build the brain's "cognitive reserve". Research suggests that while no single activity can guarantee prevention, engaging in complex mental and social activities like bridge may help delay the onset of cognitive decline and symptoms of dementia.*

*The full document is available from the UBC website and in hardcopy from the club.*

*Several other initiatives are in the pipeline; I look forward to sharing them with you all in the new year.*

## **UBC ST IVES OCTOBER CONGRESS**



Winners of Qualifying  
N/S John Beddow & David Cowell



Final Winners  
Tuya Cooke & Lilia Male



Winners of Qualifying  
E/W Geoff Holman & Kaiping Chen



2nd David Schokman & Cynthia  
Belonogoff



Plate Winners  
Luba Klein & Chris Ross



Consolation Winners  
Hamish McCracken & Deanna Wilson

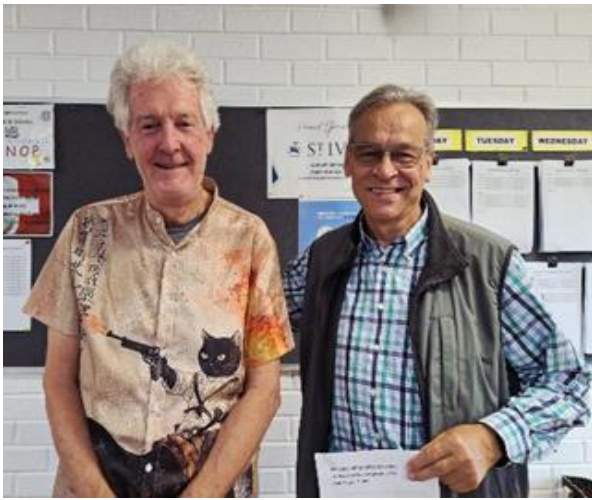


Plate 2nd Richard Illingworth & John Aquino



Consolation 2nd Mario Rubanathan & Jan Berg



Winners of St Ives October Teams  
David Matthews, Kaiping Chen, Chris Ingham, Geoff Holman



2nd Daniel Wallwork, Avon Wilsmore,  
Geoffrey Pocock, Nigel Zeller



Winners of Best Restricted  
Yulia Koh, Jamie Luxton,  
Ying Goodlet, Colleen Stone



2nd Lisa Evans, Ivan Petrovic,  
Manuela Steinbrecher, Nilesh Shah

## **John Beyfus Spring Pairs**



Winners-Chris Cullen & Gwyneira Brahma  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan Kochmanski & Andrew Swider

Best Restricted – Avryl Atkins &  
Ingrid Fredericks

## **UBC November Congress Novice**



Winners- Sue Grapiglia &  
Pauline Robinson

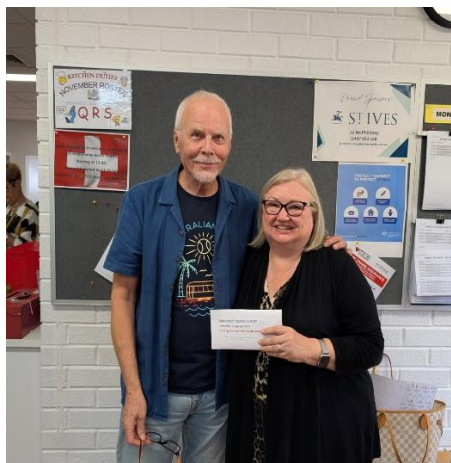


2<sup>nd</sup> – Mel Rainsford &  
Helen Taylor



3<sup>rd</sup> – Elizabeth  
Komorowski & Deborah  
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## **UBC November Congress Restricted**



Winners – Erik Moller &  
Gabrielle Bastow

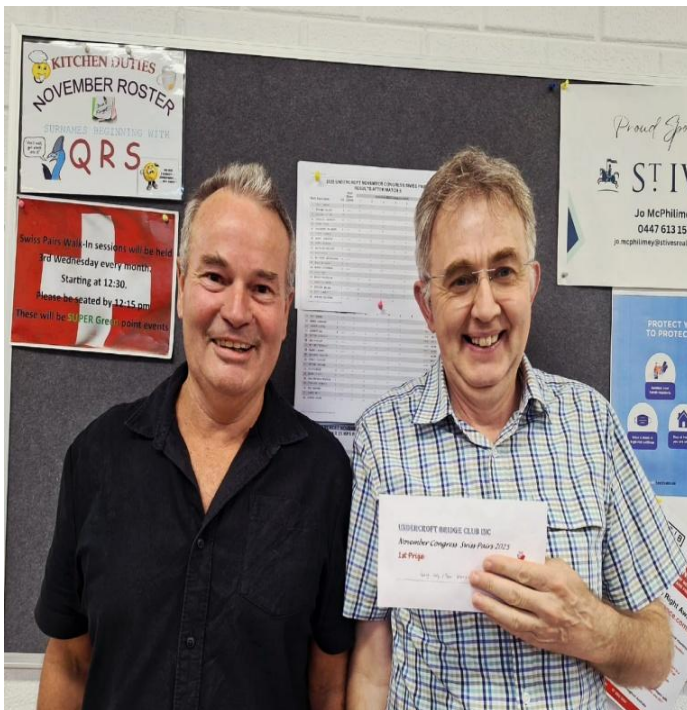


2<sup>nd</sup> – James & Elinor Shaw

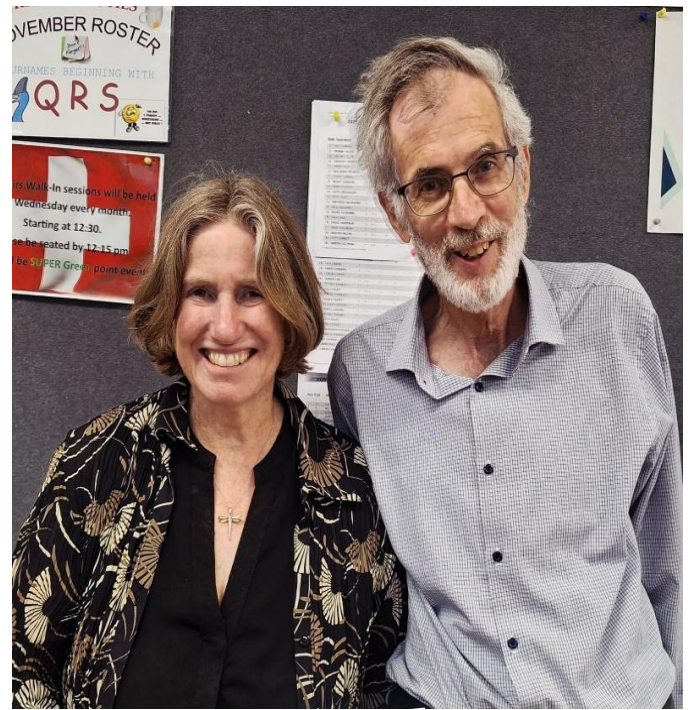


3<sup>rd</sup> – Magda & Mike Lawes

## UBC November Congress Swiss Pairs



Winners – Gerry Daly & Tom Lemann



2<sup>nd</sup> – Stella & James Steer



3<sup>rd</sup> – Laurie Money & Mary Johnston



Best Restricted – Claudia Baker & Derek Dorward

## **Walk in Swiss Monthly Pairs**

November Winners – Jenny Skinner & Connie Coltrona

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lorraine Rea & Barbara Hendrie

December Winners – Terry & Louise Collins

2<sup>nd</sup> – Joan Touyz & Robbie Altmuner



## **Other Club Competition Winners from UBC**

**BAWA Women's Swiss:** 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stella Steer & Viv Wood

**Canberra in Bloom:** 1<sup>st</sup> Restricted/Novice – Yulia Koh & Jamie Luxton

**2025 Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs:** 4<sup>th</sup> David Fowler & Jane Adams

**Golden West Welcome Pairs:** 2<sup>nd</sup> – David Saunders & Judy Havas

**City of Melville Birthday Congress Open:** 2<sup>nd</sup> James Steer & Dave Munro

**Restricted:** 1<sup>st</sup> Nat & Jo Wright

**Maylands <150 MP Congress:** 1<sup>st</sup> Final – Jo & Nat Wright

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ian Christie & John Czerw

**Nedlands Congress** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jenny Skinner & Judy Havas

**Super Vets Swiss Pairs Best Over 90 yrs of age** – Diane Tilvern

**BAWA Masters and Restricted Player Final:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie Luxton & Christine Jenkins

**BAWA Open Teams:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tad Bieganski, Andrew Swider, Dave Munro & Pim Birss

**WABC Xmas Congress Novice Pairs** 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jo & Nat Wright

**WABC Masters in Teams of 3** -2<sup>nd</sup> – David Matthews, Claudia Baker, Gayle Baillie,  
Miriam O'Brien

3<sup>rd</sup> – Nick Cantatore, Lisa Evans, Derek Dorward,  
Mike Bennett

**BAWA Year End Online Pairs Final** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tad Bieganski & Andrew Swider



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Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs 4<sup>th</sup>

David Fowler & Jane Adams



# Teams of 4 Results

OPEN	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Nedlands	5	3	1	1	62.75
Undercroft B	5	2	2	1	52.59
SPBC	5	3	2		50.07
Undercroft A	5	2	3		43.11
Melville	5	2	3		42.53
WABC	5	2	3		42.08

INTERMEDIATE	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Melville	9	6	2	1	109.64
Rockingham	9	5	4		100.47
Fremantle	9	5	4		98.92
SPBC	9	5	4		94.41
Undercroft B	9	4	5		92.70
West Coast	9	4	5		87.97
Nedlands	9	6	3		86.53
Kalamunda	9	4	5		86.06
WABC	9	4	5		83.66
Undercroft A	9	1	7	1	52.75

NOVICE A	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Kalamunda A	7	5	2		81.26
West Coast	7	5	2		78.57
Kalamunda B	7	3	4		73.13
Joondalup	6	4	2		69.43
Melville A	6	3	3		60.85
SPBC A	7	2	5		56.00
WABC	5	2	3		50.53
Undercroft A	7	2	5		50.23

NOVICE B	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Nedlands	6	4	2		89.94
Undercroft B	6	5	1		86.82
Kalamunda C	6	3	3		59.86
Fremantle	6	4	2		55.09
Rockingham	5	2	3		39.89
SPBC B	6	1	5		39.16
Melville B	5	1	4		29.24

***Congratulations to all UBC Team participants.***

## **70% Club**

David Kirkwood	Jenny Kirkwood	73.3%	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 25
Daniel Cronin	Robin Rose	70.8%	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 25
Diane Tilvern	Jamie Luxton	72.0%	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
Wendy Morgan	William Morgan	73.8%	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
Brian Kaye	Mike Mahon	72.3%	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
Sally Woods	Liz McTaggart	72.3%	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
David Schokman	Dave Munro	70.3%	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
Tad Bieganski	Ziggy Morawiec	71.9%	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
Metka Agrez	Lorraine Poynton	70.8%	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
Terry Bausor	James Bausor	70.2%	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 25

## **Grand Slams**

Don Moran	Bob Mitchell	7NT S	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 25
David Coulter	Bruce Penhey	7S N	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
Sharon Dyball	Bernie Plath	7NT N	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
Michael Lawes	Magda Lawes	7S S	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
Dawn Duly	Alan Tolley	7NT S	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
David Fowler	Jennifer Fowler	7S N	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
Wendy Morgan	Catherine Carenco	7S N	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
Fiona McArthur	Nina Lyhne	7S N	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
Gwyneira Brahma	Deana Wilson	7H S	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 25
Stella Steer	James Steer	7H S	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 25
Phillip Oldershaw	Anthony Eardley	7NT S	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 25
Peter Wilson	Allan Doig	7NT N	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 25
Joe Peci	Aaron Oskay	7D S	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
Anneta Doktorovich	Greg McKie	7C S	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
Sue Grapiglia	Pauline Robinson	7 NT W	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
Gwen Kremer	Ron Kremer	7NT E	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
Stella Steer	Gregory McKie	7NT E	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 25

## **How Old is Bridge?**

The game is based on trick taking games played for many centuries. In 1894, Bridge Whist was introduced to the Portland Club and by 1905 it had transformed into Auction Bridge. The idea of Contract Bridge, whereby you had to make a certain number of tricks, was first invented in 1912 by Sir Hugh Clayton. However, credit for the emergence of Contract Bridge is attributed to Harold S Vanderbilt, when he came up with a new scoring table on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1925. The scoring has hardly changed since then.

So, bridge will turn 100 years on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025.

*Thanks to Mary Gardner for sourcing the article by Paul Marsden.*

## **St Ives Morning Tea for the Graduating Class of November 2025**

A delicious morning tea to celebrate the completion of lessons for the final class for the year was held in the clubroom on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Our thanks to our dedicated Bridge Teacher Joanna Tennyson, who gives of her time and expertise to prepare each lesson, well in advance, delivering the best possible learning opportunity for her students. Bernie Plath, our President, welcomed the new and old members to the Saturday morning session. Our thanks to Connie, Jenny, Margaret G, Yvonne and Sharon for preparing delicious treats for everyone to share. Robbie's assistance with the clean up was much appreciated and Stella joined us to offer membership advice.



### **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Please forward contributions to the newsletter such as photos from a significant birthday, holiday, an interesting story or Bridge hand, to Sharon at [ubcinc.vp@gmail.com](mailto:ubcinc.vp@gmail.com)

## **Melbourne Cup Luncheon**

The Race that Stops a Nation was screened in the clubroom, sweeps were filled with high expectation of a win, as our members enjoyed a sumptuous luncheon and bubbles to celebrate. Thanks to everyone who brought food and to those who helped with drinks, setting up, cleaning up and clearing up. It was a team effort and a very enjoyable afternoon session.



## **Christmas Party**

A jolly time was had by all at our Christmas Party that has been superbly decorated by our MC, Greg, Stephen and two lovely ladies Helen & Julie-Anne. Thanks to our Social Committee - Jenny, Joe, Ilana, Sally, Connie and Paul for an outstanding lunch and to Alan and Greg who poured drinks. Jokes were shared, with Alex and Brian garnering the most laughs as judged by Chris. Tony and Rachel entertained us with joyous songs. Christmas is a time for celebrating friendships, love and laughter, we had this in Spades at our luncheon.



## **Thanks to Alan Tolley**

Our 'milkman' of over 20 years has handed over the 'reins' to Greg.

Alan has been an active member of the club in many roles including the Dealing Manager, MC, Vice President, drinks purchaser and the list goes on. We really appreciate the voluntary contribution that you have made to the Club for such a long time.



*Thanks Alan, you are a 'legend'.*

## **Sue Grenside - Silver Grand Master**



Congratulations to Sue for achieving the rank of Silver Grand Master, that is a staggering 2500 masterpoints including 1900 Red/Gold and 600 Gold. Sue has travelled extensively around the world competing in tournaments which included a series of World Championships from 2001 to 2010 in Montreal, Verona, Philadelphia and Paris, winning many prestigious events in her burgeoning portfolio of achievement. In a memorable International Bridge Tournament in Cairo in 1999, Sue was asked to substitute for a player who was running late. She boldly kept her 'cool' when she found herself sitting opposite her very well-known partner, the debonair Omar Sharif whose only advice prior to play was, "Darling we play 5 card majors, Stayman and Blackwood. That is all you need to know." Omar and Sue finished 15<sup>th</sup> out of 210 pairs.

*Sue, you are simply the best!*

## **John Beddow-retiring BAWA Teams Masterpoints Coordinator**



A highly successful walk in Red Point Event was held at UBC by BAWA, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate John's retirement from administrative roles at BAWA. These have included BAWA Executive Officer, Director and TC member. John has been coordinating the Team Events for 26 years and served on the Committee for over 30 years. Speeches made by BAWA executives reflected how we all hold John in high regard, both for his playing skills and contribution to the game. He is a bastion of the game and deserves all the accolades that he received on the day.



*Thank you, John, you are the quintessential bridge player!*

## Wheelchairs for Kids Fundraising Raffle

Thank you to our members who generously donated prizes to the annual Christmas Raffle. A superb hamper was donated by our local politician Liam Staltari and won by Lyn Welman. Sue and Phil McGinnity collected the donations and helpers Maria, Sharon and Jackie prepared them for the raffle. Ticket sales soared at the Christmas Party, thanks Phil, reaching an outstanding amount of \$1040 on Friday. All money raised from ticket sales is donated. We are very proud to send this to our favourite charity, who continue to reach out to children in need, in all corners of the world, bringing happiness and mobility to their lives. Your support brings hope, comfort and the promise of a brighter future. Sending big hugs to everyone and asking you to share them with your family and friends.



*May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter.*

*The Management Committee of UBC would like to wish all our members a safe and happy festive season.*



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