



# Undercroft Bridge Club Inc

## Newsletter March 2026



### **UBC UNDERCROFT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2026**

**Phil McGinnity, Maria Millington, Terry Collins,  
Robbie Altmuner, Joe Peci, Alan Rolls, Bernie Plath,  
Ley Ramsay, Julie-Anne Oates, Sue McGinnity,  
Joanna Tennyson**



**Miriam O'Brien**

## President's AGM Report by Bernie Plath



2025 was a productive year with stable membership numbers and a solid participation rate. During the year tokens were introduced, new carpet was laid and two TVs installed. Planning is underway for the replacement of the urns with Zip hot water dispensers. A new dealing machine is also being considered. A request for funding for the new dispensers and the Dealing machine has been submitted to LotterysWest. Outcome is expected by the end of March. During the year I became aware of the significant role organizations such as UBC provide by assisting members in the fight against Dementia. Dementia is the leading cause of death for Australians, surpassing heart disease. The game of bridge addresses two factors regarding the onset of Dementia – Social Interaction and mental stimulation. The Undercroft bridge club focuses on both and will continue to do so. Adopting the concept of nominating people to specific roles on the Management Committee has proven to be highly successful for the club. All the roles have been filled by enthusiastic, competent members.

## Treasurer's AGM Report by Stella Steer



I am pleased to report that the surplus for the year ending 31/1/26 about \$ 23,582 (after depreciation of \$5877.) This is over \$7500 higher than last year. However, there are several factors that need to be taken into account when comparing years, including when the term deposit interest was received and the new token system. This a very good result. The fact that we have been able to keep the table money at \$5.00 per green point session, while carrying out several improvements to the club and adding to the term deposits, is largely due to the enormous amount of work done by our pool of volunteers.

Dealers	Directors		BEC	Social Committee	Tournament Committee	Other
Alan Rolls	James Bausor	John Ruane	John Frzop	Connie Coltrona	Yulia Koh	Lyn Francesconi
Jill Lyon	Graham Milward	Terry Collins	Jenny Skinner	Jenny Skinner	Connie Coltrona	Greg McKie
Angie Bloxsome	Peter Wilson	Richard Van Proctor	Shirley Latham	Margaret Greville	Peter Stephenson	Tony Eardley
Merilyn Letts	Peter Stephenson	Gwen Kremer	Mark Cooper	Sally Jowett	Debbie James	Nesha Shah
Chris Martin	Ted Roscoe	Bruce Penhey		Yvonne Vea	Terry Collins	De'arn Alexander
Yulia Koh				Joe Peci		Mark Murrell
				Sharon Dyball	Carol Kelly	Peter Stephenson

# Competitions held around the Club in 2026

## **NEW YEARS PAIRS**



**1st-Stella & James Steer**



**2nd - Tad Bieganski & Andrew Swider**



**Best Restricted- Jane Adams & David Fowler**



**Best Novice-Nat & Jo Wright**

**SYD NOAKES PAIRS**



**1st - Ziggy Tuleja & Zbigniew Balicki**



**2nd - Richard & Sue Grenside**

**Best Restricted- Jan Berg & Jamie Luxton**

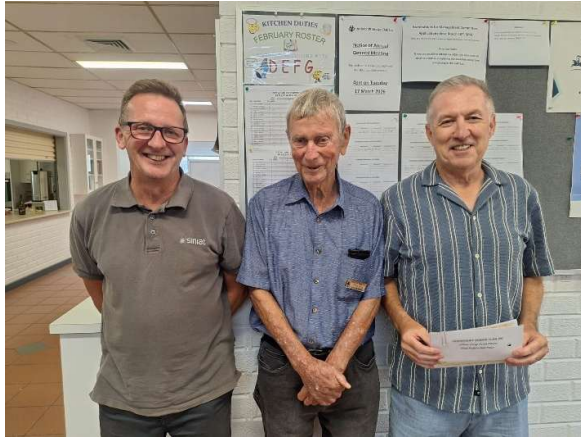
**ALAN DOIG SWISS PAIRS**



**1<sup>st</sup> -Andrew Swider & Jan Kochmanski**



**2nd Sue & Richard Grenside**



**Best Restricted- Lisa Evans,  
Mike Bennett & Derek Dorward  
(sub)**



**Best Novice- Mary Purcell &  
Sunny Phegan**

**UBC NOVICE PAIRS**



**1<sup>st</sup> – Ian Christie & John Czerw  
2<sup>nd</sup> -Peter Jordan/Roger Britton**



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Jo Wright & Nat Wright**

**Walk In Swiss Monthly Session**

January Winners – Joe Peci & Anthony Eardley

2<sup>nd</sup> – Deborah Greenaway & Chris Bagley

February Winners – Jenny Skinner & Connie Coltrona

2<sup>nd</sup> – Maria Millington & Cherene Johns

March Winners – Debbie James & Connie Coltrona

2<sup>nd</sup> – Alice O’Brien & Margaret Wilson

## Other Club Competition Winners from UBC

Congratulations are extended to our members who have recently achieved success in competitions at other clubs. With such commitment, participation in congresses and competitions held by other clubs ensues that we have many high achievers in every level of competition.



Yulia Koh, Rina & Divyesh Shah, Miriam O'Brien



Melville Congress  
1<sup>st</sup> – Helen Kemp & Chris Jenkins



WABC Super Novice  
1st - Wendy & William Morgan



WABC Super Novice  
2nd Sue & Phil McGinnity



WABC Novice Pairs  
2nd - Jo & Nat Wright



WABC Novice Pairs  
3rd-Gayle Baillie & Derek Dorward

## January

*National Restricted Under 300mps* 3rd-Divyesh & Rina Shah

National Under 750-300 Teams 4<sup>th</sup> -Yulia Koh, Miriam O'Brien, Rina & Divyesh Shah

### *Mandurah Summer Congress*

Welcome Pairs 3<sup>rd</sup>- David Saunders & Judy Havas

Qualifying Pairs 3<sup>rd</sup> – Beata Bieganski & Jane Adams (North)  
Tad Bieganski & Andrew Swider (East)

Pairs Plate 3<sup>rd</sup> – John Beddow & Egmont Melton

Swiss Teams 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stella & James Steer, Dave Munro, David Schokman

## February

### *Rockingham Congress*

Super Novice 2<sup>nd</sup> – David Saunders & Bruce Leedman

Open Pairs Qualifying 1<sup>st</sup> N/S – Andrew Swider & Tad Bieganski  
3<sup>rd</sup> N/S John Beddow & Egmont Melton  
2<sup>nd</sup> E/W Lilia Male & Beata Bieganski  
3<sup>rd</sup> E/W Tuya Cooke & Kaiping Chen

Open Final 1<sup>st</sup> – Beata Bieganski & Lilia Male

Saturday 14th WABC Mixed Pairs Congress

*Joondalup Congress* 1<sup>st</sup> - Tuya Cooke & Kaiping Chen  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lynne Milne & David Burn

Friday 27th—Sunday 1st Albany Congress

Qualifying Pairs-1<sup>st</sup> Jamie Luxton & Yulia Koh

Pairs Plate – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Robinson & Sue Grapiglia

## March

*WABC Congress* Super Novice Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> – Wendy & William Morgan Novice  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Sue & Phil McGinnity

WABC Novice Pairs 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jo & Nat Wright

3<sup>rd</sup> – Gayle Baillie & Derek Dorward

*Kalamunda Congress* Swiss Pairs 2<sup>nd</sup>-Tuya Cooke & Kaiping Chen

Swiss Teams 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stella & Jay Steer, Gwyneira Brahma, Deana Wilson

*Melville Congress* Swiss Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> – Maria Ikier & De'arn Alexander

Open Swiss Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> – Chris Jenkins & Helen Kemp

2<sup>nd</sup> – Terry & Louise Collins

4<sup>th</sup> – Stella & Jay Steer

## **70% Club**

Joan Touyz	Robbie Altmuner	71.3%	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26
William Morgan	Catherine Carenco	71.6%	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26
Brian Kaye	Jenny Skinner	72.6%	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26
Kelly Backshall	Elizabeth Komorowski	70.5 %	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26
Robbie Altmuner	Joan Touyz	71.13%	21 <sup>st</sup> March 26
Wendy Morgan	William Morgan	73.0%	25 <sup>th</sup> March 26

## **Grand Slams**

Lyn Francesconi	Angie Bloxsome	7H S	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26
Maria Millington	Cherene Johns	7NT N	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26
Jairo Giraldo	Robyn Giraldo	7NT E	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 26
Elaine Perry	Maree Jardine	7NT W	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Aaron Oskay	James Steer	7S N	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Philip Oldershaw	Tony Eardley	7NT W	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Greg McKie	Bernie Plath	7NT N	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Ian Christie	John Czerw	7S W	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Gwen Kremer	Ron Kremer	7S W	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Dermott Doherty	Dorota Doherty	7NT E	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Enid Ginbey	Diana Martin	7S W	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Jerry Vise	Joan Adams	7NT W	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Phil McGinnity	Sue McGinnity	7NT E	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Maria Pirajno	Carol Kelly	7S W	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Mike Mahon	Brian Kaye	7NT E	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Jairo Giraldo	Robyn Giraldo	7NT E	5 <sup>th</sup> March 26
Ted Roscoe	Margaret Branch	7NT E	5 <sup>th</sup> March 26
David Cowell	Miriam O'Brien	7NT W	5 <sup>th</sup> March 26
John Beddow	Peter McCann	7 NT S	10 <sup>th</sup> March 26
Enid Gibney	Diana Martin	7NT W	13 <sup>th</sup> March 26
Val Sinclair-Day	Jozef Flis	7NT W	13 <sup>th</sup> March 26
Kayoko Bredemeyer	Gillian Elder	7NT W	13 <sup>th</sup> March 26
Sue McGinnity	Phil McGinniey	7NT W	13 <sup>th</sup> March 26
Joe Peci	Aaron Oskay	7NT N	25 <sup>th</sup> March 26

## **ABF 2025 McCutcheon Master Point Awards**

The top achiever in WA was Gwyneira Brahma who finished 18<sup>th</sup> Australia Wide and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Grandmaster category. Lisa Evans finished 6<sup>th</sup> in Silver Local-Master. Jo Wright finished 9<sup>th</sup> in Local Master. Aaron Oskay finished 5<sup>th</sup> in Graduate Master. Congratulations on your outstanding achievements in 2025.

## **Welcome to our newest Management Committee Members**



Miriam O'Brien  
Treasurer



Julie-Anne Oates  
Supplies Manager



Joanna Tennyson  
Teaching



Joe Peci  
Social Coordinator

## A look at what is happening around the club by Sharon Dyball

### **FRIDAY BRIDGE DELIVERS THE PERFECT ROOM**

January bridge finished on a high note, with 35 tables of enthusiastic bridge players filling the room to capacity. Richard Van Proctor directed the room with precision and finesse. Three sections of players competed in a friendly, concentrated manner, on a very hot day where playing Bridge was a good option for staying indoors. Members shared stories of bidding mishaps, amazing play and missed Slams at the conclusion of play with drinks and nibbles extending the enjoyment of the session. The Friday afternoon session is a highlight of the UBC week, with members capitalizing on the opportunity to socialize with other like-minded people.

Thanks to the fabulous members who assist me each week to make it happen.



### **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Please forward contributions to the newsletter such as photos from a significant birthday, holiday, an interesting story or Bridge hand, to Sharon Dyball at [dyball58@gmail.com](mailto:dyball58@gmail.com)





Congratulations to  
**Lawry Hill and Jenny de Bruyn**  
on coming first on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
in their first game after graduating from  
classes with Joanna in 2025.

### **DAVID SCHOKMAN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**



David celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with our members playing in the Alan Doig Swiss Pairs, by providing a delicious coffee cake. The ever youthful, polite and courteous David, provided advice and support to other players throughout the tournament. We all wish him a very happy birthday, good health and a continued 'Happy Bridge Life'.

### **MENTORING AN MC INITIATIVE**

Many enthusiastic members have registered for short term mentoring at the club. Mentors have volunteered to provide guidance and feedback on mentees understandings of the game. Chris Jenkins will assign the partnerships to best fit the members. The aim is to raise the standard of play at the club and build positive relationships between members. Special thanks to Jenny for ensuring that this incentive has become a reality, your commitment to the success of the teaching programme at UBC is highly commendable.

## **AGM HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

Our annual meeting was well attended with our President Bernie Plath providing an informative report detailing how well our club is operating. Bernie's stoic work ethic is a backbone of our club. Thanks Bernie. Our retiring Treasurer, Stella Steer, also prepared comprehensive reports of our operating costs and financial position. Suggestions for alterations were made to the Constitution, Motions were discussed and votes were made supporting the changes.

Retiring members of the MC, Sharon Dyball, Stella Steer, Connie Coltrona, Jenny Skinner and Sandra Butler were acknowledged for their valuable contributions to the club. Without these people volunteering their time and expertise, the club would not be able to function as efficiently as it has been throughout the year.

Special thanks to our Vice-President Sharon Dyball and Treasurer Stella Steer for their unwavering support and hard work given unreservedly to the club. Many hours have been spent communicating with members and each other, other agencies, paying bills, problem solving issues, providing

leadership in management and lending a hand around the club.

Great teamwork by all on the committee has enhanced our experience, encouraging us to give more, do more and support each other on the journey.



## **Debbie and Nerilyn in the Yarra Valley**



Nerilyn Mack and I attended the above holiday held in October last year at Balgownie Estate Yarra Valley which was a fabulous venue and holiday. Andy is such a wonderful young man and a world bridge champion winning many renowned bridge competitions.

Editor's Note: It sounds like you had a fantastic Bridge learning experience whilst enjoying the sights and tastes made available to you in the region.

## **Thanks to Ley for the Podcast Suggestion**

There is a podcast called "Sorry partner" obviously about bridge, which is both interesting and amusing. Worth a listen.

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