

# Undercroft Bridge Club Inc

## Newsletter September 2025

### New Club Room Carpets



Our new, hard-wearing carpet was laid on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September and doesn't it look smart.

Many thanks to the Management Committee Action Group that managed the project.

Extra special thanks to Bernie who managed the installation process and worked very hard packing up the Office (thanks also to Connie for her assistance), then moving the Office and clubroom furniture assisted by James, Brian and Sharon. Grateful thanks to the team of helpers who assisted with resetting the tables on Tuesday. With help from Peter W, Jenny, Stella and Lyn F, we were able to have the clubroom ready to reopen on Wednesday.

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## New MC Secretary

We warmly welcome Robbie Altmuner to our committee, she brings new skills and expertise to our team. Many thanks for volunteering Robbie.



## President's Report

Undercroft prides itself on being a safe, friendly and inclusive club. It is greatly disappointing when a member of this club insults or belittles another member. To put it bluntly, if you cannot play in a respectful and courteous manner, then you need to reconsider your attendance at the club.

On a more positive note, the use of tokens has been adopted by a substantial number of members and is progressing well. Members are reminded that they may continue to pay cash if preferred.

The new carpet has been laid, great job to the project team. I was amazed by how quickly the old carpet was removed and the new carpet installed. Thanks to everyone who helped clear the room and replace the tables etc. Your assistance is requested to keep the carpet pristine, please do not consume drinks or food on the carpet, water accepted.

The next project will be the selection and installation of on-demand hot water to replace the urns. The Management Committee is currently evaluating the options to ensure a safe and easy to use system is installed.

I have met with Liam Staltari, state member for Carine. Liam is visiting as many clubs in his electorate as possible and will act as a conduit for information between clubs and organisations. Liam is a supporter of the club and will provide sponsorship going forward.

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The Management Committee continues to respond to member's issues and suggestions. The changes to Thursday and Saturday afternoon sessions to allow members to come along without a partner was in response to member's suggestions and is proceeding well. It is recommended however, that where possible, members try to organise a partner via Pianola partner finder.

As always, please email issues, suggestions or concerns to the Secretary – [ubcinc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ubcinc.secretary@gmail.com) or see any member of the Management Committee.

## Competitions Held Around the Clubs

Our club events were well supported with plenty of opportunity for everyone to achieve their personal best. Congratulations to those who were place winners and to all members who participated in the fun.

### **Tony Martin Masters Teams of 3**



1st-James & Elinor Shaw, Margaret Branch, Robin Rose (Master)



2nd - Mike Bennett, Derek Dorward, Lisa Evans, Chris Jenkins (Master)

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Best Under100 mp - Nat & Jo Wright, Claudia Baker, Lynne Milne (Master)



Best Under25 mps- Cherene Johns Isobel White, Maria Millington, Bruce Penhey (Master)

## **UBC CLUB CHAMPION**



1st-Mike Mahon & Brian Kaye 2<sup>nd</sup> – David Cowell & Aaron Oskay



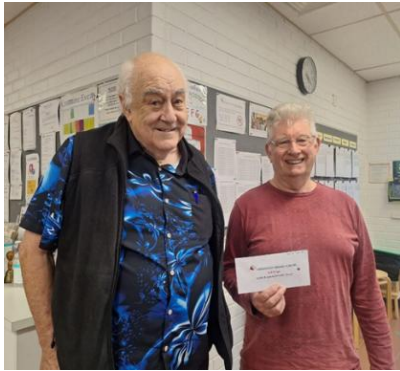
Best Under100 mp- Mario Rubanathan & Mark O'Donoghue

Best Restricted-Bernie Plath, Greg McKie & Sharon Dyball (sub)



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## Kath Brosnan Winter Pairs



1<sup>st</sup> – John Beddow & Peter McCann

3<sup>rd</sup> – Roberta Altmuner & Myrna Suttner



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



Best Restricted – Jane Adams & Katrina Will

## Leslie & Ray Routledge Swiss Pairs



1<sup>st</sup> – Cassie Moran & Dave Munro



2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan Kochmanski & Andrew Swider

Best Restricted – Jamie Luxton & Yulia Koh

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Best Novice – John Czerw & Ian Christie

## **Gwen Johnson Teams of Four**



1<sup>st</sup>– Gwyneira Brahma, Deana Wilson,  
Dave Munro, David Schokman



2<sup>nd</sup> – Myrna Suttner, Robbie  
Altmuner, Janice Olevson,  
Joan Touyz

## **Walk In Swiss Monthly Session**

August Winners - Carol Kelly & Patricia Moore

2<sup>nd</sup> – James Steer & Bernie Plath

September Winners – Sharon Dyball & Bernie Plath

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



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## Other Club Competition Winners from UBC

South Perth Winter Congress-Open Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Beata Bieganski & Tuya Cooke

2<sup>nd</sup>-Tad Bieganski & Andrew Swider

2025 State Novice Championship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Oskay & Miriam O'Brien

2025 Metro Gnot – 2<sup>nd</sup> Stella & James Steer, Gwyneira Brahma & Dave Munro

Bayswater Open Final – 2<sup>nd</sup> Katrina Will & Jane Adams

Bayswater Open Plate – 2<sup>nd</sup> David Coulter & Miriam O'Brien

West Coast Congress Plate - 1<sup>st</sup> Tad Bieganski & Andrew Swider

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jenny Skinner & Angela Newton

Consolation 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Adams & Katrina Will

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jo & Nat Wright

Australia-Wide Open Pairs:

Club Result 1<sup>st</sup>- Joan Touyz & Robbie Altmuner, 51<sup>st</sup> in Australia

2<sup>nd</sup> – Metka Agrez & Chris Ross, 203<sup>rd</sup> in Australia

BAWA Online Spring Pairs – 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Swider & Jan Kochmanski

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## Christmas in July

The club celebrated with a walk in Red Point session, jokes, prizes, lots of delicious food and a drink around the Christmas Tree. Thanks to Mrs Christmas-Connie and her elves who prepared the tasty treats. Special mention to Sally for her hard work in the kitchen. It was a fun afternoon, the bidding was spirited, with lots of jolly conversations being held throughout the afternoon. Thanks to all who attended, dressed up and who made it such a happy occasion.





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## UBC MC Visit Wheelchairs for Kids

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August, Stella Steer, Alan Rolls and Sharon Dyball were warmly welcomed by George Belin and Br. Olly Pickett at the Wheelchairs for Kids factory in Wangara. George explained how the wheelchairs were made, assembled, packaged and sent overseas to children in need across the world. Each child also receives a handmade lap rug and 2 soft toys, knitted or crocheted with love by donors.

Over 64 610 wheelchairs have been dispatched since 1996. 3 576 have been sent overseas just this year, with 1 566 scheduled for the remainder of the year. This is a truly remarkable achievement and a testament to the work of Br. Olly and the wonderful men and women at the factory.

We were proud to see a plaque on the wall, recognising the contribution that UBC have made for many years. Our John Bayly Memorial Session this year, raised over \$1 000 and our Christmas Raffle is always very well supported by members.

It was an inspiring visit, and we walked away with a greater appreciation of the impact these wheelchairs have, on providing children with a disability, life changing mobility solutions and a chance for a brighter future.

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## UBC Management Committee



**President**  
Bernie Plath



**Vice-President**  
Sharon Dyball



**Treasurer**  
Stella Steer



**Secretary**  
Robbie Altmuner



**Membership Secretary**  
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**Masterpoint Secretary**  
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**Learning & Development  
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**Facilities Coordinator**  
Phil McGinnty



**Dealer Manager**  
Alan Rolls



**Playing Area Maintenance  
Coordinator**  
Sue McGinnty



**Kitchen Maintenance  
Coordinator**  
Sandra Butler



**Refreshment Coordinator**  
Ley Ramsay



**Social Coordinator**  
Connie Coltrona

