



Undercroft Bridge Club

Newsletter January 2025

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024

Members were treated to a delicious Christmas Lunch provided by The Social Committee under direction of Connie Coltrona. The hard-working crew included our own talented Italian Cook, Joe Peci with Margaret Greville, Jenny Skinner and other supportive members on hand to help.

Entertainment was provided by Tony Eardley and Connie's beautiful granddaughter, Rachel.





President's Report

From Bernie Plath

As the year draws to a close on behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to thank all players and helpers who have made 2024 such a successful year. It is with satisfaction and pride when members from other clubs make a point of telling me what a friendly, inclusive and welcoming club Undercroft is.

The club continues to evolve and provide additional sessions to support our members. New sessions for less experienced players and those players who enjoy the social side of bridge have been provided. The training program is the envy of many clubs and provides new members into the club.

The club is not immune from the cost-of-living pressures and the cost of goods and services have been increasing. The Treasurer has reviewed costs and there will need to be an increase in annual membership fees, however there will be no change to green point session fees. Fees for club red point events and congresses are currently under review. The 2025 fee schedule will be released shortly.

A first aid course will be held at the club in February 2025. The course is provided by the City of Joondalup and there is no charge. Refer to the flyer for more information and to register.

The Undercroft Bridge club is a not for profit organisation and depends on volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome and if you have some spare time then please consider joining the Management Committee next year, become a director or put your hand up to assist in other ways. The club does not run itself. If you would like to contribute, please email the Secretary or contact myself for more information.

Around the Club

From Sharon Dyball

FABULOUS SATURDAYS IN SEPT, OCT & NOV

Support from our sponsor St Ives Retirement Living, enabled our members to meet, mingle and make new friends, whilst enjoying a delicious morning/afternoon tea of treats once per month on a Saturday. Thanks to cooks Margaret G, Yvonne, Bernie's wife Theila, Jenny Sk, Val Mc, Fran, Sue L, Connie and myself. Grateful thanks to Joan Schneider and Sally for their assistance in the kitchen preparation. Scratchies were also awarded to lucky members. They were very enjoyable days for members at the Bridge Club.

In the morning American Standard Beginner Lessons have commenced, ably taught by Joanna Tennyson who makes good use of digital technology and hard copies for the students to take home and study. The group are very engaged and committed to absorbing new information. We look forward to assisting our newest members as they complete the course and transition to our Restricted Sessions on offer at the club.





The regular Saturday morning social players were playing in an organised, but non-competitive manner and learning new 'tricks' under the guidance of Chris J and Jenny. The relaxed ambience felt in the room is reflective of the friendly, supportive advice being given to members who ask. Chris continues to share her love of the game with the attendees, offering short lessons on occasions and positive feedback. Jenny is an invaluable source of support and a capable teacher when needed.



Saturdays at UBC are indeed ... fabulous!

DIANE TILVERN 90TH BIRTHDAY

The effervescent Diane Tilvern turned 90 on 7th October. She celebrated with family interstate and then again with UBC Monday Night Players.

Her contribution to the club in various roles including as Past President is immeasurable. She continues to compete, mentor and encourage members to support the night sessions.

The Monday Night Members honoured Diane with a special cake and party.

We wish Diane long life and many more happy years of Bridging.



VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLUB



Many thanks to Brian Kaye for making two very sturdy stands for our urns to be placed in.

Brian listened to a discussion surrounding the 'leaking urn' on a Friday and immediately volunteered to make stands to suit our requirements.

Congratulations to Brian on his recent success at woodworking at this year's Royal Show.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

It was time for the ladies to dress up in their Spring Finery and colourful Fascinators, they all looked resplendent with a glass of bubbles and strawberry in hand, to toast the event. Bernie organised the popular Sweep, with many prizes awarded to the delight of unexpected winners,

who drew horses with very unattractive odds. The Melbourne Cup never fails to produce some surprise winners.



Members enjoyed a sumptuous spread of food options, followed by a friendly game of Bridge.

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day.

UBC PLAYERS SUCCESS AT MAYLANDS CONGRESS 2024

Congratulations to our representatives who achieved excellence at the November Maylands Congress on 1st November.



Final Winners
Yulia Koh and Jamie Luxton

Plate Winners
Sharon Dyball
and Dorothy A Jones

Special mention to De'Arn Alexander and Maria Ikier who finished in 4th Place in the Final.

UBC PLAYERS SUCCESS AT WABC CHRISTMAS CONGRESS 2024



Congress Restricted Pairs Winners:
Lorraine Rea and Bernie Plath

Congress Novice Pairs



Winners
Jo Wright and Nat Wright

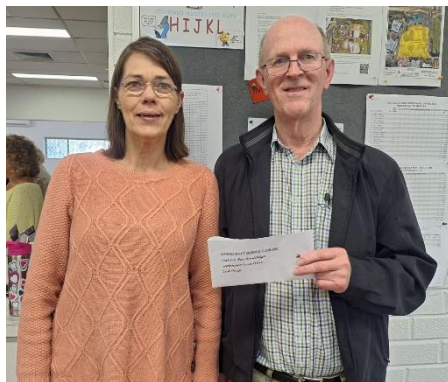


<50mp Winners
Derek Dorward and Mike Bennett

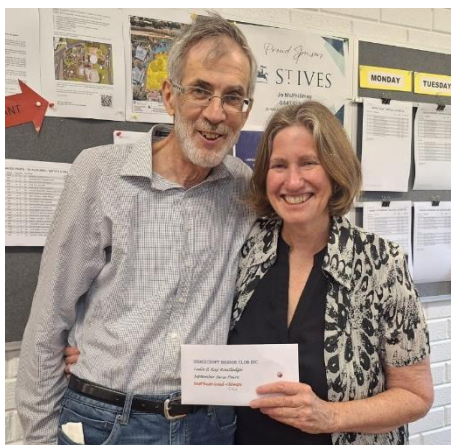
LESLIE AND RAY ROUTLEDGE SWISS PAIRS



1st – Ken Smith and Judy Havas



2nd – Terry and Louise Collins



3rd – James Steer and Stella Steer



Best Restricted Pair <300 MPs –
Katrina Will and Jane Adams

Best Under 100 MPs – Ron Kremer and Stella Busch

A highly successful event was held in September in honour of Leslie and Ray Routledge.

Members strove to achieve their personal best in a friendly, competitive manner. Enthusiasm and cooperation were clearly on display, as members competed against each other and were congratulatory whether they thought they had won or lost the round.

The stakes were high, with the eventual winners rising to the top. Every pair completed the event taking home some Red Points. Such is the beauty of the Swiss Pairs competitions; everyone has a chance to take home points regardless of which end of the final ranking that they achieve at the end of play.

Congratulations to our Director Gwen Kremer for her seamless organisation and execution of play. Thanks to John Ruane for his able assistance in supporting Gwen and running the side Green Point Event. Thanks to Bernie Plath for taking on the role of Convenor in Connie Coltrona’s absence. Special mention to Margaret Greville and Sally Jowett for their catering expertise, as well as other members who also supplied food for the end of play.

Congratulations to all participants, Leslie and Ray would have been very proud to see friendly, competitive Bridge at its best.

Walk-in Swiss Pairs

September	November)
Yulia Koh / Joan Schneider	Tuya Cooke / Lilia Male
Terry Collins / Louise Collins	Jenny Skinner / Connie Coltrona
Jenny Skinner / Debbie James	Marilyn Atkins / Myrna Suttner

Gwen Johnson Teams of Four



1st - Chris Bagley, Helen Kemp, Christine Jenkins and John Beddow

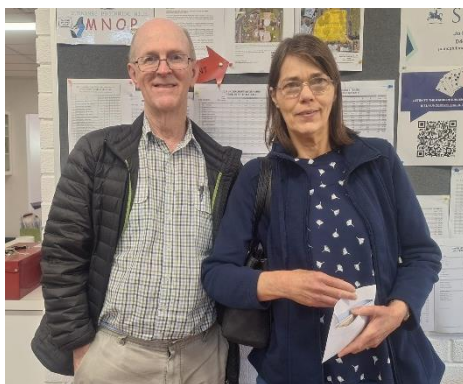


2nd - , Robin Rose, Robin Rose, Jennifer Skinner and Angela Newton
 Best < 300 MPs Sharon Dyball, Bernie Plath, Rachel Wagner, Anneta Doktorovich, Avryl Atkins (sub)

JOHN BEYFUS SPRING PAIRS



1st – Zbigniew Tuleja and
 (Zbigniew Balicki)



2nd – Terry and Louise Collins

Best Restricted – Lorraine Poynton & Val Hildebrand

UBC ST IVES OCTOBER CONGRESS

Our annual October Congress, proudly sponsored by St Ives, was a very successful event.

Members provided an assortment of culinary delights for the competitors to enjoy. Our grateful thanks go to the many people who helped throughout the Congress, in particular, the Kitchen Helpers- Elaine, Marie, Beth, Debbie, Shelley and Kerry Float. Guests were heard complimenting the vast array of food choices and the friendly way the ladies served. Special mention to our President Bernie Plath who Convened the weekend Bridge and Vice President Sharon Dyball who managed many other behind the scenes jobs and people, that enabled the Congress to run seamlessly.

The results of the Swiss Pairs were:



1st – Ros Trend & Alan Harrop



2nd – Viv Wood & Gerry Daly



3rd – Jocelyn Charters & Mark Goddard



4th – Stella & James Steer

UBC ST IVES OCTOBER CONGRESS TEAMS



1st - Chris Bagley, Tad Bieganski, Andrew Swider, John Beddow



2nd – Louise & Terry Collins, Richard & Sue Grenside



3rd – Geoff Holman, Viv Wood, David Matthews, & Gerry Daly

NOVICE TEAMS



1st – James & Terry Bausor, Marie Finegan & David Saunders



2nd – Mike Bennett, Nat & Jo Wright, Derek Dorward

NOVEMBER CONGRESS

“LESS THAN 50” Duplicate Pairs

1st – Jo Wright - Nat Wright

2nd – Derek Dorward - Mike Bennett

“LESS THAN 150 MP” Duplicate Pairs

1st - Yulia Koh - Jamie Luxton

2nd - Derek Dorward - Mike Bennett

UNDERCROFT NOVEMBER SWISS PAIRS

1st - Gerry Daly / Viv Wood

2nd - Mimi Packer / Linda Coli

3rd - Bernie Plath / Gregory Mckie

Bucket list Tour 2024

By Greg Kuszewski

Last year I completed almost 5 months travelling as part of my bucket list which covered Africa, Poland, Turkey and Nepal.

The highlight of my trip was obviously 54 days safari tour which I share with you below.



The Southern Safari Tour covered eight different countries and we travelled in a special overlander truck/bus which accommodated 25 persons. The truck was equipped with small tents and fully equipped cooking gear. We had a dedicated driver and the guide who divided the group into 5 teams. Every team had to conduct relevant daily duties according to established roster (cooking, washing, cleaning the truck, packing the truck and security).

The tour covered the following places:

The Nairobi (Kenya)

Arusha, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Arusha, Marangu, Dar es Salaam,

Zanzibar, Dar es Salaam, Iringa (Tanzania)

Chitimba, Kande (Malawi)

South Luangwa National Park, Lusaka (Zambia)

Kariba, Masvingo, Bulawayo, Matobo National Park, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Chobe National Park, Maun, Okavango Delta, Maun (Botswana)

Rundu, Etosha National Park, Cape Cross, Swakopmund, Sossusvlei, Namib-Naukluft Park, Fish River Canyon National Park, Vioolsdrif (Namibia)

Citrusdal, Cape Town (South Africa).

The highlights of the tour included:

Visit Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage (Nairobi), game drives on the Serengeti's savannah plains in Ngorongoro Crater and on the pans of Etosha, stay at Zanzibar's beach cottages & palm-fringed white beaches, cruise on Lake Kariba with game viewing, experience Victoria Falls adventure sports, the mighty Victoria Falls and the massive dunes of Namibia, stopping by Lake Malawi in the warm heart of Africa, with a cruise on the Chobe River and a mokoro in the Okavango.



I really enjoyed the tour, which covered around 10,000 km across African continent. The best part of it was to see all African animals and little villages in the central Africa with beautiful local markets. I also attached a few photos which I took during the tour.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Do you have any stories to share? Perhaps a significant birthday celebration or a holiday.

Please forward to Sharon Dyball at ubcinc.vp@gmail.com

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