

# Rockingham Bridge Club

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## 7NT: Keeping you up-to-date

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hazel Bennett

Welcome back to all intrepid travellers who have returned safely, and to those about to 'take off' - enjoy.



In March we said farewell to Alfreda Phillipe with a very enjoyable afternoon tea. Alfreda has played at the Rockingham Bridge Club for over 19 years and I am sure she has built up a 'bank' of memories to draw on. I believe she may even continue playing at Melville Bridge Club. We wish her many more hours of happy bridging.

You may have noticed the back door no longer shuts with a 'bang' - this has been eliminated by the fitting of a self-closure. Our air conditioning has also had some attention and those 'cold spots' redirected! But, we may have to await some higher temperatures for a test run.

It would be great to see some additional names for David Beauchamp's visit on Monday, June 20. The cost is \$15 and his talk is entitled 'Myths and Truths' (about bridge). (It must have some 'Mythical Magic' as we keep coming back!)



The next edition of 7NT will be in June as our Editor will be 'sailing on the high seas' during May. Happy travels Jean.

The Aries pairs was won by Nicky O'Connell and Anamaria De La Carrera, with June Scott and Joan Rickers coming second. Congratulations.

*'If you know you are going to fail, then fail gloriously'* - Cate Blanchett

### DAVID BEAUCHAMP

A top Australian player who delivers expert tuition.

Is presenting, for Rockingham Bridge Club Members, an

### INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED BRIDGE WORKSHOP

### MYTHS AND TRUTHS

Bidding has changed over the last 20 years.  
Many 'Truths' that we learnt have become 'Myths'!

Put your name on the list on the club notice board.

Held at the Bridge Club  
on Monday June 20, 2016  
at 9.45 for a 10 am start

**COST \$15**

See the notice board for more information



### AUTUMN PAIRS

18<sup>th</sup> March 2016



Winners: Walter & Hilary Hall



Second Place: Nicky O'Connell & Anamaria De La Carrera



Under State Masters:  
David Clark & Elena Olsen

## MEET CLEM OVERHEU

Clem was born in Pingelly in 1930 and he was brought up on the family farm at Lomos in the Corrigin district which was pioneered by the Overheu family since 1904. He attended Lomos Primary School, which at the time had one teacher who taught all grades with a total of about 20 pupils. He then went to Northam High School for three years from 1943–1945. During this time he boarded at the Anglican Boys Hostel with 25 other boys who were also mostly from farming families. This was during the war years when everything was rationed. But as Clem said, 'we survived ok, and had lots of fun'.

On leaving school, Clem returned to the family farm where he, his father and his brother formed a partnership. The brothers sowed their first 1000 acre crop in 1947. In 1950 Clem's parents retired to Como, leaving the two brothers to work the farm for several years.

Clem married Faye Courboules in 1953. She was the daughter of a Corrigin farming family and a trained nurse. Clem purchased the undeveloped part of the farm from his Dad while his brother purchased the original property. Clem and Faye had a nice brick and tile house built on their property. The builder was a Latvian team of people displaced from Europe. The house cost £4 800.

Clem and Faye brought up three children, Susan, Ian and Peter and the highlight in those years was holidaying in Busselton. In later years, Peter and his wife Maree presented Clem and Faye with their only two grandchildren, Tim and Sarah.

In the following years the Overheus built a house in Corrigin where they lived for 10 years and they also purchased partly developed properties at Esperence and Munglinup. As these were developed they produced wheat and ran stock, respectively. Then came the rural recession and hard times for a few years!

In 1973, Clem and Faye sold their properties in Esperence and Munglinup and the house in Corrigin and moved to Booragoon where they built again. Clem enrolled at the Fremantle Tech. and studied Accounting until he graduated two years later.

The move to the city allowed Clem to become very involved with tennis and travel. He and Faye went on many trips including China, USA and Canada, Europe and the British Isles, New Zealand, and caravanning around Australia.

In 1981 they decided to sell the Lomos farm as well as the Booragoon house and they purchased 15 acres at Armadale where they again built a lovely home. They planted a blue gum plantation on land at Serpentine in conjunction with WACAP. The trees were harvested for woodchips at ten years growth.

Clem was an active sportsman. He played in the Corrigin Football team for twelve years, playing in four grand finals, of which they won three, and in country carnivals. Clem loved his footy and the comradeship and friends that you make in a team sport. He was also an avid tennis player – playing since he was nine years old. He played at country clubs and at Hensman Park in South Perth. Here he served on the committee for 26 years and was President for six years. The club, under Clem's guidance, ran the Country Week Tournament in January for six years. In 2008, Clem received a Silver Award for 'Dedicated Service in the Development of Tennis in Western Australia' from WALTA. He represented WA in the Vets' Championships for the over 70's team at Adelaide in 2000 and Hobart in 2001.

Clem's other sporting prowess included Golf (hdcp 10) and Lawn Bowls.

Sadly, Clem's wife and travelling companion of 45 years died in 1998. He sold his Armadale home and moved to Warnbro. He joined the Safety Bay Bowling Club and Autumn Centre where he played table tennis. It was on one of these visits that he met Audrey Pitman. They became firm friends and Audrey introduced him to the Rockingham Bridge Club. In December, 2008 Clem and Audrey decide to move in together at Bethanie Water's Retirement Village where they still live in a very nice villa. Clem and Audrey have enjoyed many holidays together, including cruises and various destinations within Australia.

Clem remarked that 'In all facets of my life, there have been good times and bad times, happy times and sad times, successes and failures; but, the people I have met and the friends I have made along the way have made it all worthwhile and enjoyable. It is good to be in Australia!'



## CLUB CALENDAR

### APRIL

Wednesday 20

777 Teams' Event

### MAY

Monday 9

Taurus Pairs

Friday 13

Committee Meeting

### JUNE

Friday 10

Committee Meeting

Monday 13

Winter Pairs



## ARIES PAIRS

11<sup>th</sup> April 2016



Winners: Nicky O'Connell & Anamaria De La Carrera with President Hazel Bennett (Centre)



Second Place: June Scott & Joan Rickers.

Under State Masters: Margaret Fogarty & Thelma Middleton-White (Unavailable for a 'photo.')