

Rockingham Bridge Club

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JUNE SCOTT

Greetings All

The good news for the Month is that our Treasurer/Vice President, although spending a couple of very uncomfortable days in Rockingham Hospital, and after much sedation and many tests, is now back home. Our thoughts are with you, Sandy, - please take it easy! How lucky we are to have Sue take over the treasurer's duties thus relieving Sandra of this very taxing job.

The 'Teams of Four' competition will be held at Mandurah on Sunday 22nd November. Be there by 11.30 am for lunch. A list is on the board for you to add your name to if you wish to participate. I have been assured this is NOT a social event!! We are determined to re-capture the Trophy!! So, we must attend with all Guns Blazing!!

Gala Day arrangements are progressing well, with wonderful donations coming in from local Traders.

Club Fees – The RBC's financial year is from 1st October 2015 to 30th September 2016. At this stage our Club membership fees remain at \$40, unless ABF and BAWA elect to increase their affiliation fees, which would then necessitate the increased amount being passed on to our Members. Fees may be paid, from September for the 2015/16 year and they are all due by the AGM which is on 9th November 2015.

The Leo Pairs, a red point event, held on 17th August was well attended. Thank you to Ron Philpot, for standing in as Director at the very last minute. The winners were Nicky O'Connell and Ana Maria De La Carrera. The Under State Masters were Bob Gorton and Michael Dawson.

Bob, who took on the job of Partner Co-ordinator whilst Jean Minns was on holiday, has on Jean's request, kindly undertaken to continue in this position – Thank you Bob.

Thought for the Month – *'Experience is the name every one gives to their mistakes'* - Oscar Wilde

Leo Pairs

17 August 2015

Below Left: Winners - Ana Maria De La Carrera and Nicky O'Connell (Nicky was not available for the photograph). Ana Maria is pictured here with President, June Scott.

Right: Second Place - Janice Hawker and Robin Aplin

Below Right: Under State Masters - Michael Dawson and Bob Gorton with June Scott.



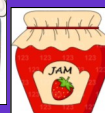
GALA DAY

WEDNESDAY,
2 SEPTEMBER 2015

- ☺ CRAFT
- ☺ PLANTS
- ☺ PRESERVES
- ☺ CAKES
- ☺ RAFFLES
- ☺ GREAT PRIZES

COMMENCES 9.00 am

BRIDGE & MAHJONG
COMMENCE AT 10. am



MEET CYRIL EDWARDS

I was born in Dublin to Anglo-Irish parents about a mile or so from the birthplace of George Bernard Shaw with whom I share a birthday. After schooling at Terenure and obtaining University matriculation I served articles with a firm of accountants. When I was 21, jobs were scarce in Ireland so I went off to London where I spent six years. I had three jobs there all in the accounting/finance field.

Life is full of seemingly minor events which later transpire to have a major impact. One evening I was invited to supper at the house of my Uncle Mike, with whom I had no contact prior to going to London. We swapped evening papers and on the way back to my bachelor flatlet I read an advertisement in his paper which sought finance/accounting staff to go and work in Lusaka, Zambia.



I applied and within a week had a contract for a two year period. Within my first year there I met Barbara and we married there in 1972. Our daughter Lara was born two years later. In 1976 there was a lot of lawlessness in Lusaka, mainly freedom fighters from what was then Rhodesia coming over the border. We thought that a move away was indicated and I moved to Malawi within the multi-national group I had been with in Zambia. Our son Stephen was born in Blantyre in 1978. After six years in my job there, we decided with a similarly minded couple to venture into our own business.

To this end we left Malawi in 1982 and went to Guernsey in the Channel Islands. One year later with business not working out we returned to Malawi where I started an import/export business which I ran for 30 years. Whilst doing that we also started a fast food outlet and a national motorcar and motorcycle franchise. In 1988, we sold up everything but the import/export business and moved to South Africa. We spent four years in a Johannesburg suburb but never really took to the big city way of life. As my business could be done by phone and email we decided to move to a small village in KwaZulu Natal called Nottingham Road. This was now 1992. We started a conference centre and a guest house as well as running the import/export one. We lived in that village for 20 years. At that stage our children were married and Lara and her husband Dale lived an hour away. Stephen and Nadine had moved to London but had resettled in Perth where they live now with their two children.

I grew up playing solo whilst at home and only started to play bridge when I went to live on the African continent. Anybody who has played with me will realize I never had any lessons.

I have a great interest in sport and played quite a lot when young. Now I play golf and bridge. I read a lot and listen to music, mainly classical and in particular opera. My late mother used to listen to classical music on the radio and I would sit with her. This interest has remained with me and I was fortunate to work for a couple of years at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. That was my last job in the UK before I set off to Zambia.

I look back and think of all the places we have lived and just how amazing it is that the exchange of a newspaper back in the 1960's would change my life.

BRIDGE LESSONS

Please note that June Scott's Saturday Morning Lessons will finish at the end of September. The last lesson will be 26 September, 2015.

It is hoped that by this time all of her students will have become full-time members of the Club.



Raewyn's classes on Monday morning and Wednesday evening will continue until further notice.



The Club extends a 'hearty' welcome to new members:

- ♣ Thelma Laverty
- ♣ Earl Laverty
- ♣ Peter Webster
- ♣ Cathy Dod
- ♣ Thomas Dod
- ♣ Bart Romein
- ♣ Sue Wilson

May all your bridging experiences come up 'trumps'.

CLUB CALENDAR

September

Wednesday 2:

Silver Chain Charity
Gala Day

Friday 11:

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 16:

Spring Pairs