Rockingham Bridge Club

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT **Hazel Bennett**

2016 - A new beginning - always a challenge and a sense of excitement.

This year will see an additional teacher for the Rockingham Bridge Club, Nicky O'Connell, who will be teaching Standard American on a Wednesday morning. June Scott will be continuing her ACOL lessons on Saturday mornings and Raewyn Lewer will be teaching Precision on a Wednesday evening. Flyers have been produced by our very talented desktop publisher, Jean Dance, and I ask for your support in advertising these lessons by distributing these flyers to as many outlets as possible.

As you are aware, this year's Congress will be run over Valentine's weekend - 13-14th February, and our Convenor is Janice Hawker. Please show your support in making this Congress a success by way of contributions for morning and afternoon teas. A list has been set up by Pat Hoson. Help in the kitchen is also needed and **very necessary**.

A 'busy-bee' will be run on Tuesday, 9th February between 2-4 pm. The Committee feel this is needed to make our Club 'extra' special for the Congress. We look forward to your support by participating in this event.

A special meeting of Directors will be held on January 18th at 10.30 am. Neville Walker from Mandurah Bridge Club will be in the Chair.

'Life is so fleeting. You must recognise the value of the moment' - Halina Wagowska

TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2016

2 - 4 pm

HELP MAKE OUR CLUB BEAUTIFUL

CONGRESS - 2015

Saturday, February 13 &

Sunday, February 14

HELPERS REQUIRED

If you are not playing in the Congress, and you are free on the above dates, please consider giving Pat Hoson, our Social Director, some support by volunteering to assist. Let Pat know, or put your name down in the book near the fridge.

Saturday, February 13:

Three more people required.

Sunday, February 14:

Four more people required.

Pat will provide a list of duties.

Donations of cakes, muffins, cup cakes, fruit loaves would be most welcome

Volunteers!

MEET ELIZABETH HILL

I was born in Beverley, WA. My parents were farmers, so I grew up on the family farm, attending the local primary school until age 11. I then finished my schooling as a boarder at St Hilda's College in Perth where I made many long lasting friendships.

On leaving school I spent a year at home on the farm before I went nursing at PMH for 12 months.

My husband's family also farmed on the other side of town. We met through social functions associated with sport and Junior Farmers. We married in 1965 - where have 50 years gone!! We have two daughters and a son. We farmed both family farms, growing wheat, barley, sheep for meat and wool and cattle. I have always managed the office and in busy times, I helped with seeding, harvesting and shearing etc. It was always 'all hands to the wheel' - kids too. I spent many hours driving escort vehicles in front of over-width machinery between properties, mustering stock, delivering fuel/parts, handing up spanners and tools into a machine or up a windmill as well as cooking meals!!!

When not farming, I enjoyed tennis, golf, book-club, a volunteer Hospital Auxiliary and helped out with the Red Cross. I was very involved in our children's sporting activities, helping out with many fund raising functions. Life in a country town is very busy, rewarding and gives a real sense of belonging, which I do miss in the city.

Travel is my passion and I have been fortunate to have travelled most of Australia - camping, 4WD, sailing and trek-king. I have also visited most continents in the world from China in the late 70s, USA and Canadian farming areas in the 80's, trekking in Nepal, to sleeping on the ice one night during a 10 day trip to Antarctica . These days our travel is aeroplanes, hotels, ships or chalets. Asia has always been my favourite destination with the diversity of places, culture, religion, life and food.

I was fortunate to learn bridge (Goren) with 20 others at the Beverley Golf Club. We were taught by a good friend who steered us through the basics, and we eventually mastered some of it. We enjoyed playing socially in our homes.

With fear and trepidation I arrived at Rockingham Bridge Club and fortunately was made very welcome. Hopefully I've progressed a little and made a contribution.

We now live permanently in Shoalwater, but I still visit the office and farm as the next generation are still farming!!!

Maurice Richard's Memorial Pairs

The Maurice Richard's Memorial Pairs was held on Monday, 18th January in honour of the late Maurice Richards, a founding member of the Rockingham Bridge Club. Rae Edwards made the presentations on behalf of Maurice's wife, Honey, who could not attend on the day. Rae, a friend of long standing, related how Maurice was instrumental in acquiring and setting up the present club rooms.

Top Left: Winners: Walter & Janet Aldridge.

Left: Second Place: Terry & Joy Turner.

Far Left: Understate Masters: David Clark & Elena Olsen

CLUB CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 12:
Committee Meeting

Saturday 13:
RBC Congress—Pairs

Sunday 14:
RBC Congress—Teams

MARCH

Monday 7:
Pisces Pairs

If possible, please try to use a $5 note when tendering your table money.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Please note the following corrections to the Handbook.

- Good Friday is showing as April 15. Please change to March 25.
- Delete the mobile number for Jan Pearson.
- Janet McKay's mobile number should read: 0479 065 586

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE & RULES

- Remember to shuffle your cards before returning them to the card holder.
- In the interests of all, endeavour to speed up your play.
- Avoid commenting on your game after completing play – especially if done in a loud voice.

Edited by Jean Dance