

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 our many members who have been travelling or on holidays.

Following our Committee Meeting on Friday 11th March, it was agreed to feature 'Condensed Rules and Guidelines of Play for Rockingham Bridge Club Members' on our newly created Website. Terry Turner is to be applauded for his diligence in putting this paper together. Reading this is a **must**. Should any member not have the use of a computer, hard copies can be provided.

Dave Clark is also to be thanked for taking the Rockingham Bridge Club into the 21st Century via the Website, which, in time, will feature much of our paperwork.

Eve Dethlefsen and Jill Dawson have agreed to take on the role of 'Recorders'. This means that should any member ever feel that they have been treated discourteously during a bridge session, they may contact a Recorder, either personally, by e-mail or by telephone. The alleged incident will be discussed and any further action that is deemed necessary will be taken.

Congratulations to Joy and Terry Turner, winners of the Pisces Pairs and to Elena Olsen and Dave Clark who were the Under State Masters.

Once again our roof has had further attention and I was informed by the contractors that a new approach to repairing it has been taken!!

To all our members, I wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe Easter.

"The only limitations are the ones we put on ourselves" - Ita Buttrose



PISCES PAIRS

The Pisces Pairs was held on Monday 7th March



Above: Director Sandi Sandilands with winners, Joy & Terry Turner



Above: Under State Masters, Dave Clark & Elena Olsen

CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH

Friday 18:

Autumn Pairs

Friday 25:

Good Friday - No session

APRIL

Friday 8

Committee Meeting

Monday 11

Aries Pairs

Wednesday 20

777 Teams' Event

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BRIDGE ETIQUETTE & RULES



Once the bidding has begun, general conversation is not encouraged at the bridge table. All players need to understand that duplicate bridge is a very competitive game and thus each player needs to **respect the rights of all other players**. Before the first board begins it is certainly permissible to exchange pleasantries with partner and the opponents.

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WENDY POLLOCK REVISITED

I was born in Christchurch New Zealand and was a foundation student at Burnside High School. After leaving school I began Nursing at Princess Margaret Hospital in Cashmere, Christchurch.

I married Trevor in 1966 and we had 3 children.

I learnt to play bridge (Acol) in the late 1960's and played at the Christchurch Bridge Club and the new Cashmere Bridge club. I also directed for a year at the Khandalla Bridge Club in Wellington, when we lived there for a short period of time.

While my family was young I became addicted to travel and visited many countries. I was so addicted that I mortgaged almost everything I owned to keep travelling, and then, of course, I had to work to pay for it. I worked in reception using the old fashioned switchboards. I had my own driving school, I owned a Deli/Café and I worked at night in hotel bars.

Adventure and travel took over again and we sold everything in New Zealand and took a one year vacation with our children to Europe. We lived and travelled in a camper van for the year and returned via Australia in 1983, settling in Sydney. I began work in Hospitality and Administration and also took seasonal work in the Australian Ski Fields which instigated more travel and work in the Austrian Ski resorts.

We moved to Perth in 2007 and I joined the Rockingham Bridge Club where I was made to feel very welcome. Thank you all.

With no work I soon became bored and I travelled to Uganda for 2½ months to volunteer at an orphanage and school. It was here that the children stole my heart. They say once you go to Africa it gets in your blood. Well, that's what happened to me. While I was there Trevor visited and we climbed Mt Kilamajaro and did a gorilla trek through the forests. What an amazing sight when you first come in contact with these huge animals.

This trip was the beginning of the charity that I run: House of Hope Uganda Inc. Since then I have driven everyone crazy with my constant fundraising.

After installing Water and Solar power and many other facilities at House of Hope Orphanage we are now concentrating on Education. We have had our first real rewards this year. Our 5 most senior students have just passed 'O' level exams with grades 1 and 2. I am very excited. Now they can have their school certificate to enable them to try to gain employment. We are also educating, at secondary level, another 20 students who are at various stages between 2nd year and 'O' level this year.

We opened and financed a Healing House in the Tororo area which gives medical and nutritional treatments to disabled and severely disadvantaged children. This is like a mini medical centre with a short term live-in facility for children while on the program. It has been said that this Healing House has saved the lives of more than 100 children.

Uganda has become part of me and I do hope that as soon as I am fit to travel after my chemotherapy treatments that I will be going back there.



Bob Gorton, our Partner Co-ordinator, is keen to establish a list of people who do not have a regular bridge partner and who would be interested in being 'a partner at large'. That is, someone who can fill in, in the absence of a regular partner who may be temporarily unavailable due to holidays, illness, appointments, etc.

If you would like to be involved in this initiative, give your name to Bob and when a fellow bridge member contacts him, looking for a partner, he will direct him/her to a person on this list.

