

Rockingham Bridge Club

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Roz Davey

Well it doesn't seem like it took an 'age for Aquarius to pass' and now Pisces is all but history until next year. However, we did get a chance to celebrate with the Pisces Pairs held on the 13th March 2017. This saw a reasonable turnout of 10 tables. Keep up the good work folks - ten or more tables keeps us ticking along well. Congratulations to all the winners.

On a less jovial note it would appear that the odd one of us are letting our frustrations, which can sometimes haunt us at bridge, boil over to inappropriate behaviour. Please remember we are all there to enjoy our bridge. A pleasant smile, a happy greeting plus common courtesy will ensure we all enjoy our day. Venting our displeasure because, for example, we were asked to increase the speed of our play or that we were asked to be a little quieter, etc only makes it uncomfortable for everyone else. Please remember bridge is about a team of people - you; your partner; your opposition and the Director. Let's all look after each other and happily enjoy our chosen game.

Good Bridging.



Above: North/South Winners – Rae Edwards and Jane Ophorst

Right: East/West Winners – Betty & Ron Philpot (centre) With President, Roz Davey (left) and Director, Di Brooks (right).



Pisces Pairs

Monday, 13th March 2017



SUPERVISED BRIDGE SESSIONS & LECTURES

Presented by Di Brooks

Saturday, 9.30 - 12 Noon - Supervised Bridge Playing - Cost \$5.00
Wednesday Lectures (Third Wednesday of Each Month) 9.30 - 12 Noon - Cost \$5.00

Please place your name on the form provided on the Pin-Up Board if you wish to attend a session.

Welcome Back Di

This year saw the return of life member, Di Brooks, to the Rockingham Bridge Club and it is with the greatest of pleasure that we welcome her back.

Di learnt to play bridge with Barbara Campbell and Peg Brady in 1978 and was a founding member when the club was inaugurated on the 5th July 1979. From this time until she left the area to live in Capel in 2011, Di took on a wide range of positions and duties whilst she was with the Rockingham Bridge Club. She was a Committee member for 17 years; a Club Treasurer in 1980; the Editor of the Club Newsletter, 7NT; Convenor of the Christmas Hampers for the Salvation Army; a Qualified Bridge Teacher who taught in-house from 1999 to 2011; an Accredited Director since 1984; and a Volunteer Promotions Officer for BAWA from 2006 to 2010. Di also contributes many interesting and often amusing articles to the BAWA magazine, *Focus*.



With such expertise as a bridge player it is no surprise that Di is a Grand Master and has achieved a wide variety of accreditations. She represented WA in the Women's Teams, 2004/2005. She participated in the 2001 Hans Rosendorf Women's Teams Competition, and her team were the Runners-up. A few years later, in 2011 she was a member of the winning team in this event. In 2012 Di, along with partner Jean McLarty, won the GNOT Pairs, Country Division.

Di's accolades do not stop at bridge. She was nominated for Senior Citizen of the Year (Rockingham) in 2010, and Senior Citizen of the Year, (Capel) in 2014.

Di has resumed her role as a teacher at the Rockingham Bridge Club, joining Raewyn Lewer and Nicky O'Connell, also excellent teachers. We are so fortunate to have their expertise and in-put into our future as bridge players and, who knows, potential grand masters!

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE — TABLE TALK

At the last two congress events in which I have played the players at my table have not played boards due to overhearing the post-mortem discussion at the next table. On one occasion my opponents overheard the discussion and reported it, whilst on the most recent occasion my partner heard the conversation and reported it. On the last occasion, the cancelled board cost us a win in the match as my partner and I would have been most likely to bid slam using our methods against the game bid at the other table, so the match result of a draw would have become a 13 imp win.

Sometimes it is not even a conversation about why the pair failed to get to the right contract, but the entry of the scores in the bridgemate which causes the problem. Player A says loudly "so that was 6H by North making 13", or Player B says "What was the score there? 4S one off?". GRRR

Discussion about hands at the table is prevalent in Australia, and it is totally unacceptable for three main reasons:

- It is against the rules;
- It slows down play; and, most importantly,
- It often damages other players when boards get cancelled due to overhearing the conversation. (I won't mention what happens when players don't report overhearing the conversation and use it to their advantage.

Bridge playing areas are generally quiet, so conversations are easily overheard ... Keep conversations about hands, post mortems and loud statements about final contracts for after bridge discussion over drinks and dinner and help ensure all players have an even playing field.

Article by Kim Frazer Taken from ABF Newsletter Vol 182 November 2016

CLUB CALENDAR

March

Monday 13:

Pisces Pairs

Friday 17:

Committee Meeting

Friday 24:

Autumn Pairs

April

Monday 10:

Aries Pairs

Friday 14:

Good Friday, no session

Wednesday 19:

777 Teams' Event

Friday 21:

Committee Meeting

