

# Rockingham Bridge Club

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

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JUNE SCOTT

Greetings All

How quickly time passes! The excitement of September with the flooding of the kitchen, and the huge success of Gala Day with \$5300 being raised and gratefully accepted by Silver Chain on the 28th. Meanwhile, October has been quietly passing by.

The Club's Championship Pairs, held over two sessions, was a great success. We congratulate Hilary and Walter Hall on gaining top position and becoming our new Club Champions. Well Done! Congratulations, also, to our Under State Masters, Rita Hood and Janet McKay. Thanks to Sandy on a great job directing such an important event.

Welcome back to Joan Henderson - I'm sure she is enjoying our sunshine, and welcome to Veronica Turner who has recently joined our club.

#### Reminders:

- Your membership fees are due from 1 October, 2015. The Treasurer, Sue, or any committee member, will gladly take your \$40 and issue you a receipt.
- The AGM is on 9 November 2015 at 11 am. Bring your lunch and stay for the afternoon bridge session.

Thought for the month - '*The probability that we may fail in the struggle, ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.*' - Abraham Lincoln

### CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

Held on October 5 & 12

Below Left & Middle: Winners - Hilary & Walter Hall

Below Right: Under State Masters - Rita Hood & Janet McKay



### SPRING PAIRS

Held on 16th September

Above Left: Winners - Hilary Tunnard & Yvonne Mathews with Director, Sandy Sandilands

Above Right: Under State Masters - Margaret Upton & Joe Satterthwaite

### Our New Club Chairs

As you are aware, we were not happy with the first consignment of chairs delivered to the club and asked our suppliers to address the issue. Our appreciation must go to our suppliers, who co-operated without hesitation. They have had a new batch of chairs made and shipped to Australia and they are expected to arrive in Australia on October 15.

On arrival they will be inspected by our suppliers and if they conform to expectations, will be delivered to the Club within the next two weeks. At that time the original batch will be returned to the supplier.

A small number of our original chairs will be retained by the club to supplement the new stock for functions such as the Christmas Party. The remainder of the existing chairs (about 40) will be offered to members. A small donation to Silver Chain would be much appreciated. A sheet will be placed on the Notice Board and you are asked to complete the required details if you are interested in procuring any. Please complete this within the next week if possible. You will then be advised when they will be available for collection. Any remaining chairs will find a new home elsewhere. This has already been addressed.

Thank you for your patience as we have grappled with this issue. ✓

## MEET NICKY O'CONNELL

Nicky was born in Nairobi in Kenya. She went to boarding school in Tanganyika, now Tanzania. When Nicky took her Cambridge Certificate she acquired a distinction in art, one of two in the country!

Nicky's first work experience was in a Rhinoceros Camp where her uncle relocated rhino's. The animals were lassoed not darted. She then trained as a telephonist after which she commenced her own business catching monkeys in Kenya.

Early in 1960 Nicky married Pat in London and they then lived in Libya where Pat worked in an oil field. They moved to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and their first child, Sharon was born in Umtali.



After UDI (Unilateral Declaration of Independence) in November 1965, they moved to Karoi where their second child, Jenny, was born. Ten years on, Pat, a motor mechanic, opened his own garage, and at the same time, Nicky opened a gym. She also owned a mine, mining mica where beryl was extracted as well, of which the blue is aquamarine. It was at this time Nicky learned to facet semi precious gemstones.

Whilst living in Karoi, Nicky learned to play golf, and, in time, went on to represent Zimbabwe for 3 years. Sharon and Jenny also learnt to play golf

They then moved to Salisbury (Harare), where they owned and operated a garage. As an aside, she bought and exported Friesland cattle to Tanzania and she set up a business which sandblasted registration numbers on the windscreens of vehicles.

In 1984, they moved to South Africa with \$2,000 (\$A200). Pat started a garden service in Margate near Durban. Nicky borrowed money from her brother to buy a florist shop. The children stayed in Zimbabwe and joined their parents a year later after completing their career training.

Nicky opened a second florist shop in a new shopping centre in Shelly Beach. Both children worked in the florist shops. The whole family played golf in South Africa.

They moved to Hermanus in the Cape. Here they helped a friend start up a lodge and delicatessen.

Nicky started bridge lessons at the age of eight, watching her parents play Goren. Nicky and Pat played bridge socially with friends. She started a Bridge Club in Hermanus and gave lessons there and in Margate.

In time, Sharon and Jenny and their families moved to Australia, and after Pat's death, Nicky decided that she would join them. One reason why Nicky chose to live in Rockingham was because of the friendly bridge club!

Nicky has written a book about her life – *'My Love for Africa'*. 'This book is about a young girl growing up in East Africa, speaking Swahili more than English as a child, going to school in the Usambara Mountains in Tanganyika and then on to Kenya High. Her uncles are involved in big game capture for zoos and films. She reminisces about bush camps and her own camp, when capturing monkeys at the age of nineteen.'

### CLUB CALENDAR

#### October

Tuesday 27:

Scorpio Pairs

#### November

Monday 9:

AGM at 11 am

Friday 13:

Committee Meeting

Saturday 14:

Nedra Arnott Pairs

Sunday 22:

Mandurah Teams  
of Four Competition

### IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

#### BRIDGE ETIQUETTE & RULES



- Once the bidding has begun, general conversation is not encouraged at the bridge table. All players need to understand that bridge is a very competitive game, so each player must respect the rights of all other players. Before the first board begins it is permissible to exchange pleasantries with partner and the opponents.
- As dummy you may not call the director. In fact, you may not call declarer's attention to anything except that he is about to lead from the wrong hand or to ask if he is out of the suit being played. As dummy you may not play or touch any card in dummy (even a singleton) until declarer calls the card. If declarer designates a suit, but not the rank, he is deemed to have called for the lowest card of the suit indicated. If declarer designates a rank but not a suit, he is deemed to be continuing the suit in which dummy won the last trick.

**ENJOY THE GAME - and remember at all times that it is only a game.**

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