

MANDURAH BRIDGE CLUB

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From the President

Club Recorders

The Management Committee has appointed two Club Recorders, Sheryl Coates and Graeme Perry. Members can contact a Recorder by speaking to them in person or by phone or email. Contact details are:

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Honour Boards

It has come to my attention that many of our more recent members have no idea why three of our competitions are named after people. These events are the Alan Mason Master Points, the Alan Crevald Trophy for the Most Improved Player and the Jack Rowse Novice Pairs. All were directors at our club and all are deceased. I thought members would be interested to know about them.

Alan Mason

When Alan Mason and his wife Edna moved to Mandurah they found a fledgling Mandurah Bridge Club. Alan became involved as a director and as a member of the Committee. George Greep used to take the travelers home and score bridge sessions manually until Alan volunteered to score each session using a scoring program on his home computer. We have come a long way with bridge technology since then. At that time the Club was not affiliated with the ABF and it was Alan's initiative that led the Club to becoming affiliated so that members could start earning master points. The Committee decided to hold a master point competition with the winner to be the member who accumulated the most master points in a calendar year. Alan won the inaugural event in 1999. He resigned his position as Vice President late in 1999 due to ill health and died in January 2000. The Committee named the event in his memory and in recognition of his service to the Club.

Alan Crevald

Alan Crevald was a director in Perth and also for Mandurah Bridge Club and when he died after a short illness, in 2006, his family were keen to donate a trophy in his name to the club where he had enjoyed many happy hours. The Committee accepted the trophy donated by his family and decided to award it to the most improved player. The inaugural winner was Vera Hardman.

Jack Rowse

When directors reach a stage in their training that they are ready to direct solo, most directors start directing with beginning bridge players. This is what happened with Jack Rowse. The Club started a new session on Tuesday afternoons for beginning players who had just finished lessons and Jack who had been training as a director with me when I was Convenor became the regular Tuesday director. He was a popular director who became very involved with the Tuesday players. Jack organized social outings such as visits to the Mandurah Greyhounds and a Sunday morning

breakfast at the Cut Golf Course. He was also very keen for the Tuesday group to have their own competition and the Committee decided to start a Novice Pairs event for players with less than 50 master points. Jack and his wife Pauline travelled to Kalgoorlie for the Kalgoorlie Congress in October 2008, and after a weekend of bridge and dinner at a Chinese restaurant where Jack was the life of the party, sadly, Jack had a heart attack and died suddenly. He was so closely identified with the Tuesday players who made up most of the competitors in the novice event, the Committee decided to name the event the Jack Rowse Novice Pairs. The inaugural winners in 2008 were Val and Patrick Bell.

Ann Shalders.

The CONGRESS

The soup and sausages were great and the bridge was also very good at our Winter Congress. Our Club members rated well in several categories - Best below State Master, Best Country players, with Doug and Vera coming 9th overall



The Congress raffle donated by Crag and Tina from Acton, was won by Laurie Hayes - with Deborah Greenway taking home the Judith Tuckey Hamper



Congratulations also go to Ross Proudfoot and Terry Blakely on winning the Club Handicap Pairs event and to Doug Hardman and Bill Maley for an overall 3rd in the Nation Wide Pairs event in July.



Joan Butt's Visit Doug's lessons keep new players rolling in, but now and then we all need a refresher, and Joan's workshop on Defence was well attended and rewarding. She was a busy girl travelling extensively throughout WA from Albany to Kalgoorlie - spreading the word

Life consists, not in holding good cards –but playing those you hold well

COMING EVENTS

17th	Sept	Special Teams Event
18th	Sept	Jack Rowse Pairs (under 50 mp)
21st	Oct	Under 300 mp
25th	Oct	Open Pairs
22nd	Nov	Golden West Congress – Mandurah

PARTNER FREE DAY

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays have been added to "Partner Free Days" together with Tuesdays and Thursdays so come along and enjoy.

Thursdays are now designated as a normal open day, with no limit on Master-points - Monday mornings - however, are for Very Novice Players only with less than 15 Mp

Splinter bid - the only way known to become declarer with a singleton trump in each hand

KNOW YOUR BRIDGE

Michael's Cue Bid - this contribution was made by Michael Michaels (1924-1966) - who was a playing partner of Charles Goren. Here, one must have at least 8 - 12 pts and two 5 cards suits - 1 Diamond by the opposition followed by a call of 2 Diamonds means a holding of both majors; as does 1 Club -> 2 Clubs: 1 Heart (1S) followed by 2 Hearts (2S) means 5/5 Major / Minor

PASTA



NIGHT

Good Food and Good night Bridge is part of the evening



On a sadder note let us remember two of our departed members – Norm Robson and Tom Stack. Norm was fairly new to the Club but enjoyed his Bridge and socialized well: while Tom was a long time member serving as President.

A Tribute to Tom by Doug Hardman.

Tom Stack was my Friday bridge partner for the past 12 years - he never growled at me for misplaying a hand, or embarrassed me, or our opposition, by giving a bridge lesson at the table and was never rude or intimidating to our opposition.

Not once did he pull a face when I lead the wrong card which allowed the opposition to win their contract. Not once did he chastise me for doubling our opposition into game; in fact he once said "if you don't misjudge a double occasionally, it means you're not doubling enough"

Tom played at an even tempo, and had a good sense of humour. By way of example, in November 2004 he and I won the Seniors Section of the Golden West Congress. An official queried my age (suspecting that I was too young to qualify for the event) and Tom was offended because they did not ask him his age too. He was 80 years old at the time!!!

Tom's name appears ten times on the Honour board for winning major events and one spectacular day we scored a 80.13%

Respected and admired by all that played with or against him, he was one of nature's gentlemen and the Mandurah Bridge Club will be a lesser place without him.



MELBOURNE CUP DAY Tuesday 4th November

Join in a Great Australian Tradition

WEAR A HAT, BRING A PLATE, BUY A HORSE IN THE SWEEP AND MOST OF ALL HAVE FUN – THEN PLAY BRIDGE

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**THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE RESUMED ON THE 4th SEPTEMBER**  
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ETIQUETTE - Always agree on the number of tricks made or lost before shuffling your cards.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all by yourself



@ ROCKINGHAM Bridge Club in Aid of the Silver Chain in September should be put in your Calendar for next Year as a great Fun Day - 5 Mandurah pairs represented the Club with Gudrun, Betty F, Elsa, Robina, Ian J and Ross all getting in the top places.



SATURDAY ROAST

A great boost to Saturday Bridge with 40 plus players enjoying the game followed by a Roast Dinner with wine. It was fun day thanks to the Dynamic Duo of Eugene and Robina. This format will be followed by another great day – Grand Final day on the 27th September





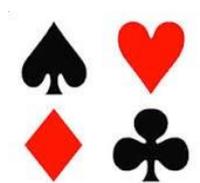
The proposed Club Extensions have been placed on hold waiting next year's City Council's budget.

LIBRARY Thanks to Denise and Gudrun the Club library is well stocked with novels on one hand and Bridge books on the other - depending on your mood - The Bridge book collection is wide ranging and can be used by new and seasoned players as a reference guide, a review or an addition to the lesson and workshops.

A student Irish bridge player has xxx facing AQJ in dummy. She leads low and puts in the Jack which holds. She plays the ace next. Her partner asks why she didn't take the finesse again. She replied: "Our Teacher told us that only one out of two finesses ever work."

Returning the Cards

After play has finished, each player should shuffle his/her original thirteen cards, after which they are restored to the pocket corresponding to the Compass position. Thereafter no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side or the Director is present



Very NOVICE PAIRS

Congratulations to Diana Moorehouse and Beryl Ellis on winning this event — runners up were Erica Lobl and Sue Turner.

We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.