



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016



From the President

Mandurah Bridge Club has always operated through the generous contributions made by members. We employ a cleaner to vacuum twice a week and wash the kitchen floor once a week. We pay non-playing directors but everything else is done by volunteers, including the laundering of tea towels and tablecloths. We have a reputation for running excellent congresses largely due to the generosity of our members who provide morning and afternoon tea and lunch and volunteer their time to help in the kitchen.

The new system which will be starting in July makes it clear that all members are expected to contribute to making our club a happy place to be. We do not have a maid service to clean up after members. If you take a cup to one of the bridge tables please remember to dispose of it when you are finished. Some members have complained to me about dust on the skirting board or bookshelves. Please don't complain. If the dust offends you get a cloth from the kitchen and clean it up. Please don't tell me or another committee member that the bins in the kitchen need emptying. Get a key from the director of the day to the rubbish bin shed which is located outside at the kitchen end of the building and empty the bins yourself.

We have some stalwart members who are always there to cut up the cheese and gherkins before the session starts. It is often the same people who are wiping tables after afternoon tea. Sometimes some of these people are still there cleaning up after drinks at the end of the day. Let's spread the load among more people. Many hands make light work so when you see the sign indicating that you are on duty for a particular month, pitch in and get all the jobs done. If your surname begins with B or C you will be on duty in July.

All members of the Management Committee were elected unopposed at the AGM on May 25 and all deserve the full support of members. They work hard to make sure the Club is well managed for the benefit of all members. Positive suggestions from members are welcome and always carefully considered.

Ann Shalders.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

JULY	From Mon 4 th July	Jackpot Week
	Tue 5, 12, 19 July	Open Championship Pairs
	Sat 16 July	Mandurah Winter Congress Swiss Pairs
	Sun 17 July	Mandurah Winter Congress Swiss Pairs
AUGUST	From Mon 1 August	Jackpot Week
	Wed 24 August	Special Teams Event
	Fri 26 August	Australia Wide Open Pairs
SEPTEMBER	From Mon 5 September	Jackpot Week
	Sat 3, 10, 17 & 23 Sep	Best Three out of Four event.
	Tues Wed 14 Sept	Special Teams Event
	Thur 15 Sept all day	Jack Rowse Novice Pairs Min 10 tables >50 MPs

Congratulations to the following Winners



*Restricted Under 100 Red Point
Craig Hardman & Clyde England*



*Monday Best 3 out of 4
Vera & Doug Hardman*



*GNOT Qualifiers
Jane Perry & Roman Gdowski*



*Friday Best 3 out of 4
Jean McLarty & Robina McConnell*



*Handicap Pairs
Margaret & Noel Munyard*

New Management Committee Members.

We warmly welcome the following new committee members elected at the AGM in May.

Secretary: Pam Gale Assistant Treasurer: Alison Cullen

Committee Members: Les Cowcill, Jo Dundas and Ross Proudfoot



DIRECTORS CORNER

Unauthorised information (UI) – what is it?

It means you are not supposed to have the information. It is extraneous information that is not part of the lawful procedures of the game - Some examples are

- Partner squirming in his seat, making heavy sighs, or thinking much longer than normal before making a bid – letting you know that something is wrong and somewhere else might be better.
- Calls and results overheard from other tables.
- Partner alerting (or not alerting) your bid or answering an opponent's question contrary to the way you play the bid – letting you know that his further bids may not mean what you think.
- Partner passing with lightning speed – letting you know he has nothing extra and is rock bottom
- Partner slapping down his card in disgust – letting you know he doesn't like your selected defence so far
- Partner thinking longer than normal as he follows suit – letting you know he doesn't have a singleton but probably has one of the high cards that are missing.
- Information that only became available because your side committed an infraction

Not only can you not use it, but you must go out of your way to avoid taking any advantage from it.

Common fallacies are statements like:

“but I was always going to bid that” or “I had my bid” or “I didn't use the information”

These miss the whole point of UI. A different standard is applied after there is UI. The issue changes from: “**what can I do**” to “**what can't I do**”.

You cannot allow the information to influence your subsequent calls – you must continue to bid your system.

If in any doubt Call the Director!

Important Rules

Rule of Eleven — the inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.

Eight Ever, Nine Never — the status quo whenever you raise 2 NT to 3 NT.

Second Hand Low — the easiest way to lose your aces on defence.

Leading Through Strength — a surefire way to make your queens disappear.

What “Richard Says” — tips that work on lesson deals, but never in real life.

Zero Tolerance

After declarer goes down in a makable contract because of inspired but faulty defence, this exchange takes place:

Declarer [to RHO]: You're an idiot!

RHO: **DI-REC-TOR!**

[Tournament Director arrives]

TD: What seems to be the problem?

RHO: This man called me an idiot.

TD [to Declarer]: Are you aware of our Zero Tolerance policy?

Declarer: Of course. And I have zero tolerance for idiots!

Bridge in Broome.

History by Pam Wadsworth, Foreword and Post Script by Jenny McNamara

Broome Bridge Club has many members who leave the cold and wet of the south and head north for the winter warmth. Last year, after another wonderful three months in Broome playing bridge on Tuesday afternoons, I thought it would be a good idea to send an article to our Editor for our Club's Newsletter. In order to do this, I needed the input and history of the 'Broome Bridge Club', from Pam and Mike Wadsworth, who now run the regular Tuesday afternoon sessions. I hope you enjoy the history of the small group, which has been meeting for 21 years. Thanks to Pam and Mike for the following history and tales:



Records show that the Club was formed in 1995 with eleven people attending the AGM at the Masonic Lodge venue. In 2006 the Minutes of the AGM reveal that the Club President was Mandurah member Brian Elson, Neville Norman the Treasurer for the second time and Pam Wadsworth was Assistant Treasurer. By 2008 Pam Wadsworth was the Treasurer with Pauline Rowse Assistant Treasurer and in 2009 Mike Wadsworth became President, Pam as Treasurer and Jenny Maley as Assistant Secretary. At the 2009 AGM the Mandurah Bridge Club was well represented with Ann Shalders, Jenny & Bill Maley, Rosemary & Colin Hunter, David Thomas, Lesley Nicol, Jenny Rees and Pam & Mike Wadsworth.

Brian Elson was Club Director for several years with Ann Shalders taking on the role after Brian and Ursula stopped travelling to Broome. After Ann stopped coming to Broome, the Club was stuck for a Director. It bought a little book with instructions on 'how to direct for those lacking in any knowledge' in this field. For the last 2 years, Ros Warnock has been able to Direct. As a social club, members are able to resolve minor errors without calling for the Director. No points are earned and there are no cattle stations on the line!

For the past seven years, Pam Wadsworth, ably assisted by Mike, has been responsible for the Club's operation. The boards are dealt by hand and the results from the travelers manually input into the computer, with results emailed to players. Neville Walker is on hand to help when required. Broome Lotteries House looks after the Club extremely well and allows us to use space in one of their storage rooms for our ten tables plus two boxes of equipment during the wet season when the Club is in recess. 2015 saw the introduction of bidding boxes, adding to the equipment needed to be stored when we pack up mid-August.

Unfortunately the Club has not been able to find Broome locals who might be interested in keeping the Bridge Club running once all the 'grey nomads' depart at the end of the dry season. This is despite Pam's best efforts through the ABC Community notices, the Tourist Information Centre, the Broome Community Noticeboard, Facebook and everywhere else you can imagine, to locate bridge players in Broome.

More recently from our Mandurah Bridge Club we have enjoyed the company of Jim & Jenny McNamara, Terry & Wendy Blakely, Lois Reiffer & Bob Carr, Nanette Robson, Judith & Dean Gaskell and Jo Evans. Mike Wadsworth is the current President and Pam is Secretary with players from other bridge clubs helping to look after the financial side of the Club.

Broome Bridge Club is a friendly little Club, averaging six tables a session for our nine weeks of playing, with people meeting like-minded people and organising social games in between Club sessions. Our season ends with farewell drinks and a small meal and the hope to return next dry season.

I often relate the tale of my first visit to the group, about 6 years ago, having phoned Pam to advise I needed a partner for the afternoon. No problem at all, Carol Lisle was in town and we could play together.

Now Carol is a much better player than me, so I was a tad nervous.

*A quick chat, but obviously not enough information had transpired between us, and when Carol was asked, what my 2D bid meant, and her reply was **not**, "A Weak Two, 6-10 Points 6 Diamonds", to which I gave a look of shock*

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

On Thursday 19th May the Club hosted its 4th Biggest Morning Tea. This event raises money for the Cancer Council WA and each year the amount has increased, from just under \$1,600 in 2013 to over \$4,500 this year. This year's event was organised by Jenny & Jim McNamara and it was expanded to include a bring & buy table, second-hand books and plant sales as well as raffle prizes and auction items donated by local businesses and Club members. Furthermore, our Pink Wig lady, Club member Denise Sampson, wore her pink wig at each bridge session during the week and raised over \$700 in donations alone.



The organisers, Jenny & Jim McNamara

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who made this event so successful.



Denise Sampson (Pink Wig lady) and Marjorie Bufton at the bookstall



Valerie Taylor, Rae Bishop, President Ann Shalders and Chris Martens about to tuck into scrumptious food donated by Club members



Flower seller Audrey Edwards

Defence Techniques

On Thursday June 23rd, David Beauchamp visited the Club. Arranged by Club Vice-President Robina McConnell, forty



four of our members turned up for an excellent training session on defence.

David's session was wide-ranging and covered topics for both less-experienced as well as experienced players, and everyone walked away with some very useful tips on how to improve their

defensive play. David has an engaging style that fully involved the audience and made his presentation all the more memorable. One thing he stressed was that your partner is your best friend - discussions and issues should be discussed away from the table – and comments and offering advice to opponents should be avoided.

Birthday Celebrations



Congratulations to Bill Hatch who celebrated his 80th birthday at the Club on Friday May 27th.

Perth Couple helped gather WW2 intelligence.

A new book on Perth Modern students, titled "A Celebration of Contribution: Tales of courage, commitment and creativity of Modernians 1911-1963", was launched on June 24th 2016. Amongst others, the book reveals the story of the parents of Club member Warwick Jones. Both his parents, Frank and Constance, attended Perth Modern and went on to study at UWA. His mother completed a degree in history and a diploma of education, whilst Frank studied languages, being awarded a first class honours degree and a Hackett studentship to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. They were both in Paris when war broke out in 1939; Constance managed to return to England via St Malo as the Germans were advancing through Normandy. Frank left Paris on the last train before the Germans arrived, taking 24 hours to reach Bordeaux. The train was so packed that many were left behind and Frank had to hang on an outside doorstep.

Constance worked with the London Fire Service during the war and was recruited to a communications unit that monitored German radio traffic. Frank was recruited to the Naval section at Bletchley Park,



Bletchley Park

believed to be based on his linguistic skills (German fluency) and via the cryptic Daily Telegraph crossword.

Bletchley Park was Britain's top-secret code-breaking facility based in Buckinghamshire, about 80 kms north of London. It was a stately home (now preserved as a museum) with numerous Nissen huts which housed workers in the grounds. Many other stately homes in the area were also connected with the code-breaking effort. Over 12,000 people worked at the facility, of whom about 8,000 were women. Bletchley Park

is famous for cracking the German's Enigma code under the guidance of mathematician Alan Turing, depicted in the 2014 film "The Imitation Machine". Set up by Winston Churchill, it is widely accepted that Bletchley Park's effort drastically shortened the war. The intelligence received at Station X, as Bletchley Park was discreetly known at the time, was directly responsible for locating the German battleship "Bismarck", sunk in 1941, and this was the first time that codebreakers had decrypted a message that led directly to a victory in battle.

Frank worked as a cryptographer, decoding enemy messages. Whilst his son Warwick remains in the dark about his father's war work, and his father died in 1968 before Bletchley people were released from the Official Secrets Act, Warwick remembers several anecdotes. After the war Frank was asked to write 2 books or chapters of the official (secret) history of the Naval War. On his return to Perth Frank met a senior officer who mentioned certain events from the war that showed he was familiar with war records. Frank made some comment that demonstrated he was intimately familiar with the events, and the office did a double-take, saying "how did you know that? It's supposed to be secret", whereupon Frank responded: "I wrote the book".

Another story relates to "The Cruel Sea". Frank was due leave during the war and as leave was not easily given and Bletchley people were subject to limited travel, he was posted to a Corvette, which incidentally Nicholas Monserrat had just taken command of. In the first edition of The Cruel Sea Monserrat refers to this, making it clear that he did not believe a word of what he had been told when he was obliged to take on a passenger (Frank), and that he was convinced that his passenger was an Admiralty spy sent to check on him. Warwick mentions that the whole episode was removed from the second edition of the book, and that when Frank and Monserrat met by accident on a flight to Geneva from Australia in 1957, when they spent several hours exchanging stories, Monserrat was still convinced that Frank had been sent by the Admiralty to watch him. Frank even then was unable to persuade him otherwise.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Warwick Jones for his help in preparing this article. Sadly, because Bletchley Park workers were subject to the Official Secrets Act and many died before they were released or were unaware that they were released from the Act, much of Bletchley Park's history has been "lost".