

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015

From the President

Members often ask me what progress has been made towards our building project to enclose the verandahs. The short answer is very little!!

Late last year the Building Sub- Committee met a Lotterywest representative in Mandurah re seeking funding for our building extensions. In January we met with Craig Johnson, City of Mandurah officer and were given the go ahead to apply through the City to Lotterywest. We obtained the correct forms, found referees, and after being told the deadline for submission was May 1, 2015, submitted our completed application which included accounts, auditor's report, AGM minutes, Business Plan, Constitution etc on March 9, 2015. The City did not submit it to Lotterywest until July. I rang Lotterywest in August and it was still not in the system. At the beginning of September I received a phone call from Lotterywest saying they could not accept the application because the City had not indicated what its contribution would be and had not indicated any priority for our project. The person I spoke to said a letter would be sent to the City with a copy to us outlining the reasons for non-acceptance.

The Building Sub- Committee met on Monday September 7, 2015 to decide on future strategy. Clearly, nothing can be done until we receive the letter from Lotterywest. Once we have the letter we propose to



meet with Craig Johnson again and will endeavour to determine exactly what commitment the City has to our project - Funding? Loan? In-kind support? We then intend to seek permission from the City to go ahead with the project. We would need to speak to Gary Hardman who drafted our plans to determine if further costs would be involved in calling tenders. If so, we will need to go to the members to seek their support at a Special General Meeting. Calling tenders would give us some idea of current prices and whether we could afford to go ahead with the project. The Management Committee has supported the above strategy. It is a good job we are patient people because we spend a lot of time waiting for answers. I have been part of the Building Sub-Committee for nearly 10 years and I would love to be in a position to say the building is finished, we can wind up the Sub-Committee, but that won't be happening any time soon.

Unfortunately, for personal reasons, the Vice President, Brian Murphy has resigned. I thank Brian for his contribution to the Mandurah Bridge Club and wish him well. At the September meeting of the Management Committee, Robina McConnell was appointed to replace Brian. I thank Robina for her willingness to step into the role and welcome her to the Management Committee.

Ann Shalders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER	From Mon 5 th Oct Sun 4 th Oct Thurs 1, 8, 16, 22 Oct Tues 20 th & 27 th Oct Sat 24 th Oct	Jackpot Week Spring Swiss Pairs Congress Best three out of four Restricted Pairs Red Point Event (Less than 300 MP) Open Pairs C/ships Red Point Event (Financial Members only)
NOVEMBER	From Mon 2 nd Nov Tues 3 Nov 11 am Thur 12 th & 19 th Nov Sat 14 th & Sun 15 th Nov Wed 18 th Nov Sun 22 nd Nov 11:30 am	Jackpot Week Melbourne Cup lunch followed by Bridge Night time Pairs C/ships Red Point Event (10 table min.) Golden West Congress. Special Teams Event Mandurah vs Rockingham at Mandurah. Lunch included.
DECEMBER	From Mon 7 th Dec Tues 8 Dec 10:30 am Sat 12 th Dec 5:00 pm	Jackpot Finals Music Recital and Morning Tea Christmas Party and 2015 Awards

Defibrillator – Community First Responder Course

By Val Bell

Pam Halbert, Patrick and I went to St John's Ambulance in Belmont to the Community First Responder course. The explanation on heart attacks, cardiac arrest and sudden cardiac arrest was excellent. The best part is we really don't need to know anyway, the machine is appropriate for them all. The demonstration on how the defibrillator works was very well done. The machine really is amazing and the lecturer emphasised again and again that you cannot do any harm by trying to save someone's life using it in an emergency. For every minute that person is not breathing and their heart not beating, their chance of survival drops by 10%. So in 10 minutes ... well you have guessed it. It is far better to use our defibrillator and keep the member going until an ambulance arrives. The machine simply will not do anything if it analyses and does not find the heart fibrillating. The machine "talks" you through step by step and won't go on if you do not complete a step along the way. Once it has shocked the heart, it then tells you how to do CPR and counts you through it too.

We have the DVD now and it takes 25 minutes to view. This can be shown at the club so everyone is aware of its function.

The Last Trump

'You led the trump,' the old man said
With fury in his eye,
'And yet you hope my girl to wed!
Young man, your hopes of love are fled,
Twere better she should die.'

'My sweet young daughter sitting there,
So innocent and plump!
You don't suppose that she would care
To wed an outlawed man who'd date
To lead the thirteenth trump.

'If you had drawn their leading spade
It meant a certain win.
But no! By Pembroke's mighty shade
The thirteenth trump you went and played
And let their diamonds in!'

"My girl, return at may command
His presents in a lump!
Return his ring! For understand
No man is fit to hold your hand
Who leads a thirteenth trump!'

'But hold! Give every man his due
And every dog his day.
Speak up and say what made you do
This dreadful thing – that is, if you
Have anything to say.'

He spoke, 'I meant at first,' said he,
To give their spades a bump:
Or lead the hearts, but then you see
I thought against us there might be,
Perhaps, a fourteenth trump!'

They buried him at dawn of day
Beside a ruined stump:
And there he sleeps the hours away
And waits for Gabriel to play
The last – the fourteenth – trump.

Rio Grande, 1902

Director's Corner

Included in the Club Event Regulations approved by the Committee in June was a requirement to make your opening lead before entering any details into the Bridgemate or on to your Personal Score Sheet.

The reason this requirement was included in the Regulations was not to make life difficult for our members – it is there so that play can proceed without the inevitable delays that fiddling around with a Bridgemate or Personal score sheet cause.

It is particularly annoying when a player who is Dummy wastes everybody's time by not following procedure. That player has all the time in the world to record the Contract and opening lead after putting down their cards.

Please do your part in making the game more enjoyable for everybody.

Directors

We welcome Colin Hunter and Eugene Wichems to the directing team. John Griffiths has moved to Perth and we thank him for directing. We hope to see John continuing to play at the Club.

FAREWELLS

Sadly, Lorraine Jacobson and Beryl Ellis
farewelled their partners recently.
We extend our deepest sympathy to them
and their families.

Sanctuary Cove Bridge Holiday with Joan Butts

31 July – 2 August, 2015

By Isobel and Warwick Jones

Our philosophy in life is very definitely becoming "When an opportunity presents itself, seize it". Therefore, when Joan Butts came to our club and brought with her a flyer for the above event, we were immediately tempted. After all, with good friends, whom we had not seen for a considerable time, living at Sanctuary Cove, plus a son and his family in Brisbane, surely it was too good to miss. Game on!

We were about 40 in all, mainly from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, and while most stayed at the Intercontinental Hotel, at Joan's suggestion we stayed with our friends and attended her lessons as "locals". The lessons were held at the Country Club and we certainly looked like locals as we tootled to and fro in our friends' golf buggy, which they put at our disposal. (For those who are unfamiliar with Sanctuary Cove, it is a gated resort-style complex, about as far south of Brisbane as we are south of Perth. While it offers a couple of excellent golf courses, not everyone who lives there plays golf, but many residents, including our friends, own a golf buggy for getting around the village and its various amenities.)

The bridge lessons were given over three mornings, two each day, with a full bridge session in the afternoons. Topics were as follows :-

- Day 1. Workshop 1 – Common Mistakes at Bridge (and how 2 over 1 game force will fix them)
Workshop 2 – Understanding 1NT Forcing
- Day 2. Workshop 3 – Improve your Declarer Play
Workshop 4 – Bidding – Forcing or not?
- Day 3. Workshop 5 – Defence: Keeping Our Communications and Interfering with Declarer's
Workshop 6 – A Balancing Act (bidding in 4th position)

Each workshop contained a wealth of useful material. We will certainly take on board the 2 over 1 game force strategy, but Joan was adamant that people should not think they can just do one lesson with her and go home and start using it. She insisted that several more lessons and a bit of practice would be necessary and certainly we will be thrashing it out at home before attempting to put it into practice. Those who are going to Paul Marston in Noosa later in the year may have more exposure to it. We have ordered a book on the subject, which Joan will send us.

The mornings just flew by and after a light lunch of freshly cut sandwiches, provided by the Country Club, we were into the bridge sessions. There was a range of abilities and experience in the room and it was generally fun. We only encountered one fairly aggressive pair, who were more aggressive to each other than to us! Bidding was a whole new experience, having only ever used bidding boxes until now. There we marked our bids on paper. It was all very enjoyable, although we were only once in the points.

For anyone who is interested, we have left a copy of all the notes in the office. While they have left us with a lot to think about and a lot of practising to do, they are comprehensive and easy to follow.

All in all, this was a very constructive weekend and for us the added attraction of catching up with friends and staying a few days with our son was a bonus.

How Observant Are You?

The King of which Suit is stabbing himself in the head?

The King of which Suit can you see only one eye?

Check your cards to see if you are correct!

Bridge Quote – Malcolm Forbes

Malcolm Forbes, former US presidential candidate and owner of the highly respected Forbes Magazine, once said: "Playing bridge reflects intelligence. It's one of the really great pleasures of life. I think anybody who's missing bridge is missing so much in life. Don't make the mistake of missing out on the fun of bridge."

Quite an endorsement from a super busy multi-millionaire who sits on the board of so many companies as well as the bridge table!

Misunderstanding

"We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing."

Membership

The Club's membership stands at 272 members. The Membership Secretary has contacted several lapsed members and we look forward to seeing them at the Club soon.

Deja Vous

You know you're in trouble when you are the declarer and the opponents start drawing trumps.

Quote

I never disliked a man so much that I would return his diamonds --- Zsa Zsa Gabor

RESULTS

The **Australia Wide open pairs** were held on Friday 28 August with eleven tables participating.

For those of you who played in this event the results are available at

http://www.australianbridge.com/AWP_club.php?club=6-778

The best placed Mandurah Pairs were Andrew Marsh & Roman Gdowski, Frances Darnborough & Jean McLarty and Jean Field & Neville Walker.



The **Special Teams** event held on Wednesday 16th September attracted ten teams covering a broad range of skill and experience. The victors were Carole Hazelden, Graeme Perry, Brian Murphy and Roger Lowe.

Runners up were the Walker team playing Neville Walker, Jean Field, Jane Perry and Merle Proudfoot.

Everybody enjoyed the afternoon which was followed by a sausage sizzle.

This year the Jack Rowse Novice Pairs, held over a full day on Thursday 24 September, was contested by 18 pairs. Some players found the afternoon session a little confusing with every table sharing boards and it was a pretty tired group by the end of the day.

Corrie Davis and Clyde England were the clear winners, followed by Anne Wheel and Rosie Elphick.

Thanks to Liz who directed the day and arranged a soup and fruit lunch for the players.



Board 23 from the Jack Rowse Novice pairs.	♠ K 4	Dir S
How would you have bid?	♥ Q 6	Vun Both
	♦ 3 8	
	♣ A K T 8 7 6 4	

♠ 6	♠ A Q T 8
♥ K J 9 5 4 3 2	♥ A 7
♦ T	♦ K Q 9 7 6 5 4
♣ Q J 9 3	♣ -
	♠ J 9 7 5 3 2
	♥ T 8
	♦ A 3 2
	♣ 5 2

BE A GREAT CLUB MEMBER

There are many ways to be a great club member, almost without lifting a finger.

For instance after each playing session don't just get up and walk away - check the table, make sure the bidding boxes are closed, chairs pushed in and cups, tissues and papers disposed of. Not a hard task but one which will make a great difference to those who follow.

This is just one of the many ways you can show you appreciate the value of being a member of Mandurah Bridge Club.