

# Maylands Bridge Club Inc.

## Chit Chat

August 2022

### From our President



A number of people have mentioned to me how interesting the write ups are of our wonderful life members. I would like to thank our life members for taking part in this, Ian Pleydell for providing the write ups and our Chit Chat editor Rosemary Fauntleroy for working with him to include the write up and photographs.

We are starting a new round of lessons on August 9th. We are tackling it a different way this time, holding the lessons at the club premises and charging for them - \$50 for a 10 week course. We hope that this will make people more inclined to start playing at the club after completing the lessons. If you know anyone who would like to learn, please let them know. We will also be continuing to provide tuition and supervised play to those who have previously attended lessons on a Tuesday morning. This tuition will occur at the club premises at a cost of \$5.

As most of you will realise, table numbers are down. We worked out last year that we need to average between 9 and 10 tables each playing day to break even financially. So far this year we are averaging just over 8 tables each playing day. Thus the club is heading for a loss this financial year of \$3,000 - \$4,000. In what are fairly hard times, I think it is a good use of the clubs funds to absorb these losses for the moment, and remain a fairly budget priced bridge club.

Enjoy your bridge.

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## Life Member Fran Carter



Fran was born in South Australia, the fourth of six children. Her family moved to Narrogin when she was five years old. She went to school at the convent in Narrogin, then boarded for two years at Sacred Heart Convent in Highgate (Perth).

Nursing training followed at Royal Perth Hospital and Midwifery at King Edward. As her children grew older she resumed nursing at Mt Henry hospital, and later became the Clinical Nurse Manager of the new Restorative Unit at Mercy Hospital in Mt Lawley.

She met and married her fighter pilot husband, Terry, at Pearce RAAF Base in 1964. After 18 months at Pearce, they were posted to Williamtown Base in NSW and then spent two and a half years in Malaysia, at Butterworth and Kuala Lumpur. Their fourth child, a son, was born in Penang's British Military Hospital. They were very fortunate to have a gardener and two Amah's to help with cooking and housework so it was much easier raising four children under five years old. Altogether they had six children.

After Fran's husband left the Air Force, he took a job in Papua New Guinea, initially as an Examiner of Airman then as the Prime Minister's personal pilot. The children attended international schools, and the family lived in a compound behind fences and barbed wire. Their three years stay was still enjoyable.

Fran and Ann Semaan attended bridge classes run by Kath McKiernan and Corrie Schoemaker in their church hall in 2005. They later joined M.B.C. and have enjoyed an ongoing friendship and bridge partnership. Both are past Presidents.

Fran has been an active member of the MBC since 2007, and was a committee member for 14 years. Her duties include Master point Secretary and membership registration.

She assisted at morning coaching sessions conducted by Alan Baldock.

Fran was awarded a well-deserved life membership in 2016.

She is also the current President of the Community Bridge Club in Dianella.

**Note from the editor** Please let Rosemary know if there is anything that you would like to contribute to the Chit Chat.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB**

LOOKING FOR A SATURDAY GAME?

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FRIENDLY SESSIONS AT 12.30PM AT THE JIM SATCHELL COMMUNITY CENTRE 1 LIGHT ST, DIANELLA PLEASE BE SEATED AT 12.15PM

PRESIDENT FRAN CARTER MOB. 0424 207 566