

# Maylands Bridge Club Inc.

## Chit Chat

September 2022

### From our President



We have now moved all the club's banking from the ANZ to P&N (Police and Nurses) Bank. This has 2 benefits – we can pay our bills electronically with a 2 step online approval process which is less cumbersome for the Treasurer and those who we are paying and the term deposits that are offered are both more generous and more flexible. I would like to thank Ilda for this initiative.

We have taken a couple of actions to help our members in the case of a medical problem. We have a sturdy walker on site that can function as a walking chair if necessary so that we can get a player who is feeling unwell to the car if necessary. This walker was donated by Bill Pabst – thanks Bill. We also have a fold up camp bed on site so that if someone needs to lie down there is a little more comfort than lying on the floor. This was donated by Ian Pleydell – thanks Ian. There will also be a defibrillator training session soon. Let's hope none of these safeguards are ever needed.

With some improved weather and maybe a downturn in Covid I hope we see an upturn in table numbers. We are going to do some publicity, but I think it is a problem most bridge clubs are experiencing. It is difficult for director's to use movements that are satisfactory to all with low table numbers, especially with half tables, and we are trying some different movements, so bear with us.

Good bridging,

Linley

### Life Member Colleen Prosser



Bridge was present in our house as long as I can remember. Every Friday night my parents, uncle and aunt would play Kitchen Bridge (losers to buy a Charities Ticket).

Some years later my brothers, my mother and I began playing again, but with no recognizable bidding system, and a lot of arguments. After retiring from squash about the year 2000, I decided to investigate playing bridge seriously. Initially, I had eight weekly lessons with Peter Smith in Nedlands, after which his advice was taken – 'join a bridge club, and play, play, play'.

From 2001 on, I played Thursday afternoons at Osborne Park Bridge Club in MacDonald Street, Yokine, a session run by Betty Davidson. This was only a social bridge club, but ideal for a beginner. My last partner there was May Davies, a remarkable lady who played bridge until she passed away at the age of 100.

Community Bridge Club was my next playing base and I played there for about six months. I was not really up to their standard, there I was told about supervised bridge at Maylands Bridge Club, and so commenced going there on Wednesday mornings. The supervisor was the late Alf Lindner, with winners receiving 'scratchies'. This was a most enjoyable and educational experience. I played with various partners, all of whom were very encouraging. Later, Alf mentioned a lady at the Club who was looking for a Monday partner, and this was my introduction to 'big time' bridge. My partner was Jean Martin, who was really supportive of a new and inexperienced player.

As my need for supervised bridge diminished, I began to play Wednesday night sessions with Gloria Lisman as partner, another player from whom I learned a great deal.

In 2007, the Club was still based at the Venville Centre in Maylands and I was asked to join the Committee helping to organise the various social functions. In 2009 the Club moved to temporary accommodation at the Maylands Bowling Club, as the Venville Centre was to be demolished, and replaced by 'The Rise'. The Bowling Club proved unsuitable for bridge, so I was approached about the possibility of finding other premises in the area.

My husband Derek and I spent several Saturdays looking at various venues, before being lucky enough to find the RA Cook Pavilion, which had just opened. The original intention was to return to The Rise when it was completed, but this proved to have no suitable facilities for bridge, so we remained at RA Cook. I was asked to fill the Partner Coordinator vacancy, a role I have continued to undertake with only occasional short breaks.

In 2012 I was invited to play at the Italian Club on Tuesday nights. My partner was Dominic De Gasperis, who later joined the Maylands Bridge Club.

In 2013 I received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Maylands Bridge Club and then in May 2014 Dominic and I were Runners Up during the Italian Festival Bridge Competition. Dominic unfortunately passed away in 2020. Robert Oakes, Bill Pabst, and I were made Life Members in November 2014.

Over the years I have had many partners, all of whom have helped me in many ways. I am still playing bridge three times a week, Monday and Thursday with Berni Smith, and on Wednesday with Barbara Gold.

I am currently involved with Intermediate teams Events and the Novice Congress played in October.

I have really enjoyed my time with Maylands Bridge Club and hope to continue as a member for many years to come.



## Upcoming October Congress

It is time for us novice bridge players to challenge ourselves a little. Maylands Bridge Club's Novice Congress will be played on Friday 28th October starting at 10am. So far we have 12 ½ tables but only one of those tables is from Maylands! If you have less than 150 points do think about arranging a partner and signing up. It will be great bridge and even if it is a little out of your comfort zone you will be in a very friendly and familiar environment. You may even win some red points!

It is very easy to enter. Just go to the BAWA website <http://www.bawa.asn.au/> and click on 'congress' under Affiliated Club Entries and click on 'enter a congress here' on the page that comes up, select Maylands Novice Congress and fill in the form. If you have any difficulty speak to me or another committee member and we will enter you.

Rosemary Cant

## SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR US ALL

New work health and safety laws came into effect on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 that recognise the role of volunteers and their right to be safe. These laws apply to us. The committee has decided to appoint a Health and Safety Representative (HSR) who Members are able to discuss/report potential problems or incidents. MBC has a duty of care for their members (volunteers) health and safety when they perform tasks for them such as setting up and dismantling the bridge room.

- We have a **RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS** that includes:
- The availability of the Health and Safety representative
- Flyer on noticeboard regarding safety
- Risk Management Plan
- Form for reporting and tracking risks and incidents

- Regular update regarding safety on Chit Chat
- Regular update on committee agenda

Safety and Health is **ALL of our responsibility.** We welcome your input.

Barbara Lynch **HSR**

## JEAN LILLEYMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

This even was held over two Thursdays the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. The winners were Anne Gidney and Ross Cant, second were Bernard Smith and Colleen Prosser and third was Robert Oakes and Leo Erneste. Contgratulations to all.



Winners Anne Gidney  
And Ross Cant



Second Place Bernard Smith  
and Colleen Prosser



Third Place Robert Oakes  
and Leo Erneste

## 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