



Club Rooms: Masonic Lodge - Corner of Chalmers and High Street Fremantle .....

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## MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



I like winter,  
Spring is nice  
Let's skip summer  
And do autumn twice!  
**Rusty Fischer**

Fog  
Fog comes on little cat feet  
It sits looking over harbour  
and city on silent haunches,  
Then moves on... **Carl Sandburg**

***I was at the beach the other day and a sea fog came swirling in, hiding Rotto and all the ships anchored off shore, then rolling off to blanket Fremantle. Very beautiful!***

### **COVID-19**

With COVID-19 being declared a Global Pandemic by the World Health Organisation this week, it is crucially important for all members to follow a strict hygiene regime and to remain at home if feeling unwell.

We rely on your good judgement to keep our club safe.

Unfortunately we do not have the facilities to sanitise the playing cards which is one reason why hygiene protocol is so important. Please wash your hands with soap every time you use the rest rooms and use the antibacterial hand sanitiser, located at the kitchen door, whenever possible.

The club remains open – but members will be advised by email immediately if there is any change and the committee decide the club should be closed for the safety of our members.

### **HAND WASHING**



Members are advised that the hand sanitiser at the kitchen door has been replaced. Finding an alternative dispenser took time.  
Thank you for your patience.

## WATCH THIS SPACE

- ♠ Easter is to be celebrated over the weekend of **April 10 – 13**. Games will be held on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Monday. Members are encouraged to take part in the Easter Bonnet competition to be held on Saturday April 11.
- ♠ At the recent February committee meeting it was decided to support the NEURA Foundation and hold **“Bridge for Brains”** again in 2020. Due to many previous commitments in May and only having a small window to run the event, it was decided to hold the function on **TUESDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>** as a fund raising exercise. Normally run on a Saturday, members are encouraged to attend the event on a Tuesday or consider allocating a donation. Envelopes will be provided. More details of the event will be posted closer to the date.
- ♠ Don't forget your annual opportunity to win gold points at the **GNOTS** – to be held this year on **Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Get your team together for this fun day.
- ♠ Is it time for you to dip your toes into the world of Bridge Congresses? Talk with your partner and consider entering the Fremantle Congress to be held on **June 7th** – Registrations on the BAWA website open soon.
- ♠ And, finally, keep the date of **Sunday June 21st** free and talk with your partner about heading to Rockingham for our first (renewed) Interclub event – the **Rockingham – Freo Cup!!**

## Director Retirement



L-R Director Chris Wells, President Jenny Langridge and Retiring Director John Penman

**Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>** saw Director John Penman direct his last game at Fremantle Bridge Club. John has been an invaluable active member of the club – not only Directing for any years but also as Barman, running the supervised sessions; he has been Club President, club secretary and media liaison with the BAWA monthly *Focus* magazine. Over 40 members joined him on Monday for a slice of cake and to show their appreciation of his valued contributions.

## Early Bird Wins the Prize

Congratulations must go to Club Secretary Liz Reid who responded to an email from Fremantle City Council regarding an update of Club details.

Ever efficient, Liz responded and sent the required information and, as the first to respond, Liz won a Gift Certificate to the value of \$100 of sporting goods from INTERSPORT – ARMANDO SPORTS.

Liz suggested we use the voucher as a raffle prize and, to that end, we encourage members to buy as many tickets as they would like.

It is also suggested members pop into Armando Sports to check out their goods.

Many thanks to Liz for her enthusiastic, committed and busy efforts on behalf of the club.



Fremantle City Council Erin Litchfield (left) with FBC Secretary Liz Reid

## WHO WANTS TO BE A DIRECTOR?



Expressions of interest are called for from members who wish to try their hand at Directing.  
Without a Director there is no bridge.

**NO DIRECTOR NO BRIDGE.**

No Experience required but basic computing skills and a general knowledge of Bridge would be an asset.

## LAW – PENALTY CARDS

A penalty card is a card that was prematurely exposed, but not led, by a defender.

There are MAJOR and MINOR penalty cards.

(i) A minor penalty card is one ranked 2 – 9 that was inadvertently exposed. Once a defender has two penalty cards they both become MAJOR penalty cards.

(ii) With a minor penalty card, a defender cannot play any card of the same suit below an honour card (ace

through to ten) unless they have first played the MINOR penalty card.



(iii) When the offender is to play, a MAJOR penalty card must be played at the first legal opportunity, either in following suit, leading or discarding.

(iv) When the partner of the offender with a MAJOR penalty card has the lead the declarer has three options:

- a) Ask for the lead of the suit of the exposed card, in which case the exposed is replaced in the hand.
- b) Deny the lead of the suit of the exposed card for as long as they retain the lead, in which case the exposed card is replaced in the hand.
- c) Give no lead restrictions, in which case the penalty card remains on the table and must be played at the first legal opportunity

A huge thank you goes out to Ray Toey who built a Strong, Sturdy (Jarrah) set of steps for the comfort and safety of members especially the Directors – Thanks Ray !!

#### MASTERPOINTS

*Members are advised their Masterpoints for February will show online at the end of March. The ABF does not accept late submissions and we could not gain entrance to the clubrooms to submit the February totals in time due to a faulty front door.*

#### PARTNERSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

Don't forget if you need a partner you can contact Odelle on **0411 776 390**. Please let her know if your partner is going away and you would be available for a game.

*\$\$\$ ££ €€ \$\$\$.....And just a gentle reminder:*

*Members are asked to understand that it is sometimes difficult to provide change for \$50 notes. Try to avoid using \$50 notes and any coins smaller than 50c denomination when paying table money.....*

#### HUMOUR:

The real test of a Bridge player is not keeping out of trouble, but escaping once you're in it.

Alfred Sheinwold

The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a Master Bridge player. Ely Cuthbertson

Jane Walters