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MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

What a handsome greater egret! With the rains coming and all our water table lakes getting a top up, plus time on our hands, we can enjoy the wildlife in all our beautiful parks. Bird watching is very relaxing if you are taking a bit of strain in these difficult times.

A greater egret demolished all the goldfish in a friend's fishpond – lethal beak!

On to Bridge:

At our recent committee meeting, sadly, we cancelled our Annual Congress Some other events we were looking forward to will be cancelled or at best deferred. GNOTS, directed by the ABF and scheduled for May 24th, is unlikely to go ahead but perhaps can be deferred.

The Fremantle/Rockingham Interclub Challenge scheduled for Sunday 21 June may happen but we do not know at this stage.

Bridge on Line:

We may be able to join the Rockingham Bridge Club to play online and will keep you informed about any developments there.



Our tea room:

During this enforced break President Jenny has been overseeing and organising the beautification of our tearoom. It has been freshly painted, we have new bookshelves and some other rearrangements so it is looking very clean and fresh. Thank you, Jenny and your helpers.



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<u>MAY BIRTHDAYS</u> What a lot of members have birthdays in May! We shan't name them all ... but to those Members we send best wishes and hope you enjoy your special day during these very different times.

A NOTE FROM DAVID BURN - WA STATE MASTERPOINT SECRETARY:

A total of 21 bridge clubs in Western Australia participated in the **Bridge Bushfires Support** initiative set up by the ABF. A total of \$21,128 was raised, and a total of 121.82 Red Points issued via the special ABF Charity Event Code. Charities receiving the donations included Blaze Aid, Wildlife Fund, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Kangaroo Island, Fire Disaster Relief and the NSW Regional Fire Service.

The bridge clubs that participated were: Albany, Bridgetown, Bunbury, Community, Denmark, Fremantle, Geraldton, Gosnells, Kalamunda, Kalgoorlie, Maccabi, Mandurah, Maylands, Melville, Nedlands, Rockingham, South Perth, Swan Districts, Village, Willetton, WABC. The Undercroft Bridge Club also intended to contribute, but unfortunately scheduled their proposed charity session for last week – the club was obliged to close its doors due to the Coronavirus restrictions, and was unable to hold the session before the programme's expiry date on 31 March.

I commend these clubs for their efforts, and we all hope that the contributions did assist the targeted charities in their efforts to support the victims of the disastrous bushfires.

HUMOUR

Limerick There once was a Bridge player from Perth Who was not the best player on earth. He overcalled a spade And died as he played. The postmortem, a four card suit's worth! (Apologies to R. Pavlicek)

Jane Walters

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