



FREMANTLE BRIDGE CLUB

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THE THING ABOUT FEBRUARY

- ♥ February was officially added to the Roman calendar in 713 BC.
- ♥ The length of February was finalised when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days
- ♥ The name of February comes from the Latin "februum" which means purification and was named after a purification ritual – an early Roman Spring Cleaning festival
- ♥ If you were born in February your birthstone is an amethyst and your flower is a primrose
- ♥ The Western zodiac signs in February are Aquarius (until Feb 19th) and Pisces (Feb 20th on)
- ♥ February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language
- ♥ And why Valentine's Day??

WHAT'S COMING UP



Monday February 22nd – Red Point event
Saturday March 27th – President Pairs

PROMOTIONS

Margaret Mitchell
Bronze Local

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Neville Stafford
Odelle Davison
Paula Prichard
Elli Pomykaj
Jean Dance
Maureen Willoughby
Vivienne McKellar



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RANK TITLES

From the ABF Masterpoints Centre: From 1 January 2021, the titles of ranks that used stars in the rank name (e.g. ** Local) have their stars replaced by either bronze for one-star ranks or silver for two-star ranks. This applies to Local, Regional, State and National, and is consistent with terminology used in the upper ranks.



Congratulations to
Gold Life Master Tom
Wheatley on
receiving his 1000
Club Master point
certificate.
(photo courtesy of
LBB)

1000 CLUB: The ABF Council confirmed the recommendation that players who have earned 1000+ Masterpoints, irrespective of their colour, be recognized. These players will be awarded a certificate designating the player as a member of the 'One Thousand Club'. This month is the first time this recognition has been implemented, and there are just over 180 players who will receive this certificate. The 1000 Club is purely a recognition certificate, not a new Master rank.



A note from Friday Director...

Numbers are down on Friday - we don't know why. We are trying to tempt you back to playing Bridge at the Friday session - Our first Friday back is Devonshire Cream Tea Friday so come along on Friday Feb 12th and have a scone on us.....



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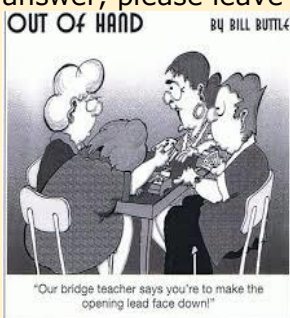
*The **Library** is looking great and the books are definitely moving around. But, we need more. So if you have any recent, good quality, clean books you have finished with please donate to the library. Please note we will not be dealing with DVD's any longer and will be donating our current copies to the Salvation Army. Please contact our librarian, Peta Kiernan, if you have any queries.*



LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE



A course of eight lessons will be run by Sue Simper at the Fremantle Bridge Club starting on Saturday February 13th 2021 at 9.30am. The course costs \$50, runs for eight weeks and each session will last two hours. To register your interest please ring Sue on 0409 372 222 any day after 4pm. If there is no answer, please leave a message and Sue will return your call.



SUPERVISED SESSIONS

And for those of you who have had lessons, know the basics and want to improve.... or those of you who learnt in the past and want to refresh your memory before facing social bridge then come along to SUPERVISED sessions to build up your skills and confidence. Supervised by Geraldine Pragnell and/or Florence Slater this group meet on Saturday mornings from 9.15a for a 9.30 start and goes through to 11.30 with a short break for tea or coffee. Cost is \$7 a session.

**MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT
EITHER SESSIONS ABOVE TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

BUYING VOUCHERS: You can pre-arrange a purchase of vouchers and deposit the funds/payment directly into the Club's account – or arrange for a regular direct debit if it makes life easier for you. When you do pay make sure you mention your name in the memo. \$70 dollars gets you ten worry-free games!

Bank Details: Westpac BSB 036-048 Account No. 148711



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Members will be saddened to hear of the passing of **Elizabeth Jenner** on Sunday February 7th. Elizabeth had a wonderful energetic love of life and her happy face will be sorely missed at the tables. Our heartfelt condolences go to her beloved husband Bruce and all the Jenner family.



Convenors for the 2021 year have been appointed as follows:

ALL COVID
PERMITTING

All GNOT queries – Jenny Langridge 0447 681010

SUNDAY April 11th - \$100 per team

Director TBA

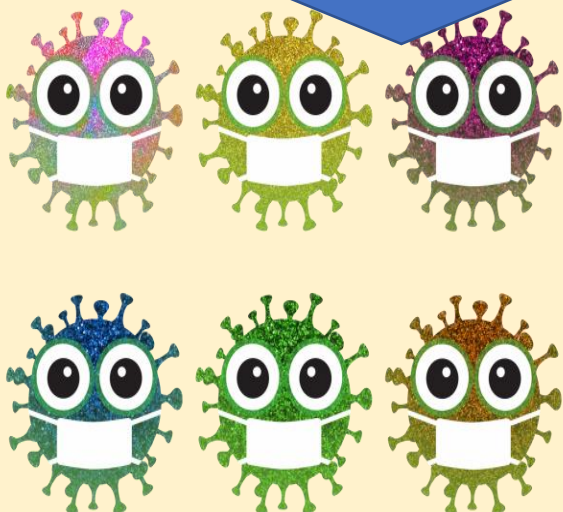
Enrol teams online or in events book in club rooms

FBC CONGRESS – Irene Percy 0417 939 868 or Rosalie Raine 0408 418 733

SUNDAY May 30th – entry fee \$30.pp

Enrol online only

Director TBA



And, where do we go to from here with COVID-19?

Since the lockdown was lifted the rules are quite clear:

- ♣ We are to wear masks (until advised otherwise)
- ♣ We are to abide by the social distancing restrictions
- ♣ We must sanitise, sanitise, sanitise

Fremantle Bridge Club purchased extreme amounts of sanitiser and has had three dispensers attached to the walls.

These **MUST** be used on entering the club rooms and on entering the kitchen. There are a few free standing bottles of sanitiser scattered around the room but we suggest members to carry their own to use between rounds if they so wish.

Members are urged to take responsibility for everyone's health!

AND TALKING OF HEALTH

Let's hope we never have to use a Defibrillator at the club – BUT – please find below a few pointers just in case.

Firstly, the Director will direct all and any actions in an emergency.

While the patient's breathing and response is being checked, the Director will nominate someone to call for help immediately and to contact the patient's ICE. **Call 000**



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CPR should be the first aid treatment if no response.

There is a Laerdal HEARTSTART DEFIBRILLATOR unit hanging opposite the front door at the Hall.

An alarm will go off when the system is opened.

The Defibrillator looks like a little child's back pack and comes with diagram instructions in the pads.

But, the Defibrillator **WILL TALK TO YOU SO YOU CANNOT GO WRONG.**

Knowing how to use a defibrillator is a great asset. If ever an opportunity arises that you can attend any free training from St John's it is well worth doing and it could be a life-saving exercise. Even if you feel that you are not physically able to help, you may be able to direct or assist in an emergency.

As you are reading this, you may want to download the St Johns First Responder App to your phone - it may save a life.



A Little Light Relief:

Humour is an essential coping tool for surviving tough times – so while we need to take COVID-19 very seriously, even corona virus and quarantine jokes can help and give us something to smile about. A few “pandemic jokes” from the web:

♥ Whose idea was it to sing Happy Birthday while washing your hands? Now every time I come out of the bathroom the kids expect to see me walk out with a birthday cake!

♣ **What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand!**

♦ What's the difference between Covid-19 and Romeo and Juliet? One's the Corona Virus – the other's a Verona Crisis.

♠ **After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house I always said I lacked the time; this year I discovered that wasn't the reason!**

♥ This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious the cat understood her. I came inside and told my dog. We laughed and laughed.

♣ **How did the health experts lie? They said masks and rubber gloves were enough to go shopping. They lied. When I got there everyone else had clothes on.**

ALERTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Players appear to be getting lax in alerting their partner's calls or announcing when the Regulations require them to do so! Thus, it is time for another reminder in the correct procedure when playing bridge.

Bridge is not a game of secrets. All agreements must be fully available and fully disclosed to the opponents. Whenever your partner opens either 1♣ or a natural 1NT you **MUST** announce the basic meaning of the specific call.

Regulations also require a player to ALERT, which is a process to draw the opponents' attention to any call from partner that is not a natural call, or has a special meaning, or has a meaning the opponents may not expect.

The fact that the system card explains the meaning of a call does not remove the obligation to alert it when required by these regulations.