



## FREMANTLE BRIDGE CLUB

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# MARCH MADNESS

You'd be mad if you didn't play Bridge twice or three times a week. You know Practice Makes Perfect!

**GNOT 2021:** If you haven't played in a team event, consider participating in the GNOT heat at **Fremantle Bridge Club on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. Playing in a team event is a different experience and a lot of fun.

GNOT is a Grand National Open Teams' event, conducted by the Australian Bridge Federation, with heats held in all States. Each State organisation is then responsible for qualifying a number of teams to the National Finals in November. The heats of the GNOT are held by most clubs in Australia and are the only gold point event which a majority of clubs can hold.

The Fremantle Club event will be a two session event to be held on the **11th of April at 9 45 a.m. for a 10.00 a.m. start**. The cost of entry is \$100.00 per team. This sum includes a payment of \$15.00 per team to BAWA plus fees to the ABF for Gold Points. Director will be Ian Rawlings – and the FBC convenor is Jenny Langridge. At the conclusion of the event there will be a light nibble either cheese and biscuit selection or pizza and a wine or soft drink. Nominations can be made either via the web or entered into the Events Book at the club rooms.

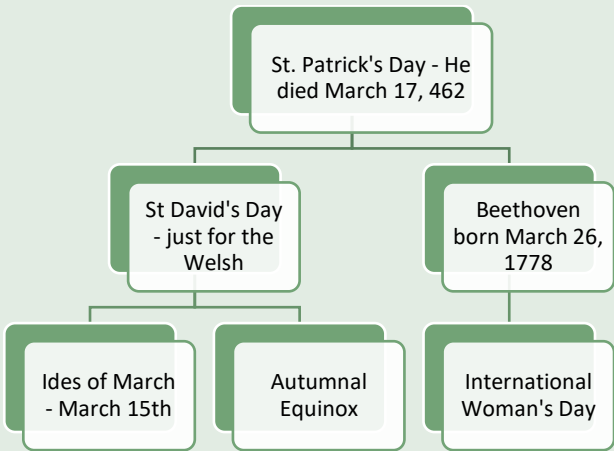
The winning team together with a number of placegetters (depending on the number of teams who enter) have the option of competing in the W.A. final on 29 and 30 July 2017 @ Nedlands Bridge Club. There is no obligation for any team to participate. Gold points are awarded to each team for each win. Teams may be of 4, 5 or 6 people. Only 4 can play each match. This is the only teams' event conducted by the club during the year. The team must contain a minimum of at least one financial Fremantle Bridge Club member. The events book is open for entries.

BILL GATES, the famous philanthropic founder of Microsoft, does not shy away from talking about his love for the game of Bridge. There is a quote from him professing that Bridge is the King of all Games. He began playing as a child with his parents and admits this game may have helped grow his intellect early enough. However he only got involved in tournaments after Warren Buffet introduced him, to which he quickly got addicted. To this day he still hunts for and hires the top bridge players in the world to form a formidable team for tournaments.

WHY ACOL ?  
ACOL is named after the ACOL Bridge Club in London NW6 where it's form and rules originated in the early 1930s.



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March 7, 1876 AG Bell received his telephone patent  
 March 5, 1955 Elvis Presley 1<sup>st</sup> TV show  
 March 12, 1818 Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* published  
 March 24, 1989 Exxon Valdez spilt 12 million gallons of Crude Alaskan oil  
 March 2, 1965 *Sound of Music* is released  
 March 3, 1887 Anne Sullivan begins teaching blind Helen Keller  
 March 22, 1963 1<sup>st</sup> Beatles album

**BIRTHDAYS, PROMOTIONS AND WHAT'S COMING UP!!**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**




Norman Solomon  
 John Penman  
 June McCormack  
 Dolly Richardson  
 Malcolm Dick  
 Carmel O'Neill

**PROMOTIONS**



**None this month**

**WHAT'S COMING UP**



Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> round **PRESIDENT PAIRS**  
 Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> round **President Pairs** (if required)  
 Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>  
 ♣ ♠ **GNOT** ♦ ♥  
 Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>  
 ♦ ♥ **CONGRESS** ♣ ♠

**And that Elusive 70s Club:**  
 Sam Zurub and Jane Walters 73.8%  
 Kaye Egan and Rosalie Raine 72%



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### HOW A RABBIT AND A CHICKEN BEAT JESUS IN A POPULARITY CONTEST

One day a little boy asked his mummy why the chocolate they ate at Easter was in the shape of bunny rabbits and eggs and little fluffy chickens. And why was it chocolate?

Well, we all know that the Easter we refer to today is from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century Germanic goddess of fertility *Oestra*, a symbol representing fertility and rebirth and worshipped during the advent of Spring. The first thing we recognise is that of its Northern Hemisphere origins. So as rabbits were the symbol for Spring – given their renown fertility – and eggs symbolised new life, our Easter, it is obvious, was rooted in paganism. Even the fluffy little chickens peeking out of anything egg shaped was to represent the new life. [Yay, a fertilised egg] However, it wasn't until the 19<sup>th</sup> Century that the chocolate rabbit appeared in Germany. The confectionery concept was soon transported to America by a German immigrant and so the tradition became entrenched in modern day society.

And as for the links to Christianity, the concept equates with the opening of the tomb and Jesus' rebirth. But that is another story.

But, Mum didn't know all this – so what did Mummy reply?

**"I've no idea son, but I do know that 89% of the population believe chocolate bunnies should be eaten ears first!!"**



And not to be outdone, Chocolates by the basket are popping up and tempting heads at the FBC clubhouse.

For the princely sum of \$1 a ticket you can have the chance of winning a basket of Easter goodies. There is also a "Guess the Jelly Bean" jar – again at \$1 a guess.

Have fun – support the Club –



Raffles drawn Easter Saturday



Members of the Fremantle Bridge Club raised and donated \$165 to the Lord Mayor's Fire Appeal – well done to those who contributed!! The club also sold the old timer (no, not you Chris) to the RAAF club for \$50 – of which the RAAF club donated the money direct to the same appeal.



"For Heaven's sake Gerald, we all lead in the wrong suit some evenings."



"TRUST ME, JOHN! JUST BECAUSE YOUR BRIDGE PARTNER DUMPS YOU...DOESN'T MEAN I WILL!"



"THE BRIDGE CLUB IS READY TO START, DEAR."