



FREMANTLE BRIDGE CLUB

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“NEW MEMBERS ARE A PRECIOUS TREASURE”

..... FREMANTLE FUN DAY - HAVE A GO DAY....



Ten tried, true and valiant club members ventured forth on a Thursday in April to meet the local hordes and spread the word. These valiant heroes armed with bidding boxes and good humour sat in the Fremantle library for two hours plying their trade; offering temptation to passing throngs and extolling the virtues of playing Bridge – Many thanks to Judy and her band of merry members for their efforts. Let's see how many public have taken the bait – and will attend Sue Simper's next set of lessons!!!

MAY is named after the Greek Goddess Maia

Italian writer and statesman Niccolo Machiavelli (1469) was born in May

Golda Meir (1989) born in Kiev in Russia in May went on to found the modern state of Israel

Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica

Alan Shephard became the 1st American in space 23 days after the Russian Yuri Gagarin

The coronation of George the V1 was in May

Freud and Marx and were both born in May – May birthdays also included Florence Nightingale, Ho Chi Minh, Brahms, John F Kennedy and even Peter the Great – Al Jonson,

Wild Bill Hickock, Wagner, Sakharov and the list goes on...

Constantinople was renamed Istanbul

The first fleet of 11 ships leaves Portsmouth in May 1787 for Australia

On May 2nd 1829, Captain Charles Fremantle took possession of the western side of Australia for the British Crown – (Same date different year Jenny married John in Halls Creek)

14th May 1984 the Australian \$1 coin replaces the \$1 note and,

Tasmania legalises homosexuality in the month of May.

Don't hesitate to use our LIBRARY. Not only can you pick up inexpensively priced books there is also a section dedicated to Books on Bridge which are offered on a loan basis...free and informative – bargain!!



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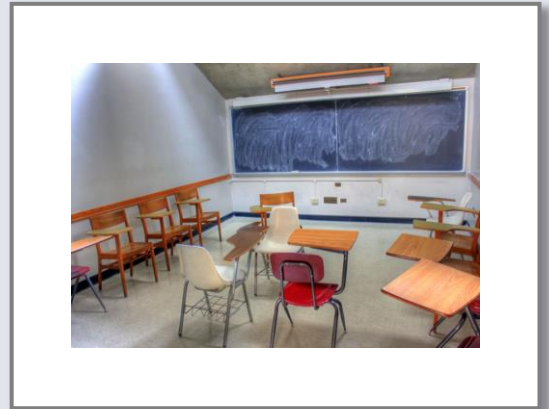
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AND TALKING OF LESSONS:

The next set of lessons start Saturday May 1st.

Please promote the classes to anyone you may know who would be interested. The cost is \$50 for a set of eight lessons and is run by Sue Simper. Please contact her direct if you need more information.



Did You Know You Are More Than Welcome To Stay Back After Bridge On A Saturday To Join Other Members In A Glass Of Your Favourite Tipple, Cheese And Biscuits And An Opportunity To Bemoan Those Recent Cards??? A FUN WAY TO WIND DOWN.

GNOTS

Six teams took place in the 2021 GNOT heat held at Fremantle Bridge Club on Sunday April 11th. Aply directed by Ian Rowlands, the eventual winners were team Sullivan made up of Dave Sloan, Steven Pynt, Carla Sullivan & Kate Pinniger.

Thanks to all involved and special thanks to Irene Percy for organising the nibbles, drinks and pizzas.



L-R Steven Pynt and Dave Sloan (50% of winning team):

Phil Bapty, Elizabeth McNeill, Se Moi Loh (front Marion Jefferson)



Brenda Evans, Jenny Langridge & Marion Jefferson:

Alexis Keynes & Janet Signer:

Peta Kiernan, Rosalie Raine & Kaye Egan



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LIVING LIBRARIES - MEMBER PROFILE:

This month we profile one of our older members – Angela Van Beem – a member who has had a very interesting life.

Angela was born in Budapest, Hungary – the eldest of six children. Her father - a noted sculptor - had attended the Royal Academy of Arts and also had an Import/Export company.

Hungary was invaded by Germany during the war – and then by the Russians after the war. Fearing for his family, Angela's father decided to escape from the communist regime. Gathering just a few belongings and under the cover of darkness they travelled by truck, hidden under tarpaulins, into Austria. Just inside the border they were caught by Russian soldiers and put into prison. It was bitterly cold and the youngest child, only three months old, developed an ear infection. His continual screaming was a blessing in disguise for the family as the prison guards released the family to a small hotel nearby. Others who had been captured with them were deported back to Hungary. They managed to leave the hotel and with the help of a business associate, her father was able to obtain false passports under the name Liechtenstein and they travelled to Germany where they spent three years in a refugee camp. They were willing to go to any country – fortunately they were accepted by Australia.

The family arrived in Fremantle and placed in Graylands Migrant Camp where the children attended the local school. Interesting to note that Angela's education had been in three different countries – hence three different languages – Hungarian, German and English.

While at Graylands the family became friends with another large family from Holland and the friendship continued after they left the hostel – in particular Angela with one of the Dutch sons.

The family settled in Guilford and Angela's father – Francis Kotai taught pottery at the Fremantle Arts Centre. He was legendary in art circles and is credited with introducing pottery as an art form to West Australians. Meanwhile, Angela continued with her studies and graduated as an Early Childhood Teacher. She worked for twenty years at the University of WA in the Child Studies Centre which dealt with handicapped children.

Angela married her young Dutch friend, incidentally adding the Dutch language to her repertoire, and they had two children and now have four grandchildren.

Her sister, Evelyn Kotai, is an award-winning and renowned artist in Fremantle, and her brother Bela is a highly regarded potter.

Angela's interest in bridge began at an early age. The family had always played cards at home and whilst in the refugee camp in Germany, Angela learnt auction bridge. In the early 1970s, while her husband was working abroad, she learnt contract bridge and was one of the inaugural members of the South Perth Bridge Club which had its beginnings in the Ernest Johnson Football Pavilion in South Perth.

When the family moved to East Fremantle Angela joined the Fremantle Bridge Club around 2003/4 and is still VERY active at the tables.



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It's a pretty full birthday scroll for the month of

MAY:

Best wishes to
Paula Sanders
Tom Wheatley
Jane Walters
Maureen Bellett
Sam Zurub
Se-Moi Loh
Judy Toey and
Sue Simper

Should be a good month for lots of cake!!

WHAT'S COMING UP

Saturday May 1st –
ANZAC PAIRS Red Point
event

Saturday May 30th –
FBC Congress

Monday June 21st –
Mid-Winter Pairs

Sunday June 27th
Rockingham/Fremantle
Challenge (at home)

PROMOTIONS



Over 70%



COMMITTEE MEMBER DRIVE

The annual AGM of the Fremantle Bridge Club is held in August each year. At the AGM elections take place for the committee. According to our constitution we have positions for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and up to 7 committee members. All financial members qualify for selection and appointment. Without a quorum of these positions being appointed, we cannot run our club successfully. We are in a healthy financial situation and based in a healthy location with fabulous amenities (very difficult to find elsewhere) but need more members to volunteer for the committee. **Please consider taking on a role** even if just for a 12-month term. Don't look on it as a chore or obligation but purely to be part of a fun activity with like-minded people.





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Club Director Course

There is an introductory course being held in August for anyone interested in learning to become a Director. The course will be run over four Tuesday evenings 3,10,17, 24 August from 19:30 to 22:00. It will be held at the Melville Bridge Club and be presented by Dave Parham and Neville Walker. Cost \$50. This is an introductory course aimed at those interested in learning to become a Director at Club Level, so it is suited to players who have never directed before or have 'walked through' with a club director but have had no official training.

Further information and registration Dave Parham 0409111081 or dave.parham@bigpond.com

Fremantle Rockingham Challenge is on Sunday June 27th. This year it will be hosted by Fremantle at home. Clear the Sunday from other commitments, enter the date in your diary and get prepared for a fun day. Let's try to claim the trophy for the port!!!

WINNERS of the Red Point Event held on Friday April 16th (without pyjamas) were Alexis Keynes and Cliff Collinson closely followed by Helen Black and Udo D'Avignon!! Congratulations to all who took part.

ALERTING AT THE BRIDGE TABLE

A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play, in accordance with the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge – World Bridge Federation.

- ◆ Bridge is not a game of secret messages; the auction belongs to everyone at the table.
 - ♠ Remember that the opponents are entitled to know the agreed meaning of all calls.
 - ◆ The bidding side has an obligation to disclose its agreements
 - ♠ When asked, the bidding side must give a full explanation of the agreement. Stating the common or popular name of the convention is not sufficient.
 - ◆ The opponents need not ask exactly the "right" question.
 - ♠ Any request for information should be the trigger. Opponents need only indicate the desire for information - all relevant disclosure should be given automatically.
 - ◆ The proper way to ask for information is "please explain."
- ♠ Players who remember that a call requires an Alert but cannot remember the meaning must still Alert.
 - ◆ Note also that an opponent who actually knows or suspects what is happening, even though not properly informed, may not be entitled to redress if he or she chooses to proceed without clarifying the situation.
- ◆ When an Alert is given, ASK, do not ASSUME.