

# Trumps Plus

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## Advance warning - Sunday 20 November - Sheenagh Young Tribute Bridge Game

The big news of course is that Sheenagh is 'retiring' at the end of this year. Much will be done and said in the coming months to recognise what has been a stellar contribution to our club and the game in Western Australia. This will include a tribute bridge game on Sunday 20 November - prizes, free hospitality, representatives from other clubs and BAWA. This is for members only and tables will be limited - but importantly, a fun day. Watch for further details...and book early! Don't forget the AGM coming in October - meet the new committee and a chance to have your say. Also, please have a look at the article on volunteers who are needed to keep our club going - social, catering, library and gardening - and a new cryptic competition in each future edition. And some more good news - we are planning to continue Super Saturdays and Fabulous Fridays. Stay tuned.

## Member Profile - Beverly Hunt



Beverly was born in the UK and brought up in WA from the age of 3. Despite coming from a staunch Anglican family, she was educated at 'Our Lady's College' - now Mercedes College. At age 9, she won Junior Model of the Year' - the photo shows why. After Year 12, she joined the travel industry and became the first sales executive of the Sheraton Perth Hotel, then transferred to Melbourne to join the Southern Cross Hotel as Sales Manager. Headhunted by Pan American Airways, she moved to Sydney for the position of Business Development Manager and received the Worldwide Sales Award in 1981.

Beverly returned to Perth in her 30s and broke through the glass ceiling to become the first female State Manager for American Express. This relationship lasted for 17 years. Noting that many of the people she employed had university degrees, Beverly decided it would be good to do the same. Working full time, she completed a Bachelor of Arts double degree majoring in Psychology and English. At this time she wrote the biography of her tennis playing sister - Lesley Hunt - which was credited towards her degree. On being offered a scholarship, Beverly completed a Graduate Diploma in Education - retiring from the workforce at 55 to complete this. Then followed eight wonderful years at Christchurch Grammar School, mainly part time.

Beverly did try marriage - a couple of times - but unfortunately found it wanting. She considers the time not entirely wasted as in marriage one she won first prize for the Best Orange Marmalade at the local show; and in marriage two - the best cake for Telethon (Spiced Persimmon). Beverly indicated her recipes are secret - however I'm sure a couple of glasses of red would lubricate her memory.

Volunteering gigs included being a spokesperson for Beyond Blue; a peer educator for Council on the Ageing; the Ripper Reader Programme in primary schools; and serving twice on the WABC Committee.

Beverly admits to having made only two mistakes in her life - she married both of them. Mind you, I have seen her not clear trumps once.

A condition of being featured in Member Profile was the inclusion of the following prose;

*When you come to this time of abatement*

*From this passing from summer to fall*

*It is manners to issue a statement*

*As to what you got out of it all*

*So I'll say though reflection unnerves me*

*And pronouncements I dodge as I can*

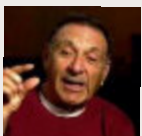
*That I think if my memory still serves me*

*There was nothing more fun than a man*

(With apologies to Dorothy Parker). Great life story Beverly. A piece of your admired spiced persimmon cake please?

## NEWS & EVENTS

- Sheenagh Young Gala Tribute bridge - Sunday 20 November - details coming
- AGM - 18 October after bridge
- Championship events - Open & Restricted Teams; Evening & Mixed Pairs - check website
- Andy's lessons - check website
- New members - a warm welcome to Jen-net Harvey; Geoffrey Lane; Christine Lane; Peiyong Xu; Richard Illingworth; Richard (Dick) Austin; Helen Austin; Murray McKay; Linda French; Jeff Salant; Helen Walsh; Jenny Crouch. We hope you enjoy your bridge at WABC.
- In Memoriam - Jean Rushton



**From Eddie Kantar** - other than being a world champion player, teacher and writer, Eddie has a great sense of humour; we will feature quotes each edition of Trumps Plus.

'Student in class has xxx facing AQJ in dummy. She leads low and puts in the jack which holds. She plays the ace next. Teacher asks why she didn't take the finesse again? She says: "You told us that only one of two finesses work".

## Cottesloe Cryptic Location Competition

*While unfashionable, using drivel*

*May help to solve, this riddle*

*Very unlikely, Barbie was here*

*But maybe a canoe, from another year.*

First to email me the Cottesloe location/name wins a bottle of wine. john.nelson@cewa.edu.au or sms 0419 948 640

## Goran and Maugham - what could they have in common?

One of our intrepid librarians, Ali Rigg, brought to my attention Charles Goran's 1946 book 'The Standard Book of Bidding'. The introduction was written by W. Somerset Maugham.

*"I am not at all the proper person to write an introduction to this book for I am an indifferent bridge player and my chief asset as a partner is that I have never thought myself anything else. I do not engage in post-mortems, for I think the players that habitually do so make a bore of the most entertaining game that the art of man has devised; the fact is that if you cannot see a mistake when you have made it, no argument will convince you of your error so the carping critic might just as well hold his peace and deal with the next hand. When my partner blames me for having played the wrong card, I accept his re-proof with humility - and when he has let me down 1,400 by grossly over-calling, I bid him cheerfully not to give it another thought".* Wise words WSM for us today. Classic!!

## Hamish on the rise!!



Congratulations to Hamish McCracken and his partner Deanna Wil-

son - on winning the Swiss Pairs Championship. From this time last year, Hamish has accumulated almost 70MP. While his total of 165MP belies his ability, it is significant to note that over 70 of these points are red/gold. Few others have invested so much effort into their bridge playing. Congratulations Hamish on this coveted Championship, and we hope there are more to come. Btw, don't take Hamish to an auction - you won't get away with a cheap bid!

While we're on the topic of improving your bridge, don't forget to purchase a copy of John Aquino's book on all aspects of bridge. It's on sale at the club; John is kindly donating all proceeds to our club.

## Blast from the past...Paul Marston 'Language of Bidding' 2009

A re-read of Chapter 1 - opening bids - provides some timely reminders;

- Playing in a major is always preferable; spades is the boss suit
- Open weak under certain circumstances; the Rule of 20 is helpful
- There are three other important considerations - togetherness of honours is important; honours work better in long suits, not short suits; intermediates - 9s and 10s - are important - long suits with 2s and 3s should be down valued. As mentioned above, be more inclined to open with spades as this forces the opps to the two level
- The decision about which suit to open in is more about length than strength
- With five of a major and six of a minor normally preference the major
- If you open light in the 3<sup>rd</sup> seat, it is on the understanding that you are free to pass any response
- Avoid opening light in the 3<sup>rd</sup> seat with a singleton - partner may likely bid this suit

## Your rights as Dummy



**Dummy can;**

- Inquire of declarer if they fail to follow suit e.g. no hearts partner?
- Indicate a lead direction if declarer looks like they may be incorrect - NOT after declarer plays the card.
- Correct the placement of a card for trick count - only declarer - and before next trick is played - NOT after

**Dummy cannot;**

- Touch cards or move hands towards cards, even if it appears 'obvious' what declarer might play
- Communicate with the opposition
- Bring to the attention of anybody, a rule infraction during play e.g. a revoke. They may raise the issue at the end of play. Declarer will call the TD. Dummy provides information if requested.

**Another dummy rule - nobody is permitted to 'spit it' at the table!!**

## Positions vacant - your help needed please



What do two doctors, a retired accountant and a French educator have in common? Answer; they are all part of the newly formed gardening group at our club, charged with the job of maintaining our surrounds so carefully established originally by Mike and Helen George and helpers back in 2008. The group urgently needs two more helpers. Please contact Richard Basham. He assures me that gardening get-togethers will be celebrated afterwards with an obligatory wine.

We also urgently need two more volunteers to assist with our wonderful library. All resources have been completely audited in readiness for an online catalogue to be launched simultaneously with our new website later in the year. If you could lend a hand for an hour here and there, please contact Ali Rigg. You never know, you may find that one book that transforms your bridge - maybe Goran's 1946 gem quoted earlier.

As always, Kerry Barns is seeking people to assist with catering during congresses. This is a really important part of making our events so popular. Please contact Kerry or Prue Hart - we have the Christmas congress coming up in December.

Volunteerism is so important in making our club great. Just an hour here and there will be greatly appreciated.