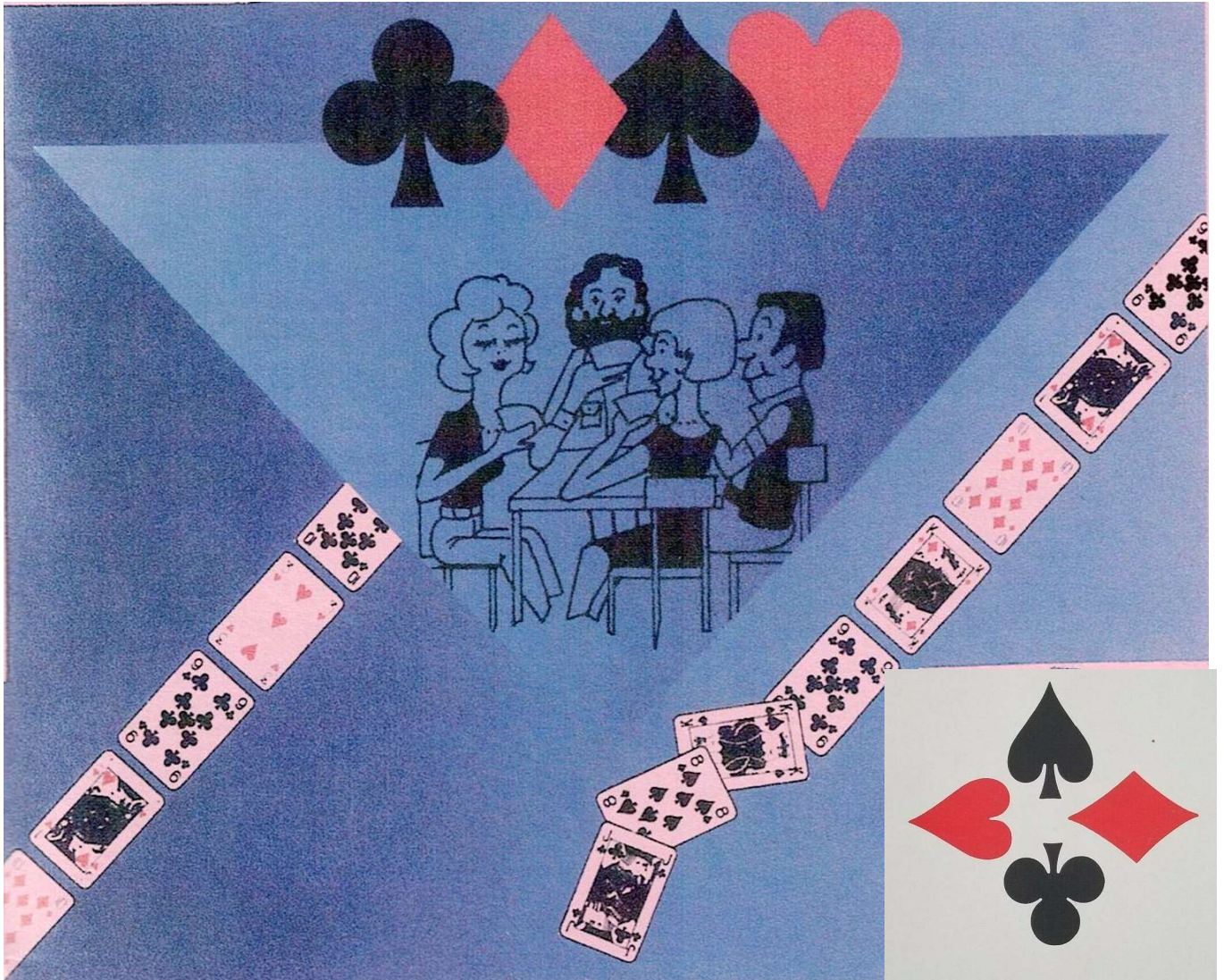


# Bunbury Bridge Club

Incorporated



## TWENTY YEARS OF BRIDGE

in BUNBURY

*A historical Review of Bunbury's Bridge*

*by Edith Piper*

# **Bunbury Bridge Club Inc.**

*A review by Edith Piper*

## **In the Beginning**

For me, it began with an advertisement in the local newspaper, “The South Western Times,” inviting anyone interested in playing Duplicate Bridge, to attend a meeting at the old Council Chambers on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1981.

I rang Colin Doney as the contact person and told him of my interest and the fact that I recently moved from Perth, where I had been President of the Dianella Bridge Club which had been started under the guidance of Gwen Johnson in her capacity as the BAWA Promoter. I suggest that it would be a good idea to contact Gwen for her expert help and offered my copy of the Dianella Club’s Constitution to Colin, suggesting that it might make a basis for the Bunbury Bridge Club Constitution. Colin accepted the offer.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend that very first meeting, but asked an apology be made on my behalf.

On 27 June 1981, a meeting held at Colin Doney’s house saw a Steering Committee formed. The founding members comprising of Colin Doney, Peter Morgan, Moth Andersson and Edith Piper agreed the new club be known as:

## ***The City Of Bunbury Bridge Club***

## **First Playing Session 1981**

The first playing session was held at “The Little Theatre” in Molloy Street, a temporary measure until more permanent premises could be found. At the first session of Bridge on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1981, most people had only played privately in each other’s homes. It was a learning experience to play Duplicate Bridge. All were eager to learn, so the first session was a happy one. Which we, the Steering Committee, hope would set the seal for the future of the club.

Moth Andersson asked me if I would play with a certain bearded gentleman called Jack McMahon. That obviously worked because we became regular partners playing together for seventeen years, despite the fact I suspected there were time when Jack would have willingly ended the partnership. – “Divorced me” Thanks Jack!

This is the list of first members:

Moth Andersson †	R Leonhardt
N Andersson	S Leonhardt
C Doney	B Reynolds
E Piper	A Balloch
J Morgan	A Rummery †
P Morgan	A Stucky
D Munro	J Dorset
E Wilson	R Sharp
C Pendlebury †	H Murray †
J McMahon †	K Sharp
M Dunn	J Huys
I Munro	T Albertson
D Burns	M Higgins †
A Wojciechowski	L Hislop †
F Clarke	M Beckingham
J Clarke	

Through Moth and Nils Andersson we were able to hire the Bunbury Tennis Club as our clubrooms so we got underway with the Club activities playing on Monday afternoon, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Moth and I would arrive early to prepare the tables, which usually meant washing tables and chairs, vacuuming the floor after the Tennis Club had their weekend of play. We also had to time our entry from opening the main door and reaching the burglar alarm, at the other end of the building, before the alarm was activated. This was always a hilarious start to our evening. We had to make cloths to cover the tables and not being in a sound financial position we could not afford the best materials. The cloths had to fit the Tennis Club's tables, which were large than standard card tables.

Our playing cards were Queen Slipper, which cost 0.50 cents a pack, our boards were handmade cloths ones donated by myself, but at least we were underway. Colin Doney directed most of the evening sessions and Moth Andersson directed the Monday afternoon session. These two people had a good understanding of Bridge and worked well together. Both were fair, honest, and competent directors. Colin began a Bridge column in the South Western Times, which went on for many years.

After a while Mrs Leonhardt was nominated as “Partner Coordinator”. We were fortunate to have such experienced competent members to help get the club underway. The annual subscription was \$5.00. Table fees were 0.50 cents from which our BAWA fees were paid.

I was put in charge of the kitchen, which meant ensuring there was always tea, coffee, milk, sugar and biscuits available, urn filled and ready in time for “Tea Break” at each session. My duties also included tidying the kitchen after each playing session.

On Monday afternoons Moth gave tutorials before play so gradually beginners were eased into the more experienced evening playing sessions.

### **Inaugural Club Open Championships**

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1982 the inaugural *Club Open Championships* took place at our club. Prizes were awarded at the August 1982 AGM.

Winners:	Joan Maides	N Barron Sullivan	\$40
Runners up:	P Huys	J Hays	\$20
N/S am Session:	M Higgins	D Warnod	\$10
Runners up:	A Wojciechowski	S Wojciechowski	\$6
E/W am Session:	D Leiser	C Leiser	\$6
Runners up:	D McKay	B Reynolds	\$6
Best pm Session:	L Hawkins	R Moyle	\$10
Runners up:	J Middlemas	A Middlemas	\$6
Best pm Session:	J Gibson	J Field	\$6
Runners up:	H Murray	A Mummery	\$6

### **First AGM August 4<sup>th</sup> 1982**

President:	C Doney			
Vice President:	J Middlemas			
Secretary:	M Andersson			
Treasurer:	W Wojciechowski			
Committee:	E Piper	A Balloch	R Wall	D Leiser

At the first AGM the following items were discussed:

- Sessions against other clubs, as these tend to be more interesting than postal matches
- Ron Wall to be invited to give lessons
- System cards to be purchased
- Proposal of a non-smoking club – defeated
- Wine evenings

Nils Andersson thanked Peter Morgan, Colin Doney and the Committee for successfully starting the Bridge Club. Our treasurer Alex Wojciechowski announced a credit balance of \$259, which was very satisfactory. It was agreed to donate a \$25 trophy to the Bunbury Tennis Club in appreciation for the use of their Clubrooms. During this year Moth Andersson became our first Club Master. The AGM closed at 8.30pm and social bridge was played to celebrate the Club's first birthday.

## **First Christmas Party, 1982**

With much help from members the first Christmas party was held on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1982. The entry for ladies was a plate plus a gift to the value of \$2 and for the gents \$2 and a gift to the value of \$2. Male members provided liquid refreshments. Everyone received a small gift to add to the fun, Bridge of course being part of it.

## **Other Activities in 1982**

During the first year we advertised the club's activities in various ways such as posters in shops, libraries, supermarkets and other public areas. The year continued with much cooperation from Club members, all keen to see our Club grow and prosper. Moth continued the beginner's classes as Ron Wall and Judith Mumby had returned to England. They donated an Honour Board as their parting gift to the Club.

Colin Doney started a quarterly newsletter as well as his column in the local paper. The newsletter was well received and informative. It gave the Club Members advance notice of coming events, summaries of results, member's percentages, and news of new and old members. There were also comments from people and humour. Later Ann Fyall took over this Newsletter when Colin left to live in Melbourne.

The Club compete in Pennants (September 1982) and also in the State Open Pairs, which was not well received, as there were too many freakish hands, poor printing, incorrect deals and vulnerability.

In October 1982 Moth and Nils Andersson sponsored a Handicap evening and did the handicapping on a simple minus and plus basis.

## **Inaugural Congress 1983**

We successfully applied to BAWA for a date for our *First Congress* and the weekend of February 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 1983 was chosen. The Tennis Club (our usual venue) was in full use at that time of year, so we searched for an alternative venue capable of accommodating at least 25 tables, a quiet atmosphere, kitchen facilities and servery. After much searching, we were able to book the Paisley Centre for our *Inaugural Congress* at a cost of \$70 per day. Being our first congress, it meant a great deal of organising. Bunbury being a very quiet place in those days. Moth and I canvassed the restaurants in town asking them to open during the weekend, so our visitors had somewhere to go for meals not provided by the Bunbury Bridge Club. A small café opposite the Paisley Centre finally agreed to open.

The Club provided an enormous amount of tea, coffee, biscuits etc., during the Congress and because it was a scorching weekend, bridge players consumed gallons of cool drink! The fans we had provided were mostly inefficient in that weather but managed to disperse some of the smoke haze, a bonus for non-smokers. A bar was provided for players in need of stronger drinks. The bar, kitchen etc. were all manned by volunteers.

It was a big learning experience for all of us and felt we had done a good job for our first attempt. The event was named “Bunbury 500” with exactly \$500 in prize money. The was also the weekend of the horrific bush fires in Victoria and the Club decided to donate the sum of \$250.

## **Activities in 1984**

At first, we held our own in the top division of the postal matches competition. Wine nights proved to be popular and were well attended. 1984 was to be a busy year with members helping in the running of the Club. Ethel Wilson and Eunice Butcher were busy early this year making new tablecloths in readiness for our Second Country Congress.

## **The Second Congress, 1984**

The Second Congress held at the Lighthouse Inn was a success and our Country Congress held at the Tennis Club helped increase the Club's finances.

During 1984 Colin Doney qualified as a Tournament Director. Norman Barron-Sullivan took over as Treasurer during this year and at the August AGM announced a balance of \$1,246 in credit. This was mainly due to the successful Second Congress entailing tremendous effort from some members. New light globes had to be purchased and replaced at the Lighthouse Inn, as the lighting was far too dim for playing Bridge. Volunteers prepared tea, coffee, and fruit juice. Members cooked and baked various lovely cakes and scones for the players. Bridge players tend to have enormous appetites!

The Lighthouse supplied a smorgasbord lunch on Sunday with supper at the end of play. Whilst Lii Soots finalised the scoring, (no computer those days!), prizes were handed out to end a very good weekend.

## **1985 Activities**

In January 1985 the hire of the Tennis Club increased to \$7 per session. It was decided to raise the yearly subscription from \$5 to \$6. The planning of the coming year's congress was already in progress with the writing of 14 letters asking sponsors for their support. The Club received a \$50 donation from Worsley Alumina towards the South West Championship Events.

On 30<sup>th</sup> January 1985 Moth and Nils Andersson sponsored a Bride Night to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Some useful and humorous prizes (snail pellets for slow players) were donated by Nils and Moth. I am sure they enjoyed their celebration among friends as all that were present did.

Killerby Winery sponsored a Pair Event held in February 1985.



By April 1985 our bank showed a credit of \$1,791.07. Colin Doney proposed that some of our fund be invested at a better rate of interest. The Management Committee agreed and it was decided that \$1,500 be invested with Perth Building Society.

Joan Maides sponsored the Club's Pairs Championship Event, which was much appreciated by all who participated. The first place was set at \$50, second place \$30 and third place at \$15. Best Junior and below ranking won \$20. This event was held on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1985.

The popular wine nights were held every other month with Colin supplying mystery prizes.

Our 1985 Bridge year culminated with prize giving for the Club Championship at the AGM held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. I organised supper for that event. In July, a Club Library was started with Lil Hawkins taking on the duty of Librarian. In readiness for the coming Country Congress Evar Oja collected and paid for the necessary bidding slips. The Committee was very appreciative of this and sent a letter of thanks to Evar.

By August 85 the Club's finances were in a healthy state showing a credit balance of \$1,929.67. A honorarium of \$100 was given to the Secretary for the financial year 85/86. The Club had many and varied activities in that period like Saturday Evening Social at a cost of \$ table fee, lottery tickets to winners. Colin gave tutorials to some members past the beginner's stage.

In September 1985, due to an increase to \$2,05 in the bank, Colin suggested \$2,000 be invested on the Perth Building Society Super Shares. This was done. Table fees were increased to 0.80 cents during this year.

Lil Hawkins and Ruby Moyle attended the Mayor's Garden party, subsequently Ann Fyall, Gerry Rick, Margaret Quartermaine and myself accepted invitations.



## Incorporation

In December 1985 an Extraordinary Meeting was held to forward a motion:

- The Club to become an incorporated body under the Companies Act
- The constitution to be amended
- The name of the Club to be **The Bunbury Bridge Club Inc.**

Seventeen full financial members carried the motion on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Move to Hay Park

The story of the move to our own premises in Hay Park began in 1985, with a Council meeting in early 1985 concerning the future of the vacant Men's Hockey Clubrooms. The Women's Hockey Association appeared interested in purchasing the rooms. Colin was fortunate to hear a whisper about these premises being demolished and with the permission of the Committee investigated the possibility of buying the building for use as a Bridge Club. The City Council then replied to the request by the Women's Hockey Club, listing a considerable amount for necessary upgrading. The Women's Hockey Club lost interest.

Colin went ahead with negotiations to purchase the hall. At a Council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 1985 a motion was carried that the Bunbury Bridge Club be permitted to purchase the building from the Men's Hockey Association for the price of \$2,000. The City Council would grant the Bridge Club a lease covering the area of the building plus a few surrounding metres for parking.

Approval by the City Council was conditional upon the Bridge Club bringing the clubroom to standards approved by the Bunbury Council. An Extraordinary Meeting was called on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1986:

1. To amend the Constitution as required, enabling the application for incorporation to proceed.
2. To discuss matters arising in connection with the proposed new clubrooms.
3. Removal of wall between the kitchen and main playing area.
4. Replace larger window on South wall with aluminium window.
5. Upgrade lighting.

6. Restore gent's lavatory and provide access to both lavatories.
7. That the foregoing work be carried out as soon as possible and obtain loans if necessary.

It was moved by Murray Webber, seconded by Norman Barron-Sullivan to borrow money to complete all renovations now. The motion was carried.

By the end of 1985 our Super Share negotiated by Norman Barron-Sullivan and Peter Morgan was maturing and our bank balance showed a credit of \$572.32.

## **Moved to Hay Park, January 1986**

The Bunbury Men's Hockey Club finally accepted our offer of \$2,000 and we moved to our premises on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1986. So began a time of great activity, also making do, in order that we make use of our Clubroom. Members loaned card tables and an assortment of chairs. Colin scoured the auction rooms for chairs to suit our bank balance and us! Colin provided a large urn, Marjorie Higgins a rubbish bin, Moth Andersson a double sink unit and vacuum cleaner. Dustpan and brushes were all contributions. Lucille Duncan and I provided tea towels. Norman provided 24 ashtrays as they were a must at each table in those days.

Times change! At present we do not possess one ashtray, not even as a souvenir!

As a member of the Red Cross I was able to obtain all sorts of crockery for a generous donation to the Association. I am pleased to say that later, as the Club developed, we were able to donate back to the Red Cross a sizable amount of crockery. Moth and I donated whatever else was needed.

Basil Mason volunteered to make wooden Bridge tables and the Club purchased the necessary material. Basil and Moth designed the table that proved ideal, having sufficient legroom for four people. Basil approached the company Wesfi Ltd for a quote on material and this they did at a very reasonable cost. In no time Basil delivered 10 new tables at a cost of \$400 for material and no labour cost.

Then the question of side tables arose. Once again Basil designed the ideal table and with the help of Own Quartermaine the Club now had 27 card tables and 35 side tables. A lasting and generous contribution by Basil.

A grant received from the *Department of Youth and Sports Recreation* went towards the cost of wood purchased to make the tables.

Former Mayor of Bunbury Mr Dick McKenzie donated a card table and side table, which were suitably engraved. Ann and Doug Fyall donated a Tasmanian Oak table in memory of Ann's dad whom while on an extended visit from England enjoyed many a game of Bridge at the Club. The table inscribed with Mr Hayter's name was made by a local Craftsman, specifically for the Tournament Director, with a drawer on one side to keep the book of Bridge Laws in.

Ethel Wilson bought the material and made curtains that she donated to the Club. Her task was made more difficult with varying shapes and sizes of windows. The Clubroom began to look cosier due to Ethel's work. Eunice Butcher and Ethel Wilson made enough cover for the chairs and at a later stage Eunice made 2 complete sets of tablecloths, one green and one brown, in all, over 30 cloths in easy washable material.

To comply with the Bunbury Council's stipulation, serious building renovations had to take place. It was a time of great activity for members with dividing walls removed and steel girders put in place in the roof. Most of the work was carried out by a team of the *Building Sub-Committee*:

C Doney	O Quartermaine	B Mason	A Waters
T Blackmore	H Richardson	C Farrow	T Taylor
J McMahan			

Tom Taylor did some wonderful tiling in the Ladies room. Joan Maides donated the tiles. Tom also painted the ladies and gents toilets and built the door for the men's toilet. Many 'busy-bees' and two very successful garage sales were organised. Verna Hatley produced home made scones, cream and jam for all our 'busy-bees' and -I must add- for many other functions, always appreciated by all.

After most of the general clean up completed by members, the painting of the clubroom was undertaken. To name some:

L Duncan	T Blackmore	C Doney	T Taylor
C Farrow	O Quartermain		

The walls were painted a lovely pale yellow colour called "Primrose". As with all our project there was a great sense of achievements by all members. With the participation of most Club members, the Club's "spirit" was very high.

The Club now had a separate Building Bank Account with a balance of \$,049. The current account balance showed a credit of \$2,420 as per February 1986. Our request of a BAWA loan was approved in March 1986. Insurance covering Building and Contents cost \$180.81 per year.

## **Activities in 1986**

The move to Hay Park did not curb the Clubs Bridge activities. We had 6 tables for the "World Championship" in April 1986 and our first *Epson World Bridge Championship* was held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1986.

### **Club Winners:**

Joan Maides	N Barron-Sullivan	Edith Piper	J McMahan
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My husband Harry Piper provided all sign writing for the Club including Honour Boards. Harry continued to update all Honour Boards and any other letter writing asked of him, until his death in 1994. Lil Hawkins offered to pay for new fluorescent lighting. Our bank balance stood at \$3,614.

## **AGM 1986**

Election of Officers and Committee members of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1986 was as follows:

President:	Peter Morgan			
Vice President:	Jack McMahan			
Secretary:	Moth Andersson			
Treasurer:	Norman Barron-Sullivan			
Tournament Director:	Colin Doney			
Committee:	E Piper	L Hawkins	R Moyle	A Waters
	A Fyall	B Mason		

## **Further events in 1986 and 1987**

On April 30<sup>th</sup> *Australia-Wide Pairs Competition* was an event in which all members participated. In June the new windows were installed which made a marked difference in the hall.

The *1986 Congress* was again held at the Lighthouse Inn on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The annual Country Congress was at the Tennis Club on October 6<sup>th</sup>. It cost the Club \$50 for the rent of the premises. Entry fees were \$16 per person. Only members of other country clubs were eligible to play in this congress. Once again our congress was voted a great success thanks to all Bunbury Club Members providing excellent food. Many favourable comments were received which was very pleasant for those involved.

Smoking became a constant niggling subject at this time. Smokers were asked to smoke outside the Clubroom for the benefit of non-smokers and as a general health reason.

In December 1986 Mr Francis was asked to be the Club's auditor.

Colin Doney purchased 32 metres of carpet at a cost of \$736 on behalf of the Club. Arthur and Basil not only prepared the floor prior to the carpet being laid but also had to correct some buckling that had occurred.

The generosity of Club members was still very much in evidence. Relatives of Pat Dave, Fred and Helen Davey, donated a fridge, which was gratefully received. Bank balance as per December 1986 was \$3,820.32.

At the December Committee meeting the following items were discussed:

1. Norman Barron-Sullivan submitted an estimate for annual income.
2. The Club to procure a quote for the proposed work in the gent's toilet.
3. The Club to find out the cost of half and full windows.
4. The Club to find out the cost of a sliding door for the North wall.

Members were asked to investigate possible grants.

The Club continued to raise money with a “*Monday Bring and Buy Stall*”. Doreen McKay’s Chocolate cakes proved very popular. Doreen brought many goodies, as did other members. Doreen also organised a fundraising luncheon. Ploughman’s lunches were held during the winter months with volunteers bringing soup or crusty bread. The Club supplied cheese. A really friendly atmosphere made those times very pleasant and beneficial to the Club’s funds.

Norman Baroon-Sullivan gave tutorials on Tuesday evening for a period of 10 weeks culminating in a regular Wednesday Session for his pupils. Each learner was teamed up with a more experience player. A special supper was organised to welcome the new people in the hope that they would all feel confident enough to come back again and -of course- join the Club.

I also had sessions on Thursday afternoon for people wanting to improve their game. I would try to help them with their bidding what to lead and so on. Quite a few of our Club members came along and it was always a relaxing session.

Volunteer ladies on a monthly roster basis did the cleaning of clubrooms, this saved hiring cleaners.

A monthly raffle also brought in extra cash. The raffle was drawn at the first playing session of every month. First prize was \$10 and second prize was \$5. Instant lottery “Scratchies” eventually replaced cash but was phased out by popular vote.

A Club sign was made by Harry Piper and is still in use.

Arthur and Basil installed a kitchen cupboard and laird a footpath. We hired out the Club to the *Archery Club* for one day for the cost of \$20. We subsequently received a letter congratulating us on the transformation of the building.

The lighting was completed in the ladies toilet in March thanks to Frank Rose. Committee debated during March whether or not to buy PBS shares as Challenge Bank was taking over.

George Bristow volunteered to remove the large shed on the condition he could keep the material. George donated \$20 to the Club.

At the March 1987 Committee meeting it was moved the Club apply for 1200 Challenge Bank Shares at the issue price of \$1.05 each. Peter Morgan having an interest in banking abstained from voting.

The committee agreed to the concept of the Community Club Awards Scheme. Ann Fyall and Verna Hattley agreed to co-ordinate. Unfortunately the project collapsed due to lack of organisers.

In May 1987, 732 Challenge Bank Shares were issue to us. It was moved our Club sell the shares at no less than \$2 as soon as possible. Those share realised a profit of \$583.

## **Extract from the President's Report      Year ending June 1987**

“Bridge Clubs are, I guess, all about playing Bridge. I do not believe we could have experienced a year with more variety in this aspect. For over and above our three weekly Duplicate Sessions, we have been fortunate in having the opportunity to experience a smorgasbord of stimulating events, such as the Country Congress, November Handicap, Boxing Day Party, South West Congress, America's Cup Tournament, the Andersson's Special Event and the Norman Baroon-Sullivan Competition Nights and lots more. I am sure I have missed out some of the special events but no doubt Colin Doney would put me right and who more qualified for this purpose! In the main it is due to the tireless efforts of our innovative Tournament Director (with a little help from his friends) that we have been able to enjoy such a wide variety of Bridge Playing since the Club was formed.

Our Clubrooms continue to be upgraded to ensure and enhance Bridge playing comfort. Because we use our own premises constantly, some of the changes may have gone unnoticed, but last year we fitted new carpet, hung Honour Boards, installed a door to the outside toilet, removed old showers, re-roofed and establish a ladies' toilet with new lighting, new security windows, tiles etc. We erected a new Club Sign, put up kitchen cupboards, laid an outside path, removed outside shed, installed new sliding windows, put up curtains all of which could not have been achieved without a great deal of time, trouble and effort from so many members.

Accordingly I thank especially Colin Doney, Jack McMahon, George Bristow, Basil Mason, Arthur Waters, Harry Piper, Tom Taylor and Frank Rose for their outstanding contributions.



At this point in time we are, as you will be aware “Incorporated” but are still negotiating terms with the Bunbury City Council.

We are financially sound and I believe the BBC has soundly and productively administered over the past year. This is due to the idea, efforts and generosity of you, the members and of course to the responsible concern and management of our Committee members.

I thank you all for the hard work and enthusiastic application. Especially Moth Andersson (Secretary), Norman Barron-Sullivan (Treasurer), Jack McMahon (Match Point Secretary), who also substituted for me on numerous occasions. Edith Piper (Social Secretary) and of course the man we all love to yell “Director” at, Colin Doney.

Signed Peter Morgan”

## **The Library**

During 1987 Dulcie Foreman attended a Book Sale at the South West Italian Club and purchased several books on Bridge to add to ones already donated by Lil Hawkins, Ruby Moyle and others.

Lil handed over to Dulcie her duties of maintaining the library. Dulcie undertook to list all books now in our library cupboard. The books were on loan to members on an honour system, for a donation of 20 cents. The library has since grown considerably as the Club, being financial, purchased all the up to date issues.

## **Other Income**

At this time, an other source of income came from the hire of our Clubroom to different Clubs and organisations such as: C.S.B.P. Archery Club, Music Examination (Mrs Ruth Collins) to name a few. Also in 1987 *Worsley Alumina* donated the sum of \$100 toward the Country Congress. The expenditure for the 1987 Country Congress was \$236.56.

## **The Constitution Amended**

It was proposed by T Albertson, seconded by L Hawkins, that the following clause be added to the Constitution:

*“The Common Seal of the Bunbury Bridge Club Incorporated, shall be kept in the care of the President. The Common Seal shall not be used or affixed to any deed or any other document except in the presence of the President and two members of the Committee, both of whom shall subscribe their name as witnesses.”*

## **Membership**

The Club was now known as “The Bunbury Bridge Club Inc”. The Club now had 79 members, which meant our annual subscription for Capitation Fee to the A.B.F. was \$288.50.

## **Other Events**

One of our stalwart members passed away this year. George Bristow will be remembered each time the BELL is rung, as it was George who mounted the bell, donated by Mr & Mrs Leiser from the USA onto a jarrah burl.

During this year Mr J Prosser presented an Australian flag to the Club on behalf of the Australian Government. Colin Doney contacted the *Department of Sports and Recreation* inquiring why the Federal Government did not recognise Bridge as a sport.

On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1988 the first *Individual Championship* was held and won by Moth Andersson. Colin and Moth donated prizes to the value of \$150. The Club provided first and second cash prizes.

The Credit balance as of February 1988 was \$4,914.22.

Further renovations to the Club were held up during February and March that year due to the builder’s holidays.

## **Country Congress 1988**

The *Country Congress* held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1988 in the Clubrooms had 15 tables. Jack McMahon borrowed the extra chairs needed from the Commercial Club and members loaned bridge tables. The entry fee to the Congress was set at \$18 per player and \$8 for meals. The Club made a profit of \$419.18. Norman Barron-Sullivan was quoted as saying: “The profit was due to the magnificent generosity of various members who provided over 60 people with two superb meals at only \$2,80 per meal per person.”

Lii and Lem Soots were directors, Doreen McKay generously accommodating them for the weekend. Avis and John Powell donated the first raffle prize, a travelling case, and over the years Avis has given some beautiful paintings, all her own work. Sadly John has now given up coming to the Club due to failing health and age catching up as it happens to quite a lot of us!

## **Bicentennial Congress**

The *Bicentennial Congress* on 29, 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 1988 was held at the Senior Citizens premises. The event's convenor was Norman-Barron-Sullivan and the director once again was Lii Soots. *Worsley Alumina* donated \$150 towards prizes. Entry fee was set to \$60 per player.

The event format was:

Friday night	7.00pm	Welcome drinks, "Welcome Pairs"
Saturday	1.30pm	Qualifying Round "Challenge Bank" Grand Pairs
Saturday	5.00pm	Dinner with wine provided
Saturday	6.00pm	Finals
Sunday	9.30am	"Coles New World" Swiss Teams of Fours
Sunday	1.00pm	Lunch
Sunday	2.00pm	Swiss Teams of Fours Finals
Sunday	5.30pm	Dinner, Presentation of prizes and Farewell drinks

Gwen Johnson organised transport for Metropolitan players. The Rose Hotel and Ocean Drive Motel offered advantageous rates, for our of town players unable to be billeted by our Club members.

Mrs Val Noble held, well attended, Advanced Lessons at the Club during November for members interested in improving their Bridge knowledge. Mrs Phylis Barnes provided Val with accommodation.

## **Moth Andersson**

Sadly for all our Club Members, our dear friend "Moth" passed away on Christmas day. "Moth" will always be remembered as a founder member of the Club, a marvellous worker who always had the interests of the Club at heart. The Club sent a donation to the Cancer Foundation in lieu of flowers.

The following eulogy, written by Colin Doney, a long time friend, partner and associate of "Moth", appeared in the South Western Times.

*“The bridge community of Bunbury today mourned the death of Mary Andersson who died on Christmas Day. Mary was devoted to bridge and countless players today owe their introduction to the game to her kindness, considerations and encouragement. The bridge club came second only to her family in her heart and she gave unstintingly her time and efforts. A founder member, secretary and life member, she and I were club pairs champions in 1985 and she became club individual champion in 1988. Only as recently as November 21<sup>st</sup> I partnered “Moth” in the Australian Simultaneous Pairs. On this hand she chose her favourite contract 3NT rather than the more obvious 4S. The reward was the same number of tricks but a top board for being in no trumps. The 70% overall score gained a first place in WA. Seventh in Australia, a result she was never to know. Mary Andersson played bridge as she lived her life – thinking only of others. Rest in Peace partner.”*

*Colin Doney*

## **Progress in 1989**

Some 20 people attended Norman’s tutorials. A beginner’s night was held on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1989.

General tidying, cleaning and renovating continued during 1989. Marjorie Higgins donated \$100 in lieu of her services during our Budy-Bees. Marjorie was not in good health and her gesture was much appreciated.

A framed photograph of the late “Life Member” Moth Andersson was acquired from her husband Nils and hung on the South wall of the Clubrooms. A photograph of Colin Doney was hung at a later date.

Margaret Quartermaine advised the Committee that a file had been purchased to hold early Clubs’ records. This file to be retained until a records cabinet would become available at the Clubrooms.

A break-in to our premises occurred in June and money stolen. All locks to the building were then changed. The job of cleaning up the mess fell to the rostered cleaners, Lurline Anderson and Pam Balloch. Unfortunately we had quite a few of these disturbing incidents, sheer vandalism. Money was never left on the premises again.

## **South West Regional Congress 1990**

This Congress took place at the Club Pavilion, Hay Park on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1990. We had to limit the number of tables to suit the size of the hall. Numerous and generous prizes were offered.

There were two open pair sessions:

At 10am Qualifying Round and

At 2pm Final

Lii Soots directed and once again Doreen McKay provided accommodation for Lii and Lem. Entry fee being \$20 per player, this included lunch, refreshments and supper. Colin Doney was the events convenor.

During 1990 the Club purchased new sets of boards at a cost of \$135 per set. In August this year the Bunbury Chess Club began hiring our Club premises every Thursday night at a cost of \$15 per evening. During September the Club held a fundraising event in aid of "*Grandparent of the Year*" and forwarded a cheque, for the sum of \$80 via Ruby Moyle, to Mrs Pat Kitchen, who went on to win a trip to Penang for her efforts.

Public Liability Insurance through our Broker Naughton Gardiner was increased to \$1,000,000 this year for a cost of \$105.

## **Further Progress**

In June 1991, Ron Klinger visited our Club. Our lady members provided a sumptuous lunch. Attendance at this 20hour lecture cost \$10 per head.

The Building Committee continued with smaller jobs and after all their efforts the Club was eventually sold back to the Men's Hockey Club for the sum of \$15,000 in 1991.

The Building Sub-Committee comprised of: *C Doney, B Mason, F Clarke, R Maloney, H Richardson, J Powell, and M Webber.*

In August this year Basil Mason approached *The Bunbury Pavilion Food Hall* for sponsorship for the forthcoming congress. Manager Dan Sullivan was pleased to participate in this and in return, flyers were handed out to every player at the Congress advertising the Food Hall, which would be open for various meals during the congress weekend.

In August 1991 a notification was received from Mr J Grenfield of BAWA telling us of the approval of a loan for \$5,000 to our Club. The Club had then a membership of 85.

During September Vicki McNulty, an ex-member living in Rockingham, advised Committee of her new address and enclosed \$5 requesting she be sent the BAWA magazine and information of all Clubs events.

The Bunbury Chess Club informed Committee they would be willing to continue to hire the club every Thursday evening at the agreed rent and conditions.

## **The Tenth Anniversary**

A party, incorporating Bridge playing, to celebrate the Clubs 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was held in the Clubroom in August 1991. On this occasion Jack McMahon and Edith Piper received Life Membership, presented by the President, Mr Peter Morgan. Original members attending included C Doney, P & J Morgan, V McNulty, H Murray, M Dunn, A & S Wojciechowski. May Dunn wrote to Jack McMahon congratulating club members on such a successful party. Quite a crowd came to the supper and presentations. Non-players left when the serious business of Bridge commenced.

## **Other events in 1991**

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Congress was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 1991. Once again it was voted a most successful Congress with Worsley Alumina donating the sum of \$100. Later on during the year as a result of general consensus from members a telephone was installed in kitchen area.

During the year we received correspondence from Mrs Thelma Hunter advising us of her transfer from Perth to Bunbury. A partner was found for Thelma for her initial visit on 16<sup>th</sup> of December. Thelma was a welcome member, especially in her capacity as an accredited Tournament Director.

In October 1991 Verna Hatley had written to the Management Committee, requesting a Thursday afternoon open session with green points awarded and under the guidance of Edith Piper. However, the members attending Edith's sessions preferred to continue as tutorials only.

The Melbourne Cup celebrations took place and prizes were awarded for best hats. Edith Piper was voted first and Ruth Collins second.

## **Move to Balgore Way**

The Club moved to premises at Balgore Way in Carey Park on November the 9<sup>th</sup> 1991, having purchased the previous Jehovah Witness Hall at a cost of \$84,935.26. A cheque was sent to the Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses Inc, in Perth. A Fee of \$4,034.82 was paid to Crescent Property Settlements making a grand total of \$90,000. Mr John Powell, a valued member of our Club, was nominated to represent the Purchaser at the Settlement. The purchase of the new Clubroom was partly financed from accumulated funds, the sale of previously owned building in Hay Park, loans from members and supporters and a loan from ABF. The Club was committed to meet interest on load repayments, so, spending had to be restricted for a period. Also a considerable outlay was necessary to provide kitchen facilities to our members and tenants. Alexa Leitch donated all the kitchen cupboards and once installed, Lurline and Ron Anderson did an expert job of stripping and painting the walls while Tom Taylor did all the kitchen tiling. In December and architect, Mr Robert Nicholson, inspected the Clubrooms and advised the Club on possible developments and costs. A neighbour, Mr Bailey, complained to the Committee of the proximity of gum trees to his property. After consideration the Committee decided to keep the trees, which presented no threat to the neighbour's property.

The Busselton Bridge club invited all member of our Club to their Christmas Party. Many members attended and agreed the evening was most enjoyable with a wonderful Christmas spread. Our Club was to reciprocate in the future. Ann Fyall sent a 'thank you' card signed by all that attended.

The Management Committee thanked Diana Marler, Secretary of BAWA, for the offer of a load from BAWA of between \$2,000 and \$2,500 for our Clubroom. However, due to offered finance and loans from our Club member, their loan was found unnecessary at this time.

## **1992**

In February 1992, Eunice Butcher generously made more cushions, covers and a hanger for the tablecloths.

The *Music Examination Board* once again hired our clubroom. Sadly this time not organised by Ruth Collins, a long time member who passed away after a hip replacement operation.

Margaret Quartermaine and Helen Denholm were both hospitalized in 1992. Both made a complete recovery and Helen later moved to live in Mandurah, but returned often to visit and play cards.



## **South West Regional Congress 1992**

Our March 1992 Congress was again directed by Lii Soots who happened to win a prize in the raffle. Lii kindly donated it back to the Club and another lucky ticket holder received the table setting. Doreen McKay, the Vice-President, once again accommodated Lii and Lem Soots. *S.C.M Chemicals* donated \$100 towards the cost of the Congress.

The program of events for 1992 was as follows:

Club Open Pairs	February
Club Open Teams	April
Club Mixed Pairs	May
Club Restricted Paris	June
Ladies Pairs	July
Individual Championship	August 92

Dulcie Foreman obtained quotes for our Annual Bunbury Bridge Congress catering and Eileen Page was the successful applicant. It was decided to follow the trend and not provide the Saturday evening meal. Players had the choice of many restaurants and cafes around town. The cost for Saturday Team's Competition was set at \$12 per player, Sunday open Pairs at \$24 per player, covering two sessions of Bridge with lunch and high tea, with usual drinks and goodies from the kitchen.

## **1993**

After discussion at the Management Meeting it was decided to retain Bridge sessions as normal i.e.: Monday afternoon 1pm to 4.30pm, Wednesday and Friday Evening 7.30pm to 11pm.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1993 Colin Doney organised a meeting for members interested in becoming Tournament Directors and willing to take the course conducted by BAWA.

Also at that time BAWA Tournament Committee decided that all Clubs must use pre-dealt boards, with hand records, at all future Congresses. Failure to do so would result in the nullification of RED points awarded in these Congresses. Hand records to be available after each session.

Colin Doney gave notice that as the Club would purchase a second hand computer, his computer service would be terminated. As a result of this Jack McMahan informed the Committee that without the use of Colin's computer and expert knowledge of scoring etc. he could no longer continue as Master Point Secretary. The Club had purchased an EPSON 400 X 9 pin printer for the cost of \$282 and a NIROD 386 x 25 LC computer.

Dulcie and Ron Foreman donated trophies for the May Mixed Pairs Competition. A Jarrah clock and Jarrah bowl won by D McKay and C Doney. Committee wrote a letter of thanks to Lii Soots for donating her prize from the previous year's Congress raffle. It was resolved to have a Bridge Card table inscribed in acknowledgement of Lii's support to our Club. Thank you letters were sent to Doreen McKay for billeting Lii and Lem and Eunice for making so many cushions and hangers for the tablecloths. At that time we also thanked Lila and Bill Winn for their generous gesture to clean the Clubroom for 6 months and Harry Piper for repainting all directions on Club Boards.

In August Verna Hatley retired from the Catering Sub-Committee due to ill health. Soon after, Verna moved to Rockingham and underwent an operation at Hollywood Hospital for half leg amputation.

## **Donations**

Eastman & Co	\$50 for our 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Congress
Challenge Bank	\$100
Gommes Shoes	\$50
Stirling Stores	\$50 (vouchers)
South West Printing	\$100
S.C.M Chemicals	\$100

The Grand National Country Teams winners were: John Kemp, Norman Barron-Sullivan, Murray Webber and Abe Rosenstreich.

In February this year Committee received a request for information from the secretary of BAWA on how the Club ran the Melbourne Cup Sweepstake. Since this was initiated by Colin Doney and always very popular, Colin replied with his format. Avis Powell donated another selection of her beautiful paintings. The Management Committee sent her a letter of thanks commending her talent. A letter was also sent to Lii and Lem Soots enclosing a cheque being payment in full of their loan to the Club and expressing our gratitude for their support and confidence in our Club. In March a Chef Electric Cooker was purchased at a cost of \$1,325 plus installation of \$239.

In July a sealed envelope containing papers, documents and Common Seal was lodged with the Challenge Bank.

Further donations of \$50 were received from Coastal Automotive Centre and from Coles and the sum of \$100 once again donated from Worsley Alumina.





Some of the Bridge Club Members outside  
Balgore Way Club House

Photograph taken by Ann Fyall, 1998



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## **1994**

The Tournament Sub-Committee this year comprised: B Stevens (Chairperson), M Webber, V Tweedie, L Duncan, Joy Gibson, A Waters, J Bennett and G Rick.

The Building Sub-Committee: A Wallis (convenor), J Bennett, O Quartermaine, M Quartermaine, G Rick and T Taylor.

The Finance Sub-Committee was composed of: G Rick, M Webber and A Wallis.

The Social Sub-Committee: D Craddock, Joy and Jeff Gowan, J Clarke, J Gibson and J Collins.

The Committee resolved not to use disposable cups at normal Bridge sessions. G Rick organised photograph and certificate for N Barron-Sullivan induction into Life Membership. It was decided this year that the Director would have the power to pick Pennants players when Bunbury competed against other Clubs.

The Club fire extinguishers were serviced and 2 new covers for the air conditioner were purchased at a cost of \$100 each. In January 1994 the following agreed to sponsor our Club:

Worsley Alumina	\$100	Mensland	\$50
SCM Chemicals	\$100	Bricknell Electrics	\$50
Kiwi Catering	\$50	Eaton Bottle Shop	\$50
Kim's Auto	\$50	Barry Pain	\$50
Hot Bread Factory	\$50	Elricks Electrical	\$50
Plaza Meats	\$50	Spencer Motors	\$50
Admiral Inn	\$50	Bon Marche	\$50

The President's Party was held at Mr & Mrs Webber's home. Committee and members thanked Mrs Webber for her generosity in supplying finger food prior to the BBQ in such a relaxed atmosphere.

During March the Club paid tribute to Marjorie Higgins who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Marjorie will be remembered as a fine Bridge player and a strong Club supporter. Before her death Marjorie achieved her goal of becoming a State Master.

## **1994**

The Bunbury Congress was held at the Bunbury Senior Citizens Building.

In 1994 new members joined the club: Norm Rick, Fred Goddard, Les Pike, Ralph Pierce, Alex Wallis, Nell Usher, Joh Fiegert, June Fiegert, Doreen Mottram, Joyce Taylor, Winn Tucker and Ron Downie. At the same time we said farewell to Beryl Thompson and John Laugeson who moved to different locations.

On February the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1994 Beginners and Improvers classes resumed at a cost of \$4 per player. Several members volunteered to assist Bevan Garstone and Margaret Quartermain with the classes on Tuesday evenings. Once the beginners joined the Club, their table fee became \$3.

Murray Webber, as outgoing President, was thanked for his leadership. The Club's transfer of bank account to the ANZ Bank took place in August 1994. The Manager of ANZ bank indicated his willingness to open the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bunbury Congress to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September. The Bank balance was \$13,789.

Nora Heeroma resigned from kitchen duties due to planned extended overseas trips. Eunice Butcher took over these duties until a volunteer came forward. Nick Heeroma took over as librarian, responsible for ordering books and keeping records. Members thanked Mr and Mrs Heeroma for their valuable input into the Club.

John and Ann Middlemas were farewelled this year prior to their move to Perth. Sadly John passed away in October 1999.

Barbara Whelan passed away aged 84 years. A good member for many years.

SCM Chemicals agreed to once again sponsor the Country Championship for an increased amount to \$200 and generously provided an Honour Board for display in our clubroom.

During August the small entry room was painted carpeted and a new computer installed. In October 1994 the Tournament Sub-Committee advised that all events over 3 sessions to be omitted in 1995, to allow flexibility of other events being introduced.

In November Vanna Pike was thanked for continuing as an interim secretary attending all meetings, until the return of elected secretary from holidays.

By now the Club had 88 paid up members. The treasurer agreed with the Committee that any lapsed membership required a re-activation fee.

The Christmas Party began at 6.30pm on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1994. The Club supplied food and drinks and normal Bridge took place at no cost to members.

Thelma Hunter agreed to handle calls from members requiring a partner but not to actively find partners.

A planner to be implemented by Gerry Rick, to facilitate the years activities.

The Club Championship Trophy was engraved in readiness for presentation at the next playing session.

## **1995**

The Individual Championship for 1995 was played on 3 separate days, best two scores to count.

The Finance Committee recommended that 6% interest be paid on outstanding members loans for the preceding year. The Club paid out \$85,000 off the total debt and considered paying a further \$2,000 on receipt of budget update. A motion by Gerry Rick seconded by Bob Stevens was carried by Committee members resulting in the interest rate on load by member be set at 8% for 12 months. (As originally agreed.) The Bank Balance standing at \$7,728.

Dene Craddock and her team provided an excellent variety of soups and bread for this year Annual General Meeting. Margaret Quartermaine approached several members to form a Social Sub Committee. Margaret volunteered to organise the Christmas hamper.

Gerry Rick continued to purchase and post any necessary Get Well cards etc.

John Kemp and Murray Webber, with teammates from Augusta and Margaret River took part in the GNOT Competition held in Sydney, gaining 21<sup>st</sup> place out of 32 teams.

Joy Gibson undertook all arrangements for the Melbourne Cup Sweep, with bridge play after the race. Supporters of Joy were: Dene Craddock, Joy Gowan, Geff Gowan, Pat Farrow, and Margaret Quartermaine. Those members attending enjoyed the whole day.

John Bennett continued his Monday morning lessons attended by several interested members. John was Committee Liaison officer and Convenor of postal matches against other country clubs.

The Club Individual Championship Trophy was engraved and presented to Audrey Keough. Open Pairs Championship winners were N Barron-Sullivan and Able Rosenstreich.



During this year Murray Webber began writing his column in the South Western Times and was congratulated by the Committee on this column, signed "DREW TRUMPS"!

Maria Welling joined the Club for the duration of her holiday, staying at her daughter's Motel "Faulty Towers" she subsequently lived here for six months of the year, enjoying the best of both worlds...

A sum of \$150 was approved for purchase of new library books to be ordered by Nick Heeroma who continued to run our library.

The Committee enforced the ban on the sale of raffle tickets etc in the Clubrooms that were not related to Club activities. The Club donated \$200 to the Gold Point Grand National Teams Championships WA Elimination, held at Jerramungup.

Owen Quartermaine erected floodlights in the car park and was thanked for saving the club considerable expense. Two Honor Boards were received from SCM Chemicals one each to be use for Pairs and Team events.

In May this year the entry for EPSON Pairs increased to \$7 per player.

A new ruling was implemented this year that players sitting North to be responsible for collecting table fess per table and the Treasurer to collect monies after the first round.

Bill Winn completed all shelving in the new office on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Bill and Alex Wallis were thanked for their work in the preparation of the office.

## **1996**

Peter Morgan (ex President) accepted the Committee's invitation to become a member of the Finance Sub-Committee. It was hoped Peter would stay on this Committee for some years since his knowledge of finance was much appreciated.

Ian Duncan investigated costs to upgrade the present computer – and expected cost was \$700. Ian knowledge and expertise on computers is also invaluable. The upgrading of the Club's computer took place on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

During February 100 decks of new cards were purchased and one set of 32 new boards. The Tournament Sub Committee's chairman was made personally responsible for the introduction of the Club Handbook.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> twelve Busselton Bridge Club members visited our Club for social drinks and light meal followed by bridge. Forty people attended the meal and 12 ½ tables played bridge. It was an enjoyable gathering thanks to Joy Gibson, Ann Fyall, Pat Farrow, Joy and Jeff Gowan and all members who provided food.

Invitations were sent out to all sponsors to attend the President's BBQ on 9<sup>th</sup> March. The meal was supplied by Club member Bob Stevens and his wife Sue, (Kiwi Caterers). All in attendance enjoyed the occasion and hopefully this event will continue over the years.

Both S.C.M Chemicals and Worsley Alumina donated \$200 in sponsorship cheques in March. In April Nick Heeroma purchased, on behalf of the Club, a glass fronted, lockable bookcase.

The South West Regional Congress realised a profit of \$603.37.

A contractor lopper several trees. This was organised by John Bennett who also painted the storeroom with help from Nick Heeroma and Henk Cransberg.

During this year the back area of the Clubhouse was transformed. All garden was taken away – paving bricks laid. John Bennett organised a “working bee” to remove all wallpaper from stage area and side room. The stage now housed the new computer room. The previous computer room now became the cleaner's room the Club is cleaned twice a week by Mrs Hearne (cleaning contractor).

Owen Quartermaine undertook to assist the electrician who carried out the installation of the new switchboard. Owen also carried out repair and replacement work on the air conditioning system.

In July the Club accepted its 100<sup>th</sup> member. Finances were now managed by Alex Wallis and Peter Morgan, loan liabilities of \$13,000 were repaid in November.

New movement cards purchased from Terry Glover at a cost of \$180 were now in use.

John Bennett continued to organise Club Pennant matches. Joy and Jeff Gowan resigned from the Social Sub-Committee owing to ill health. Jeff later has his right leg amputated but managed superbly and still attended bridge sessions.

The South West Regional Championships was now known as *WA Country Championships*. The Bunbury Congress to be named *City of Bunbury State Pairs*.

Henry Petterson and Pat Blechyden passed away during 1996 and they will be missed by all.

The Christmas party was held in the Clubrooms.

## 1997

During this year Corinne Monteath organised the updating of all Honour Boards with names of previous and current winners.

The Club engaged "Trevors Carpets" to remove stage carpet and lay new carpet to both stage and office area at a cost of \$500. Thank were extended to Henk Cransberg, Owen Quartermaine, John Bennett, Alex Wallis, Les Pike, Bevan Garstone, Ian Duncan and Nick Heeroma for their hard work and painting.

Judy Clarke co-ordinated the Country Championships held on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Henk Cransberg organized the the Bar and Joan and Bevan Garstone ran the kitchen on Saturday afternoon.

Four new members were welcomed this year: Joyce Lawler, Ivor Frankland, Jeni Bircsak and Shirley McLoughlin.

A very pleasant day entertaining 44 members from Undercroft and Wanneroo Bridge Club took place on 16<sup>th</sup> February incorporating bridge. The President gave a welcome speech whilst drinks were served and some Bunbury Club members provided excellent luncheon.

The president's party was held at Kate Boston's residence on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. A 'Hungry' provided by Bob and Sue Stevens created a wonderful feast for all and Henk Cransberg organised the drinks again. Kate was presented with a basket of flowers in appreciation for the use of her home and garden. The Club covered the cost. \$120 was allocated to purchase prizes for the sponsored event during the year.

The Committee decided to continue with Mixed, Open and Restricted Ladies Pairs as well as Individual Events, but ceased team championships for a while.

This year the Committee agreed that BIRO-pens would no longer be provided for members use but a few would be available upon request.

Approximately 21 beginners and improvers continue to attend Tuesday Evening sessions on 30 minutes prior to actual play. Bevan Garstone gave tuition and play was supervised by Margaret Quartermaine and Alex Wallis and by at least one club member at each table.

Russell Millburn visited the Club in February for a 'question and answer' session with lunch provided by the Club.

The Club welcomed Kath Thompson; Jenny Golding renewing her membership. Also in June Paul Salmon became a member.

The "Jerramungup Jar" Legend began around 9 years ago as a *WA Country Event*. Murray Webber agreed to help with the organization. This annual event has proved to be very popular and successful.

## 1997 BAWA Country Championship

The winners of this event were:

<u>1<sup>st</sup>:</u>		Abe Rosenstreich / Murray Webber
<u>Pairs Plate:</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	G Rick / J Oakley
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	P Barnes / J Gibson
<u>Teams:</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	I & L Duncan / A Rosenstreich & M Webber
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	P Barnes & J Gibson / J Maides & R Maloney
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	J & F Clarke / J Jones & S Sandilands

An application was sent to the Lotteries Commission for a grand; items suggested by the Committee were:

1. Photo copying machine
2. Computer work station
3. Computer upgrade
4. Garden furniture
5. Card dealing machine

Corrine Monteath arranged for the viewing of the Sailing Club, as an alternative venue for Bunbury Congress in September. Most of the Committee inspected the premises and Alex Wallis asked to formalise verbal acceptance to hire these Clubrooms and facilities.

Lucille Duncan, as secretary, investigated the purchase of a Pin Boards for use at our Club's coming congress and subsequently made this purchase.

John Bennett proposed an additional playing session on Thursday with a series of lessons being held. This was rejected by committee. John continued as Pennant Secretary.

Ian Duncan and Mick Rae became qualifies Directors after passing examinations and practical in Perth. Gerry Rick followed later in the year.

The garden shed was cleared of unwanted goods at the end of September and the lawn mower sold. The Club now paid a mowing contractor monthly.

Thelma Hunter left to reside in Albany and was presented with a travelling rug by the President in appreciation for her Directing duties whilst a club member.

Vivienne and Douglas Tweedie began directing Saturday sessions. After a quiet start, up to seven tables were filled and these Saturday afternoon sessions continued to be as popular as Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Ann Fyall once again agreed to wash and clean all tablecloths and had now has been doing her voluntary task for seven years.

The Team Events that run throughout the year had their "wind up" BBQ after their last session. Club members and sponsors were invited. Two new members joined: Ann Waters and Verna Cooper. Ivor Frankland and Barbara Barlow won the Club Novice Pairs.

Jeanette Collins, one of the Club's happiest members, sadly passed away in October. Jeanette will be missed by all.

## **1998**

Jack McMahon, absent from the Club since September last year, after a flu attack turned to pneumonia, regretted that he would be unable to return. Jack will be missed as a past President and active member and able Director for many years.

Nora Heeroma has an unfortunate cycle accident and was flown to Royal Perth Hospital and Shenton Park. After two weeks she returned home to recover.

A few alterations were made in the kitchen at the request of Shirley McLoughlin, who took over kitchen duties from Kay Rose. Kay was thanked for her superb efforts during the two years she volunteered to run the kitchen.

Bill Winn was again thanked for all the jobs he so willingly completed in the Club.

Arthur Waters continued to keep a record of handicap scores during 1997/1998.

Ian Duncan suggested that the anniversary of the Saturday session become a prized event.

Henk Cransberg was thanked for his work on gardening projects and again Nick Heeroma for his running of the library and ordering new books. Margaret and Owen Quartermaine chose to attend the Mayors Garden Party as representatives of our Club.

A new member from Bridgetown, Tom Wheatley, joined the Club but later moved to Perth.

Edith Piper and Lucille Duncn joined the Tournament Sub-Committee during December. The costs to the Club to participate in Pennants was \$100.

It was decided to organize all 'sponsored' events to take place on regular Club Sessions i.e.: 3 on a Monday, 3 on a Wednesday and 2 on a Friday.

During the early part of this year the Club subsidised \$200 towards the hire of a coach to transport players for a return visit to the Undercroft Club in Perth. Members were always ready to visit and compete against other clubs, likewise other clubs enjoyed a visit to Bunbury Bridge Club.

A new Birko for the kitchen cost \$247. The President, Margaret Quartermaine held her Party in the Clubrooms this year. The catering was done by The Eagle Towers Restaurant. Councillor Kersley attended representing the Mayor.

Beginners and Improvers classes recommenced. Margaret Quartermaine and Bevan Garston were happy to continue, assisted by several Club member.

Once again the Committee had to call upon Bill Winn to do minor alterations. Bill never let the Club down completing all his tasks in double quick time. We cannot miss out Bill's permanent partner at bridge: Jack Spice from Allanson who kept us supplied with many jokes on Monday and his many donations of Vegetables and fruit and...even Marron!

Three pages of information regarding the Club's library were completed by Nick Heeroma, our Librarian, and a further 10 new books were purchased this year.

Russel Milburn re-visited the Club from the purpose for giving those interested, tuition on computer use. Some twenty members attended these classes. Lucille and Ian Duncan accommodated Russell, who is a well-known top director along with Lii Soots, both often directing at our Club Congresses.

Over the year many member including the undermentioned have donated prizes for competitions and raffles: -

Moth Andersson, Colin Doney, Jack McMahon, Edith Piper, Ann Fyall, Marjorie Higgins, Avis and John Powell, J Maides, Doreen McKay, Dulcie and Ron Foreman, E Prichard, Dene Craddock, Jack Spice and Bill Winn.

Joy Gibson donated \$500 to Club funds being proceeds from sale of one of her calves. John Maides donated prize monies for competitions as well as previously paying for all the tiling done by Tom Taylor in the ladies room in our Hay Park premises, also donating a beautiful Welsh glass plate won by Doreen McKay.

An early red point event this year was organised by Lucille Duncan and Lorraine Rae who supplied a variety of salads and trifles. Mick Rae and Henk Cransberg undertook the Sausage Sizzle. The newly purchased garden furniture was accepted well and proved money well spent.

Nora Heeroma made a good recover after her accident, so did John Bennett from a bout of Bells Palsy. Sisy new chairs were purchased for the Clubrooms, after several types were submitted for member's choice. Cost to the Club amounted to \$6,024, which included courier charges.

Bees in cavity wall were treated again and, hopefully, the latest treatment will end their constant invasions.

Ian Duncan purchased and installed a new computer. Thanks to Ian the old computer and printer were put to tender by interested Club members. The successful tender being \$185.

The Bunbury Chess Club, who had been renting our rooms for their weekly meetings were asked to clear out their allotted shelf space in the foyer room because we needed to house one new BBQ during winter months..

The Christmas Party was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December – quizzes provided, eats and drinks, prizes given out and the annual raffle drawn.

## **1999**

The Presidents' party was held on 30<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. Tables were set out in Horseshoe shape allowing 8 people at each setting with room for buffet in the centre. Shirley did the catering and as usual did a wonderful spread, providing hot dishes and salads etc with fruit salad and ice cream for dessert. There were a few cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances, but 56 members attended. Members were greeted with drinks and nibbles. The outside garden setting proved to be very popular and many congregated there on the warm evening. Alex and Phyl won the 20 questions. Marjorie and Bill Harrison won the 20 Face competition and Alex won the jar of lollies. Other prizes given out were \$2 scratchies.

During February this year a new wooden handrail was put up on the stage area at a cost of \$180.

The Esperance Congress held on 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> February was well attended by Bunbury Bridge Club members. All travelled in private vehicles.

Tuesday night classes (10 lessons) re-commenced on March 9<sup>th</sup> then scored sessions run by a Director green points awarded to financial members.

The Easter raffle this year consisted of:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: (Prepared by Shirley McLoughlin) Easter Basket full of goodies.

*Won by Fay Woods.*

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: A lovely pate (painted by Bill Winn's daughter)

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Box of chocolates

The South West Congress was very successful. Shirley catered for Sunday luncheon, with hot dishes and salads fruit platters for dessert. Forty players paid \$10 each.

The farewell tea consisted of Pizzas and sandwiches etc. This event was directed by Russel Milburn.



Margaret Quartermain was wished a speedy recovery after her time spent in hospital, likewise Nick Heeroma who became very sick from a “Bug” picked up during his recent cruise.

The Tuesday classes were drawing an average of 16 new players so we hoped for new members.

The Committee was agreeable to proceed with the quote of \$14,430 to supply 3 x 3 hp air conditioning units plus a central control switch.

In May this year the Club put on tea for Pat and Colin Farrow who moved to Perth. Both will be missed for their ‘participation’ towards smooth running of our Club.

In July Ann Fyall took over Treasurer’s duties for the duration of Corinne Monteath’s holiday.

Peter Smith came from Perth to the Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May and gave excellent seminars. Members attended a dinner at the Admiral Inn Motel. The club paid for Peter’s expenses.

New hire charges for our Clubrooms as from 1<sup>st</sup> July this year became:

1 night =\$40;            Half day =\$30            Full day =\$50

The Bunbury Chess Club and UWA were informed of new charges. The UWA normally hired our rooms twice a year. The Bunbury Chess Club once a week.

Further Bridge Lessons for beginners and improvers began on 7<sup>th</sup> September at \$3 per lesson. We still hoped for new permanent members.

A ‘busy bee’ was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September in an effort to clean up prior to our Congress.

Bidding slips and Travellers ordered from Terry Glover cost \$320.

During the Wanneroo Bridge Club visit a raffle realised \$68 many of the prizes won by visitors.

The club Championship on 17<sup>th</sup> October had a good turn out; \$30 awarded to winners; two free bridge sessions was the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and one free bridge session was the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

The Club did not take part in Nation Wide pairs this year.

The Melbourne Cup Day Festivity held in our rooms had a wonderful attendance, the theme being “*bad taste day*”. John Bennett was the winner. Our BBQ was available; everyone brought their own meat, members of the Committee brought salads and Shirley provided the bread. Drinks were “on the Club”.

Peter Smith returned to the Club in December to give further lectures again. There was a very good attendance by members who enjoyed his lectures and handouts, which were very instructive. The lessons were subsidised by ABF and BAWA after Phil Barnes, our President, made an application.

## 2000

At the January Committee meeting a proposal that the table fee of the Directors' partners be waived was rejected.

Once again vandals had broken all our sprinklers. Police were informed since replacing all sprinklers was a costly exercise. Police would now patrol the Club area most nights.

Edith Piper proposed the Club to be connect on the Internet; Gerry Risk seconded this and together with Lucille Duncan organised AAPT Smartchat become the Club Computers server.

Nick Heeroma was thanked for his production of the Club Handbook. The Committee once again requested each member to be responsible for the washing up of cups and glasses used during all sessions.

Our term deposit due on 21<sup>st</sup> February will be placed in the Business Cheque Account in order that monies are available for repairs being carried out to the building.

The Garage Sale, held in the Clubrooms was run by Edith Piper with help from many members. Bill Winn's wife, Lyla, with Nell Usher looked after the raffle which yielded \$45. Total profit: \$380!

A Committee meeting was called to consider the charges that must be made to the financial structure of Club before the GST Regulations was introduced by the Government in July 2000.

A negative reply was received from the Ministry of Sport and Recreation for the Clubs' request for a grant.

The contract cleaner was asked to list all the duties she performed after several members made complaints. The Club now had 104 financial members.

Owen Quartermaine was paid out of pocket expenses plus \$250 honorarium for the part he played in overseeing and assisting with removal of roof and air conditioning motor on the side wall.

Six old plastic chairs were sold to Lurline Anderson at \$5 each, which solved our space problem.

A special meeting regarding various aspects of the GST was held so our auditor could outline all aspects, since GST would affect our Club as well. This GST affects the Club in the following areas: -

1. BAWA charges had already risen, so we expected extra charges from the points system.
2. Affiliation fees would be increased by BAWA and ABF.
3. Normal every day running costs would naturally go up.

In April Abe Rosenstreich resigned from the Club as he moved to Perth. We were all sorry to see Abe go, he is a very strong player and keen to see the Club do well, but one's work often dictates where one resides.

Vivienne Tweedie resigned from the Tournament Sub Committee in April. The Committee lodged 5,000 in deposit account on a 4-months term deposit.

Our Club is now advertised in the Bunbury Library.

During May this year the Lotteries Commission informed our Club that as from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2000, organisations not registered for GST will only be able to apply for grants not exceeding \$5,000.

The Bunbury Chess Club decided to cease hiring our Clubrooms owing to their falling membership, but still wished to hire the Club facilities for their annual South West Open Chess Tournament.

ABF Master Point charges were raised 10% with effect from 1 July this year. The full GST will apply for activations and new players joining after 1 July.

Jan Morgan proposed and Henk Cransberg seconded that the Club will cover loss of cash up to \$500 provided all due care has been taken.

Work on the Clubs Constitution is progressing and Bob Stevens organised a print out. A meeting for all members was well attended to discuss and explain our new Constitution.

The Club still paid a subscription to the Australian Bridge Magazine. Henk proposed this to continue, Edith seconded.

Several members have shown an interest and have the literature to become familiar with, and be encouraged to take part in directing.

A 'busy bee' was held on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am the usual zealous members put in a whole day's work.

Sponsorship towards our coming Congress was received from:

Rose Hotel =\$50; DMS Curtin =\$50; Mensland =\$50 (vouchers); Anderson Mountford and Dewar =\$50.

Shirley McLoughlin suggest the garden running along the east sidewall and north side be removed. Edith Piper seconded this and Fred Clarke offered his vehicle and equipment to do all the work. Bob Leggett helped Fred and all the rubbish went to the tip. Henk Cransberg helped with his task and all were duly thanked.

The 12<sup>th</sup> July AGM was well attended. Mr J E Barrett was again elected as auditor for coming year. Officers elected for the next year were:

<u>President:</u>	Phyllis Barnes	<u>Committee:</u>	Corinne Monteath
<u>Vice President:</u>	Gerry Rick		Judy Clarke
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Pauline Gillett		Jan Morgan
<u>Secretary:</u>	Delia Adams		Shirley McLoughlin
			Henk Cransberg

At the AGM it was moved by Murray Webber, seconded by Nick Heeroma that the Club Budget \$500 for Congress and that prize money be maintained according to the number of entries.

New financial members who joined our Club this year were: Marjorie O'Neill, Mary and Ron Stillo, Charlotte Mohring, Esther and Colin Saunders.

Corrine Monteath was thanked for extra help in assisting the incoming treasurer Pauline Gillett. Gerry Rick chaired the Tournament Sub Committee this year, members: Judy Clarke, Lucille Duncan, Arthur Waters, Jan Oakley, Vivienne Tweedie, Kay Rose. Building Committee Convenor: Henk Cransberg.

Kitchen Convenor: Shirley McLoughlin with power to co-opt helpers: Joy Gowan, Pauline Hislop and Pat Davey.

A new electric heater was purchased as a cost of \$480.

A bolt lock was fitted on the inside of Clubroom inner door to prevent unwanted visitors whilst play is in progress.

At the September Committee meeting it was decided that visitors be charged \$4 for up to 3 sessions, and thereafter be invited to join financially or pay \$6 per session.

Profit realised from September Congress \$435.91 Millenium Industrial Chemicals sponsored \$200.

New members welcomed in October were Jenny Drennan, Beverly Hotchin, Fay Newman and Tony Kirby.

Lucille Duncan and Phyllis Barnes joined the appeals committee. An Appeals Registration Book was opened this month; all appeals to be signed and countersigned.

An amount of \$5,000 was invested with ENSADA for 3 months interest at 6.3% due January 2001.

The Melbourne Cup Day was as usual a successful and happy day though more members would like to have been seen. Edith ran the sweeps, all monies correct this year, due to Edith's "tight control"! Ann Fyall and Corinne Monteath provided televisions.

This year Gerry Rick and Jan Oakley attended the Mayors' Garden Party, representing our Club.

Two registered builders were approached to give advice and quotes for proposed changes to toilets, kitchen and hall.

For the Christmas Party Holly Nutley made a money tree for 1<sup>st</sup> Raffle Prize. The Club provide \$50 worth of \$2 coins, which Holly enclosed in gold bags to hang on the tree. Drinks as usual at the party were "on the Club". Shirley put on a find buffet: leg of ham, hot chicken, cold meats, baked potatoes, pies, pasties, sausage rolls, pizzas, quiches etc with delicious sweets and of course: a beautiful Christmas Cake.

Peter Morgan was co-opted as MC he organised us into teams to give our renditions of Christmas Carols, which turned out to be riotous!!

Prizes were presented for events won during this year, bottles of either white or red wine.

Joan Maides won the money Tree, Joy Gowan the Christmas cake, all members and their spouses who attended thoroughly enjoyed the festive spirit.

The Committee was again pushing to get all members to use their systems cards at every session. The Directors announced this requirement at least once a week.

Valued member Basil Mason passed away this year Basil worked voluntarily and tirelessly for many years for the Club.

Peter Smith from Perth visited the Club again on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> September; a record number of members attended both days.

Bob Stevens organised the printing of the 2001 Handbook.

## **2001**

Edith reminded the Committee that this year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bridge Club. A proposed date to celebrate with a fun night, with a 20's theme and shared meal was Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

The Treasurer reported the sum of \$3,000 would be added to the existing Term Deposit resulting in a total investment of \$13,000.

Judy Clarke contacted an architect regarding plans and costs for extending and renovating our building. The President, together with Henk Cransberg and Pauline Gillett, were asked to confer with Judy once details would be known.

The Club will not hold Ladies, Men's or Mixed pairs events due to uneven members men or women!

Coffee and tea breaks will be a definite pause in future and not to be taken "on the run", because members enjoy this time-off to socialise.

A special Bridge day on May 6<sup>th</sup> was held to promote our Club. It was hoped many members would bring along at least one friend interested in Bridge.

Murray Webber of Harley Hedderwick & Webber was paid \$300 for draft surveying. It was felt necessary to engage Pest-exterminators to treat the Club building since rats had eaten through the wiring of the air conditioning unit above the side entrance.

The Busselton Bridge Club was invited to pay a return visit for a Teams Event on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> July this year.

Monday afternoons were so well attended that this necessitated two Directors, each in charge of approximately seven tables.

The Annual General Meeting for this year was held on 24 July.

Lii Soots directed our Annual Congress.

The Committee hoped to have sufficient members to run Teams Evenings this year, either on a Wednesday or Friday evening.

The President's Party, held on Friday 30 March, was well received with plenty of nibbles and free drinks, followed by bridge with spot prizes.

Shirley McLoughlin, whose cooking expertise could not go unmentioned, once again served a delicious supper! Henk Cransberg thanked Phyl for putting on the Party which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Phyllis Barnes elected not to stand for Presidency for the year 2001/2002 after her two years in office. Gerry Rick became President by majority vote at the AGM with Fred Clarke as Vice President, Jenny Jacob as secretary and Pauline Gillett Treasurer. The following members were voted onto the Committee: Judy Clarke, Shirley McLoughlin, Kay Rose and Jan Morgan. The Tournament Sub Committee was made up by: Bob Stevens, Vivienne Tweedie, Gerry Rick, John Bennett, Phyllis Barnes and Master Point Secretary Lucille Duncan.

Murray Webber decided to resign as Convenor for our Congress as well as for the Jerramungup Jar, due to work commitments. Judy Clarke volunteered to become Convenor for normal Congresses. A volunteer for the Jerramungup Jar would probably come from the Albany Bridge Club.

The September Congress realised a profit of \$435.91. The Club now had 103 paid-up members as well as two Life Members remaining active within the Club: Edith Piper and Arthur Waters.

Millenium Chemicals, who had been sponsoring our Club for several years again donated \$250. The Venue for the Congress was the Australind Senior Citizens Hall. This venue was welcomed by all in attendance there, happy with abundant parking facilities and a good choice of food outlets.

Marjorie Harrison won the Club Individual Championship, held in November which was limited to nine tables.

An amount of \$50 was received from the University of Western Australia, being the payment for hire of our Club Rooms for musical examinations. A cheque to the value of \$107 was received from the Bunbury Water Board being the compensation for damages to the Club's sprinkler system during the installation of sewerage, although at that time the Club was not yet connect to deep sewerage.

The Club's Common Seal and Title Deeds were still kept in our Victoria Street Bank.

The new Constitution was validated by the Minister of Fair Trading and became available as reference for members on the Notice Board.

The Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in July 2001 was celebrated as a fun night and with an excellent sit-down meal with all past members invited and attending. The catering was organised by Shirley McLoughlin and club members assisted her; drinks were "on the Club", served by Henk Cransberg; also wine and beers were available.

Holly Nutley and John Bennett organised a fun day of bridge to celebrate St Patrick's Day at the Australind Senior Citizens Hall – a large number attended, all agreeing this Hall was an ideal venue. The theme was GREEN, even the hellies for dessert were green!

The Spiritualist Church applied to use our Club premises once or twice a week for their meetings – permission was granted by the Committee – the church officials later made a cash offer of \$130,000 to purchase the Club Buildings. It depended, however, on the Bunbury City Council who were asked to provide suitable land to build our new Club. No suitable land became available by the time the Spiritualist Church's offer expired. The members voted the Club to remain in Balgore Way, Carey Park, for the time being.

A new rule for the Treasurer was suggested and passed at the AGM that table fees be collected at each session after the first round of play. Members voted that a definite tea/coffee break should be set at all sessions, so never "on the run", thus allowing players to socialise. The rule of Systems Cards being available at all sessions was implemented once again.

Gerry Rick and Janice Oakley attended the Mayor's Garden Party on December 9<sup>th</sup> – sadly this function was the last one for Janice to attend since she passed away in Collie Hospice on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001. I would like to put on record the demise of Janice with some reference to her time in the Club, coming from Collie every Monday for a few years with Kay Rose and Esther Boyd to play bridge and take part in Club activities. The nursing of her sick husband for many years eventually necessitated their move to Bunbury where Jim passed away in hospital. Janice suffered her illness, battled to survive, but her family moved her back to Collie Hospice.

During the year 2001 the Club held 17 'Red Point Events'. An extra soak well was installed at the cost of \$100. The new clock timer was tried out during several Club sessions and at the Congress. The Committee and members agreed that this was a good asset and therefore purchased.

The tragedies in our Club were Harry Piper's death in 1994, Lurline Anderson's son, Gerry Rick's son and the sudden death of Judy and Fred Clarke's son, all in the space of a few months.

Margaret and Bob Leggett, members from the very early days and stalwarts of the Club, helping in many ways, were both killed in a car accident near Albany on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2002. Margaret and Bob helped out in the renovations at our old Club House and at three Jumble Sales. Margaret -with Pat Farrow- took turns in cleaning the Club rooms in the days when we had a roster system. Pat and Colin Farrow moved to Perth in 199 – their happy faces and generous help at all times were missed, as is Roma Prichard's happy disposition, who also moved to Perth in 2001.

Mick Amon, who was a member for five years passed away suddenly in July 2002 and one of our past Presidents and Life Member, Jack McMahan passed away in August 2002. Brenda Lattimer, our Secretary in 2003, died in 2004.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the oldest member of the Club who still comes to the Club sessions three or four time a week and who has also been a very active member: Lil Hawkins. She was 87 on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2004. Several members presented her with a birthday cake to celebrate. Lil has been a member since the beginning and is always happy to help out with kitchen and cleaning duties and, as mentioned earlier, she donated cash and also a clock to the Club. Lil writes excellent poetry and is a favourite among all members – always ready with one of her cheeky sayings!

I am sure there are lot of people and events I have not mentioned, such as Colin Doney's wife Isabella, who died in 1997 after a long and painful illness, Colin being a very patient and loving nurse to her. Colin now lives in Melbourne where he has started up his own Club over there.

I must also mention a young newcomer to our Club: Shirley McLoughlin's granddaughter Ricky-Lee Connop. She joined at the ag of 1w while still at school and became very popular in the Club. The South Western Times did an article on this feature.

Lucille Duncan, who, with her husband Ian, has been active in the Club for many years. Lucille typed part of this history for me whilst I was in Canada some years ago. I do thank her.

A special 'thank you' to Ann Fyall who helped me from the beginning. Ann and I worked together many Sundays over the past years, compiling this booklet. Ann and I hope in years to come this simple version of the Bunbury Bridge Club history may be a guide for many members to read. Finally, thanks to Nick Heeroma, who prepared the lay-out and printing of this booklet.

Edith Piper



The 2002 Committee consisted of:

<u>President:</u>	Gerry Rick	<u>Committee:</u>	Shirley McLoughlin
<u>Vice President:</u>	Fred Clarke		Judy Clarke
<u>Secretary:</u>	Jenny Jacob		Pauline Gillett
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Kay Rose	<u>Tournament Sub Committee:</u>	
			Bob Stevens
			Gerry Rick
			John Bennett
			Vivienne Tweedie
			Phyllis Barnes

Appeals Committee: Gerry Rick  
Lucille Duncan  
Phyllis Barnes  
Ian Duncan  
Joan Maides  
Bob Stevens

Masterpoint Secretary: Lucille Duncan

The 2003 Committee consisted of:

<u>President:</u>	Fred Clarke	<u>Committee:</u>	Colin Bell
<u>Vice President:</u>	Douglas Tweedie		Judy Clarke
<u>Secretary:</u>	Kate Newton		June Fiegert
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Kay Rose	<u>Tournament Sub Committee:</u>	
			Kate Boston
			Vivienne Tweedie
			Phyllis Barnes
			Kate Newton
			Murray Webber

Club Co-ordinator: Kate Boston

Appeals Committee: Gerry Rick  
Phyllis Barnes  
Ian Duncan  
Bob Stevens  
Vivienne Tweedie  
Murray Webber

Masterpoint Secretary: Bob Stevens



Lil Hawkins, 87 (13 June 2004), the Club's oldest member.

<b>INDIVIDUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	
1988	M. Andersson
1989	V. McNulty
1990	H. Cransberg
1991	A. Rosenstreich
1992	P. Davey
1993	J. Middlemas
1994	A. Keough
1995	A. Keough
1996	A. Wallis
1997	M. Stewart
1998	A. Keough
1999	V. Tweedie
2000	M. Harrison
2001	M. Harrison

<b>HANDICAP PAIRS</b>	
1984	L. Hawkins & R. Moyle
1985	J. McMahon & E. Piper
1986	N. Barron-Sullivan & J. Maides
1987	B. Mason & A. Waters
1988	P. Barnes & S. Hoffman
1989	A. Middlemas & J. Middlemas
1990	T. Taylor & A. Waters
1991	D. Tweedie & V. Tweedie
1995	L. Hawkins & H. Pettersen
1996	P. Barnes & A. Keough
1997	F. Clarke & J. Clarke

<b><i>OPEN PAIRS</i></b>	
1982	J. Mumby & R. Wall
1983	N. Barron-Sullivan & J. Maides
1984	N. Barron-Sullivan & J. Maides
1985	D. McKay & B. Reynolds
1986	M. Andersson & C.C Doney
1987	N. Barron-Sullivan & J. Maides
1988	I. Duncan & L. Duncan
1989	M. Higgins & R.V. Maloney
1990	D. Mckay & C.C Doney
1991	N. Barron-Sullivan & J. Maides
1992	B. Mason & A. Waters
1993	J. Kemp & M. Webber
1994	N. Barron-Sullivan & A. Rosenstreich
1995	I. Duncan & L. Duncan
1996	J. Maides & R. Maloney

<b><i>RESTRICTED PAIRS</i></b>	
1989	R. & M. Leggett
1990	R. & M. Leggett
1991	P. & C Farrow
1992	J. McMahon & E. Piper
1993	P. & C Farrow
1994	P. & C Farrow
1995	J. Collins & D. Craddock
1996	M. Rea & I. Yarwood
1997	B. Barlow & I. Frankland
1998	S. McLoughlin & T. Wheatley
1999	S. Main & V. Pike

<b><i>LIFE MEMBERS</i></b>	
1988	M C Andersson
1989	C C Doney
1990	E E Piper
1991	J W McMahan
1994	N Barron Sullivan
1995	A W Waters