

BUNBURY BRIDGE CLUB

Newsletter April 2025

Vale Bill Rudler

With regret we acknowledge the passing of one of our members. Bill Rudler was a true gentleman and sadly will be missed from Tuesday night sessions. We extend our sympathy to Bill's family and friends. Please visit Barretts Funerals website for funeral details.

Easter Weekend

Play will not occur on Good Friday 18th April 2025 but Easter Monday 21st April 2025 will be an ordinary playing day.

Anzac Day

Play will occur as usual on Friday 25th April afternoon. Mike Van Wyk is wished the very best for his venture in directing this session.

Bunbury Congress

The Bunbury Congress will be held on the 26th and 27th April 2025. In preparation for the event a Busy Bee was held on Sunday 13th April 2025. Volunteers have done an excellent job in cleaning up and tidying the patio area. Debbie Salathiel has offered a number of pot plants to beautify the area. A big thank you is extended to those who helped and generously gave of their time for the Busy Bee.

Members who have kindly indicated that they will contribute to providing morning and afternoon teas for the Congress are sincerely thanked for their generosity.

The Moth Andersson Pairs Championship

The event was held on 29th March 2025 and won by Colleen Skipsey and Jenny Dawson. Marianne Viebke directed the seven tables which ran smoothly with time at the end of the day for players to discuss hands.

The Australia Wide Novice Pairs

This event will be held on the 27th May 2025. The Club has been registered for the event. Marianne Viebke has kindly offered again to direct this event. A list for pairs to register their interest in competing in the event will be posted immediately after the Congress.

Congress Participation

Colin and Esther Saunders have played in a number of events during March 2025 - the WA Open Teams, TFBO Swiss Pairs, TBFO Mixed Pairs and the Albany Congress. Joanne Saunders and Kim Leard played in, and won, the WABC restricted Pairs. Di Taylor and Gwen Clarke played in, and won, the WABC (U100 mps) section. Norm and Linda Hoskin also played in the event and were placed.

Congratulations Jade Arthur

Our Club's junior member, Jade Arthur, has been selected as part of a six member team to represent the WA State Junior Team for the 2025 ANC to be held in Brisbane in July. Jade has been playing for 18 months and is excited to be involved in this experience. Jade is grateful to her coach Esther Saunders for her encouragement to try out for the squad.

Director Education/Training

The Club Director Team will meet on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 10.00am with Norm Hoskin and the Bridge Coordinator. Two others people who intend to train as directors will also attend the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is discuss the future, raise concerns and make suggestions for the smooth running of Club sessions.

A Director Training and Revision Course is proposed for later in the year for 8-10 people. Bunbury may join with the Busselton and Margaret Bridge Clubs to share the costs of bringing someone in to run the course.

Club Defibrillator, CPR and Resuscitation

Dr Steve Mellett has expressed his willingness to assist the Club with refresher CPR sessions, the use of the defibrillator and conduct discussions about the choice for resuscitation.

Wednesday Soup Night

On May 15th 2025 the Wednesday session will begin at 6pm with soup provided. There is no cost involved and members are welcomed along to enjoy this social evening.

Membership Numbers

Membership numbers stand at 125. Player numbers for March 2025 were 145.

Reflection

Members are wished a joyous Easter with family and friends. Stay safe and count your blessings.

