

# **BUNBURY BRIDGE CLUB**

## **Newsletter July 2025**

### **Upgrade to Club Facilities**

#### *Proposed Replacement of Chairs at the Club (A Letter from the President)*

Dear Members

There has been some misunderstanding regarding the proposal to replace chairs at the Club. For everybody's information, the proposal is that 40 chairs be purchased as per the one on display in the Clubroom. The decision is awaiting Committee approval.

The main justification for purchasing new chairs is for the health and safety of our members and visitors. The purchase of new chairs has been on the Committee agenda for approximately the past 12 months. The Committee has been exploring funding options with Southern Ports and Lotterywest but these have proven difficult to obtain. The Committee proposed to these organisations that funding be given for 40 new chairs at a cost of approximately \$270 each (a total of \$10, 800) of which the Club would fund approximately \$4000.

An opportunity now has arisen whereby the Melville Bridge Club has an excess of 40 chairs. The Club is willing to sell the chairs to our Club for \$100 each. These chairs are the same as the sample one on display. The purchase of 40 chairs represents 10 tables which would suffice all sessions. At last count early this year, the Club had 64 chairs. Eighty chairs are required for a congress. We will keep all the chairs with arms and dispose of, or try selling, the older style chairs in excess of the 80 chairs required.

The metal on the current chairs is in various stages of metal fatigue (see attached photograph).



Prior to the Bunbury Congress, I inspected all chairs and found 20 with bent legs. I personally straightened these legs. Even after inspection, during the Congress, one player fell to the floor as both rear legs on the chair collapsed.

During the last five years several chairs have been welded up and reinforced by Colin Saunders. It cannot be expected that Colin continue to reinforce all the remaining chairs. If we were to approach a Men's Shed for repairs to the chairs it would probably cost \$50 each.

Regards

Norm Hoskin  
President  
Bunbury Bridge Club

#### *New Printer for the Club*

A new colour printer has been purchased for the Club at a cost of \$499. The old printer simply stopped working. The colour printer will be particularly useful for printing materials for bridge lessons conducted at the Club.

#### *Carpet Cleaning*

The carpet at the Club has been cleaned at a cost of \$920. The cost included shifting all the furniture to carry out the work. The cleaning was long overdue after several catered events occurred over the past year. The carpet now looks much brighter due to the work carried out.

#### *Committee Member Positions Board*

A second wooden board to maintain the record of committee member positions has been completed. The beautiful jarrah timber was kindly donated by Colin Bell for the construction of the board. Neil Weir has prepared the board to perfection. Colin and Neil are thanked sincerely for their contributions to the Club.

#### *Front Door Lock*

The lock on the front door to the Club has been replaced at a cost of \$180.

#### **Defibrillator Policy and Procedures**

The Committee has ratified a Policy and Procedures document for operation of the defibrillator housed in the Clubroom office. The expertise and extensive hospital Emergency Department experience of Steve Mellett has been invaluable in developing the Policy. Many thanks to you Steve. Steve also has offered to conduct a refresher course for members on CPR and using the defibrillator. Details for the course will be forthcoming. The Policy is on the website and a hardcopy can be found in a file alongside the Committee minutes file.

## **Events Program**

### *The Peter Morgan Teams Championship*

The event was held on Saturday the 21st June involving eight teams. The Open Section was won by Colleen Skipsey, Geoff Cross, Colin Bell and John Ferguson (Team Skipsey). Runners Up were Colin Saunders, Brian Wade, Esther Saunders and Jo Saunders (Team Saunders). The Restricted Section was won by by Jennie Drennan, Jos De Klerk, Judy Dempster and Mary Crawford (Team Drennan). There was one team entry under 10MPS. A special thank you to Jan Morgan for sponsoring the event.

### *Bunbury Bridge Club Anniversary*

On the 27th June light refreshments, nibbles and great conversations were part of the celebration of 44 years of Club history. Geoff Cross donated a dozen bottles of wine from his winery which were greatly appreciated. Thank you Geoff. Bridge on the day was won by Colleen Skipsey and Holly Nutley scoring 61.3%.

### *Youth Bridge*

The BAWA Charity Congress to Support Youth Bridge was held in South Perth. The Club's junior member Jade Arthur participated with her junior partner. Colin and Esther Saunders finished 9th from 40 pairs.

### *State Novice Championships*

Norm and Linda Hoskin and Margie and Jock Mullen participated in the event.

### *Geographe Cup*

The annual competition between Busselton and Bunbury will be held at the Bunbury Club on Sunday 10th of August. Brian Wade will be the Director. It will be great to see Brian back in this role. The event is a Teams event with entries still open. The Sign Up sheet has been placed on the south wall notice board. An even numbers of teams is required.

### *BAWA Country Championships*

Both Pairs and Teams events will be held in Bridgetown on the 30th and 31st of August.

### *Australia Wide Open Pairs*

This event will be part of the normal Monday session held at the Club on the 25th of August. It is a Red Points event with a free souvenir booklet provided to all participants. Hands will be shown online after clubs across Australia

have finished their play. Pairs will be ranked against all pairs who participate in the event.

### **Bookcase Required**

A book case is needed specifically for our bridge related books. Please, does anyone have a spare bookcase to donate?

### **Reflections**

Several of our members are facing health challenges. We extend our support to them and their families.

Other members are enjoying holidays in the sunshine. Safe travels.

Spring will soon be here. It's a time for new beginnings.

