

# Trumps Plus

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## 2022 great; 2023 even better.....

Well what a year we have had - Sheenagh's retirement and farewell celebrations; Martin joining us; new President and office bearers; fresh new website; new library system; congresses; two successful charity events; 6 Super Saturdays/Fabulous Fridays; Christmas Party and let's not forget our normal quality ongoing bridge offerings for members. Our thanks go to Kate North - who completes her term as President - for a job well done in the midst of COVID19. It would also be remiss not to thank Richard Basham who steps down as Club Treasurer after ten years of managing club finances, strategic planning and one of the key players in creating the well resourced club we all enjoy today. Richard will continue his involvement in the club social life.

2023 promises to be an even more exciting year with a number of different events planned. Best wishes for a merry Christmas and safe and prosperous new year of good life and bridge contracts.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

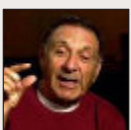
- Anniversary Pairs; Charles Pearce Cup; Swiss Pairs Novice Congress and lots more early in new year - check website and enter
- Check website for details of Andy's lessons in 2023
- Annual subscriptions are now due - \$70 - check methods of payment available
- New/rejoining Members; Chris & Vivienne Buckels; Annette Crane; Michael Workman; Jacqui MacKinnon; Veronica Bailey; Jane McTaggart; Jo Dawkins; John Hogan; Angeline Christie; Francesca McGrath; Sue Swinney. Please make them welcome at WABC.

## Flood charity appeal...thank you members



On Saturday 29 October, our club held an additional fund raising appeal - on request from the ABF - to support those affected by the devastating floods in NSW and QLD. Table money plus additional donations amounted to \$1,350 which will be sent to the recommended charity organisations. Thank you to all members who donated. If you have any suggestions for a worthy charity for 2023, please contact Martin. Our charity day guidelines are on the new website.

## Eddie Kantar humour....



What's the difference between a serial killer and a bridge partner? Answer; you can reason with a serial killer.

What do you call an 8 card suit? Answer; Trumps.

Player in their first attempt at duplicate bridge. Partner announces loudly - 'Alert!'. They exclaim, 'I am alert!!'

## Member Profile - Vale Annabel Booth



Annabel Lewis was raised in western Queensland on the family farm. She completed her education at a boarding school in Southport where she realised her strong competitive instinct as a talented athlete, swimmer and tennis player.

John and I met Annabel in 1968 in Melbourne, and in 1969 John was best man at her wedding to John Booth in Brisbane. In 1971 Annabel and John settled in Perth and started a family. Annabel joined Peppermint

Grove Tennis Club and began playing bridge at Nigel Rosendorff's club in Nedlands.

Annabel represented WA in the State Women's Teams 8 times and State Seniors' twice. She was a member of the Women's Team winning a National Title twice, and once winning the 2007 ANC in Perth and again in 2013 in South Australia. Annabel qualified for entry to the ACT Summer Festival in Women's Teams 5 times. Added to this were victories in State Women's Teams 6 times between 1989 and 2013. She won the State Mixed Teams twice, the Swiss Teams once, and the State Women's Pairs 3 times. Her win in the 2001 State Swiss Teams with Lauren Shiels, and team members Kate Smith and Jill del Piccolo is the only time an all women's team has won the event.

She was also a member of the winning team in the very prestigious, and then national, Hans Rosendorff Women's Teams in 2001 and 2010. In 2011 and 2013 she won the State Women's Butler with her partner of 25 years, Lauren Shiels. The WABC Honour Boards are also filled with many club successes.

In addition to her brilliant career as a bridge player in WA, Annabel was completely devoted to her family - husband John, daughters Sarah and Joanna and 3 grandchildren, and enjoyed time with a wide circle of friends. A competent tennis player, she played pennant tennis for many years and was a popular ladies' Captain at PGTC. She was a fanatical West Coast Eagles supporter and followed Australian cricket and international tennis closely. Annabel worked for 30 years as a Legal Secretary and for many years directed Supervised bridge at WABC. She is remembered at WABC with fondness and respect and by many of our players for her practical advice.

Vale to Annabel - a champion player and valued member at WABC. (Written by Alison Rigg, with thanks for help from John Rigg and Noeline Law). *Editor's note; Annabel taught me at Supervised bridge; sadly I am not one of her greatest success stories. Notwithstanding, a great teacher and lovely person. Thanks to Ali Rigg for the article.*

## Cryptic Cottesloe Location

*A little foreign man, with a strange little hat  
Defeated by a one-eyed pom - didn't expect that!  
In my home country, I would be considered a 'rue'  
Where I'm located, there is no ocean view*

First **two** correct answers win a bottle of champagne.  
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## Bettine Chapman OAM



We have another of our members to write up following a recent report in The Post newspaper.

Bettine received an award from the Combined Probus Club of Mosman Park for outstanding community service. Bettine's contribution started at age 18 when she performed with the West Australian Opera, performing at His Majesty's Theatre and many other charity functions. Bettine held an annual Red Cross function at her own house for many years as a fund raiser.

Bettine was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2019 in recognition of her 25 years of volunteering as a guide for Government House. During this time she has represented six Governors, most recently Kim Beazley. She spent six years in a senior role at the Karrakatta Club and has just notched up 48 years with Probus. Thanks so much Bettine and it's always a pleasure to play against you at the bridge table.

## Please support our generous Sponsors

Thanks to the hard work of committee we are fortunate to have two generous sponsors.

**Aspire2 Wealth Advisors** will continue with us in 2023, committing to sponsor Six Super Saturdays or equivalent - prizes, food etc. This is a great outcome and we sincerely thank Malcolm Davis and his crew. Please support the company for any of your financial or investment advice. We will soon be announcing the dates for these popular events and will be including a Monday and a Friday in the calendar

**TBIB** are our other sponsor for congresses and similar events. Already some prize money was distributed at the Christmas Congress, focusing on players with a restricted number of MPs. This is a great initiative. TBIB support the ABF and a number of bridge clubs around Australia. They offer highly competitive insurance products, especially travel insurance. One of their products includes travel insurance for people up to 90 years of age.

## Super supervised session.....where it all begins

Most of us may not be aware that the equivalent of a Super Saturday session occurred on Wednesday 30 November with 6 tables of enthusiastic supervised players - drinks, nibbles, novelty quiz and followed by bridge. This was the second time such an event was run. Thanks to Virginia Seward, Jodie Basham, and Karen Moller (below right) for the organisation including the wonderful spread, quiz and donated prizes. Thanks also to Brian Embleton for opening the bar prior to bridge to get the players in the correct mood. Bridge winners (top left) were Karen Moller - absent - and Margaret Pass N/S; Diana Broadfield/ Penny Taylor - highest percentage non winners; Estelle Yates/ Mary Haughton E/W. Please welcome them to your table - and be kind.



## Sheenagh's Farewell - the key messages....

Well, the club did Sheenagh proud with a wonderful send off. Those who were there would have enjoyed themselves; one of the biggest takeaways from the speeches was the recurring theme of what it means to belong to a club. Nigel Dutton reminded us of the importance of collaboration between clubs...and the role that Sheenagh played and her generosity of spirit. Peter Smith and Helen George - our joint Patrons - are both longstanding members and understand what Sheenagh has given to our club. Sheenagh reminded us of the generous contributions of those who helped make our current club the great place it is - past presidents, committee members, patrons, donors and members all - some of whom have been recognised with Life Membership. To Sheenagh WABC was an important part of her life - a 'home' of sorts. As members we need to always remember a club is here for one purpose only - for our collective enjoyment. We have written before about the importance of volunteerism and Sheenagh reiterated this. Volunteerism is not about saving money; it is a sense of belonging, purpose and service. As always, if any members can assist it is greatly appreciated - cheese cutting; congress catering; library; general social area tidying; duty partner; gardening crew; committees; assisting older members with transport; bar and the list goes on. Members make our club great. Great members make it even better.