**Newsletter June 2023**

**Vale Stan Dunsby**

Many of us were deeply saddened to hear of Stan’s recent passing.

Despite multiple serious health concerns, he always had a positive attitude

and his cheeky humour endeared him to all of us. He will be missed.

Judy Roinich

**Shout-out Time**

There are so many deserving people in our fabulous Glenelg Bridge Club who deserve huge accolades, but it would be rather remiss not to acknowledge and give thanks to our fantastic mentors, who currently are the real flavour of the month.

Warwick Bowden is the power-house behind this very active group of people, a huge task of finding suitable days, organising and pairing people. What an excellent job he has done. A big thank you to Warwick, definitely the right man for the job.

Brilliant players themselves, club mentors, volunteer their time and willingly share their expertise to assist the Intermediate members of our club.

We are all extremely appreciative and grateful to have enjoyed the opportunity to have these patient, kind people, mentor and help us to grow in knowledge, skill and confidence in the game we all enjoy so much.

**‘A big shout-out to all mentors.’**

Recently a number of Intermediate players courageously joined the ranks of competition and it is fitting at this time to also thank the regular competition players who offer their knowledge, tips and encouragement to help us on our way.

Lyn Keeley

**National Volunteer Week**

The article written by Lyn is very timely as we celebrated [National Volunteer Week](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/about/#/) (15 -21 May), Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering with the 2023 theme of **The Change Makers.**
It is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers at our bridge club. At Glenelg Bridge Club we have volunteers in many capacities from management committees, directors, teachers, board dealers, mentors, library, making tablecloths, session helpers and in many more ways - people jumping in and doing what needs to be done when required.

To all who give their time and efforts, it is very much appreciated and a big **THANK YOU**.

**A BIG Day Out- 2023 Autumn Nationals**

**New Event** – Rookie, Butler Swiss Pairs for players with fewer than 35 Masterpoints. One day event on Thursday 4th May at the Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground at Wayville

Barbara Travis and her team are to be commended for the excellent preparation, organising, coordinating and facilitating of the day. It seemingly ran as smoothly and effortlessly as the projected timer on the **‘N’** wall.

 A few weeks prior to the ‘Big Day’, Barbara kindly attended one of our Thursday supervised sessions to explain and encourage intermediate players to attend the event.

This resulted in a number of rookies from our club being inspired to ‘give it a go.’

Arriving at the Showground we proceeded to the HUGE Ridley Centre to find the area already abuzz.

A large number of players were in attendance. The Rookie section, consisting of 15 tables, i.e. sixty players, only a small part of the overall competitions.

Other tournaments for more experienced players were taking place at the same time.

Reference sheets on entry, provided information to table numbers and the position of play.

The various tournaments were defined by placards on the ‘S’ wall and different coloured cloths on the tables.

Opening the event Barbara explained the logistics of the day and offered a warm welcome to all. Special mention was made of the privilege and honour of having Ron Klinger, author and Australian Grand Master, and other prominent players, present in Adelaide.

Play commenced promptly at 09.30am, the competition, Butler Swiss Pairs. A new experience for us!

In total six rounds of eight boards were played. At the end of each round the results were assessed.

Winners moved towards the top of the queue and those with lesser scores, in the opposite direction.

The boards were usually completed with a little time to spare and this enabled social time with

friendly new faces.

Barbara was our director for the day and she was ably assisted in particular by Anton, aged fourteen.

Anton, polite and pleasant, provided new boards, attended to Bridgemate discrepancies, acted as a director when he was able and readily sorted fallen bidding boxes. What a gem, he didn’t stop the entire day!

Congratulations to the winners, John Pumpa/Richard Collis. Runners-up, Lewis Jones/Jake Howie.

Achieving great results, Carmel Langley/Pam Murphy and Di Harvey/Henry Konetschka did themselves and our club proud, too.

In summary a very enjoyable, if exhausting, day of comaraderie and competition.

Lyn Keeley

**ANOT   Rookie Butler Swiss Pairs (May 4th 2023) Results**

Congratulations to our top 5 pairs:    6th Carmel Langley/Pam Murphy

7th Henry Konetschka/ Diane Harvey

8th Robbie Randall/ Bob Williams

14th Sue Roberts /Deb Hicks

15th Di Griggs/ Sharon Harris

**Promotions for year to April 2023**

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| **GLENELG CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC** |
| **NAME** | **ABF NO** | **HOME CLUB** | **RANK** | **DATE** | **TOTALMPs** | **2023 MPs** | **2023 RANK** |
| De Bellis, David | 196118 | 5-715 | Bronze National | Mar-23 | 205.54 | 13.25 | 1,388 |
| Clark, Julie | 929182 | 5-715 | National | Mar-23 | 258.25 | 15.35 | 1,152 |
| Stucley, Graham | 947059 | 5-710 | National | Feb-23 | 172.54 | 12.87 | 1,435 |
| Walshe, Keith | 598501 | 5-715 | Bronze State | Apr-23 | 278.38 | 8.25 | 2,422 |
| Turnbull, Peter | 1051393 | 5-720 | Bronze Regional | Feb-23 | 107.04 | 11.56 | 1,638 |
| Glennon, Rose | 234036 | 5-715 | Bronze Regional | Jan-23 | 101.51 | 1.94 | 9,088 |
| Lapsley, Brian | 786780 | 5-710 | Bronze Regional | Apr-23 | 100.14 | 2.03 | 8,815 |
| Miller, Charmaine | 1102214 | 5-715 | Regional | Apr-23 | 50.13 | 3.70 | 5,455 |
| Di Lernia, Lino | 1044079 | 5-701 | Silver Local | Jan-23 | 42.38 | 7.95 | 2,523 |
| Tyler, Jillian | 839371 | 5-715 | Silver Local | Mar-23 | 36.50 | 2.61 | 7,324 |
| Burley, Jill | 848573 | 5-701 | Silver Local | Feb-23 | 35.07 | 0.34 | 18,761 |
| Giles, Peter | 996750 | 5-715 | Bronze Local | Feb-23 | 26.63 | 2.39 | 7,809 |
| Lever, Chris | 894321 | 5-715 | Bronze Local | Mar-23 | 25.20 | 2.21 | 8,265 |
| Wielgosch, Voytek | 1125303 | 5-715 | Local | Mar-23 | 16.88 | 8.16 | 2,452 |
| Stroud, Frank | 1097954 | 5-715 | Local | Mar-23 | 16.81 | 2.99 | 6,547 |

**OTHER RESULTS**

Well done to all who participated in these events but special congratulations to the following:

**State-wide Pairs Competition  20th and 21st April 2023**

 Novice section 1st   N-S     Chris Colmer and Ann Seale

       E-W     Andrea Dayman & Voytek Wielgosch

  Open section  7th   Rod Macey and Christian Mehuys

**Australia Wide Restricted Pairs   May 25th 2023**

A very successful event at our club with 12 tables being directed by Bill Jensen.

1st N-S    Max Kloeden and Gonz Uyttenhove

      E-W   Janet Johnson and Rose Willington



**Congratulations to our Julies**

After recent trials at SABA, Julie Clark and Julie Roberts have been selected to represent South

Australia (and Glenelg Bridge Club) in the Perth Australian National Championship in the Restricted Butler Pairs Event from July 15th-16th July. Well done and best of luck in July!

**CLUB GNOT PLAYOFF**

**To be held SATURDAY JUNE 3rd, 2023**         **Results in next newsletter**

**An Interesting Hand**

Recently at an Intermediate Session on Thursday, we gave a short presentation on cue bidding and in particular, Michael’s Cue Bid.

This hand came up during play, so cue bidding was front of mind.



The bidding went as follows:     **WEST NORTH EAST       SOUTH**

 PASS PASS 1D         2D

 3D 4D 5D         5H

                                   ALL PASS

Analysis : West could have opened the Unusual 2NT showing both minors and weak, which is in some systems, but not in theirs and passed.

North has nothing to bid at this stage and passes.

East opens 1D, 13HCP and 6 card diamonds.

South has 2x 5 card majors and 10 HCP and cue bids 2D, Michael’s cue bid.

West now bids 3D, adding extra points for the void and supporting partner’s opening bid

( could have bid 4D).

North has both majors 4-4, and cuebids 4D, to show a 10+ hand, telling partner about the 4-4 majors and asking partner to choose their best major.

East now bids 5D

South chooses hearts with 2 honour cards and bids 5H

West passes and all pass.

Contract 5H, going down 1

You can see that 6D was makeable but no-one in the session put on their “cloak of courage” and bid this.

The amazing thing was seeing the first 5 bids in diamonds on the table, all telling an interesting story.