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SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



*As the Beatles would sing "Here comes the Sun" or
Katrina and the Waves "Walking on Sunshine"*

It's exciting to welcome spring with its inherent energy, renewal and beauty....

ROY HINDMARSH PAIRS 2026

Following an excellent turn-out, congratulations go to **Carmel O'Neill and Meghan Lagdon** for winning the 2026 Roy Hindmarsh Pairs.
Elizabeth Sugars and June McCormack came second.



Lead Lead Lead

Remember the etiquette:

"For the Love of Bridge: LEAD FIRST - THEN DO YOUR HOUSEKEEPING"



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APOLOGY:

ANZAC Pairs 2026

The editor wishes to apologize to the winners of the ANZAC Pairs 2026.

The photo in the April edition had the incorrect team! (OOOPS)

The winners were **Jane Walters and Maureen Willoughby!**

WHAT'S COMING UP

SATURDAY September 26th – Chris Wells Spring Pairs (red point event)



August Winning Recipe.

By popular demand here's a copy of

Chatters Crack – (as served at the Roy Hindmarsh Trophy Event)

A favourite recipe of members of the Facebook Group Chat10Looks3 – a group started by Leigh Sales and Annabel Crabb.

Ingredients

- ½ packet of Salada crackers
- 225g salted butter
- 190g brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 250g dark cooking chocolate – grated or chips
- Toppings:

o Dried cranberries o Pistachio nuts o Glace cherries o Chopped almonds o Uncrystalised ginger

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C
2. Line a baking tray with foil and then baking paper
3. Line base of tray with crackers
4. Melt butter and sugar & stir. Simmer for about 3 minutes
5. Add vanilla
6. Quickly pour over the crackers & spread
7. Bake 15 minutes – remove from oven if it appears to be burning
8. Cover immediately with chocolate & leave for about 5 minutes
9. Spread chocolate, sprinkle with topping and allow to cool



Which side of the turkey has the most feathers on?



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VALE

Maureen Bellett [May 1939 – Aug 2026]



The first time you see Maureen's name on the Fremantle Bridge Club Award's boards was when she won the Roy Hindmarsh event with Rosalie Raine in 2013. I am sure she won many, many awards prior to that as I know she was playing at Fremantle Bridge Club when I joined in 2007.

She was my partner for quite a few years and while she had a library of quirky comments perhaps my favourite was "every card is sacred" with a cheeky nod to Monty Python's "Meaning of Life". I know many older members will have similar memories of this strong woman who played five days a week (travelling to and back from her home in Como) and was the Club's self-appointed "Bidding Box Monitor".

I don't know that much of her earlier life – we do know she attended Bunbury Senior High School – we do know she was teaching in Darwin – we do know she was in the first six people in Western Australia who were appointed a Civil and Funeral Celebrant in 1974 and was still performing services in her later years. Maureen gave to her favourite charity supporting leprosy and travelled to India to see first-hand the clinics available for those who had the disease. Perhaps her love of Bridge came from her mother Daphne who was still playing at Fremantle when she turned 100. Many players who partnered Maureen will remember her winning the Pairs Championships in 2014 with Janice Winsor; Mid-Winter Pairs with Janice Winsor in 2015; Runner Up in ANZAC pairs 2016 with Sam Zurub; Winner of Champion Pairs with Sam in the same year and runner up with the stately John Van Der Vorden in the Spring Pairs. 2017 saw her runner up in the President Pairs with Rohan Bandarage and Champion Pairs with myself. 2018 she was runner up in Mid-Winter Pairs with Sam again.

Maureen represented Fremantle in a few of the Tri Tournament competitions against Gosnells and Armadale - and the team of Rosalie Raine, Sam Zurub, Kaye Egan, Joyce Sullivan and June McCormack won the 2017 event. She thoroughly enjoyed travelling to other clubs and is often fondly remembered by some of the players she mentored over the years.



COVID hit in 2019 and we didn't see much more of Maureen at the tables although post-Covid, there was a formidable partnership with Neville Stafford witnessed on many months of Wednesdays.

Following a Stroke in 2021 Maureen joined the Montgomery House community in Mount Claremont and, thanks to Sara Franklin, came to bridge on a few occasions but following another incident with breathing difficulties and a fast heart rate Maureen passed away at Charlie Gardiner's around 2pm on Saturday August 8th this year.

**To celebrate Maureen's life there is a gathering at Lisa & Clive Odgers's home
54 Cardigan Terrace, Jolimont on Saturday Sept 12th from 11am to 1pm-ish!
If you would like to attend or intend to do so, please RSVP by Sept. 9th**



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Mobile Phone Ban (A Humorous Reminder)

Sue, Carmel and Jenny wanted to play in the Mixed Pairs, so they went to the partnership desk well before game time. The hostess cordially greets them but warns, "We have *one rule* here: No mobile phones!"

Sure enough, before another word could be spoken, Sue's phone rings, and the hostess says, "Sorry, Sue. For that I must pair you with Joe, the worst male bridge player of all time."

A few minutes later Carmel's phone chimes and the hostess says, "Too bad, Carmel. Your partner will be Dave, who is about as hopeless as they come."

Meanwhile, Jenny waits patiently for almost an hour with her phone carefully turned off. Finally, the hostess walks over with Omar Sharif and says, "Congratulations, Jenny! Your partner will be the world's #1 player."

Jenny is awestruck as she turns to Mr. Sharif, "I can't believe it! What could I have done to deserve a partner as great as you?"

"I don't know what happened to you," grumbled Omar, "but my damn phone went off!"



The Fremantle Bridge Club will be using

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Smart tools for bridge clubs

in the near future.

Members will be contacted soon to inform you on the services offered by this
System Software

Happy Birthday to
our September
members:

Ted Sullivan
Marie O'Sullivan
Adrian Taylor
Jenny Grummet
Suzanne Corson



PROMOTIONS



PAULINE SNELL
Promoted to Local
Master with 15.55
imps

As we are all aware,
numbers at the tables are
down on TUESDAY sessions.
It is a shame when a Director
has to give up their time to
open the club set it all up
then immediately have to
close it down and go home
for want of a few players.
And what a disappointment
for the players who do show
up then are turned away for
the day? The club executive
is in a quandary – what is
best for the members?
Please have your say. Speak
to a committee member –
offer positive suggestions
and become proactively
involved in your club.





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50 PALINDROMES (WORDS THAT READ THE SAME BACKWARD)

Single-Word Palindromes

1. Racecar
2. Madam
3. Radar
4. Level
5. Rotator
6. Civic
7. Noon
8. Kayak
9. Refer
10. Deified
11. Repaper
12. Tenet
13. Stats
14. Malayalam
15. Minim
16. Solos
17. Redder
18. Wow
19. Pop
20. Mom

Short Palindromic Phrases

1. Evil is a name of a foeman as I live.
2. Eva, can I see bees in a cave?
3. Mr. Owl ate my metal worm.
4. Do geese see God?
5. A Toyota's a Toyota.
6. Never odd or even.
7. Madam, in 'Eden, I'm Adam.
8. Able was I ere I saw Elba.
9. A Santa lived as a devil at NASA.
10. Go hang a salami, I'm a lasagna hog.

Fun & Quirky Palindromes

1. Taco cat
2. Top spot
3. My gym
4. Was it Eliot's toilet I saw?
5. Murder for a jar of red rum.
6. Yo, Bob, up to no good? Do gon' to pub, boy!
7. No devil lived on.
8. Sir, I do not bob to don iris.
9. Rats live on no evil star.
10. We panic in a pew.



Creative Palindromic Sentences

1. Was it a car or a cat I saw?
2. A man, a plan, a canal, Panama!
3. Yo, Banana Boy!
4. Doc, note I dissent. A fast never prevents a fatness. I diet on cod.
5. Sir, I demand, I am a maid named Iris.
6. Do nine men interpret? Nine men, I nod.
7. Dennis and Edna sinned.
8. Too hot to hoot.
9. Step on no pets.
10. No lemon, no melon.



An Interesting Hand Responses and suggestions next edition

All Vul
S Dealer

♠ 10 7
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 2
♣ K J 9 8 5 4 2

♠ A K Q J 8 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K 8
♣ A Q 6



♠
♥ A K 8
♦ A J 9 7 5 4 3
♣ 10 7 3

♠ 9 6 5 4 3
♥ Q J 10 6 4 2
♦ Q 10
♣

West	North	East	South
			2♥
X	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♥ – explained as weak 2 in Hearts. Playing Lebensohl over double of 2-level openings, East bids to show 1-suiter strong hand (3♦ would be showing 7+ HCP and a good 5-card suit)

Questions: 1. Is 4♦ bid justified? 2. What should West do over 5♦? Pass or a blind guess at 6♦? 3. Any other suggested bidding sequence by E-W?