

wa bridge *focus*

FOSTERING BRIDGE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA



BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE

by Di Brooks

BAWA South West Promotions Officer

The Bridge for Brains research Challenge was held throughout Australia in Nov 2011. Although the list of winners shows a successful competition for the Eastern States, Western Australia also had its fair share of success.

The highest percentage scored by a pair over the age of 75 years was won by **Joan Kefford and Charles Braid of Esperance**, scoring 64.35% and coming in 38th.

Mesdames Trotter and Kacso of Geraldton scored a whopping 69.98% and was placed 1st in WA and 8th overall.

Kath Ogden and Carol Flack of Kojonup recorded 68.48%, 2nd in WA and 13th overall.

Undercroft pair of **Domenico Degasperis and Domenico Rocchiccioli** was 4th in WA and 47th in Australia.

And lastly, **Doug Hardman and Tom Stack of Mandurah** was 5th in WA with 63.62% and 48th overall.

This was the eighth year that this competition had been run. Four thousand bridge players in 2011 helped raise almost \$37,000 for the Neuroscience Research Australia.

Congratulations to all entrants and for the success of your members of the 120 clubs participating.

Let's see more clubs support this worthwhile cause in 2012

Congratulations !



In the Top 100
players nationally
(2011)

Viv Wood
Gerry Daly



In the Top 100
players of all time
nationally

John Ashworth

Seen at the BAWA Awards Night



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Articles always welcome



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

I hope that you all survived the holiday season and trust you are ready for the start of a new bridge year. I want to revisit a little hobby horse of mine, congresses – entry fees and prize monies. I want to start the discussion by reaffirming that BAWA doesn't have, nor does it want, any control over the financial decisions (entry fees and prizes) a club makes. BAWA, as the Sponsoring Organisation, has control over the bridge aspects of both congress & Red Point events and as such we regulate equity of movements, the use of bidding boxes, table electronic travellers, numbers of boards, number of rounds and other like matters. All of these conditions are available on the BAWA web site in the Supplementary Regulations. **Section 18. Congresses, Gold & Red Point Events - Regulations & Directors Duties.** It is a requirement that the club appoints a convenor who has the principal task of ensuring that these regulations are read, understood and applied by both the organising committee and the Director. I just mention this as a reminder so clubs don't put the Red Point status of their event in jeopardy.

Now back to entry fees and prize monies – BAWA receives many comments / complaints, both verbal and written, concerning both entry fees and prizes. We have a standard reply explained above. However, I think it is incumbent on you the players to query the clubs on any aspect of

the congress that you are not happy with. If a club advertises Generous Prizes and collects \$120 from 30+ tables I would expect the prizes to be generous. If you don't believe this to be the case write to the club and expect a response.

Recently, and on a purely personal note, I asked a convenor why their congress Sunday teams, typically 48 boards, was more expensive than the Saturday Pairs, typically 54/56 boards. It seemed unreasonable to me; I thought the response, whilst reasonable, was illogical. I have a personal dislike which is being asked to pay for lunch when I may not want lunch or I may not want what is on offer – I have a particular dislike of cold chicken and salad ☺. It would seem reasonable to me to offer players the ability to purchase lunch – this is the approach of a number of clubs. If the lunch is good value then it will be popular, that's the way the market works.

Now on a more positive note I would like to congratulate the Mandurah Bridge Club on their recent congress. It was well organised and well run and their new club house most impressive. However, the outstanding feature of the weekend was the generous prizes. I think \$800.00 for first place in the Sunday teams with commensurate amounts for 2nd and 3rd would have to set a new standard for WA. I am assured that players in the pairs events were as equally impressed.



Upcoming BAWA Events

Men's/Women's Teams	19 th of March 2012	4 weeks event <i>Venue: Nedlands BC</i>
Mixed Teams	22 nd of March 2012	4 weeks event <i>Venue: South Perth BC</i>
Interstate Senior Selection	Sun 14 th April and Sun 15 th April	<i>Venue: Nedlands BC</i>
State Open Pairs	26 th of April 2012	6 weeks event <i>Venue: South Perth BC</i>
State Swiss Teams	30 th of April 2012	5 weeks event <i>Venue: Nedlands BC</i>

See flyers for details



ABF NEWS

A Message from the President

On behalf of the ABF Management Committee I would like to wish all players and clubs a very happy new year. Your wonderful support in a difficult year in 2011 was appreciated. The way clubs and individuals rallied to assist clubs affected by natural disasters, fire and flood and in the case of Christchurch, New Zealand, continuing earthquakes was impressive.

There is still much to be done in 2012.

The ABF Masterpoint Centre Newsletter has, in recent issues (available on the net) attempted to keep players and clubs apprised on the development of our new Masterpoint system. We are grateful for the input and support of State Masterpoint Secretaries. All the existing web site functionality has been maintained, but the new site should prove easier to navigate. There is one menu of options showing on all pages, a Site Map, and plenty of help. The October Newsletter outlines the great new features. The new system came into operation effective 1 January 2012. The Masterpoint Centre would be pleased to receive your feedback - positive or negative!

It just so happens that the October Newsletter includes an extract from an email from Roy Nixon, ABF Treasurer, expounding the benefits of ABF Membership. Please read that Newsletter.

I know we are going to have success in 2012 because of your continued support.

Thank you.

Keith Mc Donald
President (ABF)

National Appeals Coordinator

The ABF Management Committee is pleased to announce that **Sebastian Yuen** has accepted the position of National Appeals Coordinator. Sebastian can be contacted at

appeals@abf.com.au

He will be the keeper of our national records and will liaise with the ABF Tournament Committee and other stakeholders with a view to streamlining the current processes involving these very important documents.

Any updates to the current process will be posted to the ABF Web Site as they are finalised.

National Tournament Coordinator

The ABF Management Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of **Matthew McManus** and **Laurie Kelso** to the position of National Tournament Coordinator with effect from 1st February 2012.

Both Matthew and Laurie bring a wealth of tournament and administrative experience to this role. We are confident that they will work well together to streamline the processes put in place by Richard Grenside in this newly developed role.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard for the extensive work that he carried out in raising the profile of this role with our licence holders and wish him well in his "retirement". Richard will continue to provide support to both Matthew and Laurie until he relinquishes the reins at the end of January 2012.

Matthew and Laurie can be contacted via email at: ntc@abf.com.au. Please direct your questions and queries to that email address. One of them will respond to you by return.

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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Capel Capers

Capel Highlife or What's afoot with the Brooks'



By Di Brooks-BAWA South West Promotions Officer

Have you ever given it a thought as to why women can shop till they drop??? It could be that the female of the species has had to budget on a very tight purse string. So the difference with us and the bomb squad... whilst THEY search and destroy, we seek and buy the best bargains. My latest adventure was my first foray into an auction. What can one say...? I found my kicks at the Apex fundraiser. There were specialised concrete products going for a song - slabs and pavers in all sizes and various colours - an answer to any new home owner's prayer - a vision of beauty. Bid for 4 lots and successful on 3. By 1.00pm, \$126 had changed hands and she was well pleased.

Then came the "CATCH", all goods had to be removed by 3pm that day. We begged a trailer from one friend and asked another to help move my bargains. Three hours and 7 trailer loads later, we were the happy owners of enough concrete products to pave a large area. Battle weary, we made it to the Country Club for our Saturday Burger and salad special. After being well fed and watered, we, the exhausted senior citizens needed a hot shower, masses of Dencorub and a very early night, so we could recover for the next morning, 'cos we had to move 'em all from the front of the block, around to the back.

Sunday, the day of rest, was spent sitting on the black sand, admiring our stacks and stacks of pavers. A picture of beauty is a joy forever; proving the point that women are easily pleased, no matter what some others say!

So with my garden almost established, we are ready for visitors. Come in your wellies and overalls, we've slabs to lay and you are more than welcome.

Happy New Year Bridging or not. Life is to be lived.....

Kojonup Revisited



Kojonup Bridge Club holds a session a week, starting at 9.30am, at the local bowling club. President, Carol Flack, had booked a lecture on "Defence". With a membership of forty, the regular Monday attendance is usually enough for seven tables. The session had twenty nine people eagerly waiting to start their bridge session... and with me giving a talk on partnership skills needed for better defence.

Country hospitality is never short in coming forward. Kojonup start their morning with a fresh batch of home made scones, with jam and cream, courtesy of Lyn Matthews. They were delicious.

The lecture started with a quiz, asking for themes starting with particular letters. Crossword buffs certainly had their fair share of words....all relevant to bridge... their input brought good natured laughter and the time spent opening up a new field of defence to those players less experienced was much appreciated.



The regular session was slightly late in starting, but nonetheless the Howell movement was completed. I played in the session and had a thoroughly happy time meeting all the players.

Many thanks to everyone for making me feel so welcome. I look forward to seeing your newly acquired skills in action, on my next visit.



ANC 2012 in Darwin

Saturday 7 July to Thursday 19
July, 2012

Darwin Convention Centre,
Waterfront Precinct

Interstate Teams Championships 8 – 13 July

Butler Pairs Championships 14 – 19 July

Territory Gold Bridge Festival 7 – 12 July

ANC Congress events 8 – 19 July

For information visit:

www.ntba.com.au/ANC,

phone (08) 89 81 7287 or

email: anc2012@abf.com.au

As the ANC is during the main tourist and racing season, players should book accommodation and travel early.



Weekend Congress

Sat 17th & Sun 18th March 2012

Limit of 22 Tables

BAWA Regulations Apply

SATURDAY:

Two session Pairs. **Start Time: 10 am**

Entry Fee: \$30/ per player

Includes Lunch at approx **1 pm**

- *Complimentary Tea/Coffee/Biscuits Available throughout the Congress*
- *Presentation of Prizes after close of Session*
- *Complimentary Wine & Refreshments at close of day*

SUNDAY:

Two session Swiss Teams. **Start Times: 10 am**

Entry Fee: \$40/ per player

Includes Lunch at approx **1 pm**

- *Presentation of Prizes after close of Session*
- *Complimentary Wine & Refreshments at close of day*
- *No pair or team to win more than one prize per session.*

Director: Bill Kemp

Venue: Kalamunda District Bridge Club
56 Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill

Convenor: Denise Borger (08) 9293 2185
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Entries: BAWA website:
www.bawa.asn.au



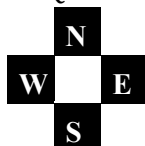
Helping declarer to go wrong in defence

From Viv Wood

Brd
Dlr E
Vul EW

♠ KQ4
♥ AQJ8
♦ 83
♣ AJ53

♠ A3
♥ T9643
♦ 654
♣ Q87



♠ 8752
♥ K2
♦ KJT72
♣ K9

♠ JT96
♥ 75
♦ AQ9
♣ T642

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Gerry</i>		<i>Viv</i>
		Pass	Pass
1C	Pass	1S	Pass
2NT (1)	Pass	3NT	All pass

(1) 17/18

This is a hand from the last round of the knock-out in the GNOT finals in Tweed Heads. We were defending 3NT by West, Gerry led the H4.

As you can see declarer has some work to do but the Diamonds offer the best hope. Declarer won the H8 at trick 1 and led a diamond to the J. I won and returned the S6. It was virtually impossible for declarer to play low as he's much more likely to play me for the SA. Now declarer was dead as Gerry returned the 3S. Note if I'd played the SJ the suit would stay blocked and declarer would succeed.

In another match the defenders succeeded on a totally different line of play. Declarer again tried the diamond at trick two. South ducked smoothly playing the D9 when declarer finessed the J. Declarer can now play Diamonds from the top, conceding the A and Q but getting 3 Diamond tricks, plus 4 Hearts, 2 Clubs and maybe 1 Spade. However he was confident the Diamond finesse was working and so went back to hand via the HK

to the A and finessed again in Diamonds. This was not successful and now he didn't have the entries to enjoy the Diamonds. He also went 1 down. The Diamond duck gave West some rope which he was happy to grab with both hands, but the spade defence gives declarer virtually no chance.

SOUTH COAST CONGRESS ESPERANCE 2012



- When** Long Weekend March 2012
Friday 2nd to Monday 5th
March
- Where** Esperance Anglican Hall
Cnr Windich and Council Place
- Director** Bill Kemp
- Entries** via BAWA website
- Enquiries** Jim Smith Tel 90721393
jimles.smith@bigpond.com
- Accommodation enquiries**
Esperance Visitor Centre Tel 90831555

The 2012 Regional Championships

31st of March and the 1st of April

Bridgetown Civic Centre, 3 Streere Street

Director: Peter Holloway

It's that time again where the WA Country Players gather to compete
For their Champion in Pairs and Teams with lots of generous prizes.

Entry Fees this Year:

Pairs: \$60 per Pair

Teams: \$140 per Team

Entries can be made on BAWA website in BAWA event entries:

<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

Please contact the conveners for any help or query on how to enter.

We love to see you all at 10 am on Saturday.



For accommodation and local information
please contact the Bridgetown Visitors
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Country Group Bridge

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The Purist Form of Bridge

From (the Great League Man) - Derek Pocock

The majority of us play duplicate pairs and many are unaware of the alternative form of competition bridge viz. Teams.

Now at pairs our results often depend on a very arbitrary element namely the ridiculous results some people get – either as penalties of correspondingly undeserved tops for their opponents thus reducing your well bid par score downwards through no fault of your own. Winning at pairs is a gamble of the results of others over whom your game has no control; all you can do is hope that those outrageous scores (how did they make two overtricks – must have revoked twice!?) are balanced out to both sides and your skilful plays will win you through.

But Team Bridge eliminates the bad play of the rest of the field: in teams it's head to head, A versus B and the rest of the room can do what they like as it doesn't affect our game.

The popularity of the introductory BAWA teams of 3 with a "master" has shown many players the pleasure of a teams game but the opportunities for teams is still very limited. We tried to have a Sunday "walk in" teams but that seems to have been discontinued possibly because pairs is easier to organise.

Yet teams is the most rewarding aspect of bridge. All it needs is for 4 people to get together and enter a team event such as BAWA runs on a Monday and Thursday night. Here though you may well come up against the top players in WA and whilst it is always good to play against better players, it can be discouraging to be soundly beaten – particularly if you can't always see why.

Yet there is a fine introductory way to enjoy Teams Bridge and that is the League. This is a means of playing Teams Bridge in a social friendly atmosphere and that is because it is played at home against another team who have come to play you or you have gone to their house to play them depending on the pre arranged fixture list. You enter at the beginning of the bridge year and then in March you are sent your fixture list of 1 match per month where you are designated either the home team or the away

team - balanced out equally for the year. Your team can have up to 8 players which allows for substitutes when players are on holiday. If you are the home team you are asked to offer your opposing team for that month 4 dates in which to play. You may play in the afternoon league or the evening league (or of course both even with different players). They in turn should accept one of your dates.

Now you may have your own set of boards or else borrow a set from the club with scorers and bidding slips and when the opponents turn up you deal out 24 boards. Your team of course sits N/S at one table and E/W at the other (in two separate rooms is preferable) and you all play the first 12 boards. Now ideally if N/S can make 3NT or any other contract, each team should get the same score but usually there is a difference which is a plus for one team and a minus for the other. These are then converted to a half time score and the opponents then change places whilst you remain stationary and in this way you each play all 4 players of the other side. Then after the next 12 boards you again score up, convert to the score the organisers use and when agreed it is standard for the two teams to sit down to refreshments provided by the home team.

It may sound complicated at first but the whole game is quickly learnt and you have played in the best form of bridge – a head to head with no complications from the rest of the field's absurd vagaries.

The event is organised by BAWA with a league secretary to run it and at the end of the year the winning team gets 4 subscriptions to Australian bridge for the following year. If enough teams have entered to make 2 or more divisions of 10 teams each (that's 9 matches at one per month March – November inclusive), then there will be promotion (and demotion too!) between divisions.

This is a good way to improve your bridge as well as play a serious game in a friendly atmosphere.

Why not give it a try in 2012 and good luck.



Opening Leads

From Gerry Daly

One of the great aspects of our great game is that there is always more to learn. As beginners we held the club veterans in awe but as we improved our game we discovered that they too had lots to learn. Players continue to develop as long as they see scope for improvement and provided they apply some effort also. While we gain some improvement and consistency from sheer experience most players will have encountered a period where their game stagnated because they became complacent with their current ability. To improve we must augment our playing experience in a number of ways e.g. post mortem discussion with partners and other players, preferably with players more experienced than ourselves and keep abreast of modern trends and expert opinion via magazines books etc.

One important aspect unattended by many is that of opening leads.

Here is an example from the 2nd session of the New Years pairs.

What do you lead against the following auction with no bidding from your side?

1S-2H

3C-5C?

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

Focus will print details of your congress or red point events. All you have to do is email the full details before the **20th** of each month to be included in the following month's issue.

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown

bedfords@bigpond.net.au

Perhaps it's a difficult question to answer without knowing your hand. Well that is partly my point! In many cases you should have already have a good idea of what to lead before looking at your hand. Here the opponents have announced a good club fit. Additionally it looks like they have a good side suit in each hand which might provide parking space for their losers. It looks like we should be going after our diamond tricks ASAP.

♠J75♥K862♦AJT52♣9

A quick review of our hand tells us that our HK is well placed for declarer but the diamond holding is not ideal for leading from. Generally leading aces is a bad idea. The singleton club is rarely right. Partner won't be impressed if you help declarer find his Qxx. Leading their suits is not attractive either. It may concede the tempo and help set them up for discards. So what do we do?

Well the answer is not clear cut and no one gets them all right. You will have a few of these decisions to make each session so perhaps it is worth improving your understanding of the reasoning involved. Hopefully you will end up getting more right than before.

For the record, of those that defended against 5C 3 players led the AD, 2 led Club 9 and 1 led the spade 7. As it happens the suit that looks like the best option happens to be the only one to give declarer the contract on this occasion. ☹

I have recently read two books on the topic and could recommend either.

"Opening leads" by Mike Lawrence as with all his books is nicely written and has chapters explaining a concept followed by some problems and review. "Opening Lead" by Krzysztof Martens has less introductory theory and focuses instead on imparting concepts through 100 example hands. The translation into English has the odd quirk but nonetheless is a very worthwhile book.

West Australian Bridge Club

THE  PLATE

Restricted Swiss Pairs

To be held at the
WABC Club ROOMS
7 Orden Crescent, Swanbourne

SUNDAY 4th March 2012

Commencing 10 am
(a short explanation of the format will be given
prior to play)

Tournament Organizer: Kitty George
kitty.george@bigpond.com
9447 5303

Director: Neville Walker
0418 944 077

Entries Via:
BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au
WABC website www.wabridgeclub.com.au
WABC email bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au
Or phone 9284 4144

*Orders will be taken before 10 am for those
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As at 1st January 2011**

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The Pull-it Surprise

by Ron Klinger



<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

Improve Your Bridge Online

PROBLEM

West dealer; NS vulnerable

What action would you take as dealer with:

♠	AQ984
♥	3
♦	Q8643
♣	J9

If your partnership does not have an opening bid for weak, shapely hands you are giving the rest of the field a head start. Witness this deal from Round 3 of the 2005 World Championships:

Brd
Dlr W
Vul NS

♠ AQ984
♥ 3
♦ Q8643
♣ J9

♠ K632
♥ KJ1072
♦ AJ5
♣ Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J10
♥ A94
♦ K1072
♣ 10654

♠ 75
♥ Q865
♦ 9
♣ AK8732

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Twenty years ago we were opening the West hand with an R.C.O. bid (R = Rank, C = Colour, O = Odd suits). 2H showed two suits of the same rank (spades + hearts OR diamonds + clubs), 2S = two suits of the same colour (spades + clubs OR hearts + diamonds) and 2NT = two odd suits, different rank and different colour (spades + diamonds OR hearts + clubs). The West hand would thus qualify for 2NT. North is likely to pass and East would then jump to 4C, pass-or-correct. Whether North-South can find the 4H game after

that is debatable. Even if they do, East-West is well-placed to sacrifice in 5D.

These days many pairs choose a multi-2S opening as West to show five spades and a 4+ minor. Here is another approach from the Open Teams match between Australia and Portugal.

Australia E-W:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2D(1)	2H	3D	4D
5D	X	All pass	

(1) Weak with diamonds and spades

Lead: CQ

South played low and had no quick entry to cash another club. Markey was thus able to escape for one down, - 100, losing one spade, one club and one diamond when he played North for the DJ.

At the other table, Australia N-S:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1D(1)	Pass	4H
All pass			

(1) 10-14 HCP, 4+ hearts

Given the limitations on the North hand, South had no ambitions for slam and simply jumped to game. That was +650 and 11 Imps to Australia.

In the Women's Australia vs. Germany the board was flat at 4H, 650, both tables. In the Seniors match against Pakistan:

Australia N-S:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1H	Pass	4D
Pass	4H	All pass	

Lead: SJ

West won and switched to a diamond taken by the ace. The H10 held and after unblocking the CQ North played another heart. East took the HA and returned a low diamond, ruffed in dummy. North

ruffed a low club with the HK and played a heart to dummy. This drew East's last trump and declarer claimed the rest for +650.

At the other table West did open with a multi-2S, but North-South did the right thing:

Australia E-W:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2S(1)	3H	4D	4H
5D	X	Pass	5H
All pass			

(1) 5 spades, 4+ minor

Lead: SJ

Note the pressure that came from the 2S opening. There was some risk in North bidding 3H with a 7-loser hand. East's 4D was pass-or-correct. With spades and clubs, West would have bid 4S. When South bid 4H, West had no trouble finding the 5D save. North doubled, expecting this to end the bidding.

Now South decided to pull North's double and, surprise, it turned out to be right. There was no assurance that 5H would be the winning decision. Declarer also made eleven tricks. No swing.

The board was played 22 times in each division.

Open: 4H x 12; 5H x 5; 5D doubled x 3 (-300 x 2, -100 x 1); 3S West -50; 3D East +110!

Women's: 4H x 18; 5H x 2 (one failing); 4D -50; 5D doubled -100.

Seniors: 4H x 11; 5H x 4 (one failing); 5D doubled x 3 (-100 x 2, -300 x 1); 3D x 2 (-50 and +110); 4S doubled -800; 2S -150.

The noteworthy results are those where East-West were able to buy the hand in a part-score.

2012 Bridge Holidays with Ron Klinger

Kangaroo Island, May 6-13
off Adelaide

Tangalooma Wild July 1-8
Dolphin Resort,
off Brisbane

Norfolk Island Nov 25 to
Dec 2

For details, please contact
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COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR

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*NOMINATED BY THE MAYOR OF
CITY OF MELVILLE.*

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO BAWA COMPETITIONS

BAWA takes this opportunity to remind all players, new and established, of the attendance requirements when entering a BAWA event

Attendance: Entry to an event entails a commitment to play every session. Penalties may apply to pairs failing to arrive or failing to give 24 hours notice to the Tournament Director

Substitutes: Proposed substitutions should be notified to the Director at least 24 hours prior to the session.

(See the BAWA regulations for full details)



Bridge Onboard The Queen Mary 2

from Suzette Warren

In January this year whilst surfing the net I discovered that the QM2 ran a daily duplicate bridge session. Being married to Fiske Warren I knew this would be a lure for one of my dreams, a cruise on the Queen Mary 2. I promised Fiske I would learn enough bridge before our October 2011 cruise to partner him in a game as long he enrolled in a series of lessons to learn Latin and ballroom dancing, my passion, so he could progress from his usual “Dad dancing”. Deal done, we were booked. On October 7th 2011, we sailed from New York for our 7 night transatlantic cruise to Southampton.

If you have had the pleasure of cruising on the QM2, you will know what an incredible experience Fiske and I had. From the minute we boarded and were spoilt with champagne on ice in our stateroom, we knew we were in for a treat and we were not disappointed. WOW! we were holidaying aboard a floating Palace. The service, food and entertainment were world class. The performances by the London Symphony Orchestra were one of the many highlights along with becoming friends with Patrick Swayze’s mother.

Now my bridge experience: first of all for those who do not know me I am not Mrs Fiske Warren Bridge Queen: I have only played at supervised level. We walked into the bridge room on the first day and I was faced with 14 tables consisting of 90% Americans and a smattering of British players who looked like they were serious and not in holiday mode like me.

I discovered we were one of very few pairs playing Acol. At this point, I felt a wave of terror wash over my body. Any recollection of anything bridge-related Fiske told me in our stateroom five minutes beforehand had completely vanished from my brain.

Whilst waiting for our opponents to sit down I quickly whispered to Fiske “Can you play all the

hands “. Through Fiske’s brilliance he took us to victory with me only having to play one hand (system breakdown at that point). Whatever the system we had or didn’t have, it worked. I now know why Fiske is the bridge player and I am the dancer in the family.

Oh yes, by the way, we danced every evening in the ballroom, and thank goodness Fiske remembered what his dancing instructor had taught him.



Fiske and Suzette Warren enjoying drinks in the Golden Lion Pub before the “Royal Ascot Ball”.

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Rockingham Bridge Club Inc

CONGRESS 2012

February 18-19th 2012

Saturday 18th February 2012 10am Congress Pairs

\$25.00 per player – pay at the table on the day

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\$25.00 per player – pay at the table on the day

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10.00am Saturday **10th March, 2012** – Melville Congress Pairs

10.00am Sunday **11th March, 2012** – Melville Congress Swiss Teams

\$25.00 p.p. session

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City of Melville Bridge Club (Inc)

Corner of Canning Highway and Simpson Street (enter off Simpson St)

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Regards,
Pauline Gumby
ABF Webmaster
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South Perth Easter Congress

Friday April 6th

Welcome Pairs 6.30 pm

Saturday April 7th

Swiss Pairs 10 am and 2 pm

Sunday April 8th

Open Pairs 10 am and 2 pm

Monday April 9th

Open Teams 10 am and 2 pm
(Terry Glover Memorial)

Entries: via BAWA website please

Entry Fees:

Welcome Pairs: \$25 per person

Open Pairs: \$25 per person

Swiss Pairs: \$25 per person

Swiss Teams: \$30 per person

A light supper will follow the Teams event.



Director: Bill Kemp

Convenor: Cassie Morin

(cassiemorin@bigpond.com.au)

a weak jump overcall, which would have indicated the finesses being on-side.

Someone muttered about Fiske not having his bid. I tut-tutted and said "I'm shocked, aren't you, partner?"

Lynne sighed and dutifully expressed shock, while Maura said "Hah! You'd be used to that, playing with Richard." Touché!

If Only the Doubler Had More Points

Now warmed up for the Golden West, Lynne and I faced Hilary Yovich and Di Marler after a hard-fought first-round draw at Table 1 (the only glimpse we got of that end of the room).

I stretched to open the North hand 1D. With the suit quality and a playable 4-card major on the side I rejected the options of a pre-emptive 3D or a pass. Lynne answered 1H, West overcalled 1S, I rebid 2D and Lynne tried a stopper-asking 2S. I took a rose-tinted view and bid 3NT. When this came round to Di Marler in the West seat she naturally doubled. Without bidding boxes, she'd have no doubt used a "voice of thunder".

Brd	♠ JT96		♠ 72
Dlr N	♥ 4		♥ T83
Vul All	♦ AKQ874		♦ T2
	♣ 75		♣ T98432
	♠ AKQ84	N	♠ 72
	♥ KQJ2	W	♥ T83
	♦ 63	E	♦ T2
	♣ K6	S	♣ T98432
			♠ 53
			♥ A9765
			♦ J95
			♣ AQJ

Contract: 3NT by North

Lead: S7

Hilary led a spade, obeying partner's overcall. I don't know whether their double was asking for a lead of dummy's suit, but it made no difference to Di. She won the QS and promptly switched to KH. I'd hoped to win a spade, 6 diamonds and two aces but this switch wasn't much help. I allowed

the first heart to win, to tighten up any imminent squeeze position, and took the queen with dummy's ace.

Not much choice now. I banged out the diamonds to see what helpful discards appeared. Hilary threw out clubs like they were going out of fashion, while Di could spare two spades and a small heart, and then reluctantly the JH.

If the cards lay as shown above, my next move of a spade to East would force her to lead into my clubs at the end for trick 9. It wouldn't matter who held the KC – looks more dramatic if West has it. Failing to defeat 3NT with 18 points is the sort of thing Skid Simon wrote about many decades ago ("Why You Lose at Bridge").

Once again there was no happy ending, at least not for our side. The actual layout was as below, and the club finesse would have worked after all. As I played it, Di still had a heart to cash, along with KH and the top 3 spades. -200 when it could have been +750. The only other person who went down in 3NT was also doubled. One who made was gifted a club lead – there's no justice!

Brd	♠ JT96		♠ 72
Dlr N	♥ 4		♥ 83
Vul All	♦ AKQ874		♦ T2
	♣ 75		♣ KT86432
	♠ AKQ84	N	♠ 72
	♥ KQJT2	W	♥ 83
	♦ 63	E	♦ T2
	♣ 9	S	♣ KT86432
			♠ 53
			♥ A9765
			♦ J95
			♣ AQJ

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Book Review

from the Senior Serpent - Alexander Long

IT'S YOUR CALL

Marshall Miles

Master Point Press

Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2009

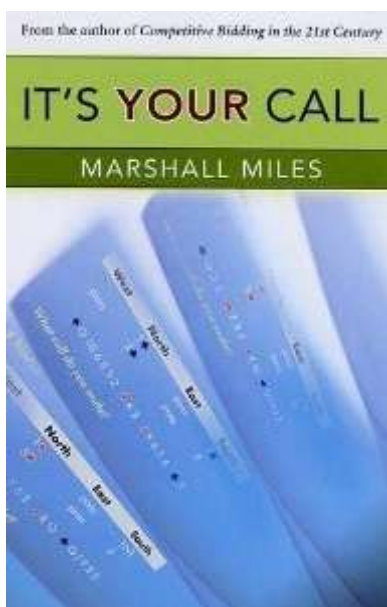
This is a seriously comprehensive compilation on the "What-do-I-bid" theme. If you test yourself right up to Problem 143 and you achieve 85%+, then you probably do not need to read the book. These are tough tests.

The layout is on the familiar "Panel of Experts" format. The various answers and comments are in detail. All bases are covered, including high-level competitive decision making. It is useful to flesh these out in your budding partnership. How often do we hear "Undiscussed" from even the most seasoned partnerships? This can be a little irritating when the auctions seem to be commonplace enough.

Part Three (the final) "It's Your Call" deals with the author's own real-life experiences at the table. Here is the classic "Undiscussed". It is a situation in which you would expect top players to have clear agreements. However, he did not and refused to utter opinion or inference; "(opponent) was as able to guess my Partner's intentions as I was" and the outcome led to a two-hour committee hearing. He won.

Problem 94 raises an interesting one which might offend many here. There are two Passes and you hold;

♠K7 ♠AKQ1052 ♦J87 ♣J4 ...



(The Author) "My recommendation is to bid 1NT ... Most of the Panel didn't see it my way ... opposite a passed Partner what is your most likely Game ... any 9 points is likely to be enough".

Books on bidding are aplenty now. This one is a standout because of the "cover-all-bases" and because of the quality of the Panellists.

As your correspondent here is about to move to a chosen tropical paradise, this is my final Book Review. It is not the final column as your infinitely patient Editor suggests we can quite easily stay in touch with you from Cairns. After all; what else is there to do in the middle of a Category 5 Cyclone? Write a Bridge Column. That is a given.

This is a perfect opportunity to wish you continually prosperous progress for Bridge in WA. May you continue to grow? The observation from years of on-off play in BAWA and Club events is the remarkably high level of participation on a population basis. Perth people go out and do things; huge gatherings and great crowds are always happening here.

The Bridge experience has been truly memorable and precious. I sincerely thank so many people for all the challenges, buzzes, and excitements over the years, very much also the glass or three of something over those mandatory *Post Mortems*. (Yes; long-winded sentences go with glasses of cheer and *Post Mortems*).

So, heading to life-change (never "retirement") we now delve into the joys of Bridge Base Online to stay in touch with players and people whose *panache* lives on.

Au Revoir



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Mandurah Bridge Club

from Ian Jones

Competition Winners:

Congratulations to the following winners of the daily Jackpot Finals held in December:

Monday	Ann Bate & Jean McLarty
Tuesday	Jan Branch & Wendy Hansen
Wednesday	Margaret Busani & Yvonne Penman
Thursday	Phil Power & Kathy Power
Friday	Rosemary Hunter & Bill Hatch
Saturday	Phil Power & Jean McLarty

- The **Daytime Open Pairs** event will be held on Monday 5th, 12th and 19th March. This is a Red Point event restricted to members only.
- The **Club Teams Championship** will be held on Saturday 14th April. This is a Red Point event restricted to financial members only.
- The Club will hold for the first time a **Winter Swiss Pairs Congress** on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July.



Congratulations to **Gudrun Kemmer** who was awarded the Alan Crevald trophy for the most improved player of 2011 by Jim McNamara, President, at the Christmas party.

Upcoming Events - 2012:

- The first **Special Teams Event** will be held in the afternoon on Wednesday 22 February.
- A **Bridge for Beginners** course starts on Thursday 23 February; contact Doug Hardman 0409 631450.
- The Club will be hosting a **Leap Year Quiz** night on Wednesday 29th February at 7pm at Bortolo Park. Members, family and friends are all invited.

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

from Sue Lia

Happy New Year to you all. Here's hoping that you are still carrying out your New Years resolutions and to those who are not - oh, well 2013 is on its way!!

The Kalgoorlie Bridge Clubs last playing session for 2011 was a meal and fun bridge. By fun bridge I mean challenges were set - i.e. first player to have all the aces in their hand, first to take a trick with the 2 of clubs, first pair to lose all tricks, etc and last game of the night was bingo with card suits and numbers - some of them are harder than you think and of course a fun lucky dip when you were fortunate to win a challenge. A Xmas party would not be the same if Santa Clause (Geza - with Hungarian accent) did not turn up and distribute the Kris Kringle presents, a great way to end 2011.

The Club is starting off 2012 on a good note - we have purchased Bridgemates for club players to use and will buy more electronic equipment during the year.

Some of us hope to travel and attend congresses and of course we will have the Kalgoorlie Congress in the long weekend in September.

Once again, to you all health, wealth, happiness and great cards for 2012.

West Coast Bridge Club

from Hilary Heptinstall

Our Christmas Party was held on Saturday December 10 and was attended by about 100 members. After the afternoon bridge session, our President, Peter Garcia Webb, presented Tony Bis, the CEO of Activ Foundation with a cheque for \$824, which had been collected during the Club 'Charity Week'.



Peter Garcia-Webb presents a cheque to Tony Bis

Following this, there was a presentation of trophies for winners of the year's Red Point Competitions by Cambridge Mayor, Simon Withers.

Our **101** year old member, **Rudy Woss**, once again won our award for most Green Points earned during the year!



*Simon Withers presents **Sandra Gray** with the Individual Trophy*



Simon Withers presents Wilhelmina Piller and Shirley Bloch with the Maurice and Shirley Bloch Trophy.

The party concluded with delicious food and drinks and a good time was had by all!



Patricia Quinlivan, Sue Kerr, Silvia Mata and Ann Patrick relax at the party



Vice-president Pat Garnett, Club Secretary and teacher Maureen Phillips and Director Harold McKnight in party mode.

Shirley Bloch is retiring from teaching Bridge at the Club after five productive years. She has been greatly appreciated in her teaching role and we all wish her a happy retirement and some enjoyable travelling.

Monday and Wednesday Bridge lessons and supervised play resumed in January at 10.00am-12pm, under the guidance of Elizabeth Bennett and Maureen Phillips. These sessions are very popular and are a great way to learn and practise bridge in a relaxed environment. Participants may come without a partner. For details phone

Elizabeth on 9275 12557 or Maureen on 9245 2138.

Congratulations to Ann Patrick who will join our team of Directors in the New Year.

We are all enjoying our new reverse cycle air-conditioning which has been recently installed. Some people found the Club rather hot in the summer but this is no longer the case and we would encourage people to come along on a hot day and enjoy our new cool conditions!

Our next Club competition is our **Graded Teams Below National Masters** which will be held on Monday February 6, 13, 20 and possibly 27.

Melville Bridge Club

from Lyndie Trevean

The Christmas Award Night was as usual a festive and happy event.



Marilyn West winner of "Most Improved Player for 2011"



Noel Daniel "Most Consistent Player for 2011" with Mayor's wife Mrs Glenys Aubrey.



President Danny Mistry on microphone (seated from left) John McDonald, Pasty McDonald, (Erica Auguston hidden) Mayor Russell Aubrey, Mayor's wife Glenys Aubrey and Dorothy Stevenson.



Happy Partying!

For those new and not so new members it was a great opportunity to meet the people in the community who support our club, as well as those members who play on different days, in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. Our Club was honoured to have Dr Janet Woollard (local member) Mayor Russell Aubrey and Mrs Glenys Aubrey, along with representatives from several metropolitan bridge clubs join in the celebrations.



January was a much quieter for our club. Many of our members were away on holidays while others were simply recovering from a hectic Christmas break with friends and family at home.



Also this month our club purchased a new flat screen television which will be great for events such as the Melbourne Cup, and our cricket enthusiasts will certainly appreciate it during the club's tea breaks over the summertime.

(From the Ed: Lyndie posts a great informative monthly newsletter on the club web site)

Undercroft Bridge Club

from Connie Coltrona.



The Xmas Parties held in early December were well attended and members enjoyed a delicious meal and fun entertainment. We thank members Tony Eardley, the pianist extraordinaire and Lesley and Ray Routledge, our talented singers.



The Xmas Raffle for Charity was organised by Leslie Smith and Doreen McPherson and raised \$692.75 for Wheelchair For Kids. This was a great effort by all who contributed goods and purchased the raffle tickets. Great work Leslie and Doreen.



The Fiske Warren Lectures will commence the 2012 programme on Wednesday 15th February at 10 am-12 noon. Topic DECLARER PLAY- the importance of trick one. Cost \$12.00. All welcome.

The Beginner's classes will begin Saturday 28th January 2012.

The course is for 18 weeks. For further information phone Leslie Routledge 92461817.

The Supervised classes on Saturday mornings will continue under the direction of Alan Doig.

Best Wishes and Good Luck to all bridge players for 2012

Busselton Bridge Club

from Margaret Nixon

Busselton Bridge Club runs an internal Round Robin competition, which runs from February to November each year. Teams of four are entered during January, and a schedule is worked out so that each team has equal numbers of "home" and "away" matches. Team captains consult to work out playing times, and matches can be played in any order. This allows for the inevitable absences during the year, when about half of Busselton escapes the winter cold and runs away to places like Broome. The home team provides two tables, the cards, the score sheets, and the refreshments, which may be morning tea, or lunch, or afternoon tea, or something stronger at the end of the day!!! We play 24 boards, in two batches of 12, so we swap opposition half way through. Our scoring system has varied, but we think we have hit on the best now, thanks to Richard Grenside, who suggested a VP allocation per board based on IMPs. The emphasis is on the social aspect, and having fun. Members have remarked that they

have got to know other members better. Teams can call on reserve players. There are two requirements: players must be club members, and matches should be completed by the end of November.

Our regular daytime sessions are listed in the BAWA Handbook. Any visitors to Busselton during the year should call Margaret Nixon on 97522635 to check whether there will be bridge on a Tuesday night.

Kalamunda Bridge Club

from Andy Leal

The Kalamunda bridge club combined its annual Christmas party with the presentation of trophies to the 2011 prize winners. Attended by over seventy club members there was a competition prior to the buffet and presentations. The numbers meant there were two competitions which were won by **Liz Bazen** and **Denise Borger** and **Sue Welborn** and **Alan Hunnisett**

Alan and Sue did particularly well as Alan's partner cried off the morning of the event and Sue stepped in at the last moment. Having never played together before they performed well above expectations

The buffet was prepared by club members and was up to the usual high standards and there was enough over for lunch for the Monday players. The hamper that was raffled was won by the president's wife!

The competition winners were:

Novices' Cup	Roger Pattersen and Mark Pezzali
Individual	Gerry Daly
Mixed Pairs	Peter Cameron and Sue Collinson
Daytime Open Pairs	Anita Davis and Jane Pike
Women's Pairs	Bente Hansen and Madge Myburgh
Men's Pairs	Joe Louis and Nick Moniodis
Open Teams	Peter Clarke, Denise Borger, Alf Dupont and Sheelagh Dupont
Knock Out Pairs (Day)	Sue Collinson and Carmen Jackson
Knock Out Pairs (Night)	Carmen Jackson and Wendy Harman
Most Improved Pair	John and Rosemary Offer

Champion pairs:

Monday	Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce
Wednesday	Alan Harper and Jackie Harper
Thursday	Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce
Friday	Jan Sterling and Murray Sterling

The current learners have just finished the beginners' course and eighteen have now joined the club. A new beginners' course starts on Monday 13th February at 7.00pm.

South Perth Bridge Club

from Darrell Williams

The Christmas Party on December 11th was a very happy event with much fun and fellowship enjoyed by all who attended. 72 players participated in the bridge session directed smoothly by Bill Kemp who was resplendent in a dinner suit.

All of us scratched our heads as we puzzled over the answers to the quiz arranged by Jennifer Robertson before enjoying drinks and the tasty dinner provided by Village Caterers. The members responded in good voice to join in singing Christmas carols with the Bridge Club Singers Cassie, Lyndall, Merle and Helen.



Congratulations to the Bridge Winners

Blue

NS: Suzanne YATES and Sue SHADBOLT

EW: Shirley KIMBER and Helen ARENDTS

Red

NS: Barbara FROST and Elizabeth MCNEILL

EW: Daniele HANSEN and John HANSEN

99

Deirdre Saunders turned **99**
On December 12th.



The Club celebrated with a beautifully decorated birthday cake at afternoon tea.

The Club Summer Teams

With Jan Howell as director Twelve Teams competed over three consecutive Thursdays in January in the Club Summer Teams Event.

The final result was very close.

The **Symonds' Team** came First.



Bill Symonds, (Suzanne Goodall), Gil Dolling and Marty Goodall

The **Valentine' Team** were Second.



Joan Valentine, Jan Hey, (Lisa Wylie) and Barbara Frost

The **Williams' Team** was third.

Jackie and Darrell Williams, Bob and Merle Wylie.

The South Perth Swiss Pairs

44 pairs competed vigorously in good spirit over three Monday evenings in January. The event was smoothly directed by **Neville Walker**. The final result of the hotly contested event in which scores yo-yoed up and down:



1st
Jan Kochmanski
and
Karol Miller



2nd
Shizue Futaesaku
and
Wendy Driscoll



3rd
Beata Bieganski
and
Tad Bieganski



4th
Cassie Morin
and
Elizabeth McNeil

Future Events at the Club

GNOT heats: Wed, 7th, 14th and 21st March @ 7.30 pm

April Fools Day open Pairs:- Sunday, 1st April @ 1.30 pm

Easter Congress including the Terry Glover Memorial Swiss teams

- Welcome Pairs Friday 6th April @ 7.30 pm
- Swiss Pairs - Saturday 7th - 2 sessions starting @ 10.00 am
- Open Pairs - Sunday 8th - 2 sessions starting @ 10.00 am
- Terry Glover Memorial Swiss teams. - Monday 9th - 2 sessions starting @ 10.00 am

West Australian Bridge Club

from Kitty George

It was most enjoyable being able to welcome so many players to the club at the Christmas Congress in December 2011. It was a great finish to the year.

Most members are now back from their summer holidays and Red Point Week in mid January saw us all polishing off the rust and getting back into the swing.

This year WABC will host two Congresses targeted to the less experienced player – the **Restricted Swiss Pairs** for players with less than 100 master points (March 25th) and the **Novice Pairs** (May 6th) for players with less than 50 master points. These are very relaxed and enjoyable events and are a great introduction to the Congress scene.



So relaxed!



Congress Winners

Friday N/S

1st Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes



2nd Leon Randolph and Alexandra Russell

3rd Sue Pynt and Heather Williams

E/W

1st Ross Harper and Jonathan Free

2nd Noelene Law and Annabel Booth

3rd Mike George and Helen George

Saturday Pairs N/S



1st Thilak Ranasinghe and David Schokman



2nd Annabel Booth and Alison Rigg

3rd Helen Kolozs and Ann Youngs

E/W

1st Claudine Charters and David Charters

2nd Louis Klein and Judy Havas

3rd John Beddow and Egmont Melton

And smiling



Teams



1st Thilak Ranasinghe, Cynthia Belonogoff, David Schokman and Pauline Hammond



2nd Noelene Law, Shizue Futaesaku, Viv Wood and Hugh Wichmann

3rd Jeanne Hey, Joan Valentine, Christine Ross and Wilhemina Piller

Nedlands Bridge Club

from Linda Bedford-Brown
The Birthday Sunday Congress (Swiss Pairs) is being held February Sunday 12th - commencing at 10.00am and lunch is provided. We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces on the day. Entries via www.bawa.asn.au

The Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs Championship will be held July 7th.

The **Christmas Award** night was a festive, happy event and collecting their prizes:



Winning the Club Pairs Championship **Jonathan Pynt** and **Mitch Garbutt**



May Schonwolf – Club Master point winner for 2011 with House Manager Robin Burton



Youth Bridge player(R) Renee Cooper represented Gay Jones to present The Gay Jones Encouragement Award Trophy to **Mary-Jane Whitehead**

Jackpot Winners: Walter Martins and Audrey Stokes, Linda Bedford-Brown and Sheila Bishop, Sue Dry and Robin Burton, Michael Moore and Tom Wheatley, Vivienne Janney and Pauline Hammond, Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton

Fiske Warren starts off the year at the club with Beginners Lessons February 7th through to March 27th – each Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am.

His twice monthly lectures are a must for anyone wishing to improve their understanding of plays and bids such as the Multi Two. Starts on Wednesday February 8th 10.00am 'til noon. There is no need to book and you can come without a partner.

Bunbury Bridge Club

from Nils Andersson and Di Brooks



President Jim Offer and Jeanette Gale presenting the awards for 2011.



Brian Wade – he did a fantastic job to oversee the new Bridge mates and worked countless hours



Joan McArthur and **Kate Boston**. Kate is the Club person of the year.



Monica Offer and **Kerry Frazer** - tireless workers for Bunbury Bridge Club



Sandra Main and **Vanna Pike** – Vanna- after many years as a club member has now moved to Perth – we shall miss her.

The Bunbury Bridge Club Teams Championships

(Photo's courtesy Di Brooks)



Winning team: **Robin Howe, Kate Boston, Murray Webber** and **Jane Moulden**



Restricted Teams Winners: **Rob Houlding, Ann Huys, John Huys** and **Marianne Viebke**



Bunbury Bridge Club members donated delicious goodies to Foodbank.

Di Brooks, Convenor, Kerry Frazer, volunteer at Foodbank and Manager, Carol Hearn. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who made a gift of Christmas Cheer.

Results



WABC Congress – Dec 2011

Friday Pairs

N/S	
1 st	Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes
2 nd	Leon Randolph and Alexandra Russell
3 rd	Sue Pynt and Heather Williams
E/W	
1 st	Ross Harper and Jonathan Free
2 nd	Noelene Law and Annabel Booth
3 rd	Mike George and Helen George

Saturday Pairs

N/S	
1 st	David Schokman and Thilak Ranasinghe
2 nd	Annabel Booth and Alison Rigg
3 rd	Helen Kolozs and Ann Youngs
E/W	
1 st	Claudine Charters and David Charters
2 nd	Louis Klein and Judy Havas
3 rd	John Beddow and Egmont Melton

Sunday Teams

1 st	Thilak Ranasinghe, David Schokman, Cynthia Belonogoff and Pauline Hammond
2 nd	Noelene Law, Shizue Futaesaku, Viv Wood and Hugh Wichmann
3 rd	Jeanne Hey, Joan Valentine, Christine Ross and Wilhemina Piller

South Perth Bridge Club Swiss Pairs 2012

1 st	Jan Kochmanski and Karol Miller
2 nd	Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll
3 rd	Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski

2011 BAWA State Open Teams - Handicap Final

Winners: John Beddow, Egmont Melton, Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski

vs.

Sheelagh Dupont, Alfred Dupont, Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt

2011 BAWA State Open Teams - Final

Winners: Trevor Fuller, Don Allen, Karol Miller, Henry Christie and Gerry Daly

vs.

Nigel Dutton, Marie France Merven, Jonathan Free, Michael Bausor, Andrew Swider and Eddy Mandavy

2011 BAWA Christmas Pairs

1 st	David Schokman and Thilak Ranasinghe
2 nd	Deidre Greenfeld and Deborah Frankel
3 rd	Karol Miller and Anton Pol

2011 Golden West

Best	
Men's Pair	Chris Mulley and Gerry Daly
Women's Pair	Pauline Collett and Joan Prince
Mixed Pair	James Steer and Stella Steer
Senior Pair	Fiske Warren and John Ashworth
Veteran Pair	Jean McLarty and Ann Bate
Youth Pair	Jessica Tearne and Tim Knowles
Country Pair	Colin Saunders and Ester Saunders

2012 BAWA New Year Pairs

1 st	Andrew Swider and Eddy Mandavy
2 nd	Wendy Harman and Joan Valentine
3 rd	Chris Bagley and Kim Magann



2011 Final WAP Standings

from Leone Fuller

Players with a minimum of 6 WAP's are invited to form a team to enter the WAP playoffs to select the 2012 State Open Team - held March 24th and 25th at Nedlands Bridge Club (see format on the BAWA website for details). All entries MUST be received one week before the WAP Team final

These players have qualified for the WAP playoffs

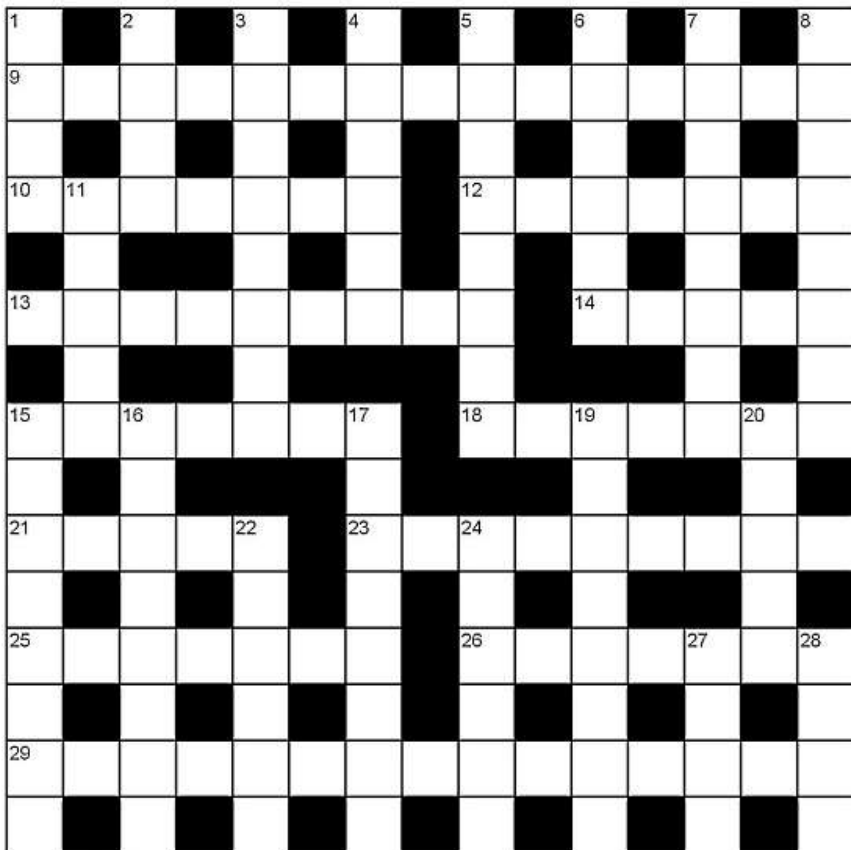
Gerry Daly	64
Karol Miller	54
Nigel Dutton	44
Marie France Merven	44
Nick Cantatore	29
Michael Bausor	24
Jonathon Free	24
Eddy Mandavy	24
Andrew Swider	24
Thilak Ranasinghe	22
David Schokman	22
Don Allen	18
Henry Christie	18
Rhys Cooper	18
Ron Cooper	18
Trevor Fuller	18
Viv Wood	18
Peter Rogers	17
Jan Kochmanski	13
Anton Pol	13
Pim Birss	12
Shizue Futaesaku	12
Richard Grenside	12
Sue Grenside	12
Rita Leeming	12
Dave Munro	12
Kay Thompson	12
John Beddow	10
Pauline Collett	10
Egmont Melton	10
Joan Prince	10
John Ashworth	8
Helen Hellsten	8
Chris Mulley	8
Fiske Warren	8
Val Biltoft	7
Alida Clark	7

Marnie Leybourne	7
Beata Bieganski	6
Tad Bieganski	6
Paul Brayshaw	6
Simon Brayshaw	6
Greg Dupont	6
Catherine Hood	6
Doreen Jones	6
Tony Menezes	6
James Offer	6
Monica Offer	6
Geoff Pocock	6
Sue Pynt	6
Matt Raisin	6
Heather Williams	6
Dennis Yovich	6
Hilary Yovich	6

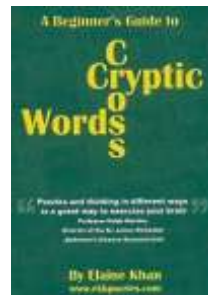
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Leone Fuller	5
Patricia Anderson	4
Michael Berk	4
Di Brooks	4
Debbie Frankel	4
Dadie Greenfeld	4
Noelene Law	4
Tony Stevens	4
Annabel Booth	3
Chris Boylson	3
Jill Del Piccolo	3
Pattie McNamara	3
Lauren Shiels	3
Joan Touyz	3
Ann Bate	2
John Beyfus	2
Kate Boston	2
Bridget Cooke	2
Gill Dolling	2
Mark Dolling	2
Brian Fensome	2
Carol Fensome	2
Alan Harrop	2
Jean McLarty	2
Kathy Power	2
Phillip Power	2
Ros Trend	2
Murray Webber	2
Bob Prince	1
Morrie Herman	1

PUZZLE 1154



- 6 Nation for Anna to almost follow a man completely.(6)
- 7 A second mistake with insect turning from the true way.(8)
- 8 Heat mark addles milliner.(3, 5)
- 11 Monk goes North to top country to find a rodeo animal.(5)
- 15 Flying machine may use breathable gas with local man at the back.(8)
- 16 Concurred with idiot measure with little Edward.(8)
- 17 Former nervous twitch returns to a part of Australia for a stimulant.(8)
- 19 Second with bridge opponents has spire when with one who is a gift giver.(8)
- 20 Take action on measured part of play.(5)
- 22 Thus covers fats for example.(6)
- 24 A Virginia model at risk initially is an ideal person.(6)
- 27 Time period is starting your body part.(4)
- 28 Finding a sword is like peeling an egg at least a bit anyway!(4)



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ACROSS

- 9 Vancouver is found here with Trish strangely connected to Bulimia Co. explosion.(7, 8)
- 10 Blood group about a saint has the latest news.(7)
- 12 A granma is mixed up in a word game.(7)
- 13 Dried flowers & spices mixture for an eclectic mix.(3, 6)
- 14 Surprise a derrier!(5)
- 15 A rogue note,with yours truly is another name for college!(7)
- 18 Judge with artist coming back to a nipper.(7)
- 21 Files redhead snakes.(5)
- 23 Ancient Greek form starting initial calibration with other Latin.(9)
- 25 Helix arrangement makes round rent.(7)
- 26 A pass with last very best babe makes a clerical assistant.(7)
- 29 Crop space takes a gin cocktail to par score, showing mean for a ball chaser.(8, 7)

DOWN

- 1 Father of old pop group?(4)
- 2 Ethiopian currency may be used for built in robe, right?(4)
- 3 Dress cover of Gilbert and Sullivan fame.(8)
- 4 More colourless when head winetaster takes a poke at Elizabeth.(6)
- 5 Beach in Baja, Rosar, Italy or Amsterdam.(8)

SOLUTION to puzzle 1153



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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2012

	Feb	Thu 2 nd	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Butler Qualifying Pairs 1st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 5 th	West Australian Bridge Club - Anniversary Graded Pairs
		Mon 6 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler Pairs 1st Round Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm **See BAWA Calendar for details of other rounds held on nights and weekends**
		Mon 6 th	Summer Swiss Pairs 1st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 12 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Birthday Congress
		Sat 18 th – Sun 19 th	Rockingham Bridge Club Congress
	March	Fri 2 nd – Mon 5 th	Esperance Congress – see flyer
		Sat 10 th – Sun 11 th	City of Melville Bridge Club Congress –see flyer
		Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th	Kalamunda Bridge Congress – see flyer
		Mon 19 th	BAWA State Men's/Women's Teams 1st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 24 th –Sun 25 th	WAP Playoffs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Sat 31 st –Sun 1 st April	WA Country Championships
	April	Sun 1 st	ANC OPEN Teams Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Fri 6 th – Mon 9 th	South Bridge Club Easter Congress – see flyer
		Sat 14 th –Sun 15 th Sat 21 st – Sun 22 nd	Interstate Senior Selection Trials Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Thu 26 th	BAWA State Open Pairs 1st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 27 th – Sun 29 th	Albany Congress
		Mon 30 th	BAWA State Swiss Teams 1st of 5 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	May	Wed 2 nd	Nedlands Bridge Club Autumn Swiss Pairs 1 of 3-see flyer
		Sun 6 th	West Australian Bridge Club- Novice Congress
		Sat 19 th –Sun 20 th	Western Seniors Pairs (PQP & Gold Points) Venue: WABC 10.00am
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	



BAWA Awards 2011

Grand National Restricted Pairs (GNRP)

N/S: David Womersley and David Cowell

E/W: Noel Daniel and Leon Randolph

Grand National Restricted Pairs (Country) GNRP

James Offer and Jeanette Gale

Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) Country

James Offer, Monica Offer, Rita Leeming and Kay Thompson

Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) Restricted

Michael Bausor, Renee Cooper, Tim Knowles, Jessica Tearne and Rhys Cooper

Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) Metropolitan

Viv Wood, Gerry Daly, Shizue Futaesaku and Nick Cantatore

Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Teams

ABF Gold Medallions - Ann Bate, Jean McLarty, Di Brooks and Kathy Power

ABF Silver Medallions - Viv Wood, Joan Touyz, Cynthia Belonogoff and Pauline Hammond

Hans Rosendorff Memorial Restricted Swiss Pairs

ABF Gold Medallions - Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt

ABF Silver Medallions - John Rigg and Chris Bagley

Western Senior Pairs

ABF Gold Medallions - Anton Pol and Jan Kochmanski

ABF Silver Medallions - Shira Shilbury and Dennis Yovich

Swan River Swiss Open Pairs

ABF Gold Medallions - Gerry Daly and Karol Miller

ABF Silver Medallions - Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside

Golden West

Rhys Cooper and Ron Cooper

WA Country Championships - Pairs

Glenda Barter and Bernadette Campbell

WA Country Championships - Teams

Vera Hardman, Douglas Hardman, Jenny Maley and Bill Maley

Inter - Club Pennant League

Winners - Undercroft Bridge Club

2nd South Perth Bridge Club

3rd Bridgetown Bridge Club

League Teams

"Johnnies Come Lately"

Michael Bausor, Jonathan Free, Alan Harrop and Roz Trend

Inter-Club Teams of 4 (Restricted)

Winners - Kalamunda Bridge Club

2nd West Australian Bridge Club

3rd Nedlands Bridge Club

Inter - Club Teams of 4 (Intermediate)

Winners - West Australian Bridge Club - RED

2nd West Australian Bridge Club - GREEN

3rd South Perth Bridge Club - Copperheads

4th South Perth Bridge Club - Bushmasters

Inter-Club Teams of 4 (Open)

Winners - West Australian Bridge Club

2nd Nedlands Bridge Club

3rd South Perth Taipans

4th Melville Bridge Club

BAWA Simultaneous Pairs

Rachel Krasenstein and Deborah Frankel

BAWA Masters in Teams of 3

Derek Pocock (Master) with Peter Sumner, Alan Dundas and Jo Dundas

New Year Pairs

Nigel Dutton and Val Biltoft

B AWA Daytime Open Pairs

Christine Ross and Peter Gill

B AWA State Handicap Pairs

Eileen Reilly and Jean Wilson

Summer Swiss Pairs

Andrew Swider and Eddy Mandavy

Swiss Pairs

Nigel Dutton and Marie France Merven

Women's Pairs

Christine Boylson and Patricia McNamara

Men's Pairs

Thilak Ranasinghe and David Schokman

Open Pairs

Gerry Daly and Karol Miller

Mixed Pairs

Toby Manford and John Ashworth

PQP Selection Pairs – Open

Karol Miller and Gerry Daly

2nd Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton

PQP Butler Pairs – Women's

=1st Alida Clark and Marnie Leybourne

=1st Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll

Winter Teams

Cynthia Belonogoff, Pauline Hammond, Dave Munro and Sathi Moses

Women's Teams

Tirza Cohen, Denise Sharbanee, Florence Maltby and Bridget Cooke

Men's Teams

Geoff Cross, Nigel Dutton, Trevor Fuller, Don Allen, Ron Mann and Gerry Daly

Swiss Teams

Jonathan Free, Michael Bausor, Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton

Mixed Teams

Christine Boylson, Jonathan Free, Lauren Shiels and Chris Mulley

Interstate Youth Selection – Butler Qualifying

Renee Cooper, Rhys Cooper, Kirstyn Fuller, Tim Knowles and Michael Bausor (NPC Marnie Leybourne)

Interstate Women's Selection – Butler Qualifying Pairs

Lauren Shiels and Annabel Booth

Interstate Women's Selection – Final

BAWA Australian National Championship Women's Teams

Lauren Shiels, Annabel Booth, Viv Wood, Joan Touyz, Leone Fuller and Val Biltoft (NPC) Allison Stralow

Interstate Senior Selection Final

BAWA Australian National Championship Seniors' Teams

John Beddow, Egmont Melton, Linda Bedford-Brown, Heather Williams, Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku (NPC) Noelene Law

Interstate Open Selection – Butler Qualifying Pairs

David Schokman and Thilak Ranasinghe

Interstate Open Selection – Final

BAWA Australian National Championship Open Teams

David Schokman, Thilak Ranasinghe, Joan Prince, Pauline Collett, Nigel Dutton and Marie France Merven (NPC) Hilary Yovich

BAWA Christmas Match point Swiss Pairs

David Schokman and Thilak Ranasinghe

State Open Teams

BAWA Open Teams Handicap

Beata Bieganski, Tad Bieganski, Egmont Melton and John Beddow

State Open Teams

State Open Teams Championship

Don Allen, Henry Christie, Gerry Daly, Trevor Fuller and Karol Miller

Most Master Points

Viv Wood

Most Improved Player

Helen Helsten

Congratulations!!

Tweed Heads Finals

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The Youth Team with Ron Cooper – Michael Bausor and Rhys Cooper placed 12th in the GNOT Pairs Championships



Karol Miller, Andrew Swider, Anton Pol (Eddy Mandavy) (L) Karol Miller and (Far R) Anton Pol placed 4th in the GNOT Pairs Championships




Nick Cantatore, Gerry Daly, Shizue Futaesaku and Viv Wood – Gerry Daly (2L) and Viv Wood (Far R) placed equal 2nd in the GNOT Pairs Championships. 104 pairs competed



Heather Williams, Doreen Jones, Sue Pynt and Catherine Hood



 In play

 Scoring up