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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Nigel is on Holidays

New Bridge Club Being Formed

A new type of duplicate bridge club is being formed. The **Link Bridge Club (WA)** Inc will be low cost to encourage more players to affiliate with BAWA and the ABF. It is envisaged that many of the members will live in country WA. The club's main focus will be on its members rather than a clubhouse. Three of the club's aims will be to hold regular special events, foster Youth Bridge and arrange at least one bridge tour each year. If you are interested in the concept, please send an email to david@thedaless.biz

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Articles always welcome



Table Manners

When you sit at the table
are you able
to say "hello" and smile?

Bridge is a breeze
with a "thank you" and "please"
so try it a while

If Bridge Mates show all scores
no smirks and guffaws
just remain quiet

Don't touch the bidding box
until sure of your bid
no-one will like it

Remember you must alert
but an explanation - never blurt
unless opponents ask

Unauthorised information
may cause a sensation
and the director may bring you to task

Post-mortemitis is a terrible disease
so bridge players please
do it after the round

So zip your lips and follow these tips
when counting your pips
and bridge enjoyment will abound

D. Corum



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following Jackpot winners in 2012:

Monday:	Doug Hardman & Vera Hardman
Tuesday:	Alan Wardroper & Ian Jones
Wednesday:	(joint winners): Doug Hardman & Vera Hardman Denise Sampson & Liz Vince
Thursday:	Colin Hunter & Rosemary Hunter
Friday:	Alan Wardroper & Tom Stack

Also congratulations to Jane Perry, the Alan Crevald winner for the Most Improved Player in 2012.



Jane Perry receiving her trophy from Club President Jim McNamara

Upcoming Events

March 2013

- March Daytime Open Pairs – 4th, 11th & 18th March (Members Only)
- Wednesday best ‘Three out of Four’ event – 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March

April 2013

- Thursday Evening best ‘Three out of Four’ event – 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th April
- Club Teams Championship – Saturday 13th April (Financial Members only)



Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

This year Melville Bridge Club commenced with the Swiss Pairs Competition on January 13 and 19. As usual Dave Parham did an excellent job of directing and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to **Suzanne Goodall and Marty Goodall** first place, Bridget Cooke and Rachel Shave second place and Tony Stevens and Noel Daniel third place.



Left to right: Bridget Cooke, Rachel Shave, Marty Goodall, President Dorothy Stevenson, Director Dave Parham, Tony Stevens and Noel Daniel.

Our next completion is the Melville Congress held in March. It is always very popular so please be sure to book your place early.

Beginners’ bridge lessons with esteemed bridge teacher Fisk Warren starts at our club on February 9 and already places are filling fast.

Our post-beginner players are being treated to internationally renowned bridge teacher Audrey Grant’s lessons, each Tuesday morning, presented by Noel Daniel.

In 2013 our club is looking forward to a year of growth and success.

Italian Bridge Club

From Marie Musitano

The WA Italian bridge club hosts a friendly game of bridge every Tuesday night at 7.00pm Fitzgerald St; North Perth. \$5 for members and visitors includes a tasty supper and a glass of wine or juice. Visitors are welcome and can enjoy a cup of the clubs famous coffee.

For this year the club will have a duty partner available every Tuesday evening. Players can earn master points recognized by the ABF.

Regular red point events offer generous prizes.

Further info: mariemusitano@gmail.com

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Precision Bridge in Bunbury

Bunbury Bridge Club committee gave permission for me to run a series of classes in January. The topic: Precision.

Several members had shown interest in learning the system, with some of them, having dabbled in Precision over the years and wanted a refresher course. I was more than happy to oblige.

Two tables of eager participants were in shock within ten minutes. There was none of the Basic stuff... straight into the use of Asking Bids.

With the notes provided, they could bid and play the set hands, followed by in-depth discussion and further explanations. We covered the Forcing 1NT, asking for controls. Being able to find the holding of partner's Aces and Kings at the two level gave rise to much interest. Hopefully, we have some Precision converts.

Back in 1983, I learnt the C.C.Weï System, followed by the more involved Eric Jannersten version. To my mathematical mind, it was the Bees Knees. It took me two whole days to learn it. Yes, I was much younger then, but I persisted in my pursuit of knowledge, reading and writing it all out, three or four times. Then, my ever forbearing family quizzed me on it. By Sunday dinner time, I had it!

In those days, Rockingham Bridge Club played on Monday mornings, starting at 10.30am, breaking for lunch at 12.30pm resuming at 1.00pm and finishing the session by 2.30pm. My partner, Mr

Bill Chalmers, an elderly Scottish gentleman, had encouraged me to switch from Standard to Precision, and he was doubtful that I had the System wrapped up.... But I was to prove him wrong. We won the day with 72%. Precision had set people back on their heels, so much so, many of the club members also took up Precision, but just the Basics, with no Asking Bids.

So if you and your partner aren't getting the results you deserve; maybe you should pick up a book by C.C.Weï and learn the Basics. After all, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Foodbank, Bunbury, were the recipients of the Christmas Hamper, donated by club members.



Pictured; Carol Hearn, manager of Foodbank, President, Jim Offer and Di Brooks, Promotions Officer.



Di Brooks Represented Bunbury Bridge Club at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Garden party.

His Worship David Smith was most welcoming. The event was to recognise the organisations supporting the community.

Club Teams Championships



1st - Jan Morgan, Peter Morgan, Jim Offer and Monica Offer

2nd - Kate Boston, Murray Webber, Jane Moulden and Jeannette Gale

Six teams played in the Championships, directed by Neville Walker.

Winning the Handicap section:



Bob Stevens, Brian Wade, Phyl Barnes and Joy Gibson

Everyone enjoyed the competition as well as the light supper and drinks that followed the presentations. Well done to all participants. It was a fun day and those that couldn't make it, pen the event in for next year.

Village Bridge Club

From David Stevenson & Pat Martell

Christmas Party

Saturday 18 Dec. we held our Christmas party, 38 people attended. Everyone brought a plate and a

glass for wine or fruit juice. Included in the group were Paul Royle Jnr and Lesley Forman who come out from the UK every year to spend time with their family and play at the bridge club when possible.

The Christmas party food and drinks were enjoyed by all. We then played Bridge which made it a very pleasant day.



For those that may be interested in joining our group for an enjoyable game of Bridge, We play at the Dalkeith Hall. 99 Waratah Ave., Dalkeith

Sessions:

Friday 1pm to 4:45 pm

Saturday 1pm to 4:45 pm

Please contact Pat Martell on 9350 5378

The Club Pairs Championship for 2012

Winners: Joy Moir and Jane Yu

The trophy was presented to them by our President David Stevenson.



Club Summer Teams, 3rd – 17th January 2013



1st Place - Alexandra Russell, Leon Randolph and Sandy Sutton-Mattocks (Walter Martins) with TD Pam Smith



2nd - Bill Symons, Gill Dolling and Martin Goodall (Suzanne Goodall) with TD Pam Smith



3rd - Jackie Williams, Darrell Williams, Robert Wylie and Merleine Wylie



South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker



Deirdre Saunders
100th Birthday
Celebration
December 2012



Members enjoyed pleasant bridge and a most enjoyable afternoon celebration with this grand lady who lives for her bridge and retains her skills! Pictured here with her family in the Club rooms.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Our annual **Charity Week** is held each November. Members donate extra money at the table for a good cause. This year our chosen Charity was World Vision and the sum of \$600 was collected.

Our Individual Championship Event was completed in December. This event does not attract a large number of entrants, as many players are reluctant to play outside their 'comfort zone' of playing with their regular partner! The results were

- 1st Wendy Simkovic
- 2nd Ann Patrick
- 3rd Karel Vahala



Wendy Simkovich

The winner of our award for the player who earned the most Green Master Points during the year was once again our oldest member, 102 years old Rudy Woss!

There was a good turn out for our Christmas Party on the afternoon of Saturday December 8. After play the tables were cleared and lavish refreshments were set out!

Our guests of honour were our sponsor, Elizabeth Constable MP, and our 'landlord', Simon Withers, Mayor of Cambridge. Between them they presented the trophies for events that had been held during the year.

Below are some of the trophy winners with Elizabeth Constable and Simon Withers.



Judy Dickson, June Mulholland, Tom Dickson and Mick Mulholland



Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage



Rudy Woss



Baboo and Chotoo Bhagat



Debbie and Maurice Frankel



Peter Garcia-Webb and Lyall Page



Ann Patrick



Shirley Drage and Maurice Herman

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Ian Oldham

The new committee members are Ian McGuckin [Secretary] Jenny Green [Welfare] Jean Dance [New Members] & Hazel Bennett who has joined us again as Cleaning Coordinator.

It was decided at the AGM unanimously that we give \$5000 to Anglicare Emergency Relief Fund which was presented to Anglicare Representatives Bob Tyler and Suzanne Macro who gave us a short talk on how desperate they are for funds and what they do with them.

The visit from Mandurah on Sunday 25th November was a very successful day & enjoyed by all. The winners were Mandurah. They are catching up to us! It is now 4-3 so we had better put our best foot forward for next year.



President Jill Dawson and Mandurah Bridge Club President Jim McNamara with the inter club match trophy



Aries Pairs joint winners Jane Ophorst and Rae Edwards (centre) and Janet McKay and Joan Rickers



Nedra Arnott Pairs winners: Eunice Howard and Rita Hood



Aries Pairs Best Under State Masters: Terry Turner and Joy Turner with President Jill Dawson



Nedra Arnott Pairs best Under State Masters: Joe Satterthwaite and Pat Hoson



West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

WABC Christmas Congress 2012

The last congress of the year was again very well attended with 89 pairs playing on Friday, 80 pairs on Saturday and 28 teams on Sunday. Under the Direction of Bill Kemp it was a very happy event and a fitting close to a great year of Bridge.

Prize Winners:

FRIDAY PAIRS - N/S

1st	Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes
2nd	Jonathan Free and Les Calcraft
3rd	Carol Fensome and Christine Jenkins
4th	Alison Rigg and Sue Broad

FRIDAY PAIRS - E/W

1st	Sue Pynt and Heather Williams
2nd	Peter Holloway and Helen Hellsten
3rd	Jenny Walkden and Ronnie Nilant
4th	Ross Duberall and Terrence Newton

Best Unplaced WABC Pair:
Jill Williams and Val Krantz

Best Under State Master:
Jeanette St Ledger and Gilda Rowland

SATURDAY PAIRS – N/S

1st	Tuya Cooke and Carol Fensome
2nd	Pepe Schwegler and Dominique Rallier
3rd	Anne Lowe and Sue Broad
4th	Linda Bedford-Brown and Heather Williams

SATURDAY PAIRS – E/W

1st	Eddy Mandavy and Wendy Driscoll
2nd	Rose Moore and Deanna Wilson
3rd	Richard Fox and Lynne Errington
4th	Phil Baptey and Christine Boylson

Best Unplaced WABC Pair:
Helene Kolozs and Ann Youngs

Best Under State Master:
Virginia Seward and Mimi Packer

SUNDAY TEAMS:

1st	Roz Trend, Ann Youngs, Richard Fox and Alan Harrop
2nd	Phil Power, Kathy Power, Dow Kohpina and Ravi Soin
3rd	Ann Ohlsen, Pauline Hammond, Peter Holloway and Helen Kemp
4th	Ann Ohlsen, Pauline Hammond, Peter Holloway and Helen Kemp
5th	Noelene Law, Doreen Jones, Annabel Booth and Lauren Shiels





Undercroft Bridge Club

From David Cowell

Wrapping up the year our final Red point event in November was the **Open Swiss** pairs. 36 pairs competed and the eventual winners were an Undercroft Pair, Zbigniew Tuleja and Zbigniew Ballicki, with James Steer and Stella Steer just one point behind coming 2nd. In 3rd place were Peter McCann and Brian Fensome. The competition was directed by Peter Holloway and on the final evening a pleasant supper was provided by our lovely ladies.



1st Zbigniew Tuleja and Zbigniew Ballicki with President Ann Hopfmueller



2nd James Steer and Stella Steer



3rd Brian Fensome and Peter McCann



Undercroft Christmas Parties took place on Wednesday 5th and Saturday 8th December, a good time was had by all those who came with a sumptuous Christmas dinner, dancing, quiz and bridge.

2012 has seen many changes at the Undercroft Bridge club with New Air Conditioning, Director's Computer and Kitchen storage to name a few. Our committee has been ably led by our President, Ann Hopfmueller, who has been an inspiration to us all with her forward thinking and hard work. Our membership goes from strength to strength, with well over 400 members. If you have not been along to our club for a game, do come along some time and experience the friendliness

Many thanks to all at BAWA, Nigel Dutton and his crew are doing an excellent job - keep it up - where would we be without you! May 2013 be a good and happy bridging time for you all.

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

LETTER FROM CANBERRA

The Final of the Grand National Pairs was held at Rydge's Lakeside Hotel in Canberra over the weekend of 19th/20th January, with 104 pairs participating. W.A. Country was represented by Wayne and Heather Cupitt from Geraldton, and the Great Southern region by Ted and Adrienne North from Albany and Helen van der Waal and Jan Burgess from Bridgetown. It's a very friendly event; we've all won through club and regional heats to get there and there's a buzz in the air and an interest in meeting other "ordinary" club members from all over. We all wore badges with our name, club, and region and most of the enquiries to us were along the lines of "Great Southern - Bridgetown, where's that?" followed by "Gosh, you've come a long way!" And to the players from Cairns, and a couple of other places, I could say "what nice facilities you've got; I've enjoyed playing there!".

Competition was fairly intense and with the cards running East/West for the first two sessions, our defence got plenty of practice. Things evened out in the final sessions the following day and we actually bid and made 7 NT on one board, scoring 91%, much to my surprise, as it looked to be somewhat of a lay down, but obviously not many bid it.

The event was won convincingly by two Top Enders, Chris Depasquale and Dimitri Hnaris. Warm congratulations to them. Awards were also made to Category Winners and it was nice to see Jo Sklarz and Deana Wilson from Perth take out the State Master category. Well done, girls.

Hopefully, after 5 years, this will not prove to be the final time the GNP is held even though the ABF apparently considers that there are sufficient restricted events already available. There are 28,000 players affiliated to the ABF through their clubs and many of us are from regional or remote areas where restricted events are simply not available as a practical proposition. I understand the ABF spends just 2.5% of its budget on the GNP, and in my opinion it reaps intangible goodwill and appreciation by acknowledging and providing for "ordinary" club members in this way. I do hope it continues to be there for "us" as well as our elite players.



*Front: Wayne & Heather Cupitt, Geraldton.
Back: Adrienne & Ted North, Albany, Helen van der Waal and Jan Burgess, Bridgetown*

Armadale Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton Mattocks

The Armadale Bridge Club as part of a promotion of bridge in the Eastern Corridor is holding a series of six Beginner Bridge Lessons on Standard American at the club premises at the Church Hall at the St Mary in the Valley in River Road Kelmscott from Friday 2nd February at 11.00am. Previous classes have been successful with some new players keen to join in the main group.

The club was visited by Community News photographers to show off the Inter Club teams of three trophy and this has had a great response from the community and a congratulatory letter from the Federal Minister Dr Tony Buti MLA who

commented on the inspiration that can be drawn from the fact that our club had tried to win the trophy for many years and had finally succeeded.

The club has enjoyed some more success with members Steve Rogoysky and Sandy and Don Sutton-Mattocks teaming up with Hugh Probert from Gosnells and Michael Turner and Jill Keshavjee (Capt) from South Perth in the BAWA Open Teams at the end of 2012. Although not successful in the Open division the team gained equal First Place with David Burn's team from WABC in the Handicap section.

If anyone needs more information about the club or the lessons contact **Sandy** on:
9495 1864 or **0448 005 967**

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

It has all been happening during the last few months with a lot of bridge and fun and hard work going on at the Bayswater Bridge Club. Now great celebrations are underway as the fledgling club has received their Certificate of Incorporation on January 17th. This opens doors for gaining affiliation to BAWA and the ABF and for application for Lotteries Commission grants for general supplies and electronic equipment to launch them into the modern bridge world. The club is looking forward to hosting a "Welcome Bayswater Bridge Club Inc" Red Point Day later this year. Watch this space!

The Bayswater Bridge Club began in mid 2012 when beginners from Sandy Sutton-Mattocks' classes attended Sue Levy's classes at Trinity College for Seniors in the city. There was great rapport between the players who wanted to play bridge together on a regular basis in a friendly and respectful environment conducive to learning. Someone said "Let's make our own club" and from then on it was abuzz with people offering to take on roles within the club or to take on various duties to get the club up and running. The Management Committee consists of President Lesley Hardingham, Treasurer, Jean McSkimming, Secretary Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, Club Captain Sue Levy, Director Don Sutton-Mattocks, House Master Mary Alexander, and Fundraiser Joyce Weinburg along with a very active and supportive committee. Sandy and Sue teach and supervise at the club often supported

by Bill Pabst, a Director at Community Bridge Club.

The club met for the first couple of months at the home of Jean McSkimming, in a beautiful apartment overlooking the Swan River, such enjoyable days while the club looked for its own premises. The club put in a submission to lease the Old Maylands Library, the heritage listed building on Guildford Road but this is yet to be announced. The club now plays on Wednesday afternoons in the Hall, once the Ballroom, at the heritage listed Old Peninsula Hotel now leased by the Dome Coffee Company, opposite the Maylands Railway Station. It is a wonderful venue right near transport but the parking would be difficult for larger sessions which could be hosted at the Rise, the new Multi-Function Recreation Centre in Eighth Avenue.

The club is certainly dynamic. It has already successfully hosted a Free Afternoon Tea and Introductory Bridge Lesson as part of the Bendigo Bank Seniors' Week in November and a great Christmas Party in December. Taking advantage of the holiday break three novices partnered by experienced players visited South Perth Bridge Club in early January to play in a session of bridge "in the real world". It was a great day out at the welcoming club with lovely friendships made. The novices kept up to time and all played very well. Lesley Hardingham came second with 59%.

The club has organised three tables to participate in the Charity Bridge Day at the Mt Lawley Golf Club on Monday February 11th, with morning tea and luncheon with wine, and all day bridge. Eight ladies from the club have organised a weeklong trip to Bali in July - to sight-see, swim, shop and play bridge. As well, the club is planning fundraising ventures to support Telethon and will be involved in the Brain Research fundraiser in May. It is all happening for this wonderfully cohesive and friendly club.

For any more information on Bayswater Bridge Club Inc ring **Sandy** on
9495 1864 or **0448 005 967**





Teams of Four

By John Beddow

Teams of Four Convener

I tried to establish when exactly the Inter Club Teams of Four commenced. Unfortunately the BAWA electronic archives only go back to 2007, and the earliest BAWA Handbook I've got is dated 1979. However, the 'Mabs McCullough Shield had been awarded to the 'Metropolitan Inter Club Teams winners since 1972 with the first winners being The Wembley Downs Bridge Club . So that is probably a good indication. Although Wembley Downs were the first winners, the winners for 1973 make interesting reading. The Rosendorff Bridge School and the team was: Hans Rosendorff, Nigel Rosendorff, Jean Rosendorf and Les Calcraft.

In 1985 metropolitan clubs were canvassed for their feelings on a new competition to be called: The Metropolitan Inter-Club Teams of Four. This was convened by Peter Hart.

In 1987 this new competition was still being played over three Monday nights and was convened by Mike Nestor.

In 1989 the Metro Teams of Four was convened by R. Simpson but there is no mention of the event in the calendar, which makes me think that this may have been the start of matches being arranged by the clubs rather than BAWA.

In 1991 the BAWA Handbook, for the first time, published not only the regulations (a Round Robin' format) but also lists the clubs taking part. There were 14 clubs in two divisions. In 1990 South Perth won Division One and Canning won Division Two. Mike Nestor was the Convener.

In 1994 (I have a lot of gaps in my BAWA handbook collection) the Metro Teams of Four was convened by Flaviu Radu. There were 12 clubs in two divisions.

In 2000 I took over from Flaviu as the Convener.

In 2001 the completion was expanded to two different divisions: Open and Restricted (limited to a * Regional Master and below). In its inaugural year there were 13 teams in the Open

and 4 in the Restricted. Florence Maltby kindly donated a trophy for the Restricted competition.

In 2006 BAWA encouraged clubs to enter more than one team. This proved to be an immediate and ongoing success. The number of teams went from 8 Open, 10 Restricted in 2005 to 12 open and 14 Restricted in 2006.

In 2009 this competition was again expanded by adding an 'Intermediate Division which saw the competition swell from 26 teams in 2006 to 28 teams in 2009: 9 x Open, 11 x Intermediate and 8 x Restricted. The criteria for eligible players were:

Open:	no restrictions
Intermediate:	**National Master and below
Restricted:	* State Master and below

In 2011 the criteria for the Intermediate and Restricted competitions was brought into line with the ABF guidelines in that the qualification for the Intermediate teams was less 500 MPs, and for the Restricted teams less than 150 MPs. 31 teams entered; 10 Open, 11 Intermediate and 10 Restricted. There were a total of 222 players in all divisions including 68 playing for the first time. A total of 238.10 Red MPS were awarded: 0.56 MPS per player per win in the Open and 0.42 MPs for the Intermediate and Restricted.

2011	Players	1st Time	Teams	MPs
Open	71	12	10	95.76
Intermediate	80	23	11	87.32
Restricted	71	33	10	55.02
Totals	222	68	31	238.10

In 2012 the format remained unchanged and the following numbers took part:

2012	Players	1st Time	Teams	MPs
Open	61	13	9	64.92*
Intermediate	79	36	12	87.36
Restricted	64	39	9	55.02
Totals	204	88	30	207.3

*The seemingly large difference in MPs awarded between 2011 and 2012 is because one club withdrew from the Open competition after only

two matches and so fewer games were played. The number of first time players rose to 88.

The winners for 2012 were:

Open:

1 st	WABC
2 nd	Undercroft
3 rd	South Perth
4 th	Nedlands

Intermediate:

1 st	WABC
2 nd	WABC
3 rd	South Perth
4 th	Undercroft

Restricted:

1 st	South Perth
2 nd	WABC
3 rd	Undercroft
4 th	South Perth

It is worth pointing out that apart from the GST levy and the cost of MPs, all entry monies are returned to the winning clubs as prize money in the ratio of 40%, 30%, 20% and 10%



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Format of the Championships:

All three Championships will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. At the end of the round-robin the first best ranked teams will be admitted to the knock-out stages. Quarter-final, Semi final and Final KO matches will be played.

Timetable:

- Teams Registration Mon 16th Sep at 10.00
- Captains meeting Mon 16th Sep at 17.00
- Opening Ceremony Mon 16th Sep at 20.00
- Round Robin 1st Match Tue 17th Sep at 11.00
- Round Robin Last Match Mon 23rd Sep at 17.10
- Captains Meeting Mon 23rd Sep at 19.45
- Quarter-final Tue 24th – Wed 25th Sep
- Semi-final Thu 26th – Fri 27th Sep
- Final & Play-Off Sat 28th – Sun 29th Sep
- Prize-giving & Closing ceremony Sun 29th Sep at 20.30 hrs.

More Info:

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Coming up Events:

• 0-300 Welcome Pairs

2-weeks event starts Thursday, 14th of March

*Restricted to players below 300MP as at 1st January 2013

• Interstate Women's Selection

Starts Monday, 18th of March

• Men's & Women's Teams

4-weeks event starts Thursday, 8th of April



Capel Life

A Visit to the Big Smoke



By Di Brooks

As reported in my last article Rockingham Bridge Club held its A.G.M in November and as one of the club's six Life Members, I try to be there.

Plans for the rest of the day: Off to the Rockingham Village Chinese restaurant, with Margarete, to attend the monthly Chinese banquet, for charity fundraising run by "The Laughter Club", founded in June 2006 by Alan and me. Sixteen people attended and we enjoyed catching up with past members and meeting new inductees! In the two years with me as convenor, our group donated over \$1,000 to various charities. The present group, now called "The Friendly Dinner Club" have raised over \$600, for local organisations. My hostess for my overnight stay was Margarete Scouse, (R.B.C's retiring Promotions Officer).

Tuesday morning started with 3 phone calls to the RAC, each time I was put on hold. (On my drive up to Rockingham, a stone was thrown onto my windscreen, causing a very nasty crack, resulting in the need for the glass to be replaced.) After fifteen minutes of being on hold, a quiet cuppa was needed before I continued my search for a local company to do the replacement. Luckily, I found a place just around the corner and was informed: A/ They don't carry that make, B/ They would have to order it in and C/ I had missed the 9.30am courier and would have to book in for the 2.30pm delivery. Well, at least that would give me time to catch up with non bridge playing friends and of course, hit the shops! Nothing like a bit of retail therapy.

Check out my Lotto ticket, no luck there, (What's new???) but the scratchie came up with \$8. Then dropped off the Rav, with the view I would wait for the job to be completed and was quite crestfallen when I was told, "Two hours". The boss, my hero, gave me a firm's vehicle, a van, highly decorated in bright orange and white advertising, with a half tank of fuel, to use for any further business I had to do. Happily, I got into the van, started her up and then tried to put her into reverse. Guess what? It wouldn't work. A shout for help and I was told, "lift the gear stick" and so with these instructions firmly in my brain, I reversed out of the yard, down to the next T junction and indicated right.... And the windscreen wipers came on! I could see it was going to be a fun afternoon. More running around until it was time for me to pick up my Rav and plot a course for home.

A quick call to Alan, giving him my approximate time of arrival and off I went, Southward bound, having had two days of pleasantness, a car filled to the brim with bargains and a bill in my pocket for the windscreen. Musing on the latter, I reckoned that wasn't a bad result, especially as we've lived in West Australia since 1974 and that was our first and hopefully, last windscreen replacement.

Wednesday, and I was back in the land of peace and quiet; no heavy traffic nor perpetual noises to stress me out; just the twitter of birds welcoming me back home.

Lovely.....and back to bridge:

"I've Only Got"

The phrase "I've Only Got" has to be the most repeated sentence between partnerships. This especially applies to the responder, when holding the minimum response of 6-9 points. Making a crucial assessment of particular high cards is vital to Teams scoring, as the difference of making 11 tricks but not bidding game can mean a loss of 10 IMPs. In a 6 or 7 board match and devastating to a team's results as a high IMP loss is hard to pull

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back. So let's look at another view of counting tricks, instead of points!

Brd	♠	Q752			
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	♥	AK6432		♥	T87
	♦	AQ4		♦	K962
	♣	Q96		♣	T2
				♠	KJ84
				♥	Q9
				♦	875
				♣	K754

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1H	Pass *	2H	Pass
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* (At this stage, it looks as if the N/S hasn't a hand strong enough to make any bid)

East's response shows 6-9 points, 3 or 4 card support and 9 losers. If East had had 8 losers, he could have made a LIMIT BID, by jumping to 3H.

West counts his losers. With support from East, West can assess his hand as 5-6 losers. West can count on East for 2 tricks. Take 2 away from 5 (6 if your cup is half empty) and this gives you 3 losers between the partnership. The L.T.C views the losers as 9 in the East hand, plus 5 in the West, equals 14. Take away from 24, (The magic number) and the declaring side can make 10 tricks..... GAME.

Yet, in a recent Teams Match, East raised Opener to 2H and West counted his points, without checking on his losers and PASSED. Recording 200+ to them, with a +450 (our team had bid their game,) = 250 = 10 IMPs.

Remember: IN Teams, you MUST bid your skinny games and of course, MAKE THEM!

Happy Bridging 😊



Tweed Heads with Di Brooks

Grand National Open Teams Finals

Our Country Team of Kate Boston, Murray Webber, Jean McLarty and I had a safe journey to the East, but not without a few hairy moments. We were leaving on the Wednesday morning, on the 7.35am flight. The three Bunburyites woke at 2.30am, with plans to drive to Pinjarra, for 4.45am, to pick up Jean, and then we were off to Perth Airport.

W.A. was in the throes of some terrible weather, which didn't give much joy to air travellers, especially me! Pounding winds kept flights grounded. Our plane didn't take off till 9.am. Finally, with many a silent prayer, we were airborne and off to do battle in Tweed Heads. The five hour flight passed very tediously. As knitting needles were not allowed on the plane, making beanies were out of the question, so we settled for the cryptic crossword book. On arrival at Brisbane airport, we retrieved our baggage, got the hire car and with Murray, our wonderful tour guide and chauffeur, we were in Coolangatta. 'Queensland, the Sunshine Coast' true to its name. We relaxed in the warmth and looked forward to three days of great competition.

Accommodation was within ten minutes walking distance to the venue. We were glad to take the opportunity to get out in the sunshine and suss out the immediate area. Shops, full of Eastern Promise and a boardwalk of restaurants to tempt everyone's palate were everywhere. Thai food sounded great. As we were allocated our seats, we found Westerners, Gerry Daly, Viv Wood, Karol Miller and Andrew Swider all had the same thought..... And not long after followed Egmont Melton and his lovely wife, Jill. The meal was delicious but with an early morning 9.30am start on the Thursday, we returned to our unit and regrouped our energies, ready for the ensuing battles.

The Ultima Hotel was venue. Two huge rooms made up the playing area. Forty six tables in the larger room and we were Team 47. Our table was placed so far away in the corner that opponents needed a map to find us. No bidding boxes, just silent bidders and BridgeMates. National Director, David Anderson kept us all under control and at 9.30am promptly, we were OFF. Our opponents were Ian and Bruce, the match

was very pleasant. We lost by 4 IMPs and were immediately knocked out of the competition.

I couldn't believe that! In past, many moons ago, there were events, where you had a two match qualifying but not in this event. Half the field were instantly culled and we were with the nicest people in the repechage. Five matches of 14 boards a day, the event was full on. Ninety eight minutes per round and one hour for lunch. The bridge started at 9.30am and finished at 7.20pm. We had our share of wins, but the losses kept us into the middle of the field. The winners of any event aren't the cleverest, they are the people who make the least mistakes, plus you need a little luck thrown in..... for Team 47, our share of the luck must have got lost! But as in all things, we live to bridge another day...

A good nights sleep and we were ready to take on the World. I can't repeat our Motto, there are ladies present..... but tomorrow was a better day.

Grand National Championship Pairs

Sunday, 2nd December was the start of a new day. The sun was shining and all was well with the World and so all from the repechage ventured forth on another bridge journey. 9.am for a 9.15am start, but that depended on which side of the road you stood. Queensland was two hours ahead of Perth, whereas N.S.W was three hours!!! Jean and I were quite confused about the whole Time Zone Difference so we decided to create our own zone..... Murray Time. If Mr Webber said 9am by his watch who worried whether it was Coolangatta or Tweed Heads. "Murray Time" was fine by us.

Seating was up and we were Number 60. East/West at Table 36, we were facing two lovely gentlemen, Phillip and Robert, who had trounced us the day before. Today was the Day of the Sandgropers!!! Fate smiled and we recorded our first win. 6 IMPs. We moved up the field and had another small win... and so the day progressed. Our third match was against Therese Tully and Pele Rankin, old friends. We were lucky. We bid everything we could and Fortune Favoured the Brave. Another win and we were moving up again. This time we played against two gentlemen, Ken and Geoff. It was a very close match. We had to choose between passing their 4H bid, N.V. or bidding 5C, Vul. We chose the latter. We should have listened to Mother... "The 5 level belongs to the opponents". We lost by 2 IMPs. We now had to face Valda and Jan, both

from Tasmania, who had just had a terrific win. Our system, Precision, with R.C.O. Twos caused no end of trouble for the ladies, resulting in a nasty loss for them. It didn't help their score either, when we bid and made 7C. Round 5, Board 1. North, (Di) held a hand so full of wonder, two very strong suits and two singletons. A Grand Slam was always there. 7C, 7H or 7NTs. Jean and I bid the safe 7C, having found our 5-4 trump fit. The datum was +1000 against the actual score of 1440. To me an unfair loss for the opponents, just because the field couldn't bid their 7.

Round 6, seated against Mother and Son, Eva and Jeff, both serious players. We were now in the top row of tables, competing with the big guns. Lady Luck smiled on us. We bid 6NT, which made comfortably. Not a surprise board, (I thought). I opened a Precision 1NT, showing 13-15 balanced hand. Jean sat there with a 21 count. The hand should have been flat across the field, but unfortunately it wasn't. Some players got too excited and bid 7, going down by one trick. This adjusted the datum to +700 and we recorded 7 IMPs to us. Another healthy win and we were off to Table 3, to face Tony Nunn and his partner, Martin Bloom on the Final Round. These last eight boards seemed to lean more towards bidding game. Our score sheet read: 4H, contract: 4S, contract: 4H, contract: 5D, contract: Then the cards swung N/S, the opponents bidding 3NT and making 7 tricks, vulnerable and 200+ to us. The last two boards were plusses for Tony and Martin. When the results were printed, we had shot up to 2nd place, one point behind the winners. Were we thrilled?????? You only had to look up and see us on Cloud Nine.

We had had a fantastic bridge weekend, all due to the managerial skills of Kate Boston and Murray Webber, who had organised everything, from accommodation, transport and timekeeping. All we had to do was follow the agenda set out by our Team Mates. We gratefully thank them both. We couldn't have asked for lovelier companions, team mates or friends. Memories of our Queensland/ Tweed Heads holiday will be treasured for a long time to come.





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Slow Play

From Suzanne Goodall

Slow play can be a serious problem for both Directors and players alike. Some players may have an excuse due to age or infirmity. Also sometimes those who are new to the game have difficulty keeping to time because of the complex nature of Bridge. Allowances are generally made for those players.

The problem arises when players consistently use up more than their share of the clock. At the beginning of a session or an event there is a stated time for each round. Most clubs have a two or three minute warning on the clock to signal the approach of the end of the round.

It is very important that if people are late coming to your table or if you are following a slow pair that you advise the Director. Most of our Directors keep a close watch on the room but they cannot possibly be aware of everything.

If players take an unfair amount of time to bid, play or defend their hands and you feel short-changed you do have recourse. The Director can warn the pair and also potentially penalize the pair if they continue to eat up too much of the clock. The penalty may consist of a number of matchpoints or victory points being deducted from their score. Also a reduced or increased percentage can be allocated at the Director's discretion.

At a recent club session a pair notorious for 'slow play' arrived at my table two minutes late only to continue to discuss their previous board. When they finally decided to play the current round they used up another eight minutes for the first board. Leaving us only 3 minutes to bid and play the second hand. Obviously this was not fair.

Once at a national event we were allotted 19 minutes for 2 boards. The opponents took 18 minutes to bid and play the first board. We called the Director and explained the situation. We were told not to play the second board and we were given an average plus. The offending slow players were given an average minus for the second board.

Occasionally I have seen those who have no concept of their slowness. After being warned

several times and or perhaps even penalized one would expect that they would get the message. Occasionally anyone can take extra time on say a particularly difficult board. Having said that, you really should be aware if you are habitually slow.

Players should be thinking when playing versus rushing through the bidding and play. If others have taken up too much time on the clock the following boards are often a rushed affair.

What can we do? Firstly call the Director if you think that you are a 'victim of slow play'.

Next if you are a guilty party be aware and try do everything you can to remedy the situation.

Some of the following suggestions may help:

- Sort and count your cards without undue fuss.
- While you are waiting for the auction to begin plan your bidding.
- When the auction is over and you are on lead select your lead and place it face down before making notes on your personal scorer.
- When declaring plan the hand carefully and where possible make a clear and concise claim. Claiming is a great time saver.
- Avoid asking questions if you have no intention of bidding. Interrupting the auction is a great time waster and can be potentially unethical. Wait until the end of the auction and ask for a complete review.
- If you are new to the game opt for an East/West position as the burden of scoring which takes time is on someone else.
- Above all avoid unnecessary chatter and discussion. If you have been labelled a 'slow player' then save your socializing and post mortems for after the session.

To ensure that we have a level playing field be certain to notify the Director if your opponents have held you up unduly.

Also be aware if you are guilty of slow play and do what you can to rectify the situation.

Slow play can never be obliterated but we can all do our best to try diminishing it so that all share the time allotted equitably.



Women's Play Offs

Sydney, December 2012

From Viv Wood

I was fortunate to be part of a team to contest the ABF Women's Playoff's last month. It was my first time in a competition of this level and I enjoyed it immensely.

With me in the team was my partner Cynthia Belonogoff, Jill Del Piccolo and Kate Smith and a Sydney pair Marilyn Chadwick and Toni Sharp. The only requirement for entry is that each player has earned at least 1 PQP (play off qualifying points that can be won at certain ABF events).

6 teams were entered into the Women's field; the format was a double round robin of 16 board matches over 3 days with the teams finishing first and second playing off in a 96 board final over 2 days. The winner won the right to represent Australia in the Venice Cup in Bali and the APBF in Hong Kong in 2013.

It was very exciting to see our team in second or third place from round 1 right through to round 7 at which point we were 3VP's behind first place and 1VP behind second. We arrived on the last day of qualifying in good spirits ready to play well in the last 3 matches. Round 8 provided a challenge. Scoring up was not going well and we found we had been trounced, in fact we got ZERO VP's for that match. Hmm, that was rather a setback. We went into round 9 with nothing to lose and managed to have a good win putting us again back to third place. We needed a lot of good things to happen in round 10, the final qualifying match. First and second place were playing each other and if one of those teams had a good win and we had a good win we could find ourselves finishing second. Some good things did happen.

Board 6, your partner East, Vul vs. non vul opens the bidding with 1D and South bids 4S. You hold this hand, what are your options?

♠ 7 ♥ AJT75 ♦ 5 ♣ AQ9654

Jill found herself in this predicament. X would be for penalties so she decided to bid 4NT as she

thought they might be missing a slam. The bid was either two places to play or Ace asking, she wasn't sure, but when Kate answered 5C she decided that was the place to play. Jill now knew Kate had opened light if it was ace ask and hoped if it was clubs she'd have bid 6 if she was strong.

The full hand is below:

Brd 6	♠ J64	
Dlr E	♥ K82	
Vul EW	♦ A63	
	♣ T732	
	♠ 7	♠ Q
	♥ AJT75	♥ Q963
	♦ 5	♦ QJT942
	♣ AQ9654	♣ KJ
		♠ AKT98532
		♥ 4
		♦ K87
		♣ 8

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North thought South was weaker Not Vul vs Vul and was happy to pass with 4 trumps and an outside ace but not sure if her HK was working. There was also no double and no 5S bid. 5c went down 2 for minus 200 but at the other table 4S was doubled and made 11 tricks for plus 690 - 10 imps in.

Scores were updated live and with 2 boards to go and the match between first and second over we were 1 vp out of the finals. The last board of the set was a cold 4S by North/South and we knew there could be no pick up there, but the penultimate board 15 was a slam hand that needed the correct lead to take it off. We were in no doubt that Jill and Kate would bid to slam on this hand, all other East West's were in that contract and the only hope was that an Ace might be hidden. A game made at this point would have easily been enough to get us in to second place. At the other 5 tables the correct lead had been made so we didn't hold much hope for this contract, but what would you lead from this holding?

South dealer: North-South vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			Pass
1S	Pass	2H	Pass
4H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5H (1)	Pass	6H	All Pass

(1) 2 key cards, no HQ

What would you lead as South with:

♠ 95 ♥ 53 ♦ KT9854 ♣ 942

This auction calls for an attacking lead and the South hand would lead a diamond hoping to find even the Queen in north's hand. As it turns out North wins the ace and always comes to a spade trick. On any other lead East can win, pull trumps and discard his losing diamonds on the AQ of clubs. Unfortunately for us South found the diamond lead (as did every south in the room) and that was the end of our play offs!

The full hand is below.

Brd 15	♠ KJT8		♠ 72
Dlr S	♥ T		♥ AQJ862
Vul NS	♦ AQ73		♦ 2
	♣ T865		♣ AQ73
		♠	
♠ AQ643		N	
♥ K974		W	E
♦ J6			
♣ KJ		S	
	♠ 95		
	♥ 53		
	♦ KT9854		
	♣ 942		

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All in all it was a wonderful experience thanks to my great team mates and the excellent ABF organisation. Congratulations to the winner team - Elizabeth Havas - Nevena Djurovic - Barbara Travis - Candice Ginsberg - Sue Lusk - Margaret Bourke who will be representing Australia for the second year in a row.

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Don't miss the South West in 2013

From Jane Moulden

Sadly the Margaret River Congress will not be held this year. But there are still two opportunities to visit our part of the world. Come and spend a weekend to enjoy our wineries, galleries, the natural environment and slot in some bridge at the same time.

On June 29th there is the 10th **Zonta Charity Day**. Sponsored, for the first time, by Busselton Bridge Club and this will become a Red Point Event. Peter Holloway will be the Director. Over the years this event has raised \$18,500 to assist victims of domestic violence, one of Zonta's aims in advancing the status of women. Table numbers have varied from 16 to 24, but we can accommodate up to 32. It attracts players from Perth to Kojonup, from Augusta to Bunbury and all points in between.

Busselton will also host the 4th **South West Friendly Teams** in October, another Red Point Event. In previous years it was open to local S.W. Teams, but in the absence of the Margaret River Congress it will be open to all players.

Don't expect big prize money at these events. Do expect good food, friendly people, a good venue and everything done with style. And of course the obligatory raffle.

Both events will be held at the Naturaliste Community Centre in Dunsborough. All entries will be via the BAWA website and details will be advertised in Focus. Home hospitality will be available for both events.

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Is the 10 an Honour?

From Gerry Daly

Recently I had the hard word from the esteemed editor to write an article drawing on recent bridge adventures at the Golden West and GNOT. It would be nice to offer exciting hands or some brilliancies but the mundane reality is that successful bridge relies more on the avoidance of errors than spectacular declarer play. Viv and I certainly gained from being active and successful in the slam zone and from defending accurately throughout the event. In my article I am presenting a few defensive hands, nothing spectacular, just examples of hands enjoyable to defend because they involve some thought and cooperation by both partners.

Firstly however, for those who like a challenge, here is a declarer problem from The GNOT pairs.

♠ AK72		♠ 985
♥ 6		♥ A93
♦ J873		♦ AKQ106
♣ J963		♣ A2

You are East in 6D. Lead is HK. Can your declarer play rise to the level needed to compliment the bidding. Be specific regarding cards and order of play. Diamonds are 2-2 and both defenders follow to three rounds of hearts. Solution presented later.

These defensive hands concern the theme of how you evaluate 10's in no trumps.

Brd 7	♠ T984	
Dlr S	♥ QT	
Vul Both	♦ 8754	
	♣ KQ3	
♠ K653		♠ Q7
♥ 62		♥ KJ854
♦ AKJ		♦ Q93
♣ AJT2		♣ 874
	♠ AJ2	
	♥ A973	
	♦ T62	
	♣ 965	

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The bidding went 1NT -2D (transfer)-2H-2NT (invitational values)-3NT. The odds heavily favour bidding vulnerable games atimps. Opener

here is non-minimum and has a useful club 10 but apart from that the hand with 6 baby cards lacks the stuffing needed to bring the contract home. It's a borderline decision to bid on. On this type of tentative bidding sequence the literature suggests a passive lead. We have diamonds and spades to choose from and have no problem selecting the spade being both the stronger suit and a major that was not explored by the opposition. Our leading style is to only lead fourths from suits we want returned. We lead 9 from 109x, 109xx and 9x. In this case South can determine that North clearly can't have 9x (opener would have 6 spades) so therefore possesses the 10. There is little more to the defence on this hand as declarer never stood a chance. -2 for +2imps was a common result. However there was some interesting byplay after the hand as declarer, an interstate visitor, was not shy in letting us know what he thought of players who did not consider the ten an honour.

Brd 9	♠ AT	
Dlr N	♥ KJ5	
Vul EW	♦ 854	
	♣ T7632	
♠ KJ3		♠ Q764
♥ A87		♥ QT32
♦ KQJT6		♦ A32
♣ Q5		♣ 94
	♠ 9852	
	♥ 964	
	♦ 97	
	♣ AKJ8	

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16		8
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It was therefore with some amusement that only two boards later I was considering leading the club 3 from a holding headed by the 10. The bidding had followed a similar pattern to the previous board. P, P, P (jokingly alerted as denying a decent spade suit), 1NT-followed by a check for 4-4 major fit and an invitation that was accepted. In this case bidding on to 3NT is clear cut. The hand has a 5 card suit and some stuffing that the previous one lacked. Again consideration should be given to a passive lead though I must admit that I did not seriously consider a diamond. Partner is marked with 7-8HCP, so has two or three honours with the minor inference that they

are not in spades. In retrospect leading a diamond is probably more likely to blow a trick than leading the club. Holding two likely outside entries I was happy to promote this 10 to honour status and lead the 3 of clubs. This brought immediate success with partner playing K, A then J. The contract is now guaranteed two off. Normally as defenders we take care to avoid blocking cashing suits. Here however North can see that the best declarer can do is 6 diamonds tricks and a heart. Accordingly I went out of my way to block the suit leaving Viv on lead at trick 5. No doubt she is trying to decide if her sometimes lazy partner has stuffed up the defence or if there was intent in the play. Like any good partner she assumed the latter but had still to determine which suit I wanted her to switch to. It would be nice to say that we have some suit preference agreement here based on which card was unblocked on the J. Alas we don't. All Viv had to go on was declarer's discards. She has a well honed winning instinct and found the heart switch. Three off was worth 7 imps compared to 5 for -2. Is this relevant? We are constantly told that the important thing in imps scoring is to make or beat contracts. Overtricks and undertricks are not so relevant. This is mostly true. The big rewards are for breaking contracts but everything counts. Without this extra undertrick someone else would have been invited to write this article!

Update on the declarer problem. Earlier I purposely didn't say that it was really tough but makeable. No one tells you this at the table. The bad news is spades were not 3-3 and the positional spade-club squeeze did not work. I will provide the hint that on the first round of spades the 10 appears from North.

Back to our match:

Brd 3	♠ KJ85	
Dlr S	♥ T972	
Vul EW	♦ QT6	
	♣ JT	
♠ A64		♠ QT2
♥ KQ83		♥ A5
♦ 8542		♦ J97
♣ K2		♣ AQ854
	♠ 973	
	♥ J64	
	♦ AK3	
	♣ 9763	

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6 boards later I am again on lead against a borderline 3NT. W opened 1D; I tried a 1S overcall, 2C, 2S from partner, 2NT, 3NT. Again partner is marked with some values and almost certainly only 3 spades. Although it is a borderline 3NT there may be a source of tricks in dummy's clubs so we should give more consideration to an active defence. Any thoughts about leading a spade were quashed by the fact that neither opponent seemed worried about playing in NT after our bidding. The heart 10 is demoted from its honour status again and 9 is lead. Dummy and partner follow low and declarer wins with a deceptive K. He now plays four rounds of clubs and N has to pitch two spades. This is unfortunate as we play McKenny discards. Thankfully I can trust partner not to woodenly follow signals. In with the club nine South takes stock. North has shown up with 2 clubs and 4 hearts (declarer opened 1D, not 1H), no honours in hearts and the CJ. Clearly he should hold QD and a high spade honour to come close to excusing the 1S bid. So there are 3 diamond tricks to go with a spade and a club to beat the contract. It is also apparent that declarer will soon have 9 tricks from 4 clubs, 3 hearts, Spade ace and either spade queen if we switch to spades or the 4th diamond if we cash diamonds.

The problem is in what order to untangle the required 5 defensive tricks. N will win an immediate spade switch but is likely to then exit a heart to the bare ace in dummy giving declarer 9 tricks. If partner is 5-2 in spades and diamonds the only way to beat the contract is spade switch followed by QD and another diamond from North. This will be difficult for North to find. A 4 card spade overcall is quite likely in our methods at this vulnerability. Accordingly Viv cashed AD, 5D from declarer (attempting to make my 6 look like a high discouraging card), KD, and then a spade switch. One off was worth 10 imps. The contract made 26 times and failed 14 times. With no leads recorded we don't know how many defenders conceded the contract on the opening lead and how many by failure to cash top diamonds at tricks 6 and 7 before switching to the spade. Successful cooperation in defence is a very satisfying component of the game.

As for the decision to bid the tight vulnerable game contracts, be assured that it is a good strategy. West had only to make one of these 3 to be even on the transaction.

And now back to the declarer problem. Unfortunately no one tipped me off that it was makeable but really difficult. We were playing a strong pair so I could assume that no one was going to assist by discarding from a 4 card spade suit. On first glance it looks like 5 diamonds, a heart, 2 heart ruffs, a club and 3 spades if they break 3-3. By losing the spade while retaining control in all suits you also win by squeezing South if he was dealt KQ clubs and 4 spades. In a 4 card ending he has to release either the winning club or a spade from S XXX, KC when he discards before dummy's AKx, Jc. He would have let the Club Q go on the Ace the round earlier. Unfortunately my defender had no problems pitching his KC when he held the 4 spades as his partner had the queen. I failed to consider another possibility that can work with the squeeze.

Win heart ace, ruff heart, play a small spade off dummy, North wins with 10, worse case win club return in hand, ruff heart high, cash Spade ace noting fall of Queen from N, run diamonds.

When you get to the 3 card ending with Sx Dx Cx opposite Spade K7, Club J and South pitches KC on your squeeze card, the last diamond, you can be fairly certain he started with 4 spades. Do you now have to throw in the towel? That depends how alert you were at trick 3. Did you pitch the spade 9 under the 10 and later unblock the 8 under the Queen? If so you now have the S5 in hand and K7 in dummy sitting over South's J6. You can now casually finesse to the 7 for your 12th trick, lean back in the chair, and say "Well bid, Partner"

Brd 3	♠ Q10		
Dlr S	♥ T872		
Vul EW	♦ Xx		
	♣ Qxxxx		
♠ AK72		♠ 985	
♥ 6		♥ A93	
♦ J873		♦ AKQ106	
♣ J963		♣ A2	
	♠ J743		
	♥ KQJxx		
	♦ Xx		
	♣ Kx		

Why is bridge such a great game? If you played the hand like this you are probably playing in the world championship. Unfortunately the defenders there will also be imaginative. Perhaps

spades were 3-3 all along and he pitched the KC to encourage you to finesse into his partners stiff Jack. ☺

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Ethics for Declarer

By Bill Jacobs



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Issues of ethics are infrequent when you are declarer, as your partner the dummy is out of the game. But they do exist: here are some ethical traps for declarer.

Playing too fast

It is unethical to win the first trick in your hand in a flash and fire out your singleton, with king-jack in dummy. Law 73 tells you to, as far as possible, maintain an even tempo, and also not to attempt to mislead your opponent by the haste of your play. You should use an even deliberate tempo in making your singleton play.

Playing too slow (the Rip van Winkle Coup)

This is where you take so long to play a card as declarer that the defenders fall asleep, forget the details of the deal, and hand you the contract. It has two forms, deliberate and inadvertent.

The worst deliberate case I have heard was related to me by Diana Smart. In the Far East Championships some years ago, her Chinese opponent declared a slam that had no play whatsoever. Declarer tanked for several minutes over which no-hope line to try, with the result that Diana pitched a winner to let the slam make. That's about as ethically slimy as it gets, but the only action Diana could have taken would be to report the incident to the Recorder.

A fine example of an inadvertent RvW coup plus superb sportsmanship occurred in a recent

Bermuda Bowl, the World Championship of bridge. In a tense and close semi-final between USA and South Africa, Howard Weinstein for USA declared an unpleasant 5NT contract on this layout:

		Garner										
Brd		♠ KJ6										
Dlr		♥ AKT76										
Vul		♦ AK										
		♣ AT3										
	Holman		Cope									
	♠ -		♠ QT9753									
	♥ 9432		♥ QJ5									
	♦ J97654		♦ T									
	♣ Q96		♣ J54									
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		♠ A842										
		♥ 8										
		♦ Q832										
		♣ K872										

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Here is the report from the Daily Bulletin:

Holman led his fourth-best diamond to dummy's ace. Weinstein thought for some considerable time, and then played a spade to his ace, getting the bad news as Holman threw a diamond. Weinstein thought for a long time before leading the eight of hearts and, when Holman played low, put in the ten, losing to the jack. Tim Cope returned the HQ to dummy's ace and, after some minutes more thought, Weinstein cashed the HK.

Play to this point had taken a very long time, and Cope lost concentration to the extent that he dropped the five of spades on this trick. When he noticed, he corrected his play to the five of hearts. Declarer could have made his contract now by using the penalty card, leading the jack of spades from dummy and requiring East to follow with the five, but Weinstein, who appreciated that he had played at what was a long way from a normal tempo throughout the deal, showed the highest

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sportsmanship by telling Cope he could pick up the low spade with no penalty.

Weinstein went one down in his contract. The match was still very much alive at this point and could have been decided in South Africa's favour by Weinstein's generosity. How many of us would be willing to risk a world championship for our sporting principles?

Unnecessary comments or body language

This is one that I am sometimes guilty of, but I'm working on it. Partner puts down dummy and you see that you are in the wrong contract. All of the following actions are ethically suspect:

- disgusted shake of the head
- expletives undeleted
- comment on partner's bidding ("where's the hand you had during the bidding?")
- comment on your own bidding ("sorry, pard")
– yes, rare I know
- slapping your cards down during the early tricks
- super-fast semi-random play

These actions are not done with intent to gain advantage; rather they are normal human reactions to the impending catastrophe. However, they can have the side effect of switching defenders off ... it gives the impression that they have a good board however they defend. But on occasions, the bad contract makes because the defenders get careless. That will be an ethically corrupt result, and there is little the defenders can do to get redress.

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SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2013

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Two Timer

By Ron Klinger



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PROBLEM

North dealer; Nil vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1C (*)	Pass	Pass
?			

What would you do as West with

♠	AKQ106
♥	KQT84
♦	1A
♣	K3

Where the Unusual 2NT and Michaels Cue-Bid were once restricted to weak hands, many pairs now play them as open-ended. They believe it is more important to be able to show two suits at once and are prepared to back their judgment later in deciding how high to go. Michaels can also be used after 1-suit: Pass: Pass.

This deal was suitable for strong Michaels in fourth seat in a qualifying match of a national teams event:

Brd	♠ J85	♠ 732
Dlr N	♥ A5	♥ J732
Vul Nil	♦ KJ4	♦ 9863
	♣ AQ954	♣ J6
	♠ AKQ106	
	♥ KQ1084	
	♦ A	
	♣ K3	
	♠ 94	
	♥ 96	
	♦ Q10752	
	♣ 10872	

15	
21	2
2	



The possible auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1C (1)	Pass	Pass
2C (2)	Pass	2H	Pass
4H	All Pass		

- 1) Playing a weak 1NT
- 2) Michaels

Ten tricks are easy despite East's poor hand. If West's 2C showed both majors, then East would bid 2H. With just three losers, West would not stop short of game. If 2C showed spades and another, East might bid 2D. West would then jump to 4H, showing values for game and asking East to choose a major.

West might even envisage slam possibilities if a trump fit exists. Interchange the HA and HJ, for example, and 6H (or 6S) is available as long as West is declarer. It would be quite a challenge to reach that spot.



BAWA Survey Forms

There has been an excellent response to the above and the final date for receiving forms is **28th February 2013**.

We value your opinion so if you haven't completed one yet, ask your club for a form or print it from the BAWA website.

Completed Survey Forms may be given to your Club BAWA Liaison Officer or mailed direct to:

Tournament Committee Survey

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ROVING RHODES

Carousing in Canberra



By Maura Rhodes
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Once again, Rick and I visited the National Capital for the 2013 Summer Festival of Bridge. We stayed at the venue, which is the newly refurbished Rydges Lakeside and were delighted to see that the hotel looks splendid and is both an excellent place to stay and a fantastic Bridge venue. When playing twenty board matches, it is a relief to be able to retire to your room between rounds for a rest.

As always, we find the social side of the event as enjoyable as the actual Bridge. There were many West Australians attending and we were able to enjoy Canberra's warm evenings while dining out with our compatriots. Canberra has a host of excellent restaurants, all of which seem to be much cheaper than those in Perth. Another high spot of our annual visit to Canberra is the opportunity to visit the National Gallery which usually has a special event over the summer months. This year, there was a Toulouse Lautrec exhibition which we enjoyed very much. We also took the opportunity to view the permanent collection where Rick admired the Rothko- not to my taste!

Now to the Bridge matters: The South West Pacific Teams attracted 152 Teams, whereas 188 Pairs played in the Open Swiss, as well as 80 in the Restricted Swiss. Rick and I ended up 42nd in the Open Swiss, which was not a bad result. In the Teams, we were seeded 77 with our Melbourne friends and managed to beat our seeding finishing up a respectable 58th. We played our first match against Team One - Ishmael del Monte's team and not surprisingly, we had a heavy loss. However, it is a wonderful experience to play against such top class players and to see how the game should be played. In what other

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Sport does that happen?

Some lectures were provided by the top players for a nominal cost of a gold coin donation. What a wonderful chance to hear the latest trends in the ever-evolving game and it was a battle between tiredness and the wish to attend the lessons. Rick and I went to just two: Ron Klinger's High Level Bidding Decisions, which we found fascinating with examples from real hands. We also attended David Beauchamp's Bidding Decisions from which we learnt a great deal. David suggested when playing in an Imp event that partnerships should prepare by practising their slam bidding, very sound advice as many a match is lost or won on slam decisions and there always seem to be a lot of slams in such high level competitions.

Here are two examples from Round Seven when we played against two professional players. In the first board, Rick and I failed to find a slam which was bid and made by the professionals in the other room. Would you and your partner have found it? Here is the hand:

Brd		♠ Q96	
Dlr	N	♥ AQ6	
Vul		♦ QJ4	
		♣ J643	
	♠ 832		♠ AJ75
	♥ J4		♥ T98753
	♦ 732		♦ 6
	♣ KQ987		♣ T5
			♠ KT4
			♥ K2
			♦ AKT985
			♣ A2

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6	5
17	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Maura</i>		<i>Rick</i>
	1C	2H	3D
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Our opposing team managed to find the unbeatable slam of 6 Diamonds.

On Board 19 of the same round, Rick and I did somewhat better.

Brd 19	♠ AKQJ6		
Dlr S	♥ AT		
Vul EW	♦ K		
	♣ KQ863		
♠ T974		♠ 853	
♥ KQJ2		♥ 7653	
♦ J862		♦ 953	
♣ 9		♣ A72	
	♠ 2		
	♥ 984		
	♦ AQT74		
	♣ JT54		

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As North, I decided to open with a game force bid of 2C. I don't usually open two-suited hands with such a space consuming bid, but I did this time. Rick replied 2D which is a waiting bid and I rebid 2S. Rick bid 2NT which again is a waiting bid showing values, as we now have a negative response available. I then bid 3C which Rick supported by raising to 4C. My 4D bid asked for Keycards and on finding one, I bid the small slam. 6 Clubs was undefeatable and I was so pleased when we heard that Jamie Ebery, one of the professionals, was impressed by the way we bid that slam, not bid at the other table. It is encouraging when experienced players praise the efforts of lesser mortals!

Our resolution is to practise our slam bidding before next year's Canberra!

Results

Xmas 2012 Match Point Pairs

1st	Val Biltoft and Joan Touyz
2nd	Nigel Dutton and Marie France Merven
3rd	Anton Pol and David Schokman

New Years Pairs 2013

1st	Andrew Swider and Eddy Mandavy
2nd	Pauline Hammond and Peter Gill
3rd	Pauline Collett and Joan Prince

GNOT Tweed Heads 2012

GNOT Pairs Championships Results (100 Pairs - one field)

2nd Di Brooks and Jean McLarty (Country)

- 17th Viv Wood and Gerry Daly
- 39th John Beddow and Egmont Melton
- 52nd Karol Miller and Andrew Swider
- 63rd Nilesh Patel and Bhavna Patel (Provincial)
- 87th Murray Webber and Kate Boston
- 92nd Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski



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Weekend Congress

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March 2013

Program:

Saturday: Swiss Pairs - Start Time: 10.00am	Director: Bill Kemp
Sunday: Swiss Teams - Start Time: 10.00am	Venue: Kalamunda District Bridge Club
Entry Fee: \$30 / per player / per day	56 Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill
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	Feb	Sun 10 th	<i>Nedlands Birthday Congress- see flyer</i>
		Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th	<i>Rockingham Bridge Club Congress – see flyer</i>
	Mar	Fri 1 st – Mon 4 th	<i>Esperance Congress</i>
		Sat 9 th – Sun 10 th	<i>Melville Congress</i>
		Thu 14 th	BAWA Under 300mp Welcome Pairs Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th	<i>Kalamunda Congress</i>
		Mon 18 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler Pairs 1 st of 6 Mondays @ NBC – Thurs @ SPBC – Sat & Sun @ NBC
		Sat 23 rd – Sun 24 th	<i>WA Country Championships</i>
		Sun 24 th	<i>WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs</i>
		Fri 29 th – Mon Apr 1 st	<i>South Perth Bridge Club Easter Congress</i>
	Apr	Sat 6 th – Sun 7 th	Interstate Senior Selection Trials 10.00am start Nedlands Bridge Club
		Mon 8 th	BAWA State Men's/Women's Teams 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Thu 18 th	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 26 th – Sun 28 th	<i>Albany Congress</i>
	May	Wed 1 st	<i>Nedlands Bridge Club Autumn Swiss Pairs – 12.30pm 1st of 3</i>
		Sun 5 th	<i>WABC Novice Congress</i>
		Mon 6 th	BAWA State Mixed Teams 1 st of 4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 19 th	<i>Undercroft Midyear Congress</i>
		Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th	Western Seniors Pairs PQP & Gold Points
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.		
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South Perth Easter Congress

Friday March 29th - Monday April 1st



Welcome Pairs - Friday 29th March
6.30pm (one session) entry fee \$10/player

Swiss Pairs - Saturday 30th March
10.00 (two sessions) entry fee \$25/player

Open Pairs - Sunday 31st March
10.00 (two sessions) entry fee \$25/player

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Tuesday 1st April: 10.00 (two sessions)
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Seen at Tweed Heads 2012

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