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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

I have been asked by a couple of clubs to clarify the rules regarding randomly dealt boards. Apparently Dealmaster Pro, used by a number of clubs, gives options regarding "Balancing hands and Opening bids. I was asked if it was allowable under ABF Masterpoint rules to use any of these options – short answer – no. Boards must be dealt and used completely randomly without selection or manipulation of any sort.

BAWA is delighted with the turn out for the early events for the year as well a few new faces in the Open Butler. I made the point a few times that ALL selection events are open to all players provided, of course, they meet the event requirements – women, senior, youth. Don't forget these events are **GOLD POINT**. It is also great to see congress events full well before the playing dates – it is clear that bridge is doing well in WA. With over 4300 registered players we have one of the highest per capita memberships of the ABF. So ladies and Seniors – entries in soon for these events.

Marie-France and I have just returned from our annual trip to the Summer Festival where we caught up with our good friends and teammates Paul Hooykaas and Pele Rankin. As many of you may know since leaving Perth Pele has made great strides in her Bridge representing Australia on a couple of occasions. This year her team made the finals of the National Women's Teams unfortunately losing to the number one seeds. Whilst it may not appeal to everyone, playing 60

boards a day followed by a few drinks and dinner for 7 days straight (10 for Pele) is our idea of a great week even though returning home you do tend to sleep on the plane.

It was great to see so many WA faces in Canberra and I would urge players to consider the event in 2015 – there are events for everyone from 0-49 Masterpoints to Emerald Grand Masters.

Speaking of 2015, don't forget WA is hosting the Australian National Bridge Championship (ANC) – yes it will have been 8 years since we held the event at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. Next year we have a great venue and a great program planned. Sheenagh Young is the convenor so I know the event will be a great organisational success and you will be hearing a great deal more from her as this year progresses. What you will be hearing from me is lots of nagging to think about playing in the many congress events planned for the ANC. By being there and playing you will be earning lots of gold and red points and supporting our WA teams.

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

A small function was held on Saturday, 30 November to mark the last playing day for our President, Richard Cooke. He had only been President since the AGM in August but he has made a tremendous contribution to the Club over the years, especially in obtaining grants from the Lotteries Commission to provide equipment for the Club and in teaching beginners.



Richard was presented with a small photographic picture by Jose Khan to remind him of his time here. Richard has gone to live in Tasmania.

Josie Khan has now become President and Martin Jones Vice President.



The Christmas Pairs was held on Saturday, 7 December. This was won by **Moir** and **John**

Penman, with Margie van Houwelingen and Rose-Marie Gandini second, and Susan Tham and Susan Simper third.

The members held a very successful Christmas Party on Saturday 14 December thanks to the hard work of Rosalie Raine and her band of helpers.



A quiet spell over the festive season at the bridge club was ended with a red event on 17 January. This was won by **Laurel Lander** and **Se-Moi Loh** (pictured), with Josie Khan and Geraldine Pragnell second, and Brenda Evans and Chris Wells third.

At the beginning of the year I remind readers that the Club holds bridge sessions on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays at 1.00 pm, and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 12.30 pm. There is no bridge on Thursdays.



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Competition Winners

The Jackpot Winners for 2013 were:

Monday – Yvonne Penman & Margaret Busani

Tuesday – Bill Webb & John Griffiths
 Wednesday – Les Cowcill & Inge Hayward
 Thursday – Colin & Rosemary Hunter
 Friday – Elizabeth Vince & Ian Jones
 Saturday – Phil Power & Jean McLarty



The Alan Crevald Trophy for the Most Improved Player during 2013 was awarded to **Liz Chamberlain** by Club President, Jim McNamara.



Doug Hardman won the Alan Mason Master Points Trophy for earning the most points during 2013.

Upcoming Events

February 2014

- Mandurah Summer Congress – 1st & 2nd Feb
 - Duplicate Pairs - Saturday 1st Feb
 - Swiss Teams - Sunday 2nd Feb
- Tuesday best 'Three out of Four' event - 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th Feb
- Special Teams Event - Wed 19th Feb
- Wine & Cheese night - Tue 25th Feb at 5.00pm

March 2014

- Daytime Open Pairs – Mon 10th, 17th & 24th Mar. Red point event restricted to members only.
- Wed best 'Three out of Four' event – 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th Mar

April 2014

- Thursday evening best 'Three out of Four' event – 3th, 10th, 17th & 24th April
- Restricted Red Points – Tu 8th & 15th April. Open to members with less than 100 MP
- Club Teams Championship – Sat 12th April. Red point event restricted to members only.

Mandurah Bridge Club holds an annual charity day in January each year, where the proceeds from the daily table fees are donated to a local charity. As in the previous two years, this year's donation went to Midway Community Care, which provides services for people with an intellectual disability in the Peel region. A total of 72 members played on Tuesday 21st January 2014 across 2 fields of 9 tables each and \$730 was raised and donated to Midway. This is a great achievement and it is encouraging that bridge players are able to help the local community in this way. A big thank-you to all members who participated on the day.



Everyone in serious thought



Club President Jim McNamara presents the cheque to Rebecca Serster from Midway Community Care.



A well-earned drink afterwards



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The Christmas party apart from the bridge allows members and visitors to congratulate the winners of the year, thank our directors and those members that contribute above and beyond to enable the club to run a smoothly as it does.



The Team of 4 Captains, Restricted Robyn Todd, Intermediate Robin Burton and Open Noelene Law with Vice President Ann Ashman.



Gay Jones with her trophy winner John Quantrill.



The sessional champions.



2013 Masterpoint Champion **May Schonwolf**



Monthly Jackpot Champions.

Fiske Warren shall commence his beginners 8 week course starting Tuesday 18th February, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Cost \$100. Enquiries and enrolment:

Contact Robin Burton (Tel:9386-6968)

Fiske holds his monthly lectures on current topics on the last Wednesday of each month (10.00am to noon) and his Intermediate Lectures on the last Tuesday of each month (12.45pm – 3.00pm).

The popular Friday Morning Bridge starts at 10.30am with a short break for lunch (BYO) and finishes at 2.00pm. For members and non members the cost is \$5.

Join us on Sunday February 9th for our Birthday Congress. 10.00am start with hot cheese scones to greet you!

Maylands Bridge Club

From Fran Carter

Maylands Bridge Club has recently been the very fortunate recipient of a substantial grant from

Lotterywest, which enabled the purchase of a new dealing machine and accessories plus a laptop for club purposes. What a difference that has made to the dealing teams.

The Red Point event, formerly the Spring Pairs, held on 14th and 21st November, was renamed the Jean Lilleyman Memorial Trophy in honour of our founder who passed away in August at 104 years of age.

This event was won by Alexia Torcal and Norman Biles.

Runners up were Charlie and Avril Pears. Richard and Pam Cooper came third.

The unique and handsome trophy, donated by the Lilleyman family from Jean's much loved crystal collection, comprised a crystal bowl mounted on a black plinth.

Jean's son Gary kindly agreed to present the trophy to the winners, during afternoon tea time, the following Thursday.



Jean Lilleyman Memorial Trophy being presented to Alexia Torcal and Norman Biles by Gary Lilleyman. Fran Carter at left.

Our Tuesday session has been retained for next year so session times remain at 1-4pm on

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

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Mondays and Thursdays and 10.15am -2pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Our last Red Point event for the year falls on Monday 2nd December. Good luck.

On behalf of Maylands Bridge Club, I wish all members of the Bridge Community a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.



South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker

The South Perth Bridge Club's focus on education continues to pay dividends, both in terms of membership and participation in regular club sessions. In fact, after having been rather 'flat' for the previous six years, participation currently appears to have increased by 5%, although this may be due to the numbers participating in novice and supervised sessions. No less than eighty of our current 470 members joined after taking the beginner's courses run by Fiske Warren during the past three years. An additional fifty-three joined after participating in the regular supervised sessions. Further beginner's courses and short courses for less experienced players will begin in February and continue during the year. About 60% of those who go to lessons then attend the supervised sessions and the club and its members encourage these novice players not only to join but to take part in events such as the Tenderfoot days, when more experienced members partner them in an enjoyable 'competition'. Meeting the more experienced members and realising that they actively enjoy helping and encouraging the novices is a major side benefit of the Tenderfoot days. An additional incentive for those considering joining after attending lessons is the introduction of a lower nomination fee and sliding scale of membership fee during the year.

THE GREAT CAR PARK FUNDRAISING SALE in November last year raised some \$3,500 to help the club refurbish and decorate the new club rooms when we finally move to new premises. Our members supported this departure from our usual activities in brilliant fashion – some even arriving at the club before 6am!

Scenes from the Car Park Sale



award comes with a cash prize donated by Nigel and Danni Rosendorff.



Maura Rhodes, a fine player who has had an outstanding year was the recipient of the inaugural award.



The most improved player for 2013 was **Deana Wilson**-a brilliant result for a dedicated player.



The Novice Pairs Championship was won by **Deborah Greenway** and **Kevin Benson-Brown**.



Thursday Aggregate winner was **Lorna Good**.



West Australian Bridge Club

From Beverly Hunt

A highlight of the WABC Xmas party, held on the 10th December, was the presentation of the inaugural Player of the Year trophy and prize. When WABC moved to the new Swanbourne clubrooms, our membership was swelled by players from the Rosendorff Bridge Club following Nigel's successful move to Sydney. Gillian Tuckey, who previously held the Champion Player Trophy from that Club, donated the trophy to WABC. Now renamed this new

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

The 2013 Bunbury Christmas party, under the management of Kerry Frazer, was held Sunday, 15th December. Starting at 11.30am, the program was scheduled very much as a social event, with President, Val Knott, along with Dennis Evans, Vice President, giving thanks to the volunteers

and members of the club for making 2013 such a success.

Drinks and nibbles were the forerunner, to presentation of gifts to the volunteers, Directors and dealers of Boards. A Lucky Dip organised by yours truly brought a sense of fun to the proceedings, followed by a Quiz. Under Brooks' Rules, the lucky winners were Table 5, the Brooks Table. With no form of coercion or back handers, each lucky participant won a pair of earrings. (Be it male or female).

Lunch was a feast; nothing unusual for country hospitality. No-one counted calories. We were all there to enjoy a great party for the Festive Season. Followed by a more sedate period, with recitations by Noreen Leemann and followed by husband, Roger who almost brought down the house. Roger brought a whole new meaning to The Rolling Stones hit, "I Can't Get No Satisfaction". Jan Morgan and her group gave us a rendition of Christmas carols with bells. The happy day was concluded after Peter Morgan guided us masterly through the Twelve Days of Christmas, with each table of 8, (well in tune singers!) having their own 'day' to recall.

A great time was had by all. Everyone did a terrific job. The club is looking forward to another great year.



Danny Norton



Anne-Louise Dubrawski & Di Brooks



Past president, Jim Offer, with some of the newer players



Anne Wardle and John Keil



Alex Wallis, Norm & Gerri Rick, Brian Wade, Colin and Anne Bell, Kerry Frazer



Robert Menzies, Jean Menzies, Mrs Peter Pfuhl, Andy Cayley and Ann-Louise Dubrawski



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 we donated money to the Philippines Typhoon appeal and the sum of \$1500 was collected.

Thank you to Elizabeth Bennett

Elizabeth Bennett has retired from teaching at West Coast Bridge Club years after an amazing 23 years. Many of our current members were inspired to take up bridge following Elizabeth's classes and have benefited from her knowledge and experience as well as enjoying her endless supply of jokes!

As well as being an outstanding teacher, Elizabeth is a formidable player and in the 1980's represented the State in the Women's Senior's and Women's Butler events.

Elizabeth very much enjoyed the farewell party, which the class held for her before Christmas. We hope that she will continue to play at the Club well into the future.



Elizabeth Bennett with some of her students

Sunday Bridge

Many clubs do not run duplicate sessions on Sundays but, at West Coast, Bridge Club, bridge is held every Sunday at 1.30pm.

A small but growing group enjoys pleasant, competitive bridge under the friendly direction of Silvia Mata.

We have been pleased to welcome several visitors over the last few months and would encourage more people to join us. You may come without a partner.

Enquiries to Silvia on 9244 7338

Christmas Party and Awards Presentation

There was a good turn out for our Christmas Party on the afternoon of Saturday December 7. At the end of play, the trophies for the year's events were presented by the Mayor of Cambridge, **Simon Withers**. Following this we enjoyed good company and festive food and drink!

The Wilma Piller/Jim O'Brien Trophy for the player who earned the most Green Master Points during the year was awarded posthumously to **Rudy Woss** who died on November 1 at the age of 103.

Some of our award winners:



Jean Calder and Helen Baker with Simon Withers



Verna Holman and Nerilyn Mack



Shirley Drage and Shirley Bloch



Richard Collister and Mark Siford



Max Rowan-Robinson and Ivan Pummer



Maureen Phillips (Maureen's partner was Elizabeth Bennett)



Peter Garcia-Webb



Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

A happy new year to all!

2013 was at times a bit of a roller-coaster ride for us at MBC, however, the good news is – we now bigger and stronger than ever!

Winning the Swiss Pairs held in January

1st **Salim Songerwala** and **Valerie Isle**

2nd Noel Daniel and Tony Stevens

3rd Christa Nimmo and Mary Johnston

There are still a few minor issues to sort out regarding our future clubhouse but, all in all, we are confident our members will be enjoying their club for many years to come.

Behind every great club is a great committee. Ours is no exception – working well together and supporting our President Dorothy Stevenson to ensure our club continues to grow and remain one of the best.

Sadly, last year we said 'good bye' to John Down, Margaret Blagg, Diana Elias, and Doris Greenwood.

Over the last twelve months we have welcomed many new members. It is always a pleasure to see them settling in while making new friends and, of course, fun to see how fast they become hooked on playing bridge - just like the rest of us.

So, with that thought in mind, we are looking forward to another very successful year in 2014 at The City of Melville Bridge Club

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

A Happy New Year to everyone from the Bayswater Bridge Club. Our club meets at the Bedford Bowling Club at 145 Grand Promenade, Bedford every Wednesday at 12.30. You can come along with or without a partner. It is a very friendly and sociable club although some have a more competitive focus. The emphasis, however, is on mutual respect for partners and opponents so you will enjoy the game.

One of our players, Ian Sutherland, has ventured into the more competitive league by playing in the South Perth Swiss Pairs. Ian loves the game and is very studious and keen to improve. He has had three wins in the first two weeks of the competition and is very glad to have entered. He is now a two star local and rising!

We had a great adventure on New Year's Eve. The members of the Bayswater Bridge Club had been invited by one of our members, Barry Etherington, to have a day out at the Pelican Point Sea Scouts where he is a Leader. Sixteen of us went along to play bridge and have a barbeque and to welcome in the New Year. We raised over one hundred dollars for the Sea Scouts and had a great time. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

Barry invited us back to Pelican Point for Australia Day to play bridge, buy a hot beef roll from the Scouts and watch the fireworks in style. If anyone would like to come along at 12.15 for a very sociable afternoon of bridge, and to stay on afterwards if you like, you are very welcome but you need to book first. Cost \$6.00 for members, \$7.00 for visitors. Ring Sandy on 0448 005 967.

Australia Day Spirit at the Nedlands Bridge Club

Two of our members were into the Australia Day Spirit Early



Our Mambo Boys Alan Harrop and John Beddow

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. Should unforeseen circumstances prevent attendance, it is the players' responsibility to arrange a suitable substitute.

Substitutes:

Proposed substitutions should be notified to the Director at least 24 hours prior to the session. Penalties apply to players who play with unapproved substitutes.

(See the BAWA regulations for full details)



Teams of Four 2013

By John Beddow

Teams of Four Convener

The Teams of Four Competition was again run in 2013.

Although I extensively canvassed all clubs in the metro area, only one new club, Maylands, joined the competition. Undercroft reduced their number of teams by 3, but WABC increased theirs by 4 and Kalamunda by 2. Overall there was a gain of 4 teams. I was particularly delighted to see Swan Districts remain for another year

CLUB	OPEN 2012	OPEN 2013	INT 2012	INT 2013	REST 2012	REST 2013
KALAMUNDA	0	1	0	0	1	2
MACCABI	1	1	1	1	0	0
MAYLANDS	N/A	0	N/A	1	N/A	0
MELVILLE	1	2	1	2	1	0
NEDLANDS	1	1	1	1	1	1
SOUTH PERTH	2	2	2	2	2	2
SWAN DISTS	0	0	0	0	1	1
UNDERCROFT	2	1	4	2	1	1
WABC	1	2	2	3	2	4
WEST COAST	1	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	9	10	12	13	9	11

After GST, \$3386.00 was taken in entry fees. After expenses, including MP fees and BAWA admin charges, over \$2500.00 was paid back in prize money in a 40%, 30%, 20% and 10% of the total entry fees (less expenses) taken for each division.

306.39 MPs were awarded.

Since I took over the Teams of Four in 2000, numbers have been as follows:

All Divisions:

Year	# of teams	Year	# of teams	Year	# of teams
2000	11	2001	15*	2002	18
2003	17	2004	17	2005	18
2006	26	2007	23	2008	24
2009	28#	2010	31	2011	31
2012	30	2013	34		

* Restricted Division added.

Intermediate Division added.

A total of 262 players*, including 75 new players, won MPs in 2013.

*this figure does not include members who played, but did not win any MPs

The winning clubs for 2013 were:

Open	
1 st	Nedlands
2 nd	WABC
3 rd	Melville
4 th	South Perth
Intermediate	
1 st	WABC Finesse
2 nd	Maccabi
3 rd	West Coast
4 th	WABC
Restricted	
=1 st	WABC
=1 st	South Perth Green
3 rd	South Perth Red
4 th	Undercroft

Players winning the most Master Points in the 2013 competition were:

1 st	Denis Gimblett	4.62
=2 nd	Erica Augustson	4.48
=2 nd	Geoff Yeo	4.48
=4 th	Marilyn Atkins	4.20
=4 th	John Aquino	4.20

Not your grandma's game

Million-Dollar Hobby: Inside the World of Big-Money Bridge

By Greg Hanlon

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(Illustration by Dale Stephanos.)

A 20-something man played bridge with three old ladies this past Columbus Day. They played at the Honors Bridge Club on East 58th Street, where the median player age is well north of 70 and the air smells of coffee and heavily applied makeup. If you didn't know any better, you'd think the young man was indulging his grandmother and her friends for an afternoon.

But no. The young man was John Kranyak, a three-time junior world champion bridge player who now earns a living as a bridge "pro," partnering with wealthy sponsors. That afternoon, Mr. Kranyak was working a shift in the employ of Melanie Tucker, a financier's wife.

Such partnerships are common here at the Honors, one of Manhattan's three major bridge clubs and considered the most hoity-toity. Marjorie Wilpon, the wife of Ken Wilpon (who is first cousin to Mets owner Fred Wilpon), plays here. So does Justine Cushing, whose father was the developer of Squaw Valley.

To this crowd, bridge isn't just some time-passing activity for the idle elderly, but rather a serious

competitive pursuit for people whose experiences in life have accustomed them to winning. Of the 11 tables devoted to high-level play that afternoon, eight contained partnerships between a client and a pro. The ubiquity of these pairings lends truth to the famous Mae West axiom that good bridge is like good sex: "If you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand."

The difference is that in bridge, it's not considered untoward to pay for the privilege. For a weekday three-hour tournament at a club like the Honors, pros fetch anywhere from \$150 to \$225. As the stakes get higher, so do the rates. For regional tournaments, pros make in the neighbourhood of \$500 to \$1,000 for a day, which consists of two three-hour tournaments. For larger national tournaments, pros make up to \$3,000 per day, while the very best pros charge clients annual retainer fees of up to \$200,000 and pull in seven-figure incomes.

Judi Radin, a four-time world champion, has made her living from bridge for more than 40 years, since she was 17. It has been a jet-set lifestyle: She estimates that travelling to tournaments has taken her away from her Manhattan apartment for half of that time. But she told me that, for a bridge pro, New York is the place to be.

"We're lucky here. There are many more people here who want to hire people than anywhere else. New York and Florida are your best chances to really be busy and have a career of it," Ms. Radin says.

Like many pros, Ms. Radin considers herself close friends with some of her clients, with whom she regularly goes out to dinner and the theatre. Melih Ozdil, a pro whose three regular clients include Ms. Cushing, gets his health insurance

from one of his clients, though he declined to tell me which one. For clients with a difficult-to-exhaust supply of money, paying a pro is considered money well spent.

“You play with a partner who’s better than you and you try to learn to keep up your end, and it makes it more exciting,” Ms. Cushing explained, adding that her partnership with Mr. Ozdil has raised her level from average to above-average.

Because rates for weekday club tournaments are comparatively low, many elite pros save themselves for regional, national and international tournament play. Almost all top players play with sponsors. As a result, top teams at American tournaments, which consist of three pairs, or six players per team, follow a peculiar configuration: one wealthy sponsor and five pros in the sponsor’s employ. Top sponsors pay \$1 million or more to field their dream teams.

“Imagine if you could pay LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Michael Jordan and Shaquille O’Neal and you could be the fifth guy,” Aviv Shahaf, director of the Honors, said. “And you were at a level that was decent but not NBA level. That’s basically what this is.”

The big sponsors in New York tend to also be big players in finance. The two highest-paying sponsors are Frank T. “Nick” Nickell, CEO of Kelso & Company, a private equity firm, and Jimmy Cayne, the disgraced former CEO of Bear Stearns. Before she moved to Florida, Sylvia Moss, a former partner at the Blackstone Group, was one of the biggest sponsors in New York City. Martin Fleisher, owner of Dearborn Capital Partners, is another prominent bridge bankroller.

(Mr. Cayne’s obsession with bridge is now an infamous part of financial history: When Bear Stearns saw its big hedge funds go under in 2007, an event considered a precursor to the firm’s collapse and the global financial meltdown the following year, Mr. Cayne was mysteriously incommunicado. The reason? He was at a bridge tournament in Nashville, cut off from the world. Now that he’s no longer encumbered by a day job, Mr. Cayne spends his time playing online at bridgebase.com under the username “jec.” In the aftermath of the Bear Stearns collapse, people would create accounts specifically to heckle Mr. Cayne during his matches, forcing site administrators to beef up security.)

The tradition of sponsors in bridge dates back to the 1960s, when a wealthy Texas businessman named Ira Corn grew tired of American teams losing to Italian teams. In a fit of patriotic pique, Mr. Corn commissioned the best players money could buy to play with him. He set up a practice regimen, hired coaches and even used a computer to analyze hands. But it wasn’t until he stepped away from the table himself and rolled out a team of six professionals that the team, dubbed the Dallas Aces, began winning titles and brought bridge supremacy back to the States.

America’s tradition of sponsor-backed bridge distinguishes it from other top bridge countries like Italy, Poland and the Netherlands, where the country itself pays tournament entry fees and, in some cases, runs national training programs. The tournaments become a matter of national pride, and top teams playing with six professionals often beat sponsor-handicapped American teams.

While some blame the sponsor system for this, others say the American system produces better top-end players by incentivizing pros to train full-time to chase the big bucks. And though the sponsor system was lamented at first, it has become accepted in the intervening decades. Sponsors like Mr. Corn who decline to play are rare these days: If someone’s ponying up the cash for these players, they want to share in the glory.

“These are competitive people who have risen through the ranks in business. They want to be out there playing,” said Augie Boehm, a Manhattan-based pro.

At the same time, they want to make sure that they win, which means it’s customary for sponsors to play only 50 percent of the hands at a tournament, the bare minimum under the rules. “Any more, and it would be an ego trip,” Mr. Boehm added.

I put the question to Mr. Shahaf, of the Honors, of whether hiring ringers was considered a cheap way to win. He answered my question with a question:

“Was it cheating that LeBron wanted to play with Dwyane Wade? No. Someone wants to win, and he builds a good team.”

More in the Focus March Issue

G.N.O.T. Finals: Tweed Heads

Jean McLarty and I made up the W.A. Country Team, along with David Atkinson and Mike Trafalski of Kendenup & Albany, respectively.

Friday, the 9.30am start, the first match was very important. If you lost that round, you were out of the Finals before you even got started. We lost. No pressure now. It was all plain sailing, but the Gods of Bridge looked down and laughed. I bow my head as I record of the nine matches, we didn't win ONE match. Our five head to head matches on the first day were all losses.

Saturday was a new day. With cheery heart we sat, ready to compete against players from all over Australia. Only four matches to play. Surely we could do better! Like all bridge players who have had a terrible time, there's always another bridge day. But still we continued in the same vein, recording two more losses and WOOOOHOOO two draws.

Did we have a good time? YES. Was it worth it? YES.

I thank the ABF, BAWA, the GNOT Country Convenor and Bunbury Bridge Club, for their support in making our trip to Queensland possible.

We live to play another day.



Coming up Events:

- **Mad March Open Pairs**

3-weeks event starts Thursday, 6th of March

- **Welcome Pairs***

2-weeks event starts Monday, 10th of March

*Restricted to players below 300MP as at 1st January 2014

- **Interstate Women's Selection**

GOLD POINTS

Starts Monday, 17th of March

- **Mad Hatter Pairs**

2-weeks event starts Monday, 24th of March

- **Interstate Senior Selection**

GOLD POINTS

Saturday 5th of April and Sunday 6th of April

Saturday 12th of April and Sunday 13th of April

ALBANY BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

March Long Weekend 2014: Friday: Feb 28th - Monday: Mar 3rd

Convenor: **David Atkinson** 9851 4151 or 0402 030 579 or email: malakasa4@bigpond.com

Director: **Peter Holloway**

PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF \$3,000+ : SUBJECT to 27 tables (max. 32 tables)

PROGRAM - CLOSING DATE: 19TH FEB 2014

Fri 28 th	Registration/Supper	6.30pm			
	Welcome Pairs	7.30pm			
Sat 1 st	Swiss Pairs	10.00am	Rd 1 & 2	2pm	Rd 3,4,5
Sun 2 nd	Swiss Pairs	10.00am	Rd 6,7,8		
Sun/Mon	Swiss Teams			1.30pm	Rd 1,2,3
Mon 3 rd	Swiss Teams	9.30am	Rd 4,5,6		

LIGHT LUNCHES WILL BE PROVIDED DAILY

Welcome Pairs	\$15 each
Swiss Teams	\$35 each
Swiss Pairs	\$40 each

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Deep Finesse says that south can make four hearts. Even looking at all four hands, I can't see how, with or without any assistance from fat ladies. There's a challenge for you. And if you do work it out, then try to find it in practice.

Still in round 1, board 10, east opens 3♠. Do you take action with ♠ A 7 6 ♥ Q 8 3 2 ♦ K J 5 4 3 ♣ 5. I have seven losers but I don't like the shape much, so I passed, as did all. Now I have to find the lead. I look for the worst possible lead and pick a small diamond. Success! Yes, it was indeed the worst possible lead. Declarer lets this run round to the queen. The hands were –

Brd		♠ Q2			
Dlr	E	♥ AJT74			
Vul	All	♦ T98			
		♣ K42			
		♠ T	N	♠ KJ98543	
		♥ K5	W	♥ 96	
		♦ A73	E	♦ Q6	
		♣ AJ98763	S	♣ QT	
		♠ A76			
		♥ Q832			
		♦ KJ542			
		♣ 5			

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Given my time again, I think I would have led the singleton club. In this case, we lost our way in defence and declarer established the clubs and ended up with 11 tricks. Eight imps away. Deep Finesse says we can make 11 tricks in hearts. Should we be in it? Looking at the results, only seven pairs out of 46 found the heart game, one in 5 ♥ X for a nice bonus. I will console myself with the thought that it is hard to find and mutter that it is against the odds.

You will be relieved to hear that is the end of round one, and there is only eight to go. Try not to despair. We had another spot of luck in round 2, board 16.

Brd		♠ K64			
Dlr	S	♥ K76			
Vul	NS	♦ KT9653			
		♣ 9			
		♠ 87	N	♠ AQ3	
		♥ JT85	W	♥ Q32	
		♦ AJ8	E	♦ Q72	
		♣ Q632	S	♣ JT87	
		♠ JT952			
		♥ A94			
		♦ 4			
		♣ AK54			

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Our bidding went 1♠ – P – 2♦ – 3♣ – 3♠ 4♠. I confess that I thought my bidding was rather exuberant but I prefer to think of what might be rather than consider all the things that might go wrong. West began, not unreasonably, with the J♥. It didn't take me long to work out that a few things would have to go right. Basically, I have to dispose of three losers by ruffing in dummy. The primary problem is crossing to hand. So I took the ace and led a diamond to create more. West took the jack and continued hearts. Whew! I have a chance now. Take the K, back to hand with a club, throw a heart on a club and ruff a heart. Back to hand with a diamond ruff, ruff the last club with the K♠ and I can make one of the last three tricks for my contract.

You can see that the opponents must lead trumps to cut down on ruffs. I am not sure that this is obvious, or that I would have seen it if defending. But we were grateful for the 11 imps.

Moving on to round three, we were not having a good set when board 33 arrives.

Brd		♠ QT2			
Dlr	S	♥ 987			
Vul	EW	♦ Q873			
		♣ QJ6			
		♠ 64	N	♠ AK853	
		♥ AT43	W	♥ K2	
		♦ KJ2	E	♦ A965	
		♣ 8542	S	♣ T7	
		♠ J97			
		♥ QJ65			
		♦ T4			
		♣ AK93			

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I know players who insist on opening 1NT with an 11 count, but personally I am circumspect. This looked all right, with touching honours in two suits and favourable vulnerability, so 1NT is. Pass – pass to east who doubles, all pass. The 6♠ is led, three rounds of spades and I am in. I take my four club tricks but after that the defence is merciless and I am two down. EW has a variety of part scores on (including 2NT), so we lose only 5 imps.

Unlucky? Or unwise? I doubt few would double on east's hand, I suspect I wouldn't, but it is quite a reasonable shot. And you can't argue with success.

So let's fast forward to round 6 board 80.

Brd	♠ AQ862		
Dlr S	♥ A983		
Vul All	♦ 9		
	♣ K53		
♠ KT3		♠ 97	
♥ J65		♥ T	
♦ AT3		♦ QJ875	
♣ J976		♣ AQ842	
	♠ J54		
	♥ KQ742		
	♦ K642		
	♣ T		

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The bidding goes two passes to north, opening 1♠. East overcalls 2 NT (minors). What now? Well, I can support partner, but it won't hurt to mention my hearts on the way, and find myself raised to 4. A club is lead won by the queen, east switches to a diamond, ducked, taken by the 10, and a club comes back, trumped. Now the K♥ (just in case west has four) and mercifully east follows. Then the Q♥, and a low spade. West errs by rising with the 10; the last trump is drawn and returns to hand with a club ruff. Now the J♠, K, A, and the 9 is smothered. The spades are now good and a diamond can be trumped in dummy for an overtrick. This gives us 8 imps.

A couple of things can be noted with this hand. Despite a combined holding of 22 hcp, the double fit plays well, even though BOTH kings lie under aces. In fact the kings weren't even necessary. In this case, east's 2NT overcall hasn't cost a great deal, but it can give away useful information, so should be used judiciously. Deep Finesse says that EW can make 3♣, so a 5♣ bid would be a useful sacrifice. But that is rather scary, vulnerable.

There isn't a great deal to be said about round 8 board 86 but I am going to say it anyway. What do you open as south?

Brd	♠ 864		
Dlr S	♥ KJ73		
Vul Nil	♦ K83		
	♣ A97		
♠ A5		♠ Q3	
♥ A98542		♥ QT6	
♦ T65		♦ A942	
♣ Q3		♣ J652	
	♠ KJT972		
	♥ -		
	♦ QJ7		
	♣ KT84		

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The hand has 6 losers and is in accord with the rule of 20, so I open 1♠. West butts in, perhaps bravely, with 2♥ and north says 2 NT followed by 3♥ by east I boldly assay 4♣, passed out. The A♥ is led, ruffed. It looks like I have to confine losers to 1 club, one diamond and 1 spade. I try to get to dummy with the K♦ and fail dismally. I win the diamond return and get to dummy with a club. Then a low spade, finesse the J and am relieved to see the ace appear. Since the spades drop, we make the contract. Was this a pickup? The datum was +390, so we get one miserable imp. Wow! The competition's getting tough!

We look at just one last hand (stop those sighs of relief immediately), round 9 board 106.

Brd	♠ AJ		
Dlr E	♥ K652		
Vul Both	♦ A832		
	♣ AT7		
♠ Q986		♠ T54	
♥ JT943		♥ A	
♦ K		♦ Q764	
♣ J84		♣ K9653	
	♠ K732		
	♥ Q87		
	♦ JT95		
	♣ Q2		

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We should have monopolized the bidding. Three passes to 1♦ by north, 1♠, 1 NT (15-18), 2♣ (checkback), 2♥ (minimum, 4♥, not 3♠), 2NT, 3NT (touching faith in partner's playing skills). How the bidding actually went has disappeared into the mists of time because I ended up playing 3NT. West has an awkward choice for a lead and selects the 6♠. The jack wins, and I want to lead diamonds from hand. I have to try the hearts some time so lead the 2, and the ace appears. There's a bit of luck! East switches to a club and the queen wins. Then J - K - A of diamonds. A low diamond draws the queen and things are looking good. The rest of the play is routine, the defence loses its way and I end up making four spades for two overtricks, a nice little bonus. This lucky hand brings in 11 imps, very nice near the end of the event. Mind you, west has to find a club lead to put the contract in jeopardy. No doubt you could find it, like Deep Finesse.

So we started with a bit of luck and ended with a bit of luck. One of these days I might actually start getting good results with pure skill.

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Better to be Lucky than Good

From Richard Fox

"When you're hot, you're hot" as a poker player might say when their lucky streak continues. Some days every card lies wrong and every shaky contract fails, but this time we had a following wind. I was playing with a relatively new partner, Andrew Woollons, in the Queensland Butler Pairs. He was in Supervised Play less than 4 years ago but has advanced quickly, and we were seeded 34th out of 40 pairs in a strong field.

In the first round most of the boards were flattish, a couple of overtrick and part score IMPs here and there, and then this happened. I was North and I responded 1H to partner's 1D opening. East doubled for take-out and South raised to 2H, showing 4 cards as we play support doubles/redoubles. This went round to East who bravely doubled again, but her partner had nowhere to go and left the double in.

Brd	♠ QJ72				
Dlr	S	♥ 10973			
Vul	All	♦ 32			
		♣ A52			
	♠ 93		N		♠ K854
	♥ KQ84		W	E	♥ 6
	♦ 9865		S		♦ KQJ
	♣ J76				♣ KQ1094
		♠ A106			
		♥ AJ52			
		♦ A1074			
		♣ 83			

Contract: 2HX by N

East started with a top club - on the bidding a trump was perhaps a better idea. I felt quite good about the contract, as it was clear how the cards lay. I was sure the spade finesse would work, and the second round held up. I was able to ruff the fourth diamond too high for East, and let West ruff a spade. At the end I played a trump towards my 10-9 and West was end played with her KQx to give me an overtrick. In a part-score hand +870 is a useful score, worth 13 IMPs in an otherwise level match. At IMPs scoring I think East's second double was too ambitious, as her hand isn't really strong enough and she could half-expect it to be passed.

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After our first-round win we proceeded steadily, unbeaten but with two draws, and were surprisingly in second place at Table 1 for the last match of the day. Here we faced youth star Andy Hung and Ron Klinger's Seniors international partner Bill Haughie, who were 12 VPs ahead of us. They may have been only 6th seeds on Masterpoint total, but were runaway favourites.

Predictably, they found a slam that many pairs didn't on one board. They had a minor bidding misunderstanding but their accurate judgment made up for it, and that cost us a few IMPs.

Then came this hand, where North passed and Andrew (East) opened 1C. Bill ventured 1S at the favourable colours, I chose a negative double to check for a heart fit, and Andy Hung (North) jumped to 4S. Partner passed, quite reasonably at the vulnerability, and I'm sure I should have doubled again, for a comfortable plus if partner didn't pull to 5C. Instead, I decided partner very likely had a semi-balanced hand with perhaps 2 spades and some diamond support, so I ventured 5D. North wasn't shy about doubling this, and he led the JC.

Brd	♠ AJ63				
Dlr	N	♥ KJ1098			
Vul	EW	♦ 964			
		♣ J			
	♠ 8		N		♠ K102
	♥ AQ73		W	E	♥ 52
	♦ AQ10873		S		♦ K
	♣ 97				♣ KQ106543
		♠ Q9754			
		♥ 64			
		♦ J52			
		♣ A82			

Contract: 5DX by West

Lead: CJ

Things didn't look great. I covered the lead, South took his ace and I dropped the 9. South thought for a while, not sure who had the unseen club, and I guess he thought it could be partner so he switched to a heart. I finessed, thinking the king would be on-side after North's pre-emptive jump, but it lost. North probably placed me with a spade void, so he missed out on cashing his ace. Instead

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he switched to a trump and suddenly everything worked. I crossed back to hand with the AH and tested trumps. When they split, I could throw all my losers on the clubs for a thoroughly undeserved +750. At the close of play we'd scraped a 4 VP win, closing the gap to 8, certainly a far better placing than we could have expected at the halfway point.

On the Sunday we started with a useful maximum win, followed by three 14-16 losses in a row. Through all this we held on to 2nd place, and then we faced Richard Wallis and Courier Mail columnist Tony Jackman.

Partner as East opened 1S, I bid 2H and he jumped enthusiastically to 3S. I felt sure slam must be on somewhere, so I bid 4D and Andrew's only option was 4S. I figured his spades would be near-solid with some outside values, so I tried 4NT key-card and propelled us into 6S. Tony Jackman put the pressure on with a club lead, and Andrew realised the finesse had better work. He played a diamond to hand, ace and queen of trumps. Then he could return to hand with AC and a club ruff, find the trumps were 3-3 and breathe a big sigh of relief.

Brd	♠ K109		♠ AQJ8764
Dlr N	♥ 9642		♥ J7
Vul Nil	♦ J3		♦ A5
	♣ 10985		♣ 63
	♠ -		
	♥ AQ853		
	♦ KQ1064		
	♣ AQ2		

	♠ 532		
	♥ K10		
	♦ 9872		
	♣ KJ74		

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Contract: 6S by East
Lead: C5

In the final round we were still 5 VPs behind Hung/Haughie although at the time I hadn't even bothered to check. We were the beneficiaries of an overbid by our opponents, where South tried an Exclusion Blackwood bid, asking for keycards outside hearts, her void suit. North had a void of her own and blasted into 7 spades, which was one down, a useful 14-IMP swing which we had done nothing to earn.

Soon after that another slam hand came along. As West, I opened a strong NT and partner transferred into hearts, made a forcing spade

rebid and put me into 6H. Clearly this was the room contract, but there was an ambush waiting.

Brd	♠ 108		♠ AJ72
Dlr W	♥ J932		♥ AK876
Vul All	♦ 1073		♦ KQ9
	♣ AJ83		♣ 4
	♠ KQ93		
	♥ Q1054		
	♦ AJ5		
	♣ K6		

	♠ 654		
	♥ -		
	♦ 8642		
	♣ Q109752		

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Contract: 6H by West
Lead: CA

North led the AC and stopped to think. I decided I'd better think too, and a 4-0 trump split was the only thing to think about. If South had all the trumps, surely North would continue with her longest suit looking for a ruff or trump promotion, so it seemed North was the one most likely to have the length. North continued a spade to my ace and I led a small heart off the table, the only way to trap a 4-card holding on my left.

When South threw a club on this trick I knew it was a big result, as the intuitive play of ace first only worked against a 4-0 split the other way. Sure enough, everyone else in slam went down and this was a 17-IMP pick-up.

I didn't even think we were in contention for the title and suddenly people started shaking our hands. One of the first was Bill Haughie, as fine a gentleman as he is a bridge player because he didn't know us from a bar of soap until we'd got lucky against him. It must have been disappointing for him to lose after leading since round 6 of 14, but he'll have had other times when the bridge gods were on someone else's side.

Part of the reward for winning our first state title was a bye into the state teams qualifying tournament. That's some time off, fortunately, as our next state championship, the Open Pairs, ended in perfect mediocrity with 50% in the Plate. Back to earth!





Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs



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Brd	♠ A86532
Dlr S	♥ AQ9
Vul NS	♦ 72
	♣ K6
	♠ N
	♥ W
	♦ E
	♣ S
	♠ K97
	♥ KJ64
	♦ A6
	♣ AJ53

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

West leads DK, which you win. You take two top trumps, but on the second round, East discards a diamond. With a trump loser, you need to dispose of your diamond loser. How.

Solution:

Brd	♠ A86532
Dlr S	♥ AQ9
Vul NS	♦ 72
	♣ K6
	♠ N
	♥ W
	♦ E
	♣ S
	♠ J
	♥ 10732
	♦ J854
	♣ 10872
	♠ Q104
	♥ 85
	♦ KQ1093
	♣ Q94
	♠ K97
	♥ KJ64
	♦ A6
	♣ AJ53

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West leads the diamond king to your 6S, and on the second round of trumps, East discards a diamond.

You could take the club finesse through East – that’s about a 50-50 proposition.

Or you could play on hearts and hope that West has at least three and won’t be able to trump in: that’s also about 50-50.

Best of all is a combination play. Cash CK and CA then ruff a club: if the CQ falls on the second or third round of the suit, you can discard your diamond loser on the CJ. If you have no luck in the club department, try to run the hearts.

The moral: two chances are better than one.



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Gambling 3NT

From Viv Wood

Cynthia and I hoped for a better finish in the Women's Teams event in Canberra last year but we had to settle for 8th place.

On one hand we lost a bucket of imps when my right hand opponent Marilyn Chadwick opened a gambling 3NT. As we know this shows a solid 7 card minor with no outside ace or king. So as partner you would tend to pass this unless it gets doubled in which case you should have at least one stopper in each of the other three suits. Having passed it out, Cynthia led the 4 of spades and dummy came down with KJ, A8732, AQT6, T6. As declarer you have 76, JT4, 2, AKQ9874. Which card do you play? Marilyn thought for a while and to my disappointment she played the J. The full hand is below:

Brd	♠ KJ				
Dlr	♥ A8732				
Vul	♦ AQT6				
	♣ T6				
	♠ Q95432	N		♠ AT8	
	♥ K	W	E	♥ Q965	
	♦ J543	S		♦ K987	
	♣ J5			♣ 32	
				♠ 76	
				♥ JT4	
				♦ 2	
				♣ AKQ9874	

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At many other tables the K was played and the contract was 2 off. After the match I expressed how well Marilyn had done. Ron Klinger heard me and replied - it's an easy call. He said against a gambling 3NT the person on lead should always lead an Ace to get a look at dummy and make the correct switch. If you lead the wrong thing it's all over. So, the lesson is, if the person on lead doesn't lead the ace they don't have it and furthermore remember; if you're defending against such a contract lead your Ace!

As a problem, your partner opens 3NT and you hold Axx, KQxxx, void, KQxxxx. What do you bid?

Don't pass knowing you have stoppers in all the other suits (the first time my partner opened 3NT I happily passed knowing I had everything stopped). However, my partner is still trying to get to the AKQXXXX diamonds in her hand.



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Heart Attack

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PROBLEM

East dealer; NS vulnerable

- ♠ AQ
- ♥ 9754
- ♦ KQJ87
- ♣ A6

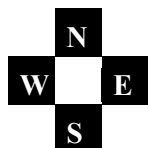
- ♠ 108
- ♥ KQ3
- ♦ 10653
- ♣ 543

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1H	Pass
1S	2D	Pass	3D
Pass	3H	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	X	All Pass

West leads the H6 to East's ace. Plan the play.

The 2003 International Bridge Press Association Juniors Prize went to Ophir Reshef of Israel for his quick-thinking declarer play on this deal from the ACBL Junior Camp.

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|---------|---------|--------|
| Brd | ♠ AQ | ♠ 732 |
| Dlr N | ♥ 9754 | ♥ J732 |
| Vul Nil | ♦ KQJ87 | ♦ 9863 |
| | ♣ A6 | ♣ J6 |



Reshef

- ♠ 108
- ♥ KQ3
- ♦ 10653
- ♣ 543

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After a spade lead against 3NT doubled, declarer would win and knock out the DA. East must shift to clubs to hold South to nine tricks. On a club

lead, or heart to the ace and a club switch, South has only eight tricks.

After the H6 lead to East's ace, it is obvious to East to shift to a club when South follows with the H3.

Things did not quite pan out that way. West did lead the H6 and East did play the HA, but declarer dropped the HQ under the ace!

East took the bait and returned a low heart. Reshef ducked in hand and dummy's H9 won. After knocking out the DA, he had ten tricks for +630 and 15 match-points out of 15.

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Doubles at Canberra 2014



By Maura Rhodes
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Rick and I really enjoy our annual pilgrimage to Canberra for a number of reasons. Canberra has a lot to offer with the National Gallery, museums and lots of reasonably priced, lovely restaurants.

We enjoy the Bridge competition very much, as we always stay at the venue and so are able to catch the lift upstairs to our hotel room in between rounds. This allows recuperation time, which I certainly need as I become over-tired easily. The competition is held at Rydges Lakeside, which has been refurbished and is very smart nowadays. The other thing we really like is that there is no night play. We both hate playing Bridge at night, so when night play was abolished a few years ago at Canberra, it became even more attractive for us. We love the opportunity to play against the top players, even though we lose, as it is so educational to see how they play and what is "in"- what conventions are popular in the Eastern States. I love Perth, but it is so isolated that we rarely have the luxury of teachers coming from the Eastern states and so we can get left behind. We have friends in Melbourne whose Bridge Club hosts teachers from Sydney and Queensland one afternoon a week- how lucky is that. They can certainly keep abreast of modern trends and be at the forefront of the evolution of Bridge. My partners in Perth, both of whom have been playing for much longer than I have, often talk about how much the game has changed since their early days.

Rick and I played the first round of the Swiss Pairs against Ishmael Del Monte, one of the top players in Australia. He and his partner were playing the 2D opening as a weak bid showing both Majors, usually 5-4 either way. Needless to say, we didn't win the match against Ish, but we enjoyed seeing Bridge played at a different level. We had lovely team-mates, Linda Wild and Helene Kolozs, whom we get on well with and we all went out dining every evening- all part of the Canberra experience.

In the first round of the Teams, we played against a top Team and of course we lost, but only by a relatively small amount. Here was a hand we triumphed on! I hasten to add that both we and our team-mates were lucky, rather than skilful!

It was Board 12 of the first match:

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Rick</i>		<i>Maura</i>	
2D	3D	4H	X
All Pass			

Rick's 2D opening was a weak 6 card Major, 6-9 HCP and my 4H response was correctable. I greatly prefer playing the 2D opening as showing only a weak 6 card Major rather than including the strong option, as it makes pre-emption much easier.

I was lucky enough to make 4H doubled, whereas our team-mate, Helene Kolozs, sitting North, made 5D doubled! We were both lucky as 4H shouldn't make by East and nor should 5D make by North! This just goes to show that even top players can go wrong sometimes.

The numbers of players increased in all categories, except the Women's and I expect this trend to continue, as it really is a pleasure to attend. Free lessons were put on by some of the top players and Rick and I attended two- Sartaj Hans talking about pre-empting and Ron Klinger's High Level Defence. Both were excellent lessons.

Bunbury Bridge Club

32nd Annual Weekend Congress

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th April 2014

Venue:

Bunbury Bridge Club Premises
Corner Balgore Way/Gurinda Street,
Carey Park, Bunbury



Generous Prizes!

95% Table Fees less Costs

Limit 24 Tables

Entries via BAWA www.bawa.asn.au

Payment on day at table

Programme

Friday 25th - Welcome Pairs

6.15pm light supper and refreshments

7.00pm Start- 1 session - \$10.00 pp

Saturday 26th - Open Pairs

10.00am Start – 2 sessions - \$35.00 pp

Includes Lunch and Refreshments

Sunday 27th - Open Teams

9.30am Start – 2 sessions - \$35.00 pp

Includes Lunch and Refreshments

Director: **Bill Kemp**

Convenor: **Murray Webber**

Phone: (08) 97252571

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CITY OF SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB

EASTER CONGRESS



Fri	18 th Apr	6.30pm	Welcome Pairs \$12 pp
Sat	19 th Apr	10.00am	Open Pairs \$25 pp (2 sessions) Morning Tea will be served
Sun	20 th Apr	10.00am	Swiss Pairs \$25 pp (2 sessions) Morning Tea will be served

(Terry Glover Memorial Swiss Teams)

Mon	21 st Apr	10.00am	Open Teams \$30 pp (2 sessions)
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*Monday evening a light supper will be served,
along with one complimentary drink.*

Entries via the BAWA website



**GENEROUS PRIZE MONEY FOR
THE WINNERS !!!!**



Red Point Event



RESULTS

Sim Pairs 2013

1 st	Birch Peter & Appleyard Brian
2 nd	Sutton-Mattocks Sandy & Pabst Bill
3 rd	Fergie Heather & Fergie Bob
4 th	Stevens Stuart & Cook Elaine
5 th	Kacso Piroska & Baldock Bryan
6 th	Howe Robyn & Moulden Jane
7 th	Norman Daphne & Norman Neville
8 th	Maher Verna & Dymond Yvonne
9 th	Atkinson David & Atkinson Tracey
10 th	Sakashita Noriko & Sakashita Ted
11 th	Proudfoot Merle & Wake Ian
12 th	Kininmonth David & Ewing John
13 th	Cupitt Wayne & Cupitt Heather
14 th	Webb William & Griffiths John
15 th	Hey Jeanne & Howell Janice
16 th	Croxford Marge & Stewart Michael
17 th	Pinnock Alice & Haabjoern Tony
18 th	Packer Mimi & Seward Virginia
19 th	Wells Chris & Khan Josie

BWA New Year Pairs 2014

1 st	Robina Mcconnell and Eugene Wichems
2 nd	Kate Smith and Jill Del Piccolo
3 rd	Dennis Yovich and Deidre Greenfeld
4 th	Leone Fuller and Val Biltoft
5 th	Phillip Power and Kathy Power
6 th	Trevor Fuller and Don Allen
7 th	Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski
8 th	Catherine Hood and Doreen Jones
9 th	Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku
10 th	David Matthews and Chris Ingham

BWA Warm Up Pairs 2014

1 st	Heather Williams and Sue Pynt
2 nd	Domenico De Gasperis and Christine Jenkins
3 rd	Anton Pol and Geoff Cross
4 th	Dave Munro and David Schokman
5 th	Juila Corr and Armanda Torre
6 th	Peter Gil lland Bill Symonds
7 th	Pauline Hammond and Shira Shilbury
8 th	Jenny Walkden and Noelene Law
9 th	Chris Bagley and Bruce Fraser
10 th	Geoff Yeo and HelenTurner

Congratulations

Summer Festival of Bridge Canberra 2014



Winning the Mixed Teams Pele Rankin, Paul Hooykaas, **Nigel Dutton** and **Marie France Merven**.

Nigel and Marie France also won the TBIB Open Swiss Pairs Best Mixed Pair

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2014

	Feb	Sat 1 st – Sun 2 nd	Mandurah Bridge Club Summer Congress - see flyer
		Mon 3 rd	BAWA Summer Swiss Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 9 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Birthday Congress-see flyer
		Sat 15 th – Sun 16 th	Rockingham Bridge Club Congress
		Thu 27 th	Interstate Open Selection Final 1 st of 6
	Mar	Sat 1 st – Mon 3 rd	Albany Congress- see flyer
		Thu 6 th	BAWA Mad March Open Pairs 1 st of 3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30 pm
		Sat 8 th – Sun 9 th	Melville Congress -see flyer
		Mon 10 th	BAWA Welcome Pairs (<300MP at 1/1/14) Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 15 th – Sun 16 th	Kalamunda Congress-see flyer
		Mon 17 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler Pairs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 22 nd – Sun 23 rd	WA Country Championships – see flyer
		Mon 24 th	Mad Hatter Pairs 1 st of 2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 29 th	BAWA AGM 10.00 Nedlands Bridge Club
	Apr	Thu 3 rd	BAWA Autumn Pairs – 1 st of 2 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 5 th – Sun 6 th	Interstate Senior Selection Trials + Apr 12 -13 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Sun 19 th	WABC Novice Congress - see flyer
		Fri 18 th – Mon 21 st	South Perth Bridge Club Congress -see flyer
		Fri 25 th – Sun 27 th	Bunbury Bridge Club Congress - see flyer
		Mon 28 th	BAWA Mixed Teams 1 st of 4 Venue Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	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.	

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Visit the BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au

Go to **Contacts** then **BAWA Email List** and email your details to Nigel Dutton

Don't forget to advise Nigel of your change of email address.

FORUM-ONLINE

If you have an interesting comment or observation to make Forum is the place to have your say.

You will find Forum on the Focus Online under Regular Features.

(All Forum discussions are deleted each month as and when the new Focus is uploaded)

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed.



Melville Bridge Club CONGRESS

SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS
 Saturday 8th March 2014
 Start at 10.00AM
 Entry Fee \$30.00 P.P.
 (Lunch Provided)

TEAM EVENT CONGRESS
 Sunday 9th March 2014
 Start at 10.00AM
 Entry Fee \$30.00 P.P.
 (Lunch Provided)

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 PO Box 343 Appleston WA 6012
 Phone: 9364 8818
 Email: info@melvillebridgeclub.com.au
www.melvillebridgeclub.com.au

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NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB

NEDLANDS BIRTHDAY CONGRESS
 Sunday, February 9th, 2014 at 10am

GENEROUS PRIZE MONEY

Sunday: 10.00 am and 2 pm.
 Open to ALL players
 Red Master Points
 Directed: Peter Holloway
 Convenor: Robin Burton
 \$30 Lunch supplied.

Cnr Melvista and Bruce Street.
 Entries on BAWA Website or email
 Ph 93868166
 or phone Director on 0411870931
 Email: officenbc@westnet.com.au



WESTERN SENIORS PAIRS 17th & 18th May 2014

10 am start each day

For ABF Seniors Events players must be born before 1 January 1956

This is a Gold Point and PQP Selection Event

Venue:

**West Australian Bridge Club
 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne**

Entries:

Via the BAWA Website:

www.bawa.asn.au

Entry Fee: \$80 Per Player

(Collected at the table or Payable on Line:

BAWA BSB 016464 Acc No 255674541

Description: Your name + WSP)

Tournament Unit:

Bill Kemp & Dave Parham

Tournament Organiser:

Kitty George

kitty.george@bigpond.com

0408097881

*Cocktail Party and Presentations on Sunday
 at 5pm after play*