



2014 BAWA Awards Night

BAWA President and Master of Ceremonies
Nigel Dutton,
BAWA/ABF Convener **Hilary Yovich,**
Jonathan Free and Marie – France Merven



Robina McConnell - BAWA Executive Officer
and Awards Convener



Winner of the Most Masterpoints in 2013 **Viv Wood,**
BAWA Vice President, BAWA/ABF Convener,
ABF Delegate and State Recorder **Allison Stralow**
with Youth Bridge player **Cesca McGrath**



Marnie Leybourne, Trevor Fuller, Sharon Evans,
Trophy donor **Dr Tuck Meng Chin,**
Val Biltoft, Leonie Fuller and Don Allen



2014 BAWA Awards Night cont.



*Carla Sullivan, Deana Wilson, Jane Henderson,
Kate Pinniger and Sue Gammon*



*Patricia Hunter, Penny Styles, Robina McConnell
and Betty Huntley*



*Don Sutton Mattocks, South Perth Bridge Club
President Bob Mitchell and BAWA Promotions Officer
Sandy Sutton Mattocks*



*James Steer, BAWA Treasurer Stella Steer,
Ann Hopfmueller and Undercroft Bridge Club
President David Cowell*



*Gerry Daly and Bridge Teacher and Lecturer
Fiske Warren*



Doreen Jones, Jan Blight and Val Billoft



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

I hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy festive season and, on behalf of BAWA, I wish you all a happy new bridge year. This year sees a significant change in BAWA's operation with the large majority of state events taking place on Thursday evenings. Attendance at Monday evening events has been problematic for some years now and we hope the consolidation of events to Thursdays will see table numbers improve. We have also increased the number of daytime and restricted events hopefully giving all players an opportunity to play in quality red point events. Total tables for the year 2014 were very pleasing along with the rising number of new faces playing at state and congress level and enjoying significant success.

If you are keen to improve your game and boost your master point ranking you need to play in strong fields as did 52 pairs in the recent, very successful, South Perth Swiss Pairs. It was good to a number of new names finishing in the top 10. Well done to David Burn and Lynne Milne who were seeded 39th and finished 4th. Notable also was the top 10 finish of Stephen Thyer, a new player from Kalamunda with less than 100 master points.

This brings me, of course, to the **Australian National Championships** which will be held at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle from 11 - 23 July 2015. This will be the best 2 weeks of bridge you will get this year. Nota Bene: the National Teams Championship events are less than 50% of

the total congress – the rest is for you. Everybody is welcome and we hope you will support the event as magnificently as you did in 2007. I will, as the year progresses, be recommending what events you should be entering but, without doubt, the **ANC TBIB Butler Pairs Stage 1** (Open, Women, Restricted) is a must for everybody. Full details of all congress events can be found on the BAWA web site.

Naturally, a good warm up for the ANC are the team selection events starting VERY SOON – why not have a go – you never know you might make the team. Which would be great news as BAWA pays the airfare for our ANC teams - details on the web site www.bawa.asn.au

ANC Postscript: Wonderful to see our ANC convenor, Sheenagh Young, well on the road to recovery following a recent health scare.

For a long as I can remember clubs and bridge organisations generally are always short of directors. We all love playing the game but if you have a notion to direct give Bill Kemp a ring and when he has, what looks like, a good number we will persuade him to run another one of his successful courses.



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ANC 2015 PERTH

Saturday 11th July to Thursday 23rd July



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ANC 2015

The ANC Committee needs volunteers for a myriad of tasks.

Please donate a couple of hours during this two week event.

Contact Tournament Unit Manager:
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Coming up Events

♦ **ANC Restricted Butler Pairs Selection**

Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th of March
Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club

♦ **Interstate Women's Selection Butler Pairs**

4 weeks event, starts Thursday 12th of March

♦ **Summer Swiss Pairs**

3 weeks event, starts Thursday 12th of March



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The Christmas Pairs competition was held at Fremantle on 7 December.



The winners were **Se-Moi Loh** and **Laurel Lander**. 2nd were Judy Toey and David Isaacs, and 3rd were Marion Jefferson and Tom Wheatley.

The following week the Christmas Party was held at the finish of bridge for the afternoon. A great feast was laid on by Rosalie Raine and her very hard working helpers. Some of the scene is shown below.



On 13 January the first red point event of the year was held and was won by **Maureen Bellett** and **Janice Winsor** 2nd were Andrea McCallum and Mike Graff, with Moira and John Penman 3rd.



Maureen Bellett and Janice Winsor

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

The Mary Wheatley Memorial Trophy is our Club's premier trophy and honours the memory of one of our Foundation Members and, until her untimely death, the Treasurer of the Club. Mary

and her husband, Tom, made their home available for many years for the teaching of bridge and many of our current members were introduced to the game by them.



The Trophy is competed for each December and the winners and current holders are **Jan Burgess** and **Helen van der Waal**

Our Christmas Party was again a very entertaining and enjoyable event, ably and creatively co-ordinated and overseen by Mona Stockwell our social maestro (can't find the feminine version of that word!). Bridge takes second place to a delicious meal and nice wines at a beautifully decorated table, followed by a hilarious, Swedish take on present giving. After all that frivolity, the subsequent bridge is very much a hit and miss affair!



South Perth Bridge Club

From Cassie Morin



52 Pairs competed in the January Swiss Pairs. The winners were **Annabel Booth** and **Lauren Shiels** with substitutes **Jill Del Piccolo** and **Kate Smith**.

2nd Sharon Evans and Marnie Leybourne,
3rd Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

Our lovely Club room was decorated festively for our Trophy and Prize giving day in December.



Yvonne Dymond, a stalwart of the Club, took out both the Monday and Saturday aggregate prizes - a truly magnificent achievement.



It was the day of the Yvonne's, as **Yvonne Marsh** won the Thursday aggregate prize.



The most improved player was our President, **Bryan Baldock**, and the most improved Thursday player was Gay Criddle.

The Club has had a successful year, sharing first place in the Pennants with Busselton. Twenty players represented the Club, so it was a real team effort. Congratulations to Busselton, and many thanks to Ian Bailey for taking on the Convening job and keeping this great competition alive.

Planning is well underway for our Congress, to be held on the weekend 12-14th of June. It will make a good warm-up for the ANC in July.

The Committee has introduced new social events to the calendar, with one planned for each month. The next one is on Australia Day, with an extended afternoon tea, featuring Ozzie food, so that will be interesting.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

All clubs, whether they be bridge, sporting or service organisations, run smoothly due to the work done by the volunteers. These people go the extra mile, but how do you acknowledge the work done but every person, as there are always the quiet ones, those who do the menial jobs that everyone takes for granted.

Bunbury Bridge Club has a Social gathering after the first Monday of the Month's session. This not only gives its members a chance to relax, enjoy

the repast and to socialise with their peers, it allows the President to acknowledge the efforts of the backroom workers.



November's recipient was **Andy Males**. This gentleman is one of the people who keep the club rooms maintained. If it's broken, see Andy. He will do whatever is needed to get the problem fixed. Thank you, Andy.

There's no "I" in Team. So after enjoying playing bridge in your comfortable club rooms, give some thought to what you can do to help out. Empty a rubbish bin, tidy the bridge table; take home the used tea towels and launder them. Help collect the boards for the Director. All small tasks but they alleviate the extra burden on the committee. Join the unsung hero brigade, after all, it's your club and as such, it needs us as much as we need the club.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

It's hard to realise we are already half way through the first month of the New Year. Our kitchen bench and cupboard doors have had a 'face lift', completed by the suppliers in one day with a minimum of fuss.

CLASSES FOR 2015

Beginners/ Continuing Students/ Learning Different Systems/ Conventions

Casual and Regular Attendance Welcome.

Saturday Morning Classes - 9.30 am - 12.00 noon.
Teacher - June Scott.

Classes commence on 21 February 2015.

Wednesday Evening Classes – 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Teacher - Raewyn Lewer

Monday Morning Classes - 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Teacher - Raewyn Lewer

TOP 50 MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS FOR 2014

NAME	RANK	TOTAL MP'S 2014	2014 MP'S IMPROVEMENT	2014
Elena Olson	**Local	38.93	21.10	1,519
Joy Turner	State	111.90	30.50	1,439
Terry Turner	State	111.99	30.50	1,439
David Clark	Regional	70.77	21.89	1,282
Patricia Hoson	Local	19.27	11.99	1,005
Rita Hood	*Regional	110.63	20.94	994
Carol Emmerson	State	172.51	23.84	875
Nunzio Castiglione	**Local	46.82	12.76	869
Jean Minns	Regional	75.83	14.76	839
Elizabeth Sayers	State	112.78	17.47	821

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2015 CLUB CALENDAR

- APRIL - Friday 3 Good Friday, no session
- Monday 13 Aries Pairs*
- Wednesday 29 - 777 Teams' event*



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. Members gave generously and, this year, a total of \$1000.00 was collected and was donated to Uniting Care West.

Our **Individual Championship** was a very closely contested competition!

The results were:

1 st	Betty Anderson	564 points
2 nd	June Mulholland	563 points
3 rd	MaxHavercroft	562 points
4 th	Corinne Monteath	561 points



Betty Anderson

Christmas Party and Awards Presentation

There was, as usual, a good turn out for our Christmas Party on the afternoon of Saturday December 6. After an afternoon of bridge, winners of this year's Club Competitions were presented with their trophies by Town of Cambridge Mayor, **Simon Withers**. Following this we enjoyed good company and festive food and drinks!

The **Wilma Piller/Jim O'Brien Trophy** for the player who earned the most Green Master Points during the year was awarded to Marlene Medhat.

Some of our winners are pictured below receiving their awards from Cambridge Mayor Simon Withers.



Marlene Medhat and Don Whooley



Max and Judy Havercroft



Peter Garcia Webb and Peach Partis



Chotoo Baghat, Shirley Bloch, Shirley Drage and Baboo Baghat



Hilary and Terry Heptinstall



Max Rowan- Robinson

BRIDGE CLASSES FOR 2015

Our classes commence the week of **January 19.**

Beginners lessons

Mondays 10-12 noon

Coordinator Patsy Davey - 9309 7181

Supervised classes

Mondays 10-12 noon

Teacher Harold McKnight - 9447 4610

Wednesdays 10-12 noon

Teacher Maureen Phillips - 9245 2138

You may come to all the above sessions without a partner.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown



Waving the Mambo Australia Day Shirt
John Beddow and Alan Harrop

Saturday February 14th Valentine's Day will be an Open Red Point day – normal table money, no need to book.

FISKE WARREN LECTURE:

Wednesday 25th February 10am to 12 noon.

DECLARER PLAY: COMBINING CHANCES Or Try to have a Plan B if that finesse fails!

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Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

As 2015 kicks off, what can be expected of the coming year at Melville Bridge Club? We hope to see a continued growth in numbers through our – already very successful – beginners' lessons and advertising; provide our members with a great club to play at while improving their bridge skills and, of course, we encourage all our members to enjoy the tremendous social side our club has to offer.



Left to right:

Hilda Remedios, Merwyn Menezes, Helen Cunningham, Phil Cunningham, President Dorothy Stevenson, Wes Rudnicki. Director Dave Parham, Leon Randolph, Tony Stevens, and Noel Daniel.

Our first competition for the year was **our Swiss Pairs Championship**. Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	Noel Daniel and Wes Rudnicki
2 nd	Leon Randolph and Tony Stevens
3 rd	Merwyn Menezes and Hilda Remedios

Best restricted pair: **Phil Cunningham and Helen Cunningham**

May you all have a bright and prosperous New Year, filled with the enjoyment of playing bridge.

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

2015 Committee has been elected and office bearers are:

President	Sue Lia
Vice President	Mary Williams
Secretary	Barry Aslett
Treasurer	Gwyneria Brahma
Committee	Val Norman Fae Hughes Lorna Sharp Chris Shotter Ronnie Rogers

Gwyneria Brahma, Jessica Chew. Rez Karin and Hasam Hazra represented WA in the GNOT in Tweeds Heads late last year. Unfortunately, not in the winners circle but very worthy ambassadors for the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club and WA.

Health Wealth and Happiness to all Bridge players for 2015, here's hoping you get great cards and be kind to your partner.



West Australian Bridge Club

From Deborah Greenway

The Christmas Congress was as always a popular event and attendance was excellent on all three days. The results can be viewed in this publication.



What a lot of fun the Christmas Party was with over 250 members there to enjoy it.

The food was delicious and plentiful and washed down with a glass or two.



Deana Wilson, Jane Henderson, Eddy Mandavy, Karen Wallwork, Helen Cook.



Debbie Chappell, President Kitty George and Sally Savini.



Linda Coli and Rose Moore.

There were plenty of gifts given out to volunteers and prizes for event winners but a special mention should be made of Jonathan Free and Tim Munro.

Jonathan Free was awarded WABC Player of The Year as he accrued the most Masterpoints from Dec 1 2013 to Nov 30 2014.

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown

bedfords@bigpond.net.au

Tim Munro was awarded the Most Improved WABC Player 2014.

Congratulations to all winners.



WABC was pleased to host **Paul Marsden** over the weekend of Jan 10 – 11th.



I think WA now holds the record for the largest attendance at a teaching event in Australia. Over **200** bridge players attended at each of the 3 sessions and we were all excited by the promise of an improvement in our game results. Now that we fully understand The Law of Total Tricks we will approach the game with discipline! So hard to do though isn't it?



2014 WABC XMAS CONGRESS

From Kitty George

The last Congress for the year was held over the weekend 5-7th December and as usual it was a well-supported and enjoyable event.

Prize Winners:

FRIDAY PAIRS NS

1st	Julia Corr and Armanda Torre
2nd	Alison Orr and Bruce Fraser
3rd	Kate Smith and Jill Del Piccolo
4th	Linda Bedford-Brown and Robin Patterson

FRIDAY PAIRS EW

1st	Wendy Driscoll and Eddy Mandavy
2nd	Ken Smith and Judy Havas
3rd	Rose Moor and Linda Coli
4th	David Matthews and Cynthia Belonogoff

FRIDAY PAIRS

Best Unplaced WABC Pair	Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes
Best Under State Master	Douglas Grace and Jock Morrison

SATURDAY PAIRS NS

1st	Erica Auguston and Edith Moens
2nd	Fusako Hashimot and Betty Watson
3rd	Julie Short and Jonathan Free
4th	Dave Munro and Dadie Greenfeld

SATURDAY PAIRS EW

1st	David Matthews and Cynthia Belonogoff
2nd	Sally Savin and Debbie Chappell
3rd	Tony Stevens and Elizabeth McNeill
4th	Lyn Milne and Chris Bagley

SATURDAY PAIRS

Best Unplaced WABC Pair	Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes
Best Under State Master	Andrea McCallum and Karen Moller



Elizabeth McNeill, Congress Convener Hilary Yovich and Tony Stevens



Lynne Milne and Chris Bagley



Betty Watson and, Fusako Hashimoto



Hilary Yovich and Jonathan Free

SUNDAY TEAMS



1ST: Lauren Shiels, Marnie Leybourne, Annabel Booth and Noelene Law



2nd: Mark Dolling, Gill Dolling, Terri Garbutt and Vivian Zotti



3rd: Cynthia Belonogoff, Doreen Jones, and Dave Munro (David Schokman)

4th: Shizue Futaesaku, Wendy Driscoll, Dadie Greenfeld and Deb Frankel

5th: Fiske Warren, Maura Rhodes, Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



So you think you're a fast player?

Try this quick quiz...

By Matt McManus

The major complaint that directors have to deal with is slow play (although air-conditioning does come in a close second). Whether it's because there's no time to play all the boards, whether it's players waiting for a table to finish so they can move there or because most of the players are hanging around for tables to finish play so the director can make the draw for the next round, slow play is the main cause of discontent for most players. So, if you are brave enough to take it, here is a quiz to see if you are one of those players who cause dissatisfaction...are you ready to start?

Q 1. Are you ready to start?

One of the very obvious things that I observe is that players who are notorious for their slow play are also typically those who, when the round or match is starting, are making a cup of tea, chatting with friends, arguing with their partner or team mates – anything but being ready to commence play. If you do have a reputation as a slow player, how about trying the effect of sitting at the table before the director hands out the boards, all set to start play immediately? Those extra couple of minutes will make a difference.

Q 2. Are you carrying too much weight?

No, I am not being personal, but like a racehorse which is handicapped to slow it down by having to carry additional weight, a lot of slow players add to the delay by what they have to transport when they get up to move to the next table. A coat or jumper, a bag, a book or magazine, a score book, a pen, a glass of water or cup of tea, and various other paraphernalia. Why not try the effect of travelling light? Put as much as you can away in a corner before the start of the session.

Q 3. Are you guilty of “scoring on the green”?

Golfers will know that one of the big no-no's is scoring on the green. That is, filling in your

scorecard immediately after putting out, rather than moving off the green so that the group following can hit up. Bridge has its own version of this. It can be the players who are running late filling in personal scorecards before moving on. But there are other instances. Looking at the travelling score sheet to see what others have done, or inspecting the Bridgemate to see your percentage on the board is a privilege, not a right. If you are running late and other players are waiting to come to the table, you have lost that entitlement. The director, if he is on the ball and able to do so, should take responsibility for entering the score on the traveller/Bridgemate, so that EW can move on and NS can start play in the next round. (Of course, playing directors are unlikely to be in a position to do this – one of the reasons why it is even more difficult for playing directors to keep a track on slow play.) Similarly, spending too much time poring over the results at the end of a hand, and engaging in lengthy post mortems with partner, is a significant cause of slow play.

Furthermore, there can be similar problems during the play of the hand. Some easy directions: if you are on opening lead, NEVER fill in your personal scoresheet until after you have made the lead. If you are dummy, ALWAYS put your cards down on the table immediately after the opening lead is faced. If play is being delayed by having to enter the data in the Bridgemate, try this procedure: after dummy's hand goes down, give the Bridgemate to dummy, who can then enter the board number, the contract, the declarer and (if recorded) the opening lead, before handing the unit back to North or South. At the end of the hand, it is then a simple matter of entering the number of tricks and having the score confirmed by the opponents. Finally, at the end of the hand, after the number of tricks is agreed, the very first thing you should do is to put the cards back into the board. If the director does need to move the board on, it will greatly speed things up.

Q 4. Do you feel bad/remorseful when the director says “take an average”?

If I had a dollar for every time I've been told, “it wasn't our fault”, I wouldn't be directing, I'd be living in the lap of luxury on the Riviera!

There are two possibilities: one – it really wasn't your fault. In that case, it will be a very rare occurrence for the director to say, “take an average”. As it is so uncommon, it will hardly make a difference to you, and you will understand that what the director is doing is for the benefit of the game, keeping it moving and making things better for everyone. However, if it is happening to you a lot, you need to ask the question, “why?”

The standard amount of time allowed per board is about 7 minutes. That means, each player has about 2 minutes per hand to consider their bids and plays. (The reason it doesn't quite add up is that dummy doesn't need any thinking time during the play period.) Of course, occasionally there will be particularly difficult problems when you may need to take extra time. That is not an issue. However, if you are consistently taking more than your fair share, that is a big problem. Apart from being discourteous to the opponents – and any one who has to wait for you to finish – it is a significant breach of the proprieties of the game. In tournament chess, a player who exceeds the time limit automatically loses the match. The penalties usually imposed in bridge (on the rare occasions that they are implemented) are usually of far less significance – often just getting average minus on a board.

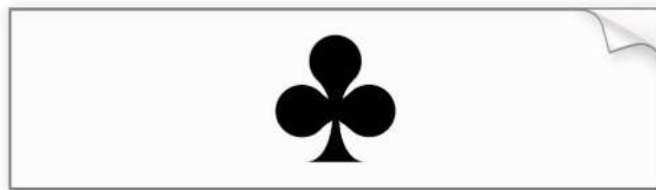
Experienced directors know who the slow players are. Apart from having to consistently hurry them up, directors regularly receive complaints about having to play against “so and so, who is so slow”. When the same names keep coming up, the pattern and the truth is pretty well established. When these players react with comments like “we weren't slow” or “it wasn't me”, either they are being disingenuous, or are unacceptably unaware of their behaviour. In either case, clearly something needs to change for the good of the game and the enjoyment of all.

Q 5. Are we done yet?

The fact that all the boards have been played is not a good indication that play has been timely.

The biggest grumbles that the opponents of slow players have involve being pressured to rush through the last couple of boards because of the amount of time that has been used up earlier. A far better test of whether you are slow is to monitor where you are midway through the round. When the director says, “we have reached the half way point, you should have finished ___ boards”, have you completed at least half your boards? If the answer to this is “no” more than 25% of the time, you cannot keep blaming your opponents – you are a slow player.

How did you go? I expect you passed. But maybe you may know of someone else for whom this article might be useful? Your partner perhaps? Remember that saying, “it's not me, it's my partner” is not really an excuse. Bridge is a partnership game. If your partner is to blame for making the game less pleasant for others, then at some point you have to take responsibility as well.



0.3 billion

From David Dale

In the fourth and final round of the Bridge Association of Western Australia's Daytime Swiss Teams Event in 2014 these two remarkable hands occurred on successive boards:

South had 5 Hearts (AKJ95) and 8 Clubs (AKJ109753) on Board 19

South had 5 Hearts (K8632) and 8 Clubs (AKJ107632) on Board 20

Peter Clarke, my friend and occasional bridge partner, has advised me that the odds of 5 Hearts and 8 Clubs being dealt to the same player on successive hands are 2.86 billions (10 to the power of nine) to one. In contrast, my 'guesstimate' of the total number of hands played in all Australian duplicate bridge clubs since their foundation is about 0.3 billion

An extremely rare dealing sequence indeed.



TEAMS of FOUR 2014

From John Beddow – Convener

The Teams of Four Competition was again run in 2014.

Although I extensively canvassed all clubs in the metro area no new clubs joined the competition, and regrettably Maylands didn't compete this year. I was particularly delighted to see Swan Districts remain for another year. Overall, the number of teams fell by 7.

CLUB	OPEN 2014	OPEN 2013	INT 2014	INT 2013	REST 2014	REST 2013
KALAMUNDA	0	1	1	0	1	2
MACCABI	1	1	1	1	0	0
MAYLANDS	0	0	0	1	0	0
MELVILLE	1	2	1	2	1	0
NEDLANDS	1	1	1	1	0	1
SOUTH PERTH	2	2	2	2	2	2
SWAN DISTS	0	0	0	0	1	1
UNDERCROFT	1	1	1	2	1	1
WABC	1	2	3	3	3	4
WEST COAST	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	7	10	11	13	9	11

198.73 MPs were awarded.

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

All Divisions:

2000	2001*	2002	2003	2004
11 teams	15 teams	18 teams	17 teams	17 teams
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009#
18 teams	26 teams	23 teams	24 teams	28 teams
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
31 teams	31 teams	30 teams	34 teams	27 teams

* Restricted Division added.

Intermediate Division added.

A total of 197 players*, including 69 new players, won MPs in 2014.

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

The winning clubs for 2014 were:

Open:

1 st	Melville
2 nd	Nedlands
3 rd	South Perth

Int:

1 st	South Perth A
2 nd	South Perth B
3 rd	Melville
4 th	West Coast

Rest:

1 st	Kalamunda
2 nd	South Perth A
3 rd	South Perth B
4 th	WABC Sandgropers

Players winning the most Master Points in the 2014 competition were:

1 st	Gordon Dunlop	5.04	South Perth BC
2 nd	Mark O'Connor	4.20	South Perth BC
3 rd	Bob Mitchell	3.57	South Perth BC
4 th	Gordon Brown	3.36	Kalamunda BC
5 th	Cherry Zamudio	2.94	Kalamunda BC





WESTERN SENIORS PAIRS

16th & 17th May 2015

10 am start each day

For ABF Seniors Events players must be born before 1 January 1957

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

Summer Festival of Bridge Canberra

Tim Munro and Michael Gearing went into the Star Studded Event (202 pairs) **TBIB National Open Swiss Pairs Championship** seeded #201. At the end of round 8 they were coming 2nd!

They finished 11th. (Beating the third and fourth seeds)

24 th	Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes
79 th	Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside
98 th	Glenda Barter and Bernadette Campbell

National Women's Teams Championship (24 Teams)

3 rd	Cynthia Belonogoff and Viv Wood (Helene Pitt and Ruth Tobin)
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National Seniors' Teams Championship (53 Teams)

3 rd	Jonathan Free and Ron Cooper (David Beauchamp, Russell Harms, George Smolanko and Jeff Travis)
34 th	Richard Grenside, Sue Grenside, Caroline Gardiner and Di Munro

National Life Masters Teams Championship (28 Teams)

20 th	Pamela Smith, Judith Selleck, Kristin Hughes and John Hughes
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National Non-Life Masters Teams Championship



2 nd	(Brian Glover) Deana Wilson, Sue Gammon (Eric Baker)
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National 149ers Teams Championship (10 Teams)

2 nd	Gywneira Brahma, Jessica Chew (Leone Carberry and Yvette Cox)
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Penline One Day Swiss Pairs (34 Pairs)

16 th	Glenda Barter and Bernadette Campbell
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Chris Diment Pairs (32 Pairs)

17 th	Helen Hellsten and Peter Holloway
22 nd	Glenda Barter and Bernadette Campbell

Penline National 500 Swiss Pairs (82 Pairs)

24 th	Sue Gammon and Deana Wilson
34 th	Joanna Tennyson and Jennifer Bandy
39 th	Jessica Chew and Gwyneria Brahma

National Seniors Teams Final

1 st	Henry Christie (Terry Brown- Avinash Kanetkar- Peter Buchen-Bill Haughie and Ron Klinger)
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South-West Pacific Teams Championship (134 Teams)

12 th	Jonathan Free, Renee Cooper, Rose Moore, Ron Cooper (Ishmael Del'Monte-Joe Barda)
78 th	Linda Wild, Helene Kolozs, Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes

Australian Youth Championships

The 47th Australian Youth Bridge Championships took place at Bruce Hall at the Australian National University last week a playoff for the third berth for the 2015 Australian Under-25 team together with a youth test match between Australia and New Zealand for the Stern-Cornell Trophy concluding at QT Canberra on Saturday.

The major title winners were:

Youth Pairs	Shane Harrison and Max Henbest	
Youth Teams	Nabil Edgetton, Daniel Braun, Jamie Thompson and Stephen Williams.	
Youth Butler	1 st	Jamie Thompson and Stephen Williams
	2 nd	Shane Harrison and Max Henbest
	3 rd	Renee Cooper and Ella Pattison
Youth Test	Australia (Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams, Shane Harrison and Max Henbest) 155 New Zealand (Andi Boughey, Glenn Coutts, Sam Coutts and Orla Harris) 100.	



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Capel Life

Capel Country Life

By Di Brooks

We've been in Australia just over forty years now. In that time we've actually seen the New Year in twice. I can now report that we or to be exact me have seen in the first of January three times. The 31st of December had been an ordinary day, pottering in the vegie patch, lounging in the spa, reclining in my chair and generally having a lazy day. Alan retired early and I curled up in my blanket and tried to follow a boring television program. I made the mistake of shutting my eyes for five minutes and woke up at 11.55pm. So the dogs and I had a wander out the back garden, waiting for partygoers to explode into celebration mode, maybe even a few illicit fireworks, but in usual Capel form, there was total peace-just me, the two staffies and the starlit sky. How lovely.

Did I enjoy seeing the New Year in? I sure did. Just the sight of the Heavens, in all its glory. Nature was showing off her own splendour.

Christmas Day was a different story. Some of our friends had decided to have a Progressive Noel. All venues within walking distance so we tootled off for bacon, eggs and pancakes at 9am. We might have tootled off down the road, in the earlier part of the day, but by 8pm, we definitely rolled home. Santa had left one little present for each person. Boxing Day, our grandson arrived with his family. They had driven for 7 hours, from Geraldton, to spend some of the Christmas holidays with us. It certainly finished off our festive celebrations very nicely. In fact, one of the nicest Christmas' we have had for quite a few years. So in closing my little article, I wish you all a **Happy, Healthy 2015**.

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Bunbury Bridge Club

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Punish the Wrongdoers

By Ron Klinger

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PROBLEM

Teams | South dealer | EW vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1NT (1)
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

(1) 15-18

West to lead from:

W	♠	54
	♥	754
	♦	7654
	♣	A1043

When the bidding goes 1NT : 3NT you can expect any self-respecting responder not to hold a 4-card major. Dummy figures to turn up either with one long minor or both minors. When you have no obviously good lead of your own, you should then shy away from a minor suit lead and choose one of the majors.

Which one? The guide-lines are longer, not shorter, stronger, not weaker. In this case that points you to a heart lead.

Awards: Heart: 100; spade: 70; club: 40; diamond: 20.

Principle: After 1NT : 3NT it is usually not attractive to lead a minor suit unless it is very strong.

This was the full deal:

Brd	♠	QT8		♠	J72
Dlr S	♥	Q		♥	AJT982
Vul EW	♦	A832		♦	KT
	♣	K9652		♣	J7
	♠	54		♠	J72
	♥	754		♥	AJT982
	♦	7654		♦	KT
	♣	AT43		♣	J7
				♠	AK963
				♥	K63
				♦	QJ9
				♣	Q8

11	
4	10
15	

The bidding was as given and the H5 was led. East cleared the hearts and declarer tried the diamond finesse at once. Down three. When they bid badly, you must exploit it. At the other table 4S was reached and made easily. On any but a heart lead, 3NT would have made and North would not have had to pay for that jump to 3NT.

I am sympathetic to South's decision to open 1NT with a 5-card major but not at all for North's action. There are players who do bid that way because they have no methods to describe the problem with a hand like North's. If you happen to be one of those players, there is good news. You can find out how to handle that North hand in '5-Card Major Stayman' or in 'A Good Game of Modern Bridge'.

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Roving Rhodes

Direct Approach at Canberra

By Maura Rhodes

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Rick and I had an enjoyable week in Canberra with our friends and team-mates, Linda Wild and Helene Kolozs. Being able to stay at the venue, the newly refurbished Rydges, now known as the QT hotel, is a huge plus for us, so we can just take the lift up to our rooms between rounds and relax. We also look forward to going out every evening to the many lovely restaurants nearby, an essential part of the Canberra experience!

We love the opportunity of playing against the top players in Australia and although they usually beat us, we always learn from them. I have never heard an expert player being rude at the table, which is how it should be. Would that were so in every game, everywhere!

Our Bridge education is also enhanced by the opportunity to attend the excellent lessons given voluntarily by some of the experts. In return for a \$2 donation to Neuroscience, we heard some excellent lectures on advanced topics, an opportunity which would never be available to us in Perth. Ron Klinger's talk included transfer responses to 1C, a very up-and-coming system played by many of the top players. He also discussed transfer responses after 1NT is interfered with.

Sartaj Hans gave advice about how to play against top teams and Matt Mullamphy's excellent slam bidding lesson included multi-cue bidding, as well as using Kickback in preference to Roman Keycard Blackwood when Hearts are trumps. David Beauchamp spoke about signals versus common sense and his lesson was certainly extremely sensible and helpful. Partner's signal is only a guide, not a command. If you know the correct shift when defending, make it- provided you can win the Post-Mortem!

In a few rounds, slam bidding was our downfall, both sides bidding slams, which didn't make. I bid myself to a silly 7H contract, which failed when trumps broke 4-1 with four to the Jack being offside.

We did have a couple of successes though.

Brd 13 ♠ AKQ74
 Dlr N ♥ -
 Vul Both ♦ AT92
 ♣ AT52

♠ T3	N	♠ 52
♥ KQJ852	W	♥ T976
♦ Q754	E	♦ J83
♣ Q	S	♣ J743

♠ J986
 ♥ A43
 ♦ K6
 ♣ K986

17	
10	2
11	

How would you and your partner bid these hands? Our team-mates did well in a very simple, successful auction. Helene, sitting North, opened 1S. Linda raised to 3S showing at least 4 trumps and an invitational hand. That was enough for Helene who immediately bid 6S!

I had a similar auction in this hand:

Brd 5 ♠ T8765
 Dlr N ♥ 42
 Vul NS ♦ QJ96
 ♣ KQ

♠ -	N	♠ AK42
♥ KQJT9853	W	♥ 76
♦ 3	E	♦ AKT854
♣ AT85	S	♣ 6

♠ QJ93
 ♥ A
 ♦ 72
 ♣ J97432

8	
10	14
8	

I was West.

East	South	West	North
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	2C*	Pass
2D	Pass	6H	All Pass

(*) Fourth suit, forcing to game

I am not advocating this bidding, although it worked. My Guru, Ron Klinger, advises me that I may have missed 7H by my maverick bidding! I

should have jumped to 3H after Partner's 2D, setting the suit and then used Exclusion Keycard Blackwood.



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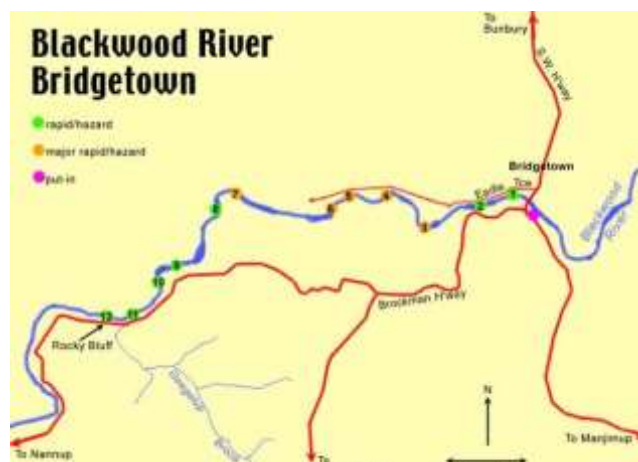
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5 th	Dennis Yovich and Robert Prince
6 th	Penny Styles and Suzanne Atwell
7 th	Chris Mulley and Rhys Cooper
8 th	Jan Blight and Florence Maltby
9 th	John Beddow and Egmont Melton
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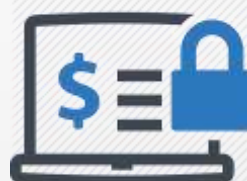


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