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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

I am very pleased to report that after many years the hope of BAWA having a permanent home is one step closer to reality. I remember some 25 year years ago Dennis Yovich, the then BAWA President, and I examining premises in Fitzgerald St North Perth and the old North Perth Bowling Club with the idea of permanent headquarters for BAWA. It soon became apparent that a venue used once or twice a week and a few weekends a year was not really a viable proposition. The only realistic option would be to incorporate the venue with a bridge club. This option was canvased a few times over the years particularly with the late Terry Glover. The idea re-emerged some 10 years ago with the redevelopment of WABC, I had a meeting with the then Presidents of Nedlands and WABC; I suggested that Nedlands could be demolished and we could collectively build a Bridge Centre which, if the clubs didn't wish to merge, would house all three bodies. It seemed like a great idea in principle but nothing came of it. A few years ago the possible re-development of both South Perth and Melville was floated by their respective councils. Ah – a final opportunity – BAWA called a special general meeting at which the Associates of BAWA, our member clubs, endorsed the concept of BAWA pursuing the idea of a permanent home with either of these bodies. Finally we were able to progress the concept with the City of Melville Bridge Club who had been negotiating with the Melville Council the idea of moving to great new premises at Tompkins Park. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the then Melville Committee. Unfortunately, after many, many months of discussion and negotiation the council, due to cost, were unable to progress the Tompkins Park re-development but did offer the Melville Bridge Club a great new venue at the Melville Recreation Centre – it was a great offer. Melville generously came to BAWA and asked if we were still interested in proceeding, As a consequence of this offer and with a wonderful spirit of co-operation and good-will Melville and BAWA have now signed a new MOU which sets out the concept of BAWA being permanently based at the centre along with the Melville Bridge

Club. It is a financial win for both organisations with Melville offering a rental agreement which will save BAWA thousands of dollars per year and assist Melville with their costs to the council. I would like to publicly acknowledge the work done by both Melville and BAWA officers; I am always reluctant to mention names in case I forget somebody however, in this instance special mention must go to Robina McConnell, our Executive Officer, Noel Daniel, Dorothy Stevenson, Salim Songerwala and the entire Melville Bridge Committee.



Marie-France and I have just returned from the Summer Festival in Canberra where we partnered our long-time friends Paul Hookyaas and Pele Rankin. It was a great event with international teams from Italy (Lavazza), the USA and Poland. If you feel like playing 60 boards a day for 8+ days and trying one of Canberra's many fine restaurants at night then think about it for 2018. ●





Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Esperance Bridge Club

From Jim Smith

Joan Kefford and daughter Helen Johnston celebrate a milestone.



Joan Kefford continues to prove that age is just a number, having recently celebrated her **100th** birthday with family and friends at the Esperance Bridge Club.

Joan was born near Sydney and spent her formative years in NSW.

Amongst her many interests was a passion for music and art. She would have loved to have become a botanical artist, but instead turned her attention to commerce, working in a warehouse near Sydney Harbour where she was responsible for setting and pricing articles in a catalogue for sale to country customers in rural NSW. Much like e-bay does today.

Joan kept her brain active by taking after-hours courses at the Tech. She studied music and many forms of art, including still life, oils and acrylic. She was obviously quite accomplished, entering several pieces in the Mattara Festival.

In 1981, at the age of 75 years, Joan packed up her home, put the Honda Civic and piano in the back of a removalists van and set off to Esperance to live near her daughter Helen. She threw herself into her new life away from the bustle of the city.

Not being content with the challenges of canasta, she started to attend Charlie Braid's bridge classes. It wasn't long before she teamed up with Joy Tidow and Eva Proctor at the regular sessions of duplicate bridge and also started attending congresses at Esperance and Kalgoorlie where she had some success and loads of fun.

Joan continues twice a week at the regular duplicate sessions. She thrives on the challenge and enjoys nothing more than making a tight contract against the stronger pairs or better still spotting a cunning defence to defeat them.

In her own words "At the bridge table we are all equal. I may be 100 years old but no-one gives me any allowance for that and I don't expect or want any"

Swan Districts Bridge Club

From David Kininmonth

The Swan Districts Bridge Club has acquired 12 Bridgemates with the help of a grant from the Lotteries Commission. These are proving very popular, with the results being available at the close of play. Previously, the results were done at one of the Committee's home (There was sometimes a one or two day delay, before being published on the Web site). The other option was to wait until the next session for the results.



John Ewing showing Pam Forsyth how to use a Bridgemate.

A handicap competition was held over three Thursday mornings during October. This group has more players with low master points than the Tuesday afternoon group, and includes three new

members who have just completed a training course. Players' handicaps were calculated from an average of their percentages over the previous six months.



Eunice Harris and Kathleen Peppal - winners of the Handicap Competition.

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

We started the new year of bridge on 2 January 2017 and have had a good turnout for every session. The lucky winners of this month's raffles were Elizabeth Martinengo and Doreen McPherson, also Gladys Tulloch and Joan Gates.

December was a busy month for us. Our Club Christmas lunch at the Hyatt on 7/12/16 was a resounding success. There was a big turnout and we all enjoyed the bus trip there and back as well as the meal and wine. There was a great feeling of Christmas fellowship by the end of the afternoon. Maybe the wine helped!



Two very significant birthdays were celebrated with cake for everyone. **Tom Lund** achieved **80**



Evelyn Banks 90.

Congratulations to you both.

The Red Point on 12 December was very well attended. Thanks to all those people who did the many jobs necessary to make the day successful. We couldn't manage without you. Thanks also to Lee Leach for directing.



The winners NS were Eddie Pozarowszczyk and Neale Consigliere



EW - Tim Cornwell and Carol Cornwell

Our comfortable, air conditioned venue is in the Seacrest Park, Seacrest Drive, Sorrento.

We play Monday and Thursday at 12.15 for a 12.30pm start.

You will find further details on our website ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The last competition of 2016 was the Christmas pairs which was won by Laurel Lander and Se Moi Loh:



Second in the Christmas Pairs were Marion Jefferson and Tom Wheatley:



The following week Fremantle BC had its Christmas Party. This year we had it catered and this was a big success.



Busselton Bridge Club

From Jane Moulden

December saw members contributing items to our Christmas Hamper which was donated to local charities. Thanks to Julie who has organized this for many years. We also celebrated Christmas at both our venues; in Dunsborough for lunch before bridge on a Monday and in Busselton after bridge on a Wednesday. These are traditionally a 'bring and share' festive plate with the club providing a celebratory tipple. It

was also an opportunity to thank particular members for their contributions to the club throughout the year. These include being on the Committee, directing, dealing boards, and teaching, running events, setting up Bridgemates and being the person who always beavers away in the background. Each person receives a bottle of wine (or2!) as a thank you. The only person who doesn't get a bottle of wine is Lloyd who has organized this for countless years. Thank you Lloyd. Our Christmas photos show we are a very happy club.



Shirley, Jill, Jenefer and Joan



Raelene, Denise and Marie



Stephen and Mavis



Rosey and John



Stuart and Norm



Sheila and Genevieve



A very enjoyable social afternoon was held at Robyn Howe's in January, followed by dinner. We

had two tables and played two rounds of 12 boards, swapping opponents half way through.

In the second round the most remarkable hand turned up

Brd	♠ K973			
Dlr E	♥ 64			
Vul	♦ KJ72			
	♣ A92			
		♠		
♠ Q654		N		♠
♥ 5		W		♥ KQJ10932
♦ Q			E	♦ A109653
♣ KQJ10874				♣
		S		
	♠ AJ10 82			
11	♥ A87			
10	♦ 84			
9	♣ 653			

At table 1 East opened 2♣ indicating a 4 loser hand or 21-22 or 25 and balanced. South pass, West naturally was very excited thinking 6♣s was likely and bid 3♣ indicating a 6 card suit and more than 7 points. North passed and East bid 4♥ and a very disappointed West realized she must pass.

Lead was 8D followed by Q, K, A. East led a diamond and trumped in dummy. KC led covered by A and trumped. KH led taken by the Ace. After which East only loses one trick to the JD.

At table 2 East opened 3♥ which was passed. The lead was not a diamond and East did not ruff a diamond, making 9 tricks, giving the home team 11imps. Even so it wasn't sufficient to give them victory in a very close match.

Busselton and Dunsborough bridge players enjoy a great mixture of serious, club and social play. Come and join us on Mondays in Dunsborough and Wednesdays in Busselton.

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Join the BAWA mailing list and receive BAWA State event details, updates, news, and results.

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.

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones



The winners of the Open Pairs Championship held in November were **Clyde England** and **Roman Gdowski**.

2nd Michael Turner and Jean McLarty with Doug Hardman and Vera Hardman 3rd

The winners of the Jackpot Finals held in December were:

Monday: Clyde England and Roman Gdowski

Tuesday: Liz Vince and Ian Jones

Wednesday: Clyde England and Kathy Power

Thursday: Merle Proudfoot and Neville Walker

Friday: Clyde England and Vera Hardman

Saturday: Robina McConnell and Michael Turner

MANDURAH VS ROCKINGHAM ANNUAL BRIDGE CLUB MATCH

Mandurah Bridge Club won the annual match for the fifth successive time, with 12 pairs from each Club taking part. Alan Wardroper and Kimberley Zhao were the winning pair, with 7 teams from Mandurah appearing in the top 10. The event was held at Rockingham and as usual, Rockingham members were very hospitable and put on a splendid lunch and tea for everyone.



Mandurah President Ann Shalders collects the trophy.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

One hundred and twenty members and partners enjoyed a feast at the annual Christmas Party and Prize giving, thanks to Rose Hunter and her merry band. Chicken, ham and salads, followed by Christmas pudding was on the menu as well as a beautiful cake donated by member Isobel Jones.



Geraldton Bridge Club

From Maureen Knight

We had a good 2016 for club and ABF competitions.



The club has had some new comers coming up through the ranks taking off not just local prizes but getting good places in the National Novice Pairs - Roz Barker and Lila Evans. Roz Barker also won the trophy for most improved club player. Monday pairs were won by Chris Knight and Maureen Knight.



Saturday Pairs - Wayne and Heather Cupitt.



Teams - Robert Scolaro -Yvonne Dymond - Julie Martin - Carabes Philomena Wendt.



Handicap pairs 2nd was Bryan Baldock and Jeanette Day.

E/W



1st Bruce Fraser and David Burn



2nd Verna Holman and Nerilyn Mack

3rd Richard Fox and Vinod Nasta

SATURDAY

N/S



1st May Schonwolf and Frank O'Connor

2nd Paul Brayshaw and Chris Mulley

3rd Denise Hall and Maggie Sacks

E/W



1st Annabel Booth and Lauren Shiels



**West Australian
Bridge Club**

From Margaret King

(ed note - With appreciation to Sheenagh Young)


A very happy New Year to all readers and may 2017 be a really big Bridge year for all. Our 2016 bridge year closed with our Christmas party and prize presentation.

A big Congratulations to all those winners. The New Year began at the club with a week of red point events. In February we have a special welcome day for new members where the club provides a wonderful afternoon tea and a bridge session where each new member gets to play with a member of the club.

Congress Results



FRIDAY

N/S




1 st	Judy Havas and Ken Smith
	
2 nd	Pauline Hammond and Jo Sklarz
3 rd	Ross Duberal and Terry Newton

EDITING OF MATERIAL

Contributors should note that the right to modify submitted material is retained by the Editors

	
2 nd	David Matthews and Gwen Wiles
	
3 rd	Viv Zotti and Terri Garbutt

SUNDAY TEAMS

	
1 st	Flaviu Radu , Di Quantrill, Joan Touyz and Audrey Stokes
	
2 nd	Marnie Leybourne, Trevor Fuller, Leone Fuller and Nick Cantatore
	
3 rd	Gerard Roussilhes, Phil Bapty, John Rigg and Philp Lagrange

SUNDAY PRESIDENTS PAIRS

	
1 st	Mike George and Helen George
	
2 nd	Anne Gidney and Beverly Crump



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

XMAS PARTY AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

2016 SESSIONAL MASTER POINT WINNERS

Monday	Charlie Lim - Lily Lim
Tuesday	Barbara Smith - Elizabeth Ross



Wednesday	Di Quantrill – Chris Ingham
Thursday	Thomas Wheatley – Ann Ohlsen
Friday	May Schonwolf – Robin Burton
Saturday	Linda Bedford- Brown – Heather Williams

2016 MASTER POINT WINNER

May Schonwolf

2016 JACKPOT WINNERS

Monday	Charlie Lim and Lily Lim
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Tuesday Elizabeth Ross and Thomas Wheatley



Wednesday Geoff Yeo and Vinod Nasta



Thursday Patricia Hunter and Ruth Katavitas



Friday May Schonwolf and Robin Burton



Saturday Linda Bedford-Brown and Heather Williams

THE GAY JONES TROPHY - Encouragement Award for Most Masterpoints in Supervised

Erica Allan

WEDNESDAY CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONS

Doreen Jones and Dave Munro

AUTUMN SWISS PAIRS WINNERS

Pauline Hammond and Jo Sklarz

MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONS

Dave Munro and Doreen Jones

RANJIT GAUBA SWISS PAIRS

Jonathan Free and Rose Moore

SATURDAY CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONS

Heather Williams and Linda Bedford-Brown

CLUB TEAMS

Cynthia Belonogoff, David Schokman, Doreen Jones and Cathy Hood

COMING UP

- The Grand National Open Teams Heat will be held February 7th and 14th 7.30pm
- The AGM Saturday March 25th at 12.30pm
- The Autumn Swiss Pairs April – 12th -19th - 26th 12.30pm

LESSONS

Fiske Warren will be giving the following single lessons:

- Wednesday 22nd Feb, 10.00 am to 12 noon
USING MULTI TWO BIDS TO BEST EFFECT and HOW TO DEFEND AGAINST THEM (Suitable for more experienced players)
- Tuesday 28th 9.30 am

A short half hour lesson before the Supervised Session starts - VERY SIMPLE TRANSFER BIDS

Each session costs \$15. No need to bring a partner. No need to book in advance.

Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Cherry Zamudio

MELBOURNE CUP

Another great day, fascinating hats, fascinators, and some unconventional, but absolutely great outfits.



Carole McMahon Hat Winner



Stephen from Mexico



Bridge Winners on the day

N/S

1 st	Peter Cameron and Susan Collison
2 nd	Carole Daxter and Brian Daxter
3 rd	Carole Sexton and Rory O'Toole

E/W

1 st	Jane Pike and Anita Davis
2 nd	Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown
3 rd	Julie Bechelli and Sandra Hoffman

MASTERS IN TEAMS OF THREE

Twenty two teams competed, and BAWA President Nigel Dutton said in his introduction, that had he known earlier and had had sufficient Masters to play, there may have been twenty four teams which is a wonderful turn out. Three players in the Restricted division were teamed with a Master and this team played other teams in the competition. The Master allocated was on a lottery type basis but without doubt each team felt that they were privileged with their allocation. There were several Kalamunda teams which was a great effort.



2nd Garth Scotford, Cherry Zamudio, Carol Dickie with Marnie Leybourne as Master. Marnie was a magnificent leader - never any recriminations, always encouragement and only advice if it was asked and always praise if something was well executed. A lesson in play which I believe we can all learn from.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

We had a great turnout and in this case split into two sections each playing different boards and each scoring in their separate sections. A great day and a great party!!!



WOMEN'S PAIRS

Bente Hansen and Wendy Harman

MIXED PAIRS

Carmen Jackson and Mark Goddard

DAYTIME OPEN PAIRS

Ann Todd and Carmen Jackson

DAYTIME TEAMS

Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown, Stephen Thyer, Guy Gaudet and Mary Pepper

OPEN PAIRS



Gerry Daly and Stephen Thyer



OPEN TEAMS



Alf Dupont, Sheelagh Dupont Peter Cameron and Doug Hegarty



MOST IMPROVED PAIR

John Offer and Rosemary Offer

NOVICE PAIR

David Harris and Cliff Wells

INDIVIDUAL



Julie Bechelli

MEN'S PAIRS

Brian Davison and Gordon Brown

KNOCKOUT PAIRS



Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

CHAMPION PAIRS

Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Carmen Jackson and Ann Todd

THURSDAY EVENING

Joe Louis and Nick Moniodis

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance



CHRISTMAS PAIRS WINNERS—Jean Minns and Paul Buck



2nd Rae Edwards
(and Jenni Creedon)



BEST UNDER STATE MASTERS – Anne Francis and Moira Hickinbotham with President Roz Davey

The RBC Christmas party was held on Monday 12th December. All were treated to a lavish lunch, lots of good fun and a 'cut-throat' game of bridge to finish off the day.

The President Roz Davey presented trophies to the winners of competitions held throughout the year and acknowledged members who performed special duties.

CLUB OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONS



Marjorie Harrison and Jill Dawson

MONA WALKER ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



Gail Mountain

BRADY MERIT AWARD



Nicky O'Connell

NEDRA ARNOTT PAIRS



Pat Hoson and Yvonne Mathews

BP PERPETUAL AWARD



Raewyn Lewer (and Sandra Sandilands)

MAURICE RICHARD'S MEMORIAL PAIRS



Walter Aldridge (and Janet Aldridge)

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West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

SWISS PAIRS COMPETITION

The results of our Swiss Pairs Competition held last November were



1 st	Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood
2 nd	Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage
3 rd	Max Havercroft and Lynette Jackson

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

There was, as usual, a good turn out for our Christmas Party on the afternoon of Saturday December 10. After an afternoon of bridge, the winners of the 2016 Club Competitions were presented with their trophies by our Club President, Maureen Phillips. Following this we enjoyed good company with 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 once again awarded to Marlene Medhat.



Marlene Medhat with Maureen Phillips



Nerilyn Mack and Robyn Rose – Best placed pair at the West Coast Congress

COMPETITION WINNERS



Chotoo Bhaghat, Shirley Drage, Shirley Bloch and Baboo Baghat



Ray Wood, Marlene Medhat, Peach Partis and Peter Garcia-Webb



Multi award winners, Ray Wood and Marlene Medhat, receiving one of their many trophies!

WEST COAST BRIDGE LESSONS FOR 2017

Advanced Lessons

Monday, 10:00 to 12:00 Harold McKnight teaches this session and you should contact him on 9447 4610. Cost is \$6 per session.

SUPERVISED PLAY

Wednesday, 10:00 to 12:00 These Supervised Play sessions are for people who already have some knowledge of bridge. For more information, contact the coordinator Maureen Phillips on 9245 2138. Cost is \$6 per session

Non-members are especially welcome to attend all the above lessons and you may attend any of them without a partner.

SUNDAY BRIDGE

Another reminder that West Coast Bridge Club is the only Metropolitan Club to hold a bridge session on Sundays! Bridge commences at 1.30pm and you may come without a partner.



South Perth Bridge Club

From Cherry Zamudio

MELBOURNE CUP

Such Preparation!



A great Hat Parade



Winners Dave Munro and Pim Birss

RECENT CLUB RESULTS

Thursday Jackpot Final 10th November 2016

1 st	Salim Songerwala and Peter Gill
2 nd	Barbara Frost and Suzanne Goodall
3 rd	Alison Orr and Janice Howell

Friday Jackpot Final 11th November 2016

1 st	Chris Ingram and Val Biltoft
2 nd	Dave Munro and Pauline Hammond
3 rd	Bill Prince and Gordana Komadina

Balmy Evening Open Pairs 15th November 2016

1 st	Joan Barnett and Jim Tally
2 nd	Judith Selleck and Pamela Smith
3 rd	Mark O'Connor and Gordon Dunlop

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party was a great success. The bridge session was enlivened by several questions and spot prizes, although no pair made a redoubled contract. Next time maybe?

The evening was a lot of fun, good food, a little singing spearheaded by Lyndall Steed and John Ward and more quizzing. Our principal guest, the Mayor of South Perth was spotted enjoying herself.



NS Winners

1 st	Mary Johnston/Joan Barnett
2 nd	Michael Turner/Gillian Lowe
3 rd	Valerie Isle/Ros Warnock

EW Winners

1 st	Diane Smith/Alfred Leung
2 nd	Jackin Clare/Bill Bradshaw
3 rd	Margaret Barr/ Lyndall Steel

THANK YOU, PAM

A presentation to Pam, in grateful thanks from all at South Perth for her Directorship on Saturday mornings.



Jan Howell and Pam Smith

CLUB RENOVATION

Due to delays in relocating our premises, South Perth decided to give the clubhouse a spring clean in December. This included painting the playing room, polishing the floor in the recreation area and renovating the bench area near the kitchen.

The results are very pleasing and visitors from other clubs are very welcome to share our refreshed facilities with us in 2017.





“What are Heidi and Bruno yodelling about?”



The Swiss Pairs day at Kendenup ... of course!

Open red point event on Saturday **April the 29th** at the Kendenup Bridge club.

Light lunch and morning and afternoon tea provided. \$30

Overnight powered sites.

Director - Neville Walker and cash prizes.

Four sections: combined points per pair: >500pts, 200 to 500pts, 100 – 200pts and less than 100pts.

Entry via BAWA www.bawa.asn.au

Enquiries to Convener Heather Fergie 98514168

Bunbury Bridge Club

35th Annual Congress

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd April 2017

Venue: Bunbury Bowling Club

Cnr Bussell Hwy/Forrest Avenue, Carey Park, Bunbury

Provisional Limit 32 Tables Entries via BAWA website: Generous Prizes!
Payment on day at table www.bawa.asn.au 95% Table Fees less Costs

Programme

Saturday 22nd **Swiss Pairs Matchpoints/VP's** Start 9.30am 7 x 8 Board Matches \$40 per player

Sunday 23rd **Swiss Teams Imp's/VP's** Start 9.30am 6 x 9 Board Matches \$40 per player

Includes Catered Lunch

Director: Neville Walker Phone: 0418 944 077
Convenor: Murray Webber Phone: (08) 97252571 Email: mjwebber@westnet.com.au

PS. Bunbury Club will be conducting a Red Point Session, in our clubrooms, on the preceding Friday 21st April. Players to be seated by 12.40pm. Refreshments to follow. To assist numbers, interested visitors please email Murray.



Playing the Wrong Card

From Matt McManus

Probably the most common calls for the director are for an insufficient bid, for an opening lead out of turn or for a revoke. This may seem far fetched, but in my experience, there appears to be a “seasonal” element to them! As the weather starts to get colder there seems to be more insufficient bids. As spring comes around, players get a bit frisky, more enthusiastic and get ahead of themselves, so opening leads out of turn come to the fore. While around Christmas time, revokes seem to be all the rage. In this Yuletide spirit (even it is a winter one in July) this month I will look at revokes.

What constitutes a revoke? There are many mistaken clichés which get spouted – “dummy can’t revoke”, “you can’t revoke at trick 12”. However, revoking is simply failing to follow suit when you could do so. Perhaps the reason for these misapprehensions is that in certain cases (such as the two mentioned) there is no penalty for the revoke. However, a revoke has still occurred and that is important for the correct application of the laws.

What is the procedure when a player revokes? Well, to start off, if your partner fails to follow suit, you have the right to immediately ask them if they really don’t have any of the suit. (“No clubs, partner?”) This applies to either defender, and also dummy – it is one of the few times during the hand when dummy can “pipe up” uninvited. If it turns out that the player could have followed suit, the director should be called and he will deal with it using the appropriate procedures under the laws.

But what about if partner doesn’t say anything and then you realise that you have revoked? You should say something straight away. The quicker you admit it, the less painful the consequences are likely to be for your side. Again, call the director. The reason why timing is of the essence is that up to a certain point, the director will allow you to correct the revoke. That means that you get to take back the card you played in error and follow suit. (If you are a defender, your original play becomes a penalty card.) You can

correct a revoke up until the time a member of your side plays to the next trick. So, even if the trick has been quitted, all players have turned over their cards, and maybe even a lead has been made to the next trick, it may still not be too late to correct a revoke. In such a case, the director will get the players to turn over the cards from the previous trick, the revoke card is withdrawn and a card of the correct suit played. Cards played by other players after the revoke is corrected may, in most cases, be changed.

If you don’t realise in time, then the revoke is considered to have been “established” and the director will make a ruling at the end of the hand. “Established” revokes are subject to penalty, which involves the transfer of a trick or tricks from the offending pair to the other side. The important principle overlying all of the following is that you cannot lose any tricks which your side had won before the revoke happened. With that in mind, if the player who revoked took the revoke trick (that is, he trumped when he shouldn’t have and won the trick); the penalty is that trick plus one of any subsequent tricks won by the offending side – two tricks. In all other cases, the penalty for an established revoke is one trick (provided, of course, that the offending side won a trick on or after the revoke trick).

Note that the penalty for an established revoke applies no matter whether or not the revoke had any effect on the hand. For instance, dummy has C AKQJ109 while you, as declarer, hold C 32. On CA you play C2, on CK you play D3 and on CQ you play C3 – there has been an established revoke

B A W A A F F I L I A T E D B R I D G E C L U B S

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Test Your Slam Play



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Dlr N ♠ 832
 Vul All ♥ AJ10
 IMPs ♦ 532
 ♣ K643

♠	N	♠
♥	W	♥
♦	E	♦
♣	S	♣

♠ AKQJ7
 ♥ Q
 ♦ AQ
 ♣ AJ975

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	2C
Pass	2NT	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

Against 6S, West leads S10 and East follows.
 Plan the play.

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Australian Representative Teams Captains

The ABF has ratified the captains for the 2017 Australian Representative Teams

Open: Ben Thompson

Open Team: Peter Hollands, Justin Howard, Peter Gill, Andrew Peake, David Beauchamp and Matthew Thomson.

Women's: Peter Reynolds

Women's Team: Margaret Bourke, Sue Lusk, Candice Ginsberg, Barbara Travis, Jodi Tutty and Marianne Bookallil

Senior: George Bilski.

Senior Team: Bruce Neill, Avi Kanetkar, Warren Lazer, Pauline Gumby, Terry Brown and Peter Buchen.

Congratulations to the TRAVIS and KANETKAR teams, winners of the 2017 Australian Women's and Seniors' Teams Playoffs.



Winners of the 2017 Australian Women's Teams Playoff:

Front: Candice Ginsberg, Barbara Travis, Margaret Bourke; Middle: Sue Lusk, Jodi Tutty, Marianne Bookallil; Rear: David Appleton (Coach)



Winners of the 2017 Australian Seniors' Team Playoff:

Avi Kanetkar, Warren Lazer, Bruce Neill, Pauline Gumby, Terry Brown, Peter Buchen



A Grand Coup

From Fiske Warren

As declarer, how do you play a trump suit of AK865 opposite Q1074 in dummy?

The seemingly obvious play is to cash the Ace first in case there is J932 on your left. However, it is also possible to play the suit for no loser by cashing the Queen first if there is J932 on your right.

This was especially important when this fascinating hand was dealt at a club game at Nedlands just before Christmas.

♠ Q1074
♥ -
♦ AQ97
♣ AQJ84

♠ AK865
♥ 752
♦ K64
♣ 93

After West opened 3H, your aim is to make 6S on the lead of HQ. You ruff the opening lead in dummy and since West is unlikely to hold 4 trumps after the pre-emptive opening bid, you cash SQ.

Your fears are confirmed when West discards a heart. You continue with S10, covered by the Jack and your King, and you then play a club to dummy's Jack, losing to East's King. East finds the most testing defence of playing another heart which you ruff with dummy's last trump. The position is now:

♠
♥
♦ AQ97
♣ AQ84

♠ A86
♥ 7
♦ K64
♣ 9

The problem is that East still has S93 and you have no more trumps in dummy to finesse again. The way to overcome this is to finish up with lead in dummy at trick 12 with your SA8 sitting over East's S93. This is known as a Trump Coup. You continue by cashing CAQ with both opponents

following as you discard H7 from hand. You now lead the winning C8 from dummy but East refuses to ruff, discarding a diamond. In order for a Trump Coup to work, declarer needs to reduce his or her trumps to the same number as that held by the defender. It is essential, therefore, to ruff C8 in hand with 6S. This technique of ruffing your winner is known by the rather pretentious title of a Grand Coup!

You now cash DK followed by DA to arrive at this final position:

♠
♥
♦ Q9
♣ 4

♠ A8
♥
♦ 6
♣

You lead dummy's C4 and if East again refuses to ruff, you discard your diamond and with the lead in dummy you claim the last two trump tricks.

A very interesting and instructive hand to play. My only regret was that my bidding had not been up to the mark as we languished in a safe contract of only 4S. Making 12 tricks was still an excellent score, helped on this occasion by West's pre-emptive opening bid.

This was the full hand:

Brd		♠	Q1074	
Dlr	W	♥	-	
Vul	NS	♦	AQ97	
		♣	AQJ84	
		♠	-	♠ J932
		♥	QJ109843	♥ AK6
		♦	J102	♦ 853
		♣	1065	♣ K72
		♠	AK865	
		♥	752	
		♦	K64	
		♣	93	
4	15			
		11		
	10			



Which Major



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PROBLEM

SOUTH dealer | BOTH vulnerable

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

(*) 15-17

What would you lead as WEST from:

- ♠ AJ73
- ♥ K1063
- ♦ 7532
- ♣ 7

SOLUTION on page 27



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Rough Defence

From Gerry Daly

I was recently asked my opinion as to what are the main factors in improving one's results at bridge. There is no doubt that doing your homework at the table is a key criteria. Maintaining focus and resisting the temptation to play automatically is essential.

Now that you have the advantage of being warned to be alert, how would you defend this hand from the metro GNOT final?

You opened the bidding 1H and competed to 5C after opponents found their spade fit. You are now defending 5S and partner dutifully leads the Jack of your first bid suit. Declarer calls for a low card from dummy. Over to you

Brd 4	♠						
Dlr W	♥						
Vul All	♦						
	♣						
	♠ 96	N	♠				
	♥ AQT62	W	E	♥			
	♦ -	S	♠	♦			
	♣ AJT765	♣		♣			
		♠ AQT75					
		♥ K3					
11		♦ KQJ843					
15		♣ -					

Clearly you need to get a diamond ruff and the question is how to make that happen. Playing the H10 under partners Jack should hopefully do the trick. The ball is now back in partner's court. Clearly West could have overtaken with the Queen and cashed Ace or encouraged a heart

continuation by playing low. The 10 is a very unusual card so there probably is a reason why E is still on lead. Partner obliged with the diamond ruff to nett 12 imps vs 5D making at the other table. There is no better feeling than having a thoughtful and successful defence that requires both partners to be alert and cooperative. Here is the full hand.

Brd 4	♠						
Dlr W	♥						
Vul All	♦						
	♣						
	♠ K83	N	♠	♠ J42			
	♥ 9854	W	E	♥ J7			
	♦ A752	S	♠	♥ T96			
	♣ 42	♣		♣ KQ983			
	♠ 96	♠ AQT75					
	♥ AQT62	♥ K3					
	♦ -	♦ KQJ843					
	♣ AJT765	♣ -					
		7					
		11	7				
		15					

The same advice applies to declarer play. When Dummy tracks North must do their due diligence rather than playing automatically to the first trick. This hand will play quickly so it is worthwhile spending a few moments assessing the situation first. We are instantly down two heart tricks. E is likely to have 4 spades to the jack but that can be dealt with. Are there any other threats? If this question was asked declarer might have noted the possibility of the diamond ruff and then chosen to cover the Jack with the King to put West on lead to trick 2. This player is known to have a distributional hand and thus more likely to have diamond shortage.

Bridge is a thinking game. Gain the discipline to give the grey cells their opportunity and enjoy the results.



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TEAMS of FOUR 2016

From John Beddow - Convener

The Teams of Four Competition was again run in 2016.

Although Melville didn't take part this year, numbers are slightly up, mainly due to Mandurah B.C. fielding two teams. Mandurah were given permission to join the competition on the proviso that they played all their home matches at a Metropolitan club.

I would dearly like to see some fresh faces in this competition. I know some of the smaller clubs think that their members are not interested in team matches, but for those players who wish to improve their rankings in the ABF Masterpoint scheme, there is no easier way than team matches. For example, you need to be in the top 50% to get MPs in a pair's event, but you can come absolutely bottom in a team's event and still get your Red MPs. This is because each member of the winning team gets 0.56 Red MPs in the Open, and 0.42 Red MPs in the Novice and Intermediate Divisions for every win they achieve. So for all you clubs that have never taken part in this competition, or used to, but don't now, consider giving your members a chance to earn Red Points in 2017. And don't forget, apart from a small administration cost, all monies collected go back to the clubs as prize money.

The number of Red Points allocated this year were:

Open:	43.68
Intermediate:	50.82
Novice:	37.52
TOTAL:	132.02

CLUB	OPEN		INT		NOVICE	
	'15	'16	'15	'16	'15	'16
KALAMUNDA	0	0	1	1	1	1
MACCABI	1	1	1	1	0	0
MANDURAH	0	1	0	1	0	0
MELVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEDLANDS	1	1	1	1	0	0
SOUTH PERTH	1	1	2	2	2	2

SWAN DISTS	0	0	0	0	1	1
UNDERCROFT	1	1	2	2	1	1
WABC	2	2	2	3	2	2
WEST COAST	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	6	7	10	12	7	7

Since I took over the Teams of Four in 1999, numbers have been as follows:

All Divisions:

2000	11 teams	2001*	15 teams
2002	18 teams	2003	17 teams
2004	17 teams	2005	18 teams
2006	26 teams	2007	23 teams
2008	24 teams	2009#	28 teams
2010	31 teams	2011	31 teams
2012	30 teams	2013	34 teams
2014	27 teams	2015	23 teams
2016	26 teams		

* Restricted Division added.

Intermediate Division added.

A total of 144 players, including 61 new players, won MPs in 2014. This figure does not include members who played, but did not win any MPs. It is very pleasing to note that of the 45 players that won MPs in the Novice division, for 30 of them this was their first time. Well Done.

The winning clubs for 2016 were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
OPEN	WABC 1	Undercroft	Maccabi
INT	WABC B	WABC A	Maccabi
NOVICE	Kalamunda	WABC A	Undercroft

Players winning the most Master Points in the 2016 competition were:

1 st	John Ewing	2.73	Swan Dists B.C.
2 nd	Beata Bieganski	2.24	Undercroft B.C.
3 rd	Tad Bieganski	2.24	Undercroft B.C.
4 th	Deirdre Greenfeld	2.24	Maccabi B.C.

Interestingly WABC, the club that fielded the most teams and won the most MPs does not have a name in the top four. Probably because they used a lot of different players during the year.●

RESULTS

BAWA New Year Pairs (32)



1 st	Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll
2 nd	Vinod Nasta and Philp Lagrange
3 rd	Anton Pol and Andrew Swider
4 th	Yong White and David Grout
5 th	Bruce Fraser and David Burn
6 th	Sue Gammon and Mark Doust
7 th	Roz Trend and Alan Harrop
8 th	Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski
9 th	Joan Prince and Pauline Collett
10 th	Dave Munro and David Schokman

GRAND National Open Teams Finals Tweed Heads – November 2016 64 Teams

Teams Final

	Team	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Total
1	Sydney 2	37	25	38	27	127
2	Sydney 1	4	24	27	9	64

Team members

SYDNEY 2: Liam Milne - Nye Griffiths - Sartaj Hans - Tony Nunn - Sophie Ashton - Paul Gosney

SYDNEY 1 - Peter Buchen - David Beauchamp - Terry Brown - Avinash Kanetkar - Ron Klinger - Kim Morrison



Congratulations to SYDNEY 2

Best Country Team	Geelong
Champions	Jill Magee and Terry Strong
Best Metropolitan Pair	Warren Lazer and Pauline Gumby
Best Provincial Pair	Michael Simes and Ken Wilks
Best Country Pair	Maureen Baker and Anne Jackson



Best Country Team: Arthur Robbins, Denise Newland, Doug Newlands, Gary Ridgway

WA was represented by

Perth 1	James Steer, Stella Steer, Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt
Perth 2	Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Gerry Daly and Viv Wood
Perth 3	Deb Frankel, Catherine Hood, Doreen Jones and Jan Blight
Country	Robina McConnell, Eugene Wichems, Chris Knight and Maureen Knight
Provincial	Jessica Chew, Kaiping Chen, Hasan Hazra and Rez Karim



James Steer, Stella Steer, Rez Karim, Jessica Chew and Robina McConnell



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		Sun 5 th	<i>Nedlands Sunday Congress-see flyer</i>
		Sat 11 th –Sun 12 th	<i>Rockingham Bridge Club Congress-see flyer</i>
Gold Coast 18 th -25 th		Sun 26 th	<i>WABC Novice and Super Novice Congress-see flyer</i>
	March	Fri 3 rd –Mon 6 th	<i>Albany Bridge Club Congress</i> **Mon 6th is Labour Day**
		Sat 11 th –Sun 12 th	<i>Melville Bridge Club Congress</i>
		Sat 18 th – Sun 19 th	<i>Kalamunda Bridge Club Congress</i>
		Sun 19 th	Interstate Open Selection Stage 2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
BAWA AGM		Mon 20 th	Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.pm
		Thu 23 rd	BAWA Summer Swiss Pairs Interstate Women's Selection Butler 1/6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 25 th –Sun 26 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler 2 & 3 of 6 Interstate Women's Selection Butler 4 & 5 of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Thu 30 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler 6 of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club
	April	Sat 1 st – Sun 2 nd	Interstate Senior Selection Trials 1& 2 of 8 Interstate Senior Selection Trials 3 & 4 of 8 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sat 8 th - Sun 9 th	Interstate Senior Selection Trials 5 & 6 Interstate Senior Selection Trials 7 & 8 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sat 8 th – Sun 9 th	WA Country Championships
		Sun 9 th	<i>WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress- see flyer</i>
		Fri 14 th –Mon 19 th	<i>South Perth Bridge Club Easter Congress- see flyer</i>
		Thu 20 th	BAWA Mixed Teams Championship 1 of 3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 22-Sun 23 rd	<i>Bunbury Bridge Club Congress – see flyer</i>
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(overall 23rd)
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(overall 5th)
MIXED Arjuna Delivera and Val Brockwell
(overall 7th)
COUNTRY Liz and Stephen Hurley (Illawarra)
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