

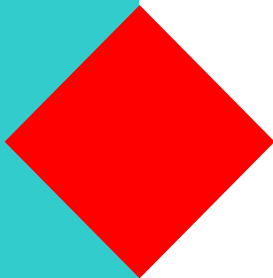
### Congratulations to our winning Masterpoint Earners for 2024!



2024 Top Overall MP Earners		
Gwyneira Brahma		331.5
Dave Munro		306.6
Jonathan Free		296.7



2024 Top Gold MP Earners		
Ron Cooper		246
Jonathan Free		201
Renee Cooper		185



2024 Top Red MP Earners		
Gwyneira Brahma		99
Dave Munro		95
Gerry Daly		94



2024 Top Green MP Earners		
Dianne Dwyer		190
Rez Karim		178
Elizabeth McNeill		177

All Time Top Masterpoint Earners for WA		
Overall	Nigel Dutton	5620
Gold	Andy Hung	3094
Red	David Schokman	4215
Green	Elizabeth McNeill	1157



# President's Report

By Ian Clark

Our five ABF licenced gold point events raised over \$18,000 in 2024. \$12,000 has been allocated to Youth bridge support.

We have provided travel support to three eligible youth players for Youth Week in Canberra in January 2025. The remaining funds will be used to support Youth bridge during 2025.

During the festive season, over \$4,000 has also been donated to the Youth Bridge fund by individual bridge players and the South Perth Bridge Club. I would like to thank everyone who has made a financial contribution to the future of our great game, through either a donation or their participation in our gold point event program during 2024.

We start 2025 with a focus on our State Team Selection Trials. We have scheduled these events to be almost exclusively daytime weekend events, based on player feedback. These events are all held at Melville, on the following dates:

Open Qualifying: February 22-23

Open Final: March 8-9

Women's: March 27-31

Seniors': April 6-7.

We have also decided to award the winners of the 2024 Country Pairs Championship direct entry into the Open finals event.

I will not be seeking re-election as President in 2025, so this is my last update. I would like to thank everyone for their support during my two years as President.



**BAWA Annual General Meeting**  
Tuesday 25th February 2025  
7pm Melville Bridge Club



## Rockingham Bridge Club Inc

Corner Watts & McLarty Roads, Shoalwater WA 6169

### Congress 2025

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### Program

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> (9.30am start) – Congress Pairs**

Two sections for **Open** and **Novice** (<100 Masterpoints) players.

20 TABLES (Open 14 – Novice 6)

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (10.00am start) – Congress Teams**

20 TABLES (single field)

**Cost : \$40.00 per player each day (BYO Lunch)**

Pay online via myABF or pay at the table on the day – cash or card accepted

**Generous cash prizes in line with entry numbers.**

#### Entries

Follow the link - <https://www.myabf.com.au/go/Rockingham%20Congress>

Entries open from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

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# Around the Clubs

By: Helen Rogoysky

## Albany Bridge Club

By Gillian Glass

Albany club celebrated the running of the Melbourne Cup in great style. Well known as the race that stops the nation, it didn't stop members from playing fantastic bridge. We all had a great day. One of our members (Kaye Woodward) presented as the winning jockey, her partner (Monica Belz) arrived as the horse! Then decided NOT to be the horse, because her homemade horse-head was too uncomfortable and instead wore a fascinating cabbage leaf hat, with matching earrings. Lots of fun and laughter, tasty treats in abundance and best of all a memorable



occasion.

From the cup, our next member gathering was our Christmas do where it was (bravely!) decided on as an informal finger foods and presentation function after a Saturday bridge session. Resulting in a great turn-out, members enjoyed much festivity, humour and inter-mingling. Hats off to our committee for a wonderful initiative.

Resolving hereon, more news from our far-flung Albany!



## Bridge Snippet

By Ann Spiro, Perth CBD Bridge Club

WA Bridge Club Members: we should not complain about table money costs.

While in Sydney over the Christmas break, we visited the Sydney Bridge Centre. Like all bridge clubs, they are struggling. The club rents a large space with full facilities in a multi-story building with approximately 38 tables permanently set up. On the day we visited, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, only 11

tables were occupied. Everyone welcomed us, we had an enjoyable time, and met many new people, we will certainly attend again next time we visit Sydney. The table money for each session was **\$20 p/p** and only paid parking is available. The play starts at 10.15 am and finishes at 1.30 pm. There is no formal coffee break, players take coffee & biscuits to their tables at will. At least a slab cake is always provided - to cover any/all birthdays. The Table money we pay in WA is easier on the pocket than in other states, and parking is usually free.

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# Undercroft Bridge Club

By Sharon Dyball

## Melbourne Cup Luncheon

It was time for the ladies to dress up in their Spring finery and colourful fascinators, they all looked resplendent with a glass of bubbles and strawberry in hand, to toast the event. Members enjoyed a sumptuous spread of food options, followed by a friendly game of bridge. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day.



## November Congress

Our November Congress was highly successful with many winners in a variety of categories.

Congratulations to the following:

### Saturday Event **Winners (Less Than 50MP)**

1st: Jo and Nat Wright

2nd: Mike Bennett and Derek Dorward

3rd: Lesley Moon and Valerie Farr

### Saturday Event **Winners (Less Than 150 MP)**

1st: Yulia Koh and Jamie Luxton

2nd: Mike Bennett and Derek Dorward

3rd: James Fitzgerald and Rita Buzzard

### Sunday Event **Open Winners**

1st: Gerry Daly and Viv Wood

2nd: Mimmi Packer and Linda Coli

3rd: Greg McKie and Bernie Plath

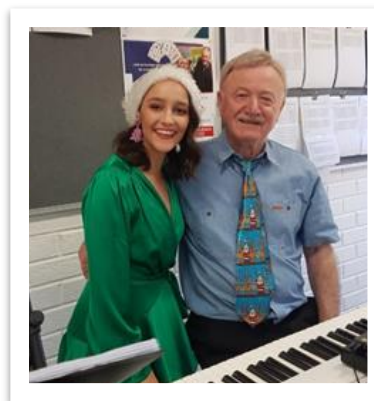
Best UBC: Tuya Cooke and Tad Bieganski

Best UBC: (<300MP) Derek Dorward and Claudia Baker

## Christmas Party 2024

Members were treated to a delicious Christmas Lunch provided by The Social Committee under direction of Connie Coltrona. The hard-working crew included our own talented Italian Cook, Joe Peci with Margaret Greville, Jenny Skinner and other supportive members on hand to help. Entertainment was provided by Tony Eardley and Connie's beautiful granddaughter. The Management Committee wishes all our members

a happy and healthy Festive Season, and a Happy New Year.



# Geraldton Bridge Club

By Maureen Knight

## Christmas Party and Presentations 2024



Norma Lodge presenting the “Most Improved Player” with their trophy. Well done Christie and Bruce.



Geraldton Bridge Club teams winners, congratulations Bronwyn Peet, Simone Ward, Jeanette Day and Bryan Baldock.



Pat Hovel Trophy winners: Bryan Baldock and Joyce Stribley, well done. They also won the Monday Championships.



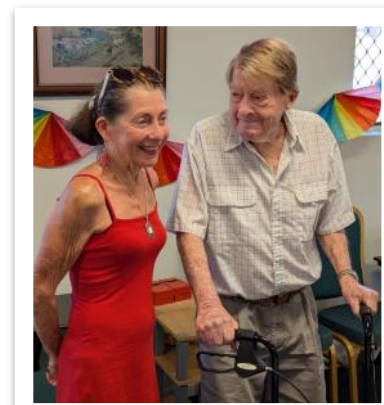
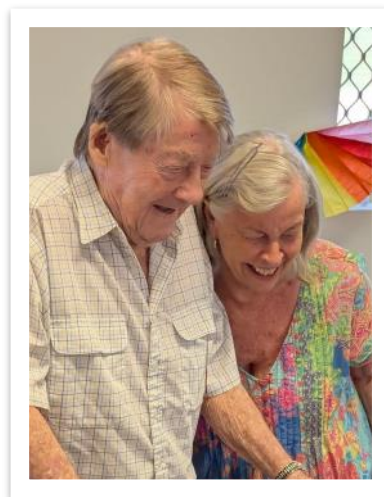
Wayne and Heather Cupitt did well winning the Saturday Championship and The Elaine Cook Trophy.



Congratulations to Maureen Knight and Graham Gavin for winning the Handicap Pairs.

### 99 Years Young

Richard Bailey, a long time member of Geraldton Bridge Club turned 99 on 6th January 2025. Great celebrations were held at the bridge club. A sumptuous afternoon tea was held in his honour. Richard has been a member since 1999 and played 3 days a week. He had good success playing with several different players. He has been on the committee for years. He is living proof that playing bridge keeps you active mentally and physically and gives you enjoyment and longevity of life. His daughter is with him to help us all celebrate his special day.



# Mandurah Bridge Club

By Ian Jones

The 2024 Club Pairs Championship was won by Peter Knight and Sheryl Coates, from runners up Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao.



In the Christmas Festive Red Point events during December, the winners and runners up were as follows -

## Merry Monday:

Sheryl Coates and Melanie Sheffield  
Alan Cransberg and Kimberey Zhao



## Tinsel Tuesday:

Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao  
June Mulholland and Kathy Power



## Wessail Wednesday:

Sandra Hardie and Steve Barretto  
Graeme Perry and Carole Hazeldon



## Three Kings Thursday:

Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao  
June Mulholland and Jan Ovens

## Festive Friday:

Corrie Davis and Denise Sampson  
Jean Field and Judith Tuckey



## Santa Saturday:

Bill Maley and Jenny Maley  
Trish Anderson and Gerald Merven



# West Coast Bridge Club

By Hilary Heptinstall

## Results of Club Competitions

### Swiss Pairs results – Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Ray Wood and Marlene Medhat

2<sup>nd</sup> Wence Vahala and Anton Pol

3<sup>rd</sup> Maureen Phillips and Shirley Bloch



The November Pairs competition award was presented to Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood, while the Appleyard Trophy for a pair with less than 300 masterpoints went to Barbara Giles and Linda Moore.



## West Coast Christmas Party and Trophy Presentation

This was held on Wednesday December with 64 members attending.

After playing bridge, trophies were presented to winners from over the year. We then enjoyed an open bar and delicious refreshments provided by the members.

The Moody Trophy was presented to Marion Bogue and Deborah Greenway and the Restricted Pairs Trophy was presented to Chris Ruffle and Andy Fairweather.



The Spring teams (Wembley Downs Trophy) went to Anton Pol, Wence Vahala. Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood.

The highest yearly green point aggregate was presented to Marlene Medhat and the Constable Trophy for the best Congress Pair to Peach Partis and Sally Britliffe.



## March 2025 Deadline

February 25th is the deadline for inclusion in the March Focus.

## EDITING OF MATERIAL

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

## Willetton Bridge Club

By Richard Harris

Our newly refurbished Wandarra Hall proved a blessing during several heat waves while Christmas and New Year flashed by in a festive blur and some excellent bridge. We saw a couple of 70% plus scores and in one event Michael Oehme and partner Jean Marks bid and made 7S for a score of 1510.

Canning Mayor Patrick Hall and Deputy Mayor Amanda Spencer-Teo were in attendance for the presentation of our big event, the Mayor's trophy. The club's sponsors tend to be generous. David and Daphne Lobo, who sponsored the Christmas championships, also gave awards for useful contributions to the club, Colleen Oehme for her gifts of cooking, and Richard Harris for organising book sales and gifts of honey. Another sponsor, Peter Miller, provided a prize for the club's most improved player, which was awarded to Pamela Thomson.

Red point winners in the Mayor's Trophy:

1. Geoff Rycroft - Charles Westcott, 64.92%
2. Noel Daniel - Leon Ref, 64.02%

3. Ken Harrison - Ameer Ali, 60.62%

Red point winners in the Christmas championship:

1. Terry Owen - Fay Calvert, 60.49%
2. Ken Harrison - Ameer Ali, 59.88%
3. Charles Westcott - Margaret Pember, 58.02%



The festive board at special events is organised by house manager Kathy Perkins, who calls in Colleen Oehme, producing some excellent results. Colleen makes a hot eggplant pickle. Unfortunately, all the members know her talent and they are watching for the dish to appear. If you are slow to the table, you won't get one.

## West Australian Bridge Club

By Martin Doran

As 2024 draws to a close it's time to look forward to a New Year. Thank you to everyone who played at WABC during 2024 and we look forward to seeing you during 2025.

Some players are at the club more than others. During the 12 months to the start of December four players had played more than 200 sessions! Well done Kate North 261, Helen Ross 232, Will Nunn 229, and Margot Hessels 203.

The **Christmas Congress** and the **Christmas Party** were the main events that kept everyone busy in for the final weeks of 2024. Our club champion for 2024 was Jonathan Free once again and he was over East in the play offs for the Open Team (Runners Up) with Ron Cooper and the Mixed Team (knocked out in the Semi Finals) with Mimi Packer.

It's time to pay your memberships for 2025, play at the club, and enter a tournament or two. The **Birthday Congress** is on Saturday 1 February and you can play in either the all day **Birthday**

**Swiss Pairs** or the afternoon **Anniversary Pairs**. It has been 17 years since the club moved to Swanbourne so come along for the fun.

The other Congress coming up is the **Mixed Pairs Swiss** on Saturday 15 February. There is a normal side movement in the afternoon.

WABC is looking for a new club professional or teacher and there is a job advert and job description on the WABC website and more information is available from the Executive Officer.

In the meantime, lessons in 2025 will start on the 10 March 2025 with Jodie Basham taking the Beginner's Course. The programme is on the club website. Get your friends, neighbours, or children along to learn the game that we all love.





## Northern Districts Bridge Club

By Ann Hooper

The last Red Point of the year was held on Monday 18 November 2024. Winners N/S were Lyn Fakira and Chris Price with 65.74%. East West winners were Gary Wood and Roslyn Varkevisser with 62.73%.



### Vale Terry Byrne.

Terry was a popular member over many years. In earlier days he and Debroy (decd.) would arrive early for every session and set the venue up to play. He was sad when he was no longer mobile

enough to come and play bridge. We missed him. I know he missed all of us.

On Monday 16 December we celebrated Christmas with a joyful function in the Seacrest Hall. This included a catered meal of delicious finger foods and drinks. During the afternoon we had games, fun, quizzes and lots and lots of prizes. As it was held in our normal venue it was more accessible for those with mobility issues, and this was most appreciated. It did, however, require a tremendous amount of work for our committee and many other volunteers. Members really enjoyed themselves and wish to thank you all so much. We had a wonderful afternoon. Everyone came dressed in their festive best and the hall was beautifully decorated.



If you wish to visit our club please check our website [ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org](http://ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org) where you can find information about our club, the start date for 2025 and where to find us.

## Geographe Cup 2024

By Barbara Averill

Busselton Bridge Club invited Bunbury Bridge Club to a competition in a bid to win back the Geographe Cup. On Sunday 10th November 5 teams from the Bunbury club met with 5 teams from the Busselton club. It was an all day event with some pretty fierce competition. Bunbury once again took home the cup but everyone enjoyed the bridge, the friendship and the hospitality.



## Maylands Bridge Club

By Ilana Meyer

Life Membership 2024

Vince Menezes

Vince has been a key part of the Maylands Bridge Club for many years. He was President in the late 1980s and mid-1990s and directed for many years between 1987 and 1995.



During this period, he represented the Club in

numerous team events including as Captain.

Vince is currently a Life Master in Bridge terms.

In earlier times, Vince competed in Silver National Master events. I think we would agree that Vince is a 'true gentleman', respectful and with a great sense of humour. Vince has musical talents that he employed to entertain members at monthly Club social events and bridge days known as 'party Sundays'. A worthy member of our Life Member fraternity.

### Maylands Congress - Final

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jamie Luxton & Yulia Koh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Brown & Tony Mckinnon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prue Hart & Grainne Hehir

### Maylands Congress - Plate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Dyball & Dorothy Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Ward & Helen Ottosson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Suzy Tasmady & Martin Gunn

## Bridgetown Bridge Club

By Jan Burgess

Bridgetown is such a tiny club, with fairly well-matched players, so we rarely have a wide range of scores for our weekly session. However, on 207th November, two of our long-time players scored a massive 72.5%. They were Peter Taylor

and Eris Amella. Peter helps direct our sessions; he lives in Pemberton, a round trip to play bridge of about 140 kms, and Eris is in Manjimup, slightly closer at just 70 kms! They are a very steady pair, and usually up there in the scoring, but this was a massive score. Mind you ..... just a thought ..... Peter did the scoring on this occasion ..... should I investigate further!!



## What Would You Do?

By: Ron Klinger

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Improve Your Bridge Online

North-South vulnerable

Dealer: East			
West	North	East	South
PASS	PASS	PASS	1S
2D	3D*	4D	?

\*3+ spades, game invite or better

What would you do as South with:

<b>S</b>	AKJ42
<b>H</b>	Q95
<b>D</b>	2
<b>C</b>	J865

The deal comes from a practice match between Australia and a Chinese Team.

Solution page: 13

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There are deals with questions and solutions and commentary from actual bridge tournaments Monday to Friday each week.

Cost: Just \$49 per annum, less than 20c per deal.

Visit the website to view some sample deals.



# Identifying Opener's Points

By: Di Brooks

Depending on your system, Opener's points can be assessed, if not on the first bid, but definitely by their rebid (second bid). Take this example:

Board: 15 Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1C*	PASS	1S**	PASS
4S	PASS	PASS	PASS

\*1C=12-21HCP, 2+C

\*\*1S=4+S,6+HCP

The sad story regarding this board, no-one bid 6S. Some players made 5, some made 6, whilst others made 7.

The two hands were:

<b>Board 15</b>		♠ A Q 7 4	
South Deals		♥ 10	
N-S Vul		♦ A 10 9 8 5	
		♣ 6 5 4	
♠ 10 9 6			♠ J 3
♥ Q 8 6 3 2			♥ 7 5 4
♦ K Q 3			♦ J 7 6 4
♣ Q 2			♣ 10 8 7 3
		♠ K 8 5 2	
		♥ A K J 9	
		♦ 2	
		♣ A K J 9	

Playing Standard, I did not identify partner's massive holding. Guilty as charged. Much later, way after teatime, I had woken up and then we got this beauty: (we were now switched to East/West)

Board: 33 Dealer: North			
North	East	South	West
PASS	1H	PASS	1NT
PASS	2S	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

The hands were:

<b>Board 33</b>		♠ K Q 9 8 6	
North Deals		♥ 5 4 2	
None Vul		♦ Q 3	
		♣ J 10 8	
♠ 10 7 2			♠ A J 5 3
♥ —			♥ A Q J 6 3
♦ K J 8 5 2			♦ A 4
♣ K Q 6 3 2			♣ 5 4
		♠ 4	
		♥ K 10 9 8 7	
		♦ 10 9 7 6	
		♣ A 9 7	

Lead: 8C

I have 2 entries to Dummy, so I had to plan carefully. Club small from Dummy and the Ace appeared on my right. South returned the Club. One trick up the sleeve, with more clubs if they break nicely. I changed to a spade. King on my left, taken by Dummy's Ace. What now? I need a few tricks from the hearts, so I called for the HJ. South took the King and returned another club. I noted the suit break and I could take a breath. I took the club trick and played my S10. North took the SQ and exited with a small diamond. I could now clock up 10 tricks for a top.

The theme of this column is to understand partner's bidding and to assess their points. Partner showed 16-18 with her reverse. Added to my 9 and the fact that I held the minors well, we would have a chance at 3NT.

My mentor, Milton Miller always said: If you can play for 9 tricks in a minor, you had a chance to play 3NT for Game and 9 tricks.

Nigel Rosendorf's motto was : If you bid 5 of a minor, there's a possibility of a small slam.

There you go.

Happy Bridging.





# Who's Who In WA Bridge!

By Helen Rogoysky

A frequent player on the congress circuit is the humble and kind hearted Steve Rogoysky. Now I might be a tad biased but I think most players will agree that he is a true gentleman of our sport.



## When did you start playing?

In 1984, I used to play competitive pool. From my second competitive pool season, one night of the week I went over to the parent's house of one of my teammates and we decided to try out new card games. We had a copy of Goren's card games and decided to start the games alphabetically and funny enough never really got past B. I then found Yahoo Bridge online and I was hooked.

## First home club?

Armadale

## Current home club?

Mandurah

## What system do you use?

American Standard

## What do you like most about bridge?

Each hand is a new puzzle. Yes, it becomes a challenge if partner and you don't visualise the same picture (sounds like a Wasgij). In theory you shouldn't see the same hand again, but I recall having an EA bridge computer game and it dealt me the same hand within a few months. No, I don't remember all of the hands, but it had dealt a board where the four payers had 13 cards of the same suit twice, thus I threw the game away after that.

## If you're not playing bridge what else do you like to do with your time?

I like to play Real-Time Strategy computer games, Xbox or Pixel Puzzles.

## Most memorable bridge moment?

Watching the relief then joy on my partner's face when she made a 7Sxx contract. It narrowly beats

out the one time I played for WA and found out how challenging that level of bridge was.

## Most faraway place you have played?

Geographically, Ocala Florida. I went over there to meet friends I played with on Yahoo bridge back in 2003.

## Favourite convention?

Multi 2 Diamond as it adds many different hand combinations to our opening arsenal.

## Most memorable hand that you have had?

Putting aside the EA bridge hand mentioned above, I did get a hand on BridgeBase Online containing 32 points. Interestingly, this came about 5 months after the dealing machine in Rockingham Bridge Club dealt a 33-point hand. Two rare examples of zero loser hands dealt last year.

## Do you play online?

I play BridgeBase Online several times a week, most Sunday mornings Helen and I play against a brother and sister partnership who are based in the USA.

## Advice to new players?

Bridge is a challenge. You will make mistakes. I view a mistake as a learning opportunity. The trick is to analyse and learn from it without dwelling on it. I teach bridge as well and I mention to the class that I made a huge mistake one time at Swan River Swiss pairs leading to a vulnerable -8 doubled result, but partner and I then went on to win 7 matches, draw 1 in the remaining 9 matches to finish 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

## Anything else?

You may see me around in a new capacity of being a trainee congress level director.





# What Would You Do? - Solution

By: Ron Klinger  
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East Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ 8 7	♠ Q 10 9 6	♠ 5 3
♥ K 10	♥ A 6 3	♥ J 8 7 4 2
♦ K J 10 9 5 3	♦ Q 4	♦ A 8 7 6
♣ A 9 2	♣ K 10 4 3	♣ Q 7
		♠ A K J 4 2
		♥ Q 9 5
		♦ 2
		♣ J 8 6 5



and a heart, one down, -50.

At the other table, Sartaj Hans (S) pulled off a psychological coup. He bid 4S, despite his minimum opening. That was due to go one off and might go two off. Hans was backing his view that, given the vulnerability, West could not stand the heat and would not pass 4S. Sure enough, West could not tell that South was overbidding and so he 'sacrificed' in 5D. Peter Gill (N) doubled, all pass.

West lost two spades, a club and mispicked the hearts for three down, -500. That was 10 Imps to Australia.

South for China passed and 4D became the contract. Liam Milne (W) lost two spades, a club



West Australian Bridge Club



## BIRTHDAY CONGRESS

Saturday 1 February 2025

### Pick your Event

Two Session		Traditional One Session
<b>Birthday Swiss Pairs</b>		<b>Anniversary Pairs</b>
9:30 am & 1:30pm		1:30 pm
\$40 per person		Normal Table Money
Prize money		Prize Money

Tournament Organiser: **Martin Doran**

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Tournament Director: **Ian Rowlands**

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TO ENTER

Entries to both events via myABF. There will be paper entry forms at the club or ask Martin for help. Payment via myABF or cash or card on the day. Tokens accepted for the Anniversary Pairs.

NOTES

The Anniversary Pairs will be seeded and scored across the room. The Anniversary Pairs Trophy is awarded to the highest placed pair of WABC members.

It's a Birthday Congress so expect cake and some disruption in the afternoon to celebrate the Club's move, seventeen years ago, to the current premises.



West Australian Bridge Club



## MIXED PAIRS

Saturday 15 February 2025

Two Session Event  
9:30am & 1:30pm  
WABC Club Rooms: 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Entry Fee: \$40 per person

RED POINTS and CASH PRIZES

TO ENTER

Entries via myABF. There are also paper entries at the club or ask Martin for help. Payment via myABF or cash or card on the day.

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Tournament Director: **David Burn**

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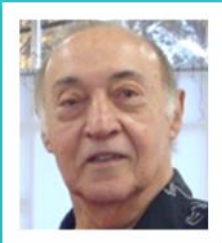
NOTES

Pairs must consist of one female and one male payer. System Cards mandatory



## SATURDAY BRIDGE—WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER

Nigel Dutton is writing a weekly column, it doesn't matter what level your game is this will be informative, educational and instructive and at times tongue in cheek!



# Golden West 2024 Round 5

By David Schokman

I enjoy competing in the Golden West Congress, an event run by BAWA since 1985. The first two years saw Vera Vahala & Wendy Alsop triumph followed by John Ashworth & Tim Wright. There have been many multiple winners but Nigel Rosendorff heads the list with five wins, followed by Doreen Jones and Peter Reynolds with three each. While the event has been mostly played in Mandurah there have been venues all over town. However, for those who can recall the glory days when we played at the Atrium, and it was the culmination of our annual calendar. It was a gala event with the hotel filled with bridge players and we always played a session after dinner. On two occasions Henry Dyall and I came in for the night session resplendent in our dinner jackets! Now it is just a congress, which I still look forward to, despite the 90 km drive to Mandurah. In 2024 I had some expectations of a podium finish having snagged a top-level partner - a previous Golden West winner! All was going well as after four rounds we had accumulated 62 VPs, and a 15 VP average is what will certainly make you the winner.

In Round Five we came up against an excellent pair, and as the match progressed, we realised that it was not one that we were going to win. Our opponents bid the tight games, and their declarer play was faultless. Still, it was just a loss and not a disaster until the last board where a psyche destroyed us. I cannot only blame the psyche as I was a little cautious because I had 6 cards in my opponents suit with five of them total losers, so I decided to pass the opening 2D bid with my 17 points.

East was Chris Mulley, and after Simon Brayshaw, and my partner Tim Wright had passed, Chris opened with a bid of 2D which was explained as Flannery with four spades and 5 hearts showing 11 -15 points. With 17 points I would normally not hesitate to bid, but the coward in me took over the wheel. Simon's passed hand had improved tremendously, and he bid 2NT, asking for Chris to describe his hand. Chris bid 3H. and now Simon, jokingly suggested that he change his earlier bid to 2H. So we allowed them to play in 3H, which makes if declarer can pick the singleton queen of hearts in the North hand. We scored +100 and as the final nail in our 'bridge coffin' it was a big loss sending us crashing down to a lower table, and from there it is always a struggle to get back on top without considerable good fortune in the draw, or most of the good cards.

Put yourself in my seat. Would you double or bid 2NT? In discussion later my partner said that if I had bid 2NT it is almost certain that he would have raised the bid to 3NT and on the, very likely, heart lead 11 tricks are there on top.

How about the double? West is almost certainly going to bid 3H, and North has options. The double is best. It cannot be for penalty so should say "I have values, you make the choice of contract". Would Chris have bid 4H. Most unlikely. He had already succeeded in stopping our free flow of information, so I believe that he would have passed. What are my options? 3NT is a brave one and I may well have made the bid. The other bid is 4D. What will North do? The queen of hearts is a totally wasted high-card value, so North is likely to pass. On a non-spade lead 5D is cold.

I have just rechecked the traveller and realize that more than half the field missed the game, and I really believe that a cautious bidding style, after a likely 1NT opening will not win you many events in 2025. I will try and follow my own Z advice! Sue and Richard Grenside reached 4D, while Kath Negus and Jodie Bashan stopped in 2D.

West Deals	♠ 8 7 6	♠ K Q 10 4
N-S Vul	♥ Q	♥ 7 6 5 4 2
	♦ Q J 7 3	♦ 8 6 2
	♣ K 9 8 7 3	♣ J
	♠ A J 2	
	♥ K J 9 8	
	♦ 10 4	
	♣ 6 5 4 2	
	♠ 9 5 3	
	♥ A 10 3	
	♦ A K 9 5	
	♣ A Q 10	

So, if this is the first column that you are reading for 2025 I wish you a very Happy New Year, and bridge success at whatever level you choose to play in. Bridge is a wonderful game, and I cannot imagine what my life would have been without it. In fact, without bridge I would not have met Hans Rosendorff and got my first break, as a migrant, at the West Australian Newspaper in 1973.

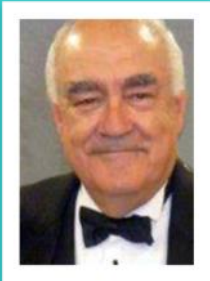
In the days of my misspent youth, I would always 'declare' that I would never marry an only child or a non-bridge player. I did just that, and 65 years later do not have a moment of regret – except for my numerous bridge mistakes! So, all of you, enjoy your life and play the best bridge that you can. Winning is great feeling but playing good bridge should be your aim as then winning will automatically happen more regularly.

## Team of 4 Final Results 2024

OPEN	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Nedlands	7	5	2		93.56
WABC A	7	4	3		80.85
SPBC	7	4	3		69.15
WABC B	7	3	4		68.98
Undercroft A	7	3	4		67.39
Melville	7	4	3		64.15
Undercroft B	7	3	4		59.21
Mandurah	7	2	5		56.71

INTERMEDIATE	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
WABC	6	4	2		85.41
SPBC	6	4	2		75.13
Nedlands	6	3	3		58.70
Melville	6	2	4		56.51
Undercroft	6	3	3		50.57
West Coast	6	2	4		48.40
Kalamunda	6	3	3		45.28

NOVICE	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Joondalup A	9	7	2		136.55
WABC	9	7	2		113.28
SPBC	9	5	4	1	105.14
Melville A	9	5	4		103.55
Undercroft A	9	4	5		103.17
Undercroft B	9	5	4	1	90.23
Rockingham	9	3	6		85.46
West Coast	9	5	4		77.79
Joondalup B	9	3	6		60.50
Melville B	9	0	9		24.33



# Teams of Four 2024

By: John Beddow

The Teams of Four Competition was again run in 2024.

Following the COVID period, numbers were significantly diminished, although I am pleased to report that the number of teams entered for 2024 was 25, compared to 23 teams in 2023

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, along with Swiss Pairs, 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 2025. And don't forget, apart from the cost of the Red Points, all monies collected go back to the clubs as prize money.

The number of Red Points allocated this year over all divisions were:

OPEN: 71.12  
INTERMEDIATE: 43.26  
NOVICE: 68.46

A total of 180 players won 182.84 MPs in 2024.

The winning clubs for 2024 were:

**OPEN:** Nedlands  
**INTERMEDIATE:** WABC  
**NOVICE:** Joondalup A

Players winning the most Master Points in the 2024 competition were:

Dave Munro: 5.04  
Deana Wilson: 5.04  
Mimi Packer: 4.48



# Code Of Conduct

By: Garth Scotford

It's now nearly a year since the Code came into operation and, during that time, not one case of poor or wrong behaviour has been referred up to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee, or the Demerit Scheme applied.

Personally, I am delighted. BAWA event and Congress Directors have confirmed with me that, in general, rudeness and other unwarranted behaviour has lessened in frequency and severity, and cases that have arisen have been dealt with by warnings or score adjustment at the time.

You may be surprised by this. You may well have witnessed breaches of the Code during this time. Indeed, a number of conflicts have been brought

to my attention informally and after the event. Because no action was taken at the time, i.e. the Director was not called, retrospective use of the Code was not considered appropriate.

So please, if you witness something that is clearly wrong or you are on the receiving end of unpleasantness, always call the Director immediately or at the end of the hand. If he or she is busy there should always be a Recorder in the room that can assist you.



# Upcoming Events

February	
Saturday 1st	WABC Birthday Congress
Sunday 2nd	Nedlands Birthday Congress
Saturday 8th—Sunday 9th	Rockingham Congress
Thursday 13th and 20th	BAWA Summer Online Evening Pairs
Saturday 15th	WABC Mixed Pairs Congress
Sunday 16th	Joondalup Congress
Saturday 22nd—Sunday 23rd	BAWA Interstate Open Qualifying
Tuesday 25th	BAWA Annual General Meeting
Friday 28th	Albany Congress
March	
Saturday 1st—Sunday 2nd	Albany Congress
Saturday 8th—Sunday 9th	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Final
Sunday 10th	WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress
Saturday 15th—Sunday 16th	Kalamunda Congress
Saturday 22nd—Sunday 23rd	Melville Congress
Thursday 27th	BAWA Interstate Women's Selection
Saturday 29th—Monday 31st	BAWA Interstate Women's Selection
<b>Note:</b> 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.	

## 70% Results—Random Search

### Kalgoorlie BC

75% Val Norman and Karen Evans  
72% Ronnie Rodgers and Leanne Lapworth

### Fremantle BC

71.4% Jenny Langridge and Dave Sloan

### Melville BC

74.3% Chris Mulley and Paul Brayshaw  
70.8% Margot Slater and Paul Davis

### Maylands BC

71.7% Linley Le Page and Richard Maker

### Mandurah BC

73.2% Christine Bacon and Trish Anderson  
71.9% Denise Sampson and Doug Hardman

### Kalamunda Bridge Club

72.3% Doug Hegarty and Peter Cameron

### Glen Forrest BC

72.9% Carmen Jackson and Stephen Thyer  
72.9% Suzy Tasnady and Martin Gunn

### Undercroft BC

70.8% Manuela Steinbrecher and Brian Fensome

### Nedlands BC

71.7% Thomas Wheatley and Robyn Todd

### West Coast BC

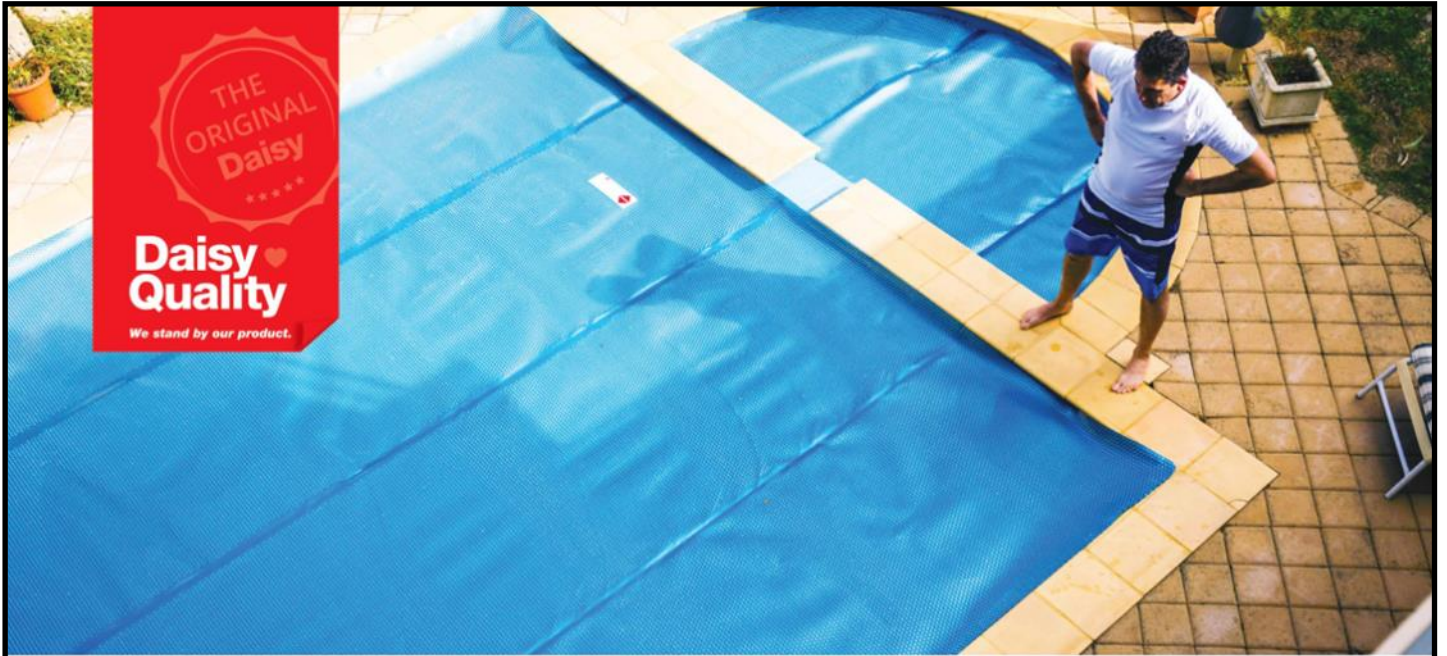
71.1% Kathy Bell and Nerilyn Mack

### Rockingham BC

71.7% Marie O'Sullivan and Andrew Marsh

### Joondalup BC

70.4% John Lees and David Womersley  
70% Harry Crosby and Rick Morris  
70% David Wheaton and Roger Wheeler



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