

## 2024 Ranjit Gauba Memorial Pairs



First: Trevor Fuller and Nick Cantatore



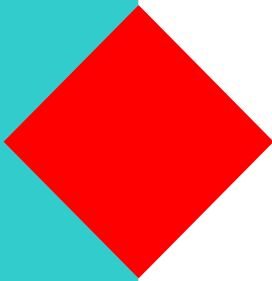
Second: Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



Third: Ron Cooper and Chris Ingham



Fourth: Sue Gammon and Rez Karim



Best Nedlands Pair: Faye Wilner and Annie Lowe



Best Under 300 MPs: Anne-Louise Dubrawski and Andy Cayley





# President's Report

By Ian Clark

The TBIB Western Senior Pairs event has just been held at Melville. I would like to thank TBIB for sponsoring this event for the first time and providing us with a perpetual trophy. Thanks to everyone who chose to enter and help raise around \$1,500 for our youth and bridge development programs.

Our Open, Women, Seniors and Youth teams are all heading over to Orange to represent WA at ANC. I wish our players and captains safe travels and best wishes for the event. I am sure they will all represent WA with pride and play their best bridge.

Our next event is the State Novice (< 100 masterpoints) Pairs Championship, which is being held at Undercroft on Sunday July 21. Over 70% of WA players are eligible to enter, so it is a great opportunity to compete against your peers. The winners will receive a \$500 subsidy each to enter similar national Novice events at either the Gold Coast or the Summer Festival of Bridge in early 2025.

The Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs event is being held on August 24 & 25 at WABC. I would like to thank Daisy Pool Covers for renewing their very generous sponsorship of this event and encourage you all to attend if you can. Profits for this event will also support our youth and bridge development programs.



Western Seniors Place Getters



What are the odds of a hand like this?



33 HCPs! This was the hand dealt in a recent Friday afternoon session at Rockingham BC. Betty Philpott, Jane Ophorst, Nicky O'Connell, Janice Hawker and Michael Dawson all opened with a 7NT bid!



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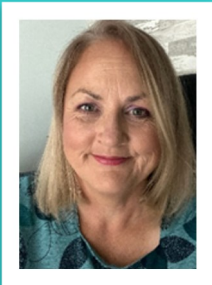
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# Around the Clubs

By: Helen Rogoysky

## West Coast Bridge Club

By Hillary Heptinstall

The results of our Restricted Pairs Competition which was held in May were:

1st: Chris Ruffle and Andy Fairweather

2nd: Sally Brittliffe and Gaye Beissel

3rd: Maria Ehmke and Jessie Duffill



Winners Chris Ruffle and Andy Fairweather with Club President, Sue Vincent.



Runners up Sue Vincent with Sally Brittliffe and Gaye Beissel.

This is an inaugural event for West Coast and there will be a new trophy.

Jessie Duffill and Maria Ehmke won the Ocean Gardens prize for the best pair with under 150 masterpoints.

Our next competition will be our Club Championship Pairs which will commence on Monday July 8.

Our West Coast Congress will be held on Sunday September 8 and there are still a few places left.

Enter via myABF

## WEST COAST BRIDGE CLUB

CIVIC CENTRE, 33 TEMPLETONIA CRESC, CITY BEACH

### 2024 CONGRESS

is open to all players



A RED POINT EVENT

SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 10.00 am

Director – Neville Walker

Entry fee \$45.00 per player is payable via myABF ([www.myabf.com.au](http://www.myabf.com.au)) or with cash on the day. (Cost includes a buffet dinner.)  
You should bring your own lunch.

Entries open May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 on MyABF and close on September 1st 2024

#### PRIZES AWARDED

- First and second in the Qualifying Round
- First, second and third in the Final
- Winning pairs in the Plate and Consolation events, depending on numbers. The greater prize will be awarded should pairs win two sections.

#### Movement type and scoring

- Morning session: Qualifying, match point pairs
- Afternoon session: Finals, match point pairs.

Convenor: Sue Vincent 0407085277



# Maccabi Bridge Club

by Luba Klein



Our long standing member Rachel Krasenstein sadly passed away recently just before she was going to celebrate her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> April this year and we all will miss her friendship and kindness.

David Schokman said that Rachel was the perfect lady at the table (away from it too) and it was a pleasure partnering her. She was a wonderful friend to many in the bridge world – David was a close friend of Rachel's and never stopped visiting her even when she got older and cut down on her bridge commitments. She helped many beginners with bridge and quietly tutored them.

What many people may not know is that she was a fine artist, and also helped people who wanted to learn art. It was a pleasure knowing Rachel and a privilege being her friend. Rachel and her partner Monty Mallin were also a tower of strength in helping David Schokman in the press room when they held the world championships in Perth, in 1989.

Her many achievements in bridge were:-

1983: Won the State mixed pairs with David Schokman

1985 & 1987: Won the state Women's teams.

1993: Won the Hans Rosendorff Teams.

1994: Won the Golden West with Doreen Jones

1986; 1996; 2001; 2002; 2003 & 2004: played for the WA Women's state team.

1984; 1986; 1992 and 1995: won a place in the WA team to go for the Summer Festival in Canberra.

1996: Won the State Mixed teams with David Schokman

1996: Won the Women's Butler in WA with Joan Touyz

1998: was part of a Metropolitan team in the Grand national teams event

2000: Won the Club Champions pairs with Debbie Frankel

Chris Ross and Judy Havas played in the Bobby Richman pairs event on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone played together (over 2000 people) on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Then field was divided according to results from the previous day's play on the 19<sup>th</sup>. At least the heavies were up in the higher sections!! They played in one of the sections and came 2<sup>nd</sup> winning a prize.



The next three days they played in the teams event in the 1500 MPs section. There were 50 teams in this section. Their team mates were Helen Kemp and Jill Gavshon. The WA girls came 7<sup>th</sup>, a result not to be ashamed of. Imagine their surprise when they received a prize for the best women's team!

Marilyn Atkins & Myrna Suttner were winners at WABC Congress Presidents Red Point Event – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024.



Luba was recently honoured at Maccabi WA AGM and open day at New JHUB Building for Maccabi WA Community Spirit and Volunteer Award for Bridge after many years involvement in Maccabi WA Bridge.

Denise Sharbanee, President of WA Maccabi Bridge Club with Luba. We had our first game at the new JHUB on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. It is located where the old Jewish Centre used to be in Woodrow Avenue, Yokine. You are most welcome to come for a game on Mondays, starting at 11.30am – short break for lunch and concludes at 2.30pm – latest at 3.00pm.





# Busselton Bridge Club

By Barbara Averill

## Annual ZONTA Charity Congress

On Saturday 18th June, Busselton Bridge Club held their annual ZONTA CHARITY CONGRESS. This was well attended by bridge players from Metro, Lower Great Southern and South Western bridge clubs making up 19 tables. Brian Wade donated his services as director for the day and conducted a thoroughly enjoyable event. The ZONTA ladies provided a scrumptious lunch with snacks and drinks throughout the day. Thanks go to Ruth Willers, who was the convenor of the event. Jenny Shaw presented the winners with their prizes.

### Final Winners:



First: Pim Birss and Robin Clifton



Second: Jackin Clare and John Whiting

### Plate Winners:



First: Andrea McCullen and Christine Bradley



Second: John and Rosie Lill

## St John Training Session

Recently, during a bridge session at our Dunsborough venue (Naturaliste Community Centre) one of our members collapsed. Fortunately, there was a happy outcome thanks to the rapid response from the centre staff. The incident highlighted that our bridge community is an aging population and such a scenario could happen again. One of our proactive committee members, Maggie West, contacted the local St John Sub Centre and discussed emergency response training for our members. St John's were more than happy to help and on Saturday morning, 8th June, six St John volunteer trainers gave us an insightful and comprehensive training session. From finding someone collapsed, how to check for breathing, how to send for help, how to assess, how to commence CPR and how to use an AED (Automatic Electrical Defibrillator). We were also given a free First Aid Pocket Guide and an information card about a free download for your phone, the "St John First Responder" app. This amazing app, when activated on your phone, lets the call centre know where you are, where your closest AED is located, and you will be talked through any emergency situation until help arrives. Why would anyone not have this app on their phone? Hopefully this report will encourage other bridge clubs to consider approaching their local St Johns Sub Centre and ask about training. Thank you St John Volunteers for giving up your Saturday morning and for this amazing training session.



# Nedlands Bridge Club

By Linda Bedford Brown

## Australia Wide Novice Pairs



Our congratulations to Mario Rossi and Diane Pope who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Australia and to Ngarie Pisano and Anthony Richards who placed 8<sup>th</sup>.



Winning the Wednesday Club Pairs:  
Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma

# Willetton Bridge Club

By Richard Harris

We've had some highs and lows at Willetton.

The highs included -

\* a closely contested autumn pairs championship, with eight tables

\* Michael Oehme and his bridge partner Jeanne Marks, bid and made seven spades at a club game, for a grand slam score of 2210.

\* Robin Hewitt turned 90 years old and his bridge partner Margaret Pember, shopping around for cakes, struck gold at Woolies in Southlands, providing members with chocolate cheesecake, carrot cake and another delicious cake. It was a cake feast and members hope Robin keeps going for years to come.

The lows included -

\* a woman member found herself locked inside the high-tech loo. At one stage about 13 members were standing outside the door yelling instructions to her. Unfortunately, she is deaf and couldn't hear all the useful advice. Also, the light had gone out. Somebody called the ranger, but she freed herself at least half an hour before he arrived.

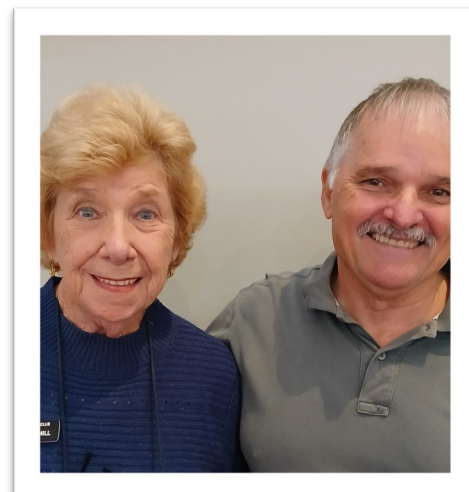
\* One Wednesday, too few members turned up to stage a game, so all went home, prompting Noel to send out a general e-mail asking for Wednesday support.

The autumn pairs result was a popular one, with foundation member Dorothy Cahill and partner Neil Rankine taking the trophy, sponsored by Noel Daniel.

The red point results-

1. Dorothy Cahill and Neil Rankine 62.5%
2. Bridget Cooke and Richard Harris 61.9%
3. Ken Harrison and Ameer Ali 58.93%
4. Peter Miller and William Carnell 57.14%
5. Simon Platt and Colleen Oehme 55.06%
- 6.= Charles Westcott and Margaret Pember 53.87%
- 6 = Patricia Moore and Alan Byrne 53.87%
- 8 David Lobo and Daphne Lobo 48.21%

Dorothy does a lot of work for the club behind the scenes and for years was house manager. She is famous for her edict: This club does not serve broken biscuits at afternoon tea!



# Rockingham Bridge Club

*By Pat Ditchfield*

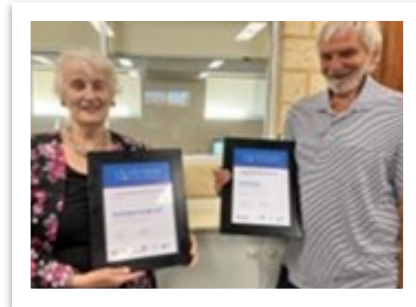
Di Brooks was a finalist in the Senior Volunteer of the Year and the Rockingham Bridge Club as a Community Volunteer Organisation in the recent City of Rockingham Volunteer Awards. Over the past 40 plus years, Diane has been a stalwart of the Rockingham Bridge Club, taking on many Committee roles from Publicity Officer to President (more than once) and continues to be the stopgap when a job needs doing.

She is a qualified Bridge teacher and has taught almost continuously in that time, believing that everyone can learn to play, and enjoy this wonderful card game. She has taken on extra classes when other teachers are unavailable because she doesn't want anyone to miss the opportunity to learn, even though this is an impost on her time.

At Seniors Expo Days, run by the City of Rockingham, Diane can be found setting up and manning the Club stall, encouraging passersby to have a go and perhaps come to our introductory Morning Teas.

Diane is well known Statewide in the bridge world and is a staunch promoter of Rockingham and surrounds as a wonderful place to visit (and play Bridge).

Strictly speaking, RBC is not a Volunteering Organisation as that is not our core work, but we were commended for our fundraising efforts on behalf of another group. Dave Clark's efforts to support the Containers for Change Programme, by providing a collection point for members, was applauded. Dave has collected \$1788.10 to date of writing this article.



Rockingham Bridge Club has fundraised for a local community-based charity since the late 1990s, holding a major Gala Day each year as well as small ongoing activities all year round. Until November 2022, the main recipient charity was the Rockingham and District Silver Chain Fundraising Committee. Up to that point, over \$81 000 had been raised by the members of the Rockingham Bridge Club (which has never had more than 100 members at any one time).

It was decided that from 2023 our recipient charity would be Coastal District Care, another locally based charity.

# Mandurah Bridge Club

*By Ian Jones*

At the AGM in May the following members were elected to the management committee:

**President - Phil Baker**

**Vice President - Gary Watkins**

**Secretary - Lyn Clarke**

**Treasurer - Di Schupp**

**Tournament Director - Sandra Hardie**

**Management Committee Members -**

**Roz Trend, Patricia Anderson and**

**Chris Gilford**

The Club ran a very successful Quiz night in May, the first for many years. Thanks to Trish Christy for running such an enjoyable event. Congratulations to the following winners: Sandra Hardy and Peter Knight, who came

second in the Restricted Butler final and will represent WA in the NSW finals.

Club winners of the Australia-Wide Novice pairs, Di Schupp and Bill McCreddie for E/W and Mei Zhao and Gary Watkins for N/S.

Club members Trish Christy and Mei Zhao winning the Kalamunda Restricted congress.

Monday Best 3 out of 4 winners Mei Zhao and Gerald Merven; runners up Judith Tuckey and Ann Shalders.

Handicap Pairs championship winners Ann Kelly and Bob Powell

(pictured with Director Brain Wade);

runners up Brian Murphy and Roger Lowe.





## Kalamunda Bridge Club

*By Di van Santen*

This has been a busy time with great attendance by members.

The Restricted Pairs was played over two days by 11 pairs in April.

1st: Margaret McRobbie and Jenny Tedeschi

2nd: Mike Pepper and Jim Steel

3rd: Wendy Dodd and Sherrill Duncan



GNOT outright results:

1st: Lemann Team—Kit Lemann, Tom Lemann, Stephen Thyer and Carmen Jackson

2nd: Pryce Team—Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown, Julie Bechelli and Gudrun Kemmer

3rd: Pringle Team—Ross Pringle, Erik Moller, Alan Puckey, Joscelyn Charters and Ronnie Malt-house



4th: Christy Team—Jean-Paul Tedeschi, Joseph Gaudet, Peter Cameron, Jo Collings and Trish Christy

Australia Wide Novice Pairs—national results:

29th: Barbara Bibby and Lorraine Stivey

39th: Bernard Szalkowski and David Harris

49th: Ross Pringle and Ronnie Malthouse

241st: Sherrill Duncan and Wendy Dodd

KDBC Open Teams 12th June

Seven teams played in this competition.

1st: Thyer Team—Kit Lemann, Tom Lemann, Stephen Thyer and Carmen Jackson

2nd: Hoffman Team—Elizabeth McMillen, Jenny Tedeschi, Sandra Hoffman, Carole Sexton and Margaret McRobbie

3rd: Clarke Team—Joe Louis, Peter Clarke, Peter Cameron, John Offer and Joseph Gaudet

4th: Pryce Team—Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown, Julie Bechelli and Gudrun Kemmer

## Maylands Bridge Club

*By Ilana Meyer*

**Red Point Events:**

Maylands Open Pairs

1st: Linley Le Page and Richard Maker

2nd: Joanna Ellison and Peter Bekink

3rd: Joseph Gaudet and Stephen Thyer



Jean Lilleyman Memorial Event

1st: John Czerw and Ross Cant

2nd: Keith Eastman and Robert Oakes

3rd: Bernard Smith and Colleen Prosser





# West Australia Bridge Club

By Martin Doran

## Charity Day

The 2024 WABC annual red point **Charity Day & Raffle** was held on Friday 10th in support of *Homelessness: We Care - Perth Western Australia*.

This small, not-for-profit charity is based in Perth, Western Australia and the club raised \$6,903. Well done Ronnie Ntoumenopoulos and her

helpers who were pretty relentless in selling raffle tickets. This money was raised through the raffle, token donations, and the afternoon bridge session. Thank you everyone for contributing to this result as well as donating to the thirty two prizes. Several businesses including Bunnings, Taj

Mahal Restaurant, and Health Body Chinese Massage also donated prizes.

A visit by some committee members to the charity resulted in a clothing drive being initiated. What a response! In a week the library was buried under bags of clothes and shoes. Just as well the annual library stocktake had finished because there was no hope of getting to most of the books.



Lindsey Francis from *Homelessness: We Care* addressing the players.

## Winter Congress

Our biggest congress of the year saw a revised schedule and table numbers were up slightly on last year. There was also a move to single winners in the matchpoint events by arrow switching the fields. As usual, there were walk ins to the afternoon matchpoint sessions who had "forgotten" there was a congress on. Fortunately, our director, David Burn, can quickly change a movement to cater for this, but his patience was tested when a pair who had been added then

wandered off home and this was only discovered as the boards were being handed out. The all-day Swiss events ran well though the Teams entry was down a little.

The winners were:

**Restricted Pairs:** Lyn McLain & Faye Shelton;

**Welcome Pairs:** Nigel Dutton & Kimberley Zhao;

**Saturday Swiss:** Mark Doust & Belinda Taranto;

**President's Pairs:** Marilyn Atkins & Myrna Suttner;

**Sunday Swiss:** Ron Cooper & Tom Lemann;

**Novice Pairs:** Ronnie Malthouse & Kate Sayer;

**Swiss Teams:** Henry Christie; Ron Cooper; Geoff Holman; Chris Ingham; & Tom Lemann;

**Farewell Pairs:** Robin Challenor & Angie Somic.

Pictures and place getters can be found on the WABC site. The catering was excellent and thank you to the club members who so generously donated food for the Friday and Saturday afternoon teas. The club also provided an excellent array of savouries, pies, etc. at the close of sessions on Sunday and Monday. Many thanks to our volunteers who helped in the kitchen: Tessa Mayall, Kate Gould, Lee Hazell and Jane Clough, Kate North and Penny Oldfield as well as committee members Jan French & Sylvia Bray.

## Coming Up

Red point week is almost upon us closely followed by Marvellous Monday on July 15. Come along to the afternoon session for some fun, including a quiz and nibbles after play.

Each month there is one Thursday afternoon of Swiss Pairs. Four seven board matches. It's an excellent introduction to what is the most popular format played in weekend congresses. Check the calendar for which week. But, watch out, in August there will be Swiss pairs every



## September Deadline

August 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for inclusion in the September Focus.

# South Perth Bridge Club

By Gaye Bastow

The South Perth Bridge Club Handicap Championship, **The Browning Cup**, was held over two Tuesdays, the 23rd and 30th April. There was a great turn out for the event with 38 pairs participating, and players of all levels of experience, from novice to open, playing against each other. The handicap for this event was determined by the players' ABF masterpoint ranking. Prizes were presented by Club president Tony McKinnon. Congratulations to the winners. With the handicaps applied, in first place and winners of the Cup were Rhonda Hulshoff and Barbara Daniels. In second place were Ros Basell and Efrem Gamba and in third place were David Baccarini and Kathy Murray. Fourth place went to Gigi Heterman and Kate Akalin and fifth place to Joy Harjani and Raymond Gray. Before the handicap was applied, achieving the best results were Beverley Lurie and Alfred Leung, followed by Merwyn Menezes and Leon Ref, and then Laura and Rob Breen. Red points were awarded according to the pre-handicap results.

South Perth Bridge Club hosted the **BAWA masters in Teams of 3** on Sunday 16th June.

The winners of the Masters in Teams of 3 were Tad Bieganski, Shirley Lavarack, Sylvia Bray and Ziggy Morawiec. Runners-up were Wilma Coloper, Jenny Simpson, Diane Smith and Gerry Daly.

The Best Novice team went to Jane Venter, Deana Wilson, Catherine Hancock and Carole Murphy, with the Runners-up being David Burn, Ronnie Malthouse, Kate Sayer and Ross Pringle.







# Who Do You Believe?

By: Di Brooks

Contract bridge is a partnership game and therefore you **HAVE** to trust your partner!

Take a look at the hand below....

Bd 11 Dealer S Nil Vul

Bidding Sequence:

North	East	South	West
		Pass	1H
Pass	2D	2H	3C
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Result: + 3 for 510

Deep Finesse says 6C, 7D, 7H, 2S or 7NT

The 4 hands were.....

<b>Board 11</b>		♠ 10 7 6 4
South Deals		♥ Q
None Vul		♦ 10 7 4 2
		♣ J 9 6 5
	♠ A 9 2	♠ J
	♥ A 8 7 5 3	♥ K J 9 6
	♦ J	♦ A K Q 8 3
	♣ A K Q 10	♣ 8 4 2
		♠ K Q 8 5 3
		♥ 10 4 2
		♦ 9 6 5
		♣ 7 3

East didn't recognise the amount of points in West's hand. Needed to evaluate his single spade was worth gold.

After the 3C from West, East could have asked for Aces and bid the Grand Slam in Hearts. A contract far easier than trying to circumnavigate 7NT, especially if you are less experienced.

Some sessions the cards can be awkwardly placed. The hand doesn't slot nicely into your system. At the end of this session, everyone complained that they were bottom.

Nice to be surprised with a 2nd.

So Di's Tip of the Day: Never Lose Heart. Play steadily and enjoy the great game of Bridge.

Happy Bridging.



## GERALDTON CONGRESS

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Catholic Centre - cnr Cathedral Avenue and Maitland Street

Director - Brian Wade

Day	Time	Event	Cost	Includes
Friday Evening	6.30 pm	Welcome Pairs	\$30 /person	Drinks and nibbles
Saturday Qualifying & Final	9.30 am	Pairs	\$120/pair	Light lunch - soup & sandwich
Sunday	9.30 am	Teams	\$240/team	

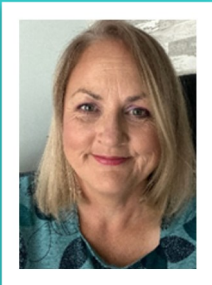
ENTER via [myabf.com.au](http://myabf.com.au)

Contact Maureen Knight (Convenor), [nullba@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nullba@yahoo.co.uk) - 0499 555 647

Tea and Coffee supplied all weekend

Generous prizes (60% of table money)





# Who's Who In WA Bridge!

By Helen Rogoysky



Many of you will know this past editor as she is a regular congress and club player. I had the fortune of asking this lovely player a few questions. Thank you Beata Bieganski for answering them.

### First home club:

Undercroft Bridge Club –

Tad and I joined the club in 2003 and it is still our Home Club.

### What system do you use?

Before 2003 we played a lot of 'kitchen bridge' with friends with no formal system – with strong NT, all other bids natural and bottle of wine to assist. We never attended bridge lessons, but we managed to learn a proper system from books just before joining the club. First one was 'Polish Club' which we played for a long time (Tad still plays it with his partner!). I now play Standard American and am trying to persuade my partners to play 2 over 1 with transfer responses to a one club opening.

### What made you interested in learning bridge?

Bridge has always been very popular in Poland, especially before the 'computer age'. When I started university (still in Poland) in 1981 nearly all the students played the game. So, I 'had' to learn it just to be 'in-the-crowd' and later I grew to love it.

### What do you like most about bridge?

Social and mental stimulation - each game played will offer a unique set of problems and solutions. Every single deal is different; every deal poses a new problem and the challenge of finding the solution is a great source of enjoyment - even more so if you find the answer!

Bridge also provides us (me and Tad) with a very strong web of friends. We love going away to

major congresses and greatly value the social part of them – catching up with friends, along with some lively bridge discussion is a lot of fun!.

Someone said that bridge is 'the smartest game ever invented' and I think it's 100% true.

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

My other interests over the years have included reading, gardening, patchworking, quilting, craft and sewing.

### Most memorable bridge moment?

My most exiting experience in Bridge was being able to play some 'side events' and kibitz our teams during 2016 World Bridge Games in Wroclaw, Poland. It was the first world championship organized in Poland and players of 69 nations were representing their countries. Our own Renee Cooper and Jane Reynolds were in the Women's Team representing Australia.

### Most faraway place you've played?

Poland (naturally) – every time Tad and I visit Poland we always play a few games at the club.

### Memorable hand that you have had?

I have had a lot but I can't remember the distribution so the below one is recent.

EAST Dealer | NS Vulnerable

East opened the bidding 1NT (weak 11-14 points), South passed, West transferred to Hearts. I've passed as North holding

♠ A983
♥ AKQ942
♦ 4
♣ K5

East bided 2H; South passed, West passed. Now back to me. If I double is my partner going to bid? We never discussed situation like this so I passed. (Happily, turns out to be a good decision.)

## EDITING OF MATERIAL

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



BOARD 18					
<b>BD: 18</b>	♠ A983				<b>Dir: E</b>
	♥ AKQ942				<b>Vul: NS</b>
	♦ 4				
	♣ K5				
♠ J4				♠ KQ65	
♥ JT863				♥ 75	
♦ Q7				♦ AKJ5	
♣ AT97				♣ 862	
	♠ T72				
	♥				
	♦ T98632				
	♣ QJ43				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N		2	1		
S		2	1		16
E				1	8
W				1	13
					3

**Do you play online?**

I'm using Bridge Base Online for bidding practice with my partners sometimes, however I do not play regularly online as I prefer to go out and meet people as often as possible.

**Best advice for new players?**

Most importantly—Relax and enjoy the game.

- Don't discuss the hands or try to fix your system during the round.
- Focus on one board at a time and when that board is over, resist the natural tendency to think about what you could have done better.
- Don't rush – look ahead and plan your play
- When there's time at the end of a round, consider starting a conversation with your opponents. (Most are happy to answer questions and will be flattered if you ask their advice.)
- Remember: bridge is not only about skill but also about communication

**Anything else?**

As a partnership game it's very important to be a good partner – one of the hardest parts of bridge. If you can develop the discipline to not criticise your partner, you should regard it as an accomplishment. If you spoil the atmosphere at your table, it will certainly upset your partner and it could also affect your game. On the other hand, if you create a pleasant, clear-thinking space to play bridge, your partner will play much better.

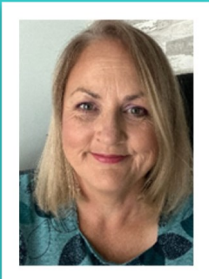
# Team of 4 Results

NOVICE	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Joondalup A	7	6	1		115.00
SPBC	7	3	4		68.18
West Coast	7	4	3		66.15
Melville A	5	4	1		64.12
Undercroft A	4	2	2		53.82
Rockingham	5	2	3		43.73
WABC	4	2	2		39.67
Joondalup B	5	2	3		32.79
Melville B	4		4		8.59
Undercroft B	2		2		7.95

INTERMEDIATE	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
WABC	6	4	2		85.41
Kalamunda	4	3	1		41.32
Nedlands	3	2	1		32.15
West Coast	4	1	3		30.54
Melville	3	1	2		29.47
Undercroft	3	1	2		21.11
SPBC	1		1		

OPEN	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Melville	4	2	2		39.95
Nedlands	3	2	1		34.39
WABC B	3	1	2		30.24
Undercroft B	3	2	1		28.86
Mandurah	3	1	2		22.38
SPBC	2	1	1		21.90
Undercroft A	2	1	1		21.84
WABC A	2	1	1		20.44

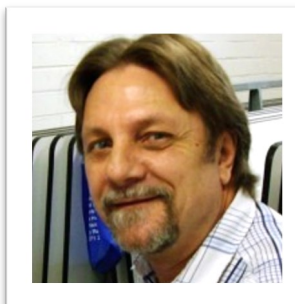




# Director Please!

By: Helen Rogoysky

Many of you will have played a game directed by **David Burn** as he is very busy each week directing at multiple clubs and quite a few congresses. Thanks for answering my questions David.



## When did you start playing bridge?

My first experience with Bridge was in high school in 1973, when a student joined our year and wanted to show a few classmates "this game" he had been teaching himself. It lasted for six months and then he was gone. Ten years later, I started work at what was the Churchlands Campus of WACAE and discovered two tables playing in the staffroom at lunch times. I watched on for a while and then joined in. In 1984, I started playing at Greenwood Bridge Club (now closed) in the staffroom at Greenwood High School.

## What made you interested in learning bridge?

My mum had me playing various forms of card patience when I was really young. We were playing Canasta at home when I was in my teens. So, card games were already of interest when that school friend introduced me to the game. Also, my grandmother was a founding member of the South Perth Bridge Club, so I got plenty of encouragement from her.

## What is your favourite convention?

Myxomatosis Twos, in spite of all the negative opinions from those who would tell you they know better. With one bid, it allows you to express what could be a strong single-suited hand, or a weak single-suited hand, or a hand holding two specific 5-card suits, which could be either weak or strong, or a balanced hand with graduated HCPs count. Best feature is the formula is exactly the same for each 2-level suit opening, none of this 2C means one thing, 2D something else and 2H/S something totally different again, all of which could still be indeterminate after

Opener rebids!

## When did you start directing?

I started directing casually at the Wanneroo Bridge Club (now closed) in 1987, but that was just as an unqualified playing director. I started looking after some supervised sessions at South Perth and WABC and then did the course under the tutelage of Bill Kemp. I started directing formally in 2009.

## What drew you to directing?

I was made redundant from my IT job in 2009, and soon found that the payout wasn't going to last. Directing at clubs that pay looked like an opportunity to earn at least a little something until I could find a new job. It has grown from there into my now full-time job.

## Most faraway place you have directed?

Canberra in the Summer Festival of Bridge in 2019 and then again in 2024.

## What is your most common reason to be called to the table?

Three infractions represent about 95% of all calls I get, pretty much in equal proportion - Lead out of Turn, Insufficient Bid and the Revoke.

## Do you have a favourite law?

Not really, although Law 36 Inadmissible Doubles and Redoubles are fun to adjudicate when a player has doubled their partner, or opened the bidding with a double.

## Do you miss playing in congresses?

The ones that I have to direct? Yes, to a degree. But I do try to play in as many as I can when they are run by other clubs, so I'm not that starved of opportunities.

## Most memorable moment directing?

Not really. Maybe having one of my rulings upheld by the Reviewer, after it was appealed in a congress. Or perhaps having to rework on the fly my pre-arranged movements for 45 tables to 49 tables to account for the 8 pairs who walked in, claiming they didn't know they had to enter (I have had to do similar in almost every WABC



Congress I have directed).

**What did/do you do for work?**

As it happens, I am full time directing. Regular sessions at Melville, South Perth, Bayswater and WABC (4), with the occasional Gold Point and Red Point events at West Coast and Joondalup, as well as congress directing for WABC, Undercroft, Maylands and Bayswater. Plus a little bit of home computer support here and there, mainly for

other bridge players. It all keeps me very busy.

**Is there anything else you would like to share?**

I am very interested in getting more involved in teaching, I have run a couple of courses and may well get the opportunity to run some more in the future. Of course, there are only so many hours in a week, so that may have to be at the expense of some of my directing sessions. After all, I do need to sleep!



# The High Jump

By: Ron Klinger  
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You are vulnerable against not.  
Right-hand opponent opens 1C.

What would you do with:

♠	A K J 10 9 3 2
♥	5
♦	Q 9 7 4
♣	10

Solution Page: 18



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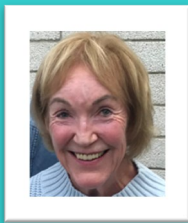
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# Albany Congress Open Sesame

By: Maura Rhodes

The annual Congress at Albany is always something we look forward to for many reasons: we love Albany, our friends, Kate and Murray, live there and the food is terrific.

Here is an interesting hand from the Qualifying Pairs:

Albany Congress Qualifying Pairs			
<b>Board 25</b>		♠ K 2	
North Deals		♥ A J 9 8	
E-W Vul		♦ J 9 3	
		♣ K J 10 3	
	♠ —		♠ Q J 10 6 5 4
	♥ K 10 7 3		♥ Q 6 2
	♦ Q 8 5 2		♦ 4
	♣ Q 9 6 4 2		♣ A 7 5
		♠ A 9 8 7 3	
		♥ 5 4	
		♦ A K 10 7 6	
		♣ 8	

North opened 1C and East overcalled 2S. South passed, as did West.

Now what would you do as North? Make your mind up before reading on.

It was a lovely Congress, well attended and efficiently directed by Brian Wade, who keeps his calm at all times. Thank you, Brian. I must also thank the ladies who worked hard in the kitchen to provide beautiful food for us all. We enjoyed it so much that we have already booked our accommodation in Harbourside for next year!

Now, what have you decided to bid as North? Would it surprise you to learn that North has an easy choice? The recommended action is double. North is short in the opponent's suit and has support or tolerance for the unbid suits, the typical holding for a takeout double. North does not know South has strength in Spades, but the balancing double allows South to pass with length and strength in Spades or to take out the double to a suitable spot otherwise. Given the vulnerability, passing should appeal greatly to South.

On the lead of the ace of Diamonds, followed by a switch to the Club 8 should take 2S down two,

maybe even three off. Plus 500 or plus 800 would be a better score than 3NT making 400.



## BAWA 2024 COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### at BRIDGETOWN

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**September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday – 9:30 am Duplicate Pairs. Sunday – 9:00 am Swiss Teams

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Robinia Way, Kangaroo Gully, Bridgetown  
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# 7H Doubled—Best bid a PASS

By David Schokman

The best bid that you will ever have in your bridge dictionary is the PASS, and playing against Deana Wilson, in the State Seniors trials, her PASS, could possibly have changed the structure of the team. But I am getting ahead of myself.

Playing with Tim Wright, we had a little luck and found ourselves leading the field at the end of round 13. There were two rounds to go, round 14 against Deana Wilson and Sue Gammon, with the last round against the best pair, Val Biltoft, and Trevor Fuller. It was the last board of a reasonably flat match and I, sitting north, picked up this horror and was pleased to see my partner place a bid of 1H on the table.

South Deals	♠ J 8 3	♠ K 7 6
Both Vul	♥ 10 7 5 4 2	♥ —
	♦ 9 4	♦ A Q 7 5
	♣ 5 4 2	♣ A 10 9 8 7 6
♠ A Q 10		
♥ 9 6 3		
♦ K 8 6		
♣ K Q J 3		
	♠ 9 5 4 2	
	♥ A K Q J 8	
	♦ J 10 3 2	
	♣ —	

Sit yourself in the west seat, and I believe that there will be very few of you who will pass on this hand, but Deana Wilson did. What is your choice? A double, or even 1NT, with three little hearts in your hand?! Deana's reasoning was that if north/south proceeded with the bidding that they would be in for a big, and unpleasant surprise.

Now get into my seat. What would you bid? My thoughts were that we had a 10-card fit, and my hand was worthless in defence. In my book 4H is the only bid to make. It places huge pressure on east, and, if south held a stronger hand any bid by east could end badly for east/west.

Sitting east was Sue Gammon, who has never been a 'shrinking violet' when it comes to bidding. Without a moments hesitation Sue bid 5C. My partner did not hesitate for a moment and

bid 5H with a great deal of alacrity. Deana did not hesitate either and bid 6C. She did tell me later, that if partner could bid 5C, when vulnerable, missing the KQJ in clubs, that she must have a good hand and probably be void in hearts, and would have bid 6C, even without the 5H bid. All sound reasonable bids which were quite justified. The ball is now in my court, and as these three bids took about 10 seconds to make, I did not wish to look like a coward. Partner had to be short in clubs, so I boldly bid 6H. Sue felt that she had said enough and passed, as did Tim. We then saw that Deana had placed the 7C bid on the table, and I rued the day that I had decided to raise the ante with such poor values.

The bidding came back to Tim, and I felt that he would double and we would collect a few hundred points in our favour. That did not happen. The world had stopped revolving leaving us in our own little "Time Bubble". Then, quite meticulously, Tim placed the 7H bid on the table and our private world exploded with a red card winning the auction. There was nothing in the play. We lost the first five tricks for minus 1400, but I was not in the least bit concerned as we know that 7C was unbeatable, and there was little doubt that all, or most of the field, would bid 6C, for +1390, making our minus 1400 quite a reasonable result.

It was not to be. Not a single other pair bid past 5C and all of them lost 1.71 imps while our opponent picked up 13. We had dropped to third and were playing against the best pair in the room. However, that last bidding sequence of ours had given us the courage to face number one. It was a very close game, and we took the honours by .7 of an imp. We come back to what I started to say, and that to pass with values is often the best decision to take, when there is no better bid to make. I believe that at all the other tables the bidding had gone 1H: X: 3 or 4H, 5C, which was passed out.



# The High Jump

By: Ron Klinger  
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This comes from the finals of an Asia-Pacific Congress Teams:

South Deals	♠ Q 7 5		
E-W Vul	♥ Q 10 9 7 2		
	♦ 8 6		
	♣ A 5 2		
♠ A K J 10 9 3 2		♠ 8 6 4	
♥ 5		♥ J 8 6	
♦ Q 9 7 4		♦ A K 10 3	
♣ 10		♣ K 8 7	
	♠ —		
	♥ A K 4 3		
	♦ J 5 2		
	♣ Q J 9 6 4 3		

The over-sacrifice cost 300, but it was still worth +10 Imps. Had North followed the principle of pushing the opponents to the 5-level and letting them play there, the gain would have been 13 Imps.

### Women's final:

Table 1:

West	North	East	South
			2C
4S	Pass	Pass	5C
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

### Open final:

Table 1:

West	North	East	South
			1C
4S!	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Lead: CA – seven – queen – ten

North switched to a heart. South won and North collected a trump trick later, but declarer had ten tricks, +790. With a 7-2-2-2 or 7-3-2-1 pattern, a pre-empt to the 3-level is normal. With a 7-4 pattern, you are worth one trick more.

Table 2:

West	North	East	South
			2C (1)
2S	Dble	3C (2)	3H
4D	Pass	4S	5C
5S	6C	Dble	All Pass

(1) 11-15 points, 5+ clubs

(2) Strong spade raise

Lead: SK. 10 tricks. E-W +100.

Table 2:

West	North	East	South
			2C
2S	Dble	3C	3H
4S	5H	Dble	Pass
5S?	Pass	Pass	Pass

Lead: CA. 10 tricks. N-S +100.

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August	
Friday 2nd-Sunday 4th	South Perth Winter Congress
Saturday 10th	GNOT Country Final (2) and GNOT Metro Final
Saturday 17th	Bayswater Restricted Congress
Saturday 24th	Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs (Gold Point Event)
September	
Saturday 7th—Sunday 8th	BAWA Country Championships
Sunday 8th	West Coast Congress
Saturday 14th—Sunday 15th	HGR Memorial Congress
Friday 20th—Sunday 22nd	Geraldton Congress
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75% Michael Fisher and Barry Aslett

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### Denmark BC

72% John Kenyon and Suzanne Yates

### Busselton BC

71.6% Rick Hennessy and Maggie West

### Fremantle BC

76.7% David Shade and Alan James Wilson  
73.2% Marcia Mazanetz and Neville Stafford

### Melville BC

75.7% Merwyn Menezes and Hilda Remedios  
75% K Dawson and Sandra Ardeshirian  
72% Marion Jefferson and Robyn Wansbrough  
71.5% Robert Kirberger and Maureen Warman

### West Coast BC

77% Maria Ehmke and Linda Andrews  
70.8% Ying Goodet and Colleen Stone

### South Perth BC

74.9% Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free  
73.4% Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven  
72% Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free

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70.3% Patrick Cooney and Liz Kaye-Eddie

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73.4% Liz McTaggart and Sally Woods  
73.4% Pravin Aggarwal and Shakuntla Aggarwal  
71.7% Cherene Johns and Isabel White  
70.2% Derek Dorward and Mike Bennett

### Northern Districts BC

70.3% Lyn Fakira and Chris Price

### Bayswater BC

73.6% Sandra Hoffman and Joscelyn Charters

### Nedlands BC

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