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Fostering Bridge in Western Australia

Wishing our **Teams** every success at the

Australian National Bridge Championships July 7th - 18th



Open Team

Matthew Raisin - Simon Brayshaw
Stella Steer - James Steer
Wendy Driscoll - Shizue Futaesaku
NPC Chris Mulley



Youth Team

Michael Bausor - Tom Peacock
Chris Cullen - Kirstyn Fuller
Rhys Cooper - Renee Cooper
NPC Ron Cooper



Women's Team

Sue Pynt - Heather Williams
Leone Fuller - Val Biltoff
Lauren Shiels - Annabel Booth
NPC Allison Stralow

Good Luck!

Seniors Team

Eddy Mandavy - Andrew Swider
Nigel Dutton - Marie France Merven
David Schokman - Dave Munro
NPC Noelene Law



Geraldton Bridge Congress

Geraldton Bridge Club held another successful Congress in June and we were all blessed with sunny conditions, a continuous array of gourmet delights and fine fellowship.

President John Darnley and his marvellous committee are to be commended. Although small in membership every member pulled out all stops to ensure that players enjoyed an excellent event.

Congratulations to Convener Heather Cupitt and food organiser extraordinaire Barbara Allen. Bryan Baldock only ever sat down to play his cards.

Many club members joined forces to play with each other, having never played as a partnership until the event; plus this was the first congress for most.



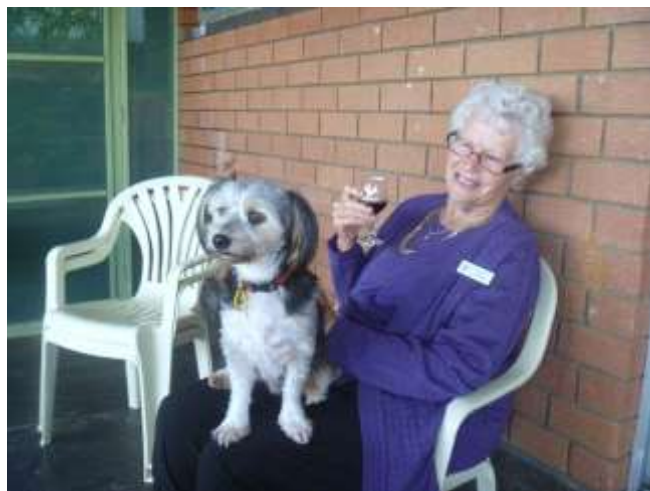
Kerry Short (Geraldton) **Jill Hill** and **Fay Casling** from Shark Bay. If Perth players thought that they had travelled some distance a round of applause should go to the contingency from Shark Bay! The group plays twice a week, 6-8 players.



BBQ cook - **Dave Ward**

Players on Sunday were treated to a great send off with a BBQ lunch of salads, sausages and hamburgers.

Thank you Geraldton!





President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

In my last column I gave some indication that BAWA was close to securing a permanent home I also promised some more detail soon. I am delighted to be able to report significant progress. Currently BAWA spends around \$30 000 annually renting premises in which to hold bridge events. Current rental agreements run for a 3 year period and are dependent on clubs tendering to host evening state events. ABF licensed event accommodation is negotiated on an annual basis.

Melville Bridge Club has been offered by the Melville City Council, who wishes to redevelop the land on which the current club is situated, relocation and a new club house. During the process of negotiations BAWA became involved with the view to being a part of this development.

The council have now offered Melville Bridge Club a 60 table venue if BAWA were included in the development or a smaller (40 table) venue should BAWA not be included. This venue, located near the Atwell Gallery in Alfred Cove, will be offered to the club on a 21 year lease. I have seen the plans and it looks like an outstanding bridge club.

Melville has generously offered BAWA a tenancy within the venue for the full period of 21 years for a cost of around \$15,000 per annum with CPI based adjustments. The final figure will be decided after a detailed agreement is reached however; it is not expected to change

significantly. Over the lease period this represents a saving to BAWA in excess of \$300 000.00.

The tenancy agreement, with minor details to be finalized, will allow BAWA access to the venue for all BAWA and BAWA/ABF events along with office and storage space. In addition; access to meeting rooms, a place to display the BAWA honour boards and signage.

Furthermore, BAWA would operate precisely as it does now as a fully autonomous entity with no overt advantage offered to Melville Bridge and no disadvantage to any other of our affiliates. Effectively we are moving from a rolling 3 year lease to a 21 year lease which is fantastic in terms of the long term security of BAWA.

There is some concern that holding all evening state events at the one south of the river venue may discourage some state players from entering state events. Whilst I don't consider this to be the case we will be giving serious thought to the idea that possibly Monday night events will stay at a north of the river location for a least a couple of years.

Such a significant venture will, naturally, require the OK from the BAWA Council. Consequently, I have asked the BAWA XO to convene a Special General Meeting next month I hope that as many clubs as possible are able to attend.

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Management Committee

Following our AGM in May, Management Committee members are:

President:	Jim McNamara
Vice-President:	Doug Hardman
Treasurer:	Audrey Edwards
Secretary:	Joy Hampson
Membership Secretary:	Liz Vince
Bridge Convener:	Neville Walker
Committee Members:	Linda Ford Billie Friedlander Ross Proudfoot

Competition Winners



The winners of the Handicap Pairs Championship which took place over 3 consecutive weeks in June were **Corrie Davis** and **Michelle Burman**.



Runners up were: **Don Weir** and **Norm Robson**.

Upcoming Events

July 2013

- Monday best 'Three out of Four' event – 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd July
- Winter Swiss Pairs Congress – Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July. Entry fee \$60 per person, entries via BAWA website
- Special Teams Event – Wednesday 24th July

August 2013

- Saturday best 'Three out of Four' event – 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th August

September 2013

- Very Novice Pairs – Monday morning 9th September (members with less than 15 Masterpoints)
- Special Teams Event – Wednesday 18th September
- Jack Rowse Novice Pairs – Thursday 19th September (members with less than 50 Masterpoints)

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Members of the Bayswater Bridge Club really feel official now after their inaugural AGM and with the allocation of their ABF affiliation number, 6-765. The regular weekly session is held on Wednesdays at 12.15pm at the Dome Hall in the Old Peninsula Hotel Building on the corner of Railway Avenue and Eighth Avenue in Maylands, right alongside the Maylands Railway Station. A Monday evening session is planned for later in the year when more substantial lighting is installed.

The club has been very active lately with outings to various fund-raising ventures helping to raise money for Red Cross and Save the Children Fund. Although not affiliated in time for the recent

Australia wide red point event to raise money for Brain Research, the club is intending to dedicate monies raised at an ordinary club session to support this worthy cause.

A fun day in May was our "Frock up and Rock Up" day when everyone decided to go formal to celebrate both the return of our House Manager, Mary Alexander and our Publicity Officer, Joyce Weinberg, from extended trips overseas, coinciding with birthday celebrations for Director, Don Sutton-Mattocks and treasured member, Ian Sutherland.

"Lamplight Bridge", a wonderful one-off evening event was held recently to test the lighting for our upcoming evening session. As the lighting is currently only chandeliers in keeping with the heritage listed building, we all took our lamps along and refreshments to add to the atmosphere. It was to be a coming together of various bridge players with the new Bassendean players learning Acol and visitors from the Armadale Bridge Club who play Standard American with our mainly Acol players. However even though the Bassendean group were unable to make it the evening was a great success and was literally a "blast" as the security system went off on our last board! We all look forward to a regular evening session when the new lighting is installed later in the year.

Eight of our members, all ladies, recently spent a week at the luxurious Sienna Villas in Seminyak, Bali, swimming, shopping, playing bridge, enjoying the sunset at Boutique Beach and trying out the Bintang and KMKs, and a visit to Ubud to attend a Balinese Cooking Class. Okay, to be honest there was not much bridge played, a bit of duplicate and a teams match but it was a great week and it looks like it may be an annual event with many more of our members expressing interest in a trip away together to combine the enjoyment of bridge with the fun of a different setting.



West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

On Sunday May 19th WABC held their annual Masters in Teams of Three Congress.

All who participated had a very pleasant day and I would urge any player with less than 100 MPs at December 31st this year to consider entering this open event in 2014. BAWA hold a similar event later in the year and it is always lots of fun.



The event was won by Chris Mulley's team of **Dymphna Eley, Vardy Pringle and Kitty George.**



In second place were Jonathan Free's team of **Jocelyn Curnow, Maria Mainstone and Karen Moller.**



Third place went to David Burn's team of **Julie O'Donoghue, Ian Rowlands and John Reid.**



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Graded Pairs State Master and above Competition playing for the for the Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy were

1st Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage

2nd Marlene Medhat and Wilhelmina Piller

3rd Freda Jacob and Annette Newton



Shirley Drage and Shirley Bloch

(This is the most used photo from the club file!)

Our supervised classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 – 12 noon are being very well patronised, as are our beginners' lessons on Monday from 10 – 12 noon, with 60-70 people attending over the week. Phone Elizabeth on 9275 1557 or Maureen on 9245 2138 for details.

Our AGM will be held at 1.00pm Sunday July 28 with a free bridge session to follow as reward for attendance! It is hoped that as many members as possible will be there on this occasion.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The Fremantle Bridge Club held its 2013 Congress on Sunday, 9 June at our bridge rooms. The Convenor was Irene Percy and the Director for the two session pairs was Peter Holloway. The overall winners were Elizabeth McNeill and Dave Munro. Second were Laurel Lander and Se-Moi Loh, with Marnie Leybourne and Nick Cantatore third. The best non-placed Fremantle members were Helene Kolozs and Chris Wells.

The Consolation Pairs was won, on north/south, by Patricia Hunter and Carol Newport, Andrew

Marsh and Roman Gdowski were second, and Valerie Isle and Salim Songerwala. On east/west the winners were Judith Selleck and Pamela Smith, with Denis Gimblett and Carol Netscher second, and Ann Young and Dave Sloan third. Winners of the Qualifying Pairs were Christine Jenkins and Domenico de Gasperis.



Winners **Elizabeth McNeill** and **Dave Munro**.



Laurel Wells and See-Moi Loh



Judith Selleck and Pamela Smith



Patricia Hunter and Carol Newport



Christine Jenkins and Domenico de Gasperis

Over two Saturdays in May and the beginning of June the Club Pairs Championship was held. This was won by Marion Jefferson and Thomas Wheatley.



Marion Jefferson and Thomas Wheatley.



Richard Cooke and Frans Fikke



David and Geraldine Pragnell



Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

On the 10th June our club had a couple of special visitors: Mr Dean Nalder MLA (Alfred Cove) and his assistant Ms Sarah Boska. It was a pleasure to meet them both and learn more about Dean's family and background. We were most impressed by his friendly and easy going manner.



Noel Daniel, Sarah Boska, President Dorothy Stevenson, and Dean Nalder MLA.



Mr John Down, one of our favourite members, recently celebrated his **98th** birthday. As regular at our Tuesday session he continues to be an inspiration to us all. He is photographed here with just a few of his many friends at our club.

Our Dorothy Kitching Trophy-Handicap Pairs Event was a great success. Congratulations to the

winners: **1st Noel Daniel** and **Merwyn Menezes**;
2nd Suzanne Goodall and Martin Goodall, and 3rd
Carol Netscher and Denis Gimblett.



Merwyn Menezes, Dorothy Stevenson, and Noel Daniel

The club's Mixed Pairs went smoothly, the half day proving more popular with members. Congratulations to the winners: **1st Salim Songerwala** and **Cassie Morin**; 2nd Ajay Tandon and Anne Mitchell, and 3rd Diana Hearn and William Hearn.



William Hearn, Cassie Morin, Salim Songerwala, Director Dave Parham. Anne Mitchell and President Dorothy Stevenson



South Perth Bridge Club

From Cassie Morin

Recent Club Results

Browning Cup 5th May 2013

Congratulations to the winners, Jamie Dennis and Sue Shadbolt, pictured here with their trophy. In second place were Elsie Chua and Jackin Clare. Great to see relatively new members both participating AND getting great results.



Jamie Dennis and Sue Shadbolt

After the Game ...



A group of SPBC members who participated in the BAWA - Western Seniors held at WABC on weekend of 25th/26th ... looks as though they're settling in for some really serious jollity!

View detailed results and details of events on our web site. Click on this URL or paste it into your browser:

<http://www.south-perth.bridge-club.org>



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Congratulations to members **Kathy Power** and **Phil Power** who won the Geraldton Congress Open pairs E/W with a very convincing 69.20!

They again came 1st in the Geraldton Congress Teams with partners Linda Bedford-Brown and Robin Paterson.

Honorary Treasurer **Trish Hunter** and **Carol Newport** won the Consolation at the Fremantle Bridge Congress and **Dave Munro** won the day.

Our two July events:

- The Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs Saturday July 6th 10.00am start –flyer in this issue
- Sunday July 21st our one day Congress 10.00am start –flyer in this issue.

See you there.

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Maureen Heslop

Congratulations to our members who played in the club Red Point event held on the 27th May.

- 1st **Helen Hay** and **Gisela Leonhardt** with 62.50%
- 2nd Eddie Pozarowszczyk and Ted Wills with 57%
- 3rd Pat Stapleton and Anne Hooper with 56.70%

Members provided a lovely afternoon tea.

Northern Districts Bridge Club play on Monday and Thursday afternoons currently at the:

Seacrest Community Hall,

Seacrest Drive, Sorrento.

Players are asked to arrive by 12.15 for a 12.30 start. It is just \$4 per session for visitors and a cuppa tea or coffee and biscuits half way through the session.

Please note that we could be moving to our previous premises, Padbury Community Hall, Padbury Avenue, just off West Coast Highway.

Please Contact Maureen on **9309 4963** or Reg on **9409 4534**.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmuller

I am sure every club has someone very special. At Undercroft that person is **DON FRASER**.



A couple of years ago we helped Don celebrate his 90th birthday. At that time, and in the 18 months that followed, Don was still actively involved in the club, both playing and working as the general “Mr Fix it”. There was never a job that Don could not handle and he willingly did so. He is a Life Member of the Undercroft Bridge Club and much loved by all of us.

For three weeks in June we held the **DON FRASER SWISS PAIRS** event, with 34 pairs taking part. Bill Kemp directed and everything ran smoothly.



The winners were **Ken Smith** and **Kay Johnson**



In second place were Anthony Eardley and Domenico Rocchiccioli.



Third place went to Greg de Souza and Clifford Derosario.

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

FISKE WARREN will be running two lessons on "Two Over One", at our club in July. The dates are July 3rd and 17th and the start time is 10.00am. You are welcome to attend one or both sessions.



Congress

CIVIC CENTRE,
33 TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT, CITY BEACH

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 10.00am

DIRECTOR – BILL KEMP

ENTRIES via BAWA - www.bawa.asn.au

PRIZES:

Qualifying	Final	Plate
1st \$75 each;	1st \$150 each	1st \$75 each
2nd \$50 each	2nd \$75 each	2nd \$50 each
	3rd \$50 each	3rd \$30 each

Prizes for Consolation Section: depending on numbers

Arrive **09:30** - Qualifying round **10:00**

Lunch (bring your own) 13:00 to 14:00

Final round 14:15

Refreshments 17:30

ENTRY FEE **\$30** PER PLAYER

***** RED MASTER POINTS *****

ENTRIES CLOSE 11 SEPTEMBER 2013

Each player must have a system card

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown

bedfords@bigpond.net.au

this hand turned the tables.

Brd 11	♠ QT974		
Dlr S	♥ A74		
Vul Nil	♦ 873		
	♣ K7		
♠ -		♠ 86532	
♥ KQ62		♥ J	
♦ AJ642		♦ T9	
♣ J954		♣ AQ862	
	♠ AKJ		
	♥ T9853		
	♦ KQ5		
	♣ T3		

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Marcey sitting South opened 1H, Kathy with her nice hand decided to 'sit on the fence' and see what transpired. Gwen sitting north bid 1S. Sitting East I am thinking that should Marcey support spades I will be nicely placed but I decided Kathy might like some sort of lead direction so I overcalled 2C. Marcey duly supported Gwen's spades. The contract was now 3S. Kathy decided that she had lovely support for clubs and with her void in spades considered that IF 4S was making, 5C would go close or be a good sacrifice. The contract was now 5C. Her partner had opened and Gwen had the AH and K of my suit so a double hit the table. Marcey started with a regulation AS which I ruffed in dummy and led down to my singleton JH. Gwen rose with AH and returned a D to Marcey's QD and Dummies AD. I dropped 2 spades under the KQ of hearts and played a D to my 9 and Marcey's KD. A heart was returned and ruffed in hand. I ruffed a spade in dummy and played the winning JD dropping my last spade. Now I took the marked club finesse and the contract was home. Gwen graciously said "well done, you got us back". Our team mates, Linda Bedford-Brown and Robin Paterson were in fact in 4S for -200 but our +550 won the board.

In my opinion the Geraldton members went close to knocking the Albany Club off their mantle as best country cooks. The home cooked food was not only plentiful but outstanding in the variety presented. In fact if it was a teams match it would be as close to a draw as one could get. Well done Geraldton.

PS - We arrived back in the Perth metro area at the Freeway entrance and Kathy said "Look there!" 2 cars in front was the director of the day Peter Holloway. I thought we were pretty much the first car out of the driveway in Geraldton so how did he get in front of us? Kathy's replied "I

think his right foot is heavier than his left foot". Peter later informed us he drove like the wind and I said more like a hurricane.



Winning the Saturday Pairs E/W with 69.20
Kathy and Phil Power with President John Darnley.



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2013 Winter Swiss Pairs

To be held at our premises
on the corner of Murdoch and Bortolo Drives
Greenfields, Mandurah

13th & 14th July 2013

Our first weekend Winter Swiss Pairs was a great success.

Don't miss out this year -great prizes and facilities.

Saturday & Sunday 10.00 am Swiss Pairs

Entry Fee \$60 per player for the weekend

*Players must play on both days
Light lunch provided each day*

Prizes will be a minimum of **45%** of Entry Fees

ENTRIES via BAWA WEBSITE

www.bawa.asn.au

Convener & Tournament Director:

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**2013 Hans Rosendorff Memorial
Women's Swiss Teams Event
Sat 21st & Sun 22nd September**

Venue: West Australian Bridge Club
7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne, WA

GOLD POINTS

PQPs: 1st 24 2nd 12 3rd 6

Play commences 9.30am and finishes
5.30pm (approx.)

*LUNCHES MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE
START OF PLAY EACH DAY*

Presentation of ABF medallions at supper
after play on Sunday

Entry Fee: \$320 per team

Information and online entry facility on the
BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au

Tournament Organiser:

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Tournament Unit:

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Dave Parham 0409 111 081



**2013 Hans Rosendorff Memorial
Restricted Swiss Pairs
Sat 21st & Sun 22nd September**

Venue: West Australian Bridge Club
7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne, WA

GOLD POINTS

**This event is restricted to players UNDER 300
masterpoints as at 1st January 2013**

Winning pair will receive free entry to the 2014
Autumn Nationals Restricted Swiss Pairs

Play commences 9.30am and finishes 5.30pm
(approx.)

*LUNCHES MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE START OF
PLAY EACH DAY*

Presentation of ABF medallions at supper after
play on Sunday

Entry Fee: \$80 per player

Information and online entry facility on the
BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au

Tournament Organiser:

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Capel Life

Life in the South West



By Di Brooks

Life has been a bit of a rollercoaster ride lately. Not just the ups and downs, but the slow climb, where the day gathers its momentum and then as we turn the corners, it's downhill all the way, at full tilt. Who said life is slower when you retire!

We usually have a set routine, (definitely showing our age!!!) excepting yesterday. Tuesday, our regular day for shopping, we trotted into Bunbury to use my vouchers for two free tickets to the cinemas. As always, we were early birds and we stood in the foyer of the cinema, watching with amazement at all the screens, scrolling through with all the info on the films and their times of showing. Trying to find something we could enjoy was difficult. After all, it was 9.00am and the only two things screening at an early showing were: 10.00am- The Great Gatsby and 9.45am Iron Man 3. Not wanting to waste our trip into town, we chose the latter. The tickets said Cinema 5 and in we went and found we had the place to ourselves for a little while. Eighties music was playing in the back ground. So we made ourselves comfortable, until SHOW TIME!

A few people drifted in and took their seats. I sat musing that I could have taken my knitting in and spent a half hour gainfully employed. I almost had heart failure when the music announcing the coming attractions blasted around us. (God bless surround sound!!) Obviously, the POWERS THAT BE think we are a generation with a hearing challenge.

Today is my Darling's 70th Birthday and I am dragging him down to Busselton (Remember, he has already had one day out on the town!) I'm laughing away as I write this. Old age never comes alone. Attitude is everything. Life is a gift. The present is today! Enjoy.

MORE POWER TO THE OVERCALLS

In my article for Focus, June edition, I wrote of reading "The Complete Book on Overcalls" by Mike Lawrence. The first session of the Western Seniors, I was sitting North and picked up this hand:

♠ AQJ2 ♥ 8765432 ♦ K7 ♣ -

Partner as dealer, passed and West opened 1S. Every fibre of my being wanted to overcall 4H and blame Mike Lawrence if anything went pear shape, that's what I did. The contract was doubled. (My Machiavellian scheme had failed. I had planned to double the 4S by the opponents)

The lead, much to my amazement, was the Spade King. Dummy showed up with three cards to gladden a girl's heart...

♠ T54 ♥ QJT ♦ 6542 ♣ 963

On the Spade lead, I now had 2 entries into Dummy's hand and the contract came home. Well done, Mike Lawrence. (In this case, sad to say from the opposition's perspective, there was 6C their way. Pre-emptive overcalls can certainly muddy the bidding waters.)

Brd	♠ AQJ2
Dlr	♥ 8765432
Vul	♦ K7
	♣ -
	♠ 98763
	♥ -
	♦ AQJ
	♣ KJT52
	♠ T54
	♥ QJT
	♦ 6542
	♣ 963

	♠ K
	♥ AK9
	♦ T983
	♣ AQ874

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PS

I had to look up the spelling on Machiavellian!

Happy bridging



Country GNOT Finals

From Di Brooks

Convenors, Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems did their usual great job organising the Country G.N.O.T, this year held in Busselton. Twelve tables of country bridge players vied for the first and second placing, enabling the successful pairs to go to the finals held in Tweed Heads in November.

We were seeded 2nd. Had a win on our first match and sat at Table 3, where we continued to have good results, more through good luck than good judgement. By the third round, we were up at Table 1, taking on all the other successful entrants. Saturday: Playing Precision, we also had reasonable cards and by the end of play that day, we were still at Table 1. Sunday: we had mediocre cards and (We thought, results) but fortune still smiled on us. Our 4 match results were: Draw, 16-14 Win, Draw, 14-16 Loss.

Monday, we were still seated at Table 1, with only two matches left. Our first session was against Bernadette Campbell and Di Bishop. The cards were E/W. We sat N/S and with the cards we held, we didn't do the best we could with them. A well deserved win to Bernadette and Di. We were sent to Table 4, to face Kathy and Phil Powers. (We love the Powers as our Team Mates, never as opponents). We, again, sat E/W and the cards swung round to N/S. Them's the breaks. But Fortune smiled on us. Our opponents rightly bid their games, but the distribution was awful and we were able to record small pluses.



The overall result gave us a win and we were placed second.



Winners **Mike Trafalski** and **David Atkinson**.

The Country Management Committee A.G.M. was held. The players gave Convenors, Robina and Eugene a hearty applause for their hard earned efforts and wished Robina good luck in her new position as Executive Officer for BAWA. Gerald Merven has taken up the reins for the Convenor of the Country G.N.O.T. We wish him the same success as his predecessors.

For those of you who missed out on the Country G.N.O.T., I hope you consider entering and actually playing in the 2014 event. (At start of play on Saturday, Director, Peter Holloway, still didn't have the final numbers of entrants, as he had so many cancellations and last minute entries).

B.A.W.A under the auspices of the A.B.F gives all country players an opportunity to enter a major event in the South West and a chance to earn Gold Points. If the costing of accommodation is the drawback, perhaps the host country club could consider offering billeting.

Forum-online

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

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

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

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed.





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**BAWA in association with
ABF presents the**



ABN 82 057 199 126



2013 SWAN RIVER OPEN SWISS PAIRS

a PQP (32, 24, 16 & 8) and GOLD POINT event

Saturday 10th August at 10.00 am

and

Sunday 11th August at 9.30 am

at the

West Australian Bridge Club, Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Directing Team

Matthew McManus and Bill Kemp

Tournament Organiser

Hilary Yovich – 08 9341 8116 or hilily@iinet.net.au

Entry Fee \$80 per player payable at the table or on the BAWA web site

(Account BAWA BSB 016464 Acc No 255674541)

Lunches from Kirkwood Deli may be ordered before play



Disasterville

By Bill Jacobs



bill.jacobs55@gmail.com

Occasionally, everyone perpetrates a particularly poor decision leading to a particularly poor result on a deal. It can be a little humiliating: to offset this humiliation, one can always reflect on the following deal, played in the full glare of a Bermuda Bowl semi-final.

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Vul All	♦ AK73											
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This is not a particularly swingy layout. 4H by N/S will probably fail, maybe doubled, on the bad breaks. That's what happened in the USA – Taipei semi-final: Taipei were in 4H doubled down one, whilst USA rested in 2H in the other room, for 9 imps.

In the England – Sweden match, Jeremy Flint made a peaceful 3D as West. But the Open Room had fireworks:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
			2NT (1)
Pass	3H (2)	Pass	Pass
3NT (3)	X	Pass (4)	Pass
XX (5)	Pass	Pass (6)	Pass

- (1) Two suiter without clubs, 7-10 points
- (2) Pass or correct
- (3) Minors
- (4) No preference
- (5) Please, make a preference!
- (6) No I won't

In 3NT, Fallenius took four tricks – a penalty of 2800 points, the largest ever in a Bermuda Bowl match, and a 21 imp loss.

Predictably, this was a devastating blow to the morale, and Sweden eventually lost the match by 47 imps.

The moral? Not much – but if partner does insist that you take preference, then maybe you should do so. On this layout, 4D takes 8 or 9 tricks.

Coming Up
Events

Daytime Open Pairs

3-weeks event starts Wednesday, 10th of July

State Graded Pairs

3-weeks event starts Monday, 8th of July

State Mixed Pairs

6-weeks event starts Monday, 29th of July

Open Spring Pairs

6-weeks event starts Thursday, 1st of August

Women's Spring Pairs

6-weeks event starts Thursday, 1st of August

GNOT City Final and Restricted Heat

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of August

Geraldton Congress Results

Friday Welcome Pairs



Winning the Friday Welcome Pairs were Convener **Heather Cupitt**, presenting prizes President John Darnley and **Wayne Cupitt**

Sunday Teams



1st Robin Paterson, Kathy Power, Linda Bedford-Brown and Phil Power



2nd Maureen Knight (and Stuart Stevens)



2nd Piroska Kacso, Karen Trotter, Alexandra Russell and Don Sutton-Mattocks



3rd Chris Munro and Carole Munro



3rd Marcey Spilsbury, Marleen Medhat, Gwen Wiles and Jay Medhat

Saturday Open Pairs



1st E/W Kathy Power and Phil Power



1st N/S Erica Auguston and Sybil Davies



2nd E/W Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes



2nd N/S Gwen Wiles and Marcey Spilsbury



**KALGOORLIE
BRIDGE
CONGRESS
2013**

- Fri 27** 5.30 Registration - Finger Food and Bar
Open during registration time
7.30 p.m. **Welcome Pairs**
- Sat 28** 9.30a.m. **Open Pairs**
- Qualifying Round
2pm **Open Pairs**
- Final, Plate and Consolation
- Sat 29** 9.30 a.m. **Teams Competition**
2pm Team Competition
Presentations and Farewells.

Bar available. No BYO alcoholic drinks please. Free tea, coffee and iced water available throughout Congress.

27, 28, 29 September 2013

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2013 WEST AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS

From Kitty George
Tournament Organiser

Friday Pairs N/S:



- 1st Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes
- 2nd Ken Smith and Frances Warren
- 3rd Wilhemina Piller and Shirley Bloch



- 4th Linda Watson and Pat King

Friday Pairs E/W:

- 1st Geoff Yeo and Ian Bailey



- 2nd Susan Clements and Toby Manford

- 3rd David Schokman and Dave Munro

- 4th Sue Pynt, Heather and Williams

Friday Pairs (unplaced):

Best WABC Pair: Susan Evans and Dymphna Elsey

Best Regional Pair: Betty Roberts and Peter Frank

Saturday Pairs N/S:

- 1st Pepe Schwegler and Dominique Rallier

- 2nd Maura Rhodes and John Nicholas

- 3rd Marlene Medhat and Donald Whooley

- 4th Sarah Innes and Bruce Fraser

Saturday Pairs E/W:

- 1st Marnie Leybourne and Nick Cantatore

- 2nd Helene Kolozs and Anne Youngs

- 3rd Rose Moore and Virginia Seward

- 4th Judy Havas and Luba Klein

Saturday Pairs (unplaced):

Best WABC Pair: David Burn and Rica King

Best Regional Pair: Janine Hughes & Diana Wellby

Teams:



- 1st Viv Wood, Cynthia Belonogoff, Dave Munro,
(David Schokman)



2nd John Beddow, Egmont Melton, Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski with Convener Kitty George



3rd James Steer, Stella Steer, Noriko Sakashita and Elizabeth McNeill

Presidents Pairs:

1st Marlene Medhat and Jay Medhat

2nd Jan Walsh and Toby Manford

Monday Swiss Pairs:



1st Renee Cooper and Chris Cullen

2nd Pauline Hammond and Sathi Moses

3rd Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven

4th Eddy Mandavy and Viv Wood

5th Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski

6th Valerie Isle and Pamela Smith





CONGRESS

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th August

Open Pairs:
Entry fee \$25/player
Saturday 3th August Starting at 10.00
(two sessions)

Open Teams:
Entry fee \$25 /player
Sunday 4th August starting at 10.00
(two sessions)

Entries: Through the BAWA web site please



Cash Prizes
40% of entry

Director: Bill Kemp
Convenor: Cassie Morin



A light supper Sunday after play



Hello, are you listening to what they are saying?

By Ron Klinger



<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>
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PROBLEM

North dealer; NS vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1C	Pass	1H
3S	3NT	Pass	5H
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West to lead from:

- ♠ A97542
- ♥ J9
- ♦ J10984
- ♣ -

You have a safe lead with the JD, but should you be thinking of safety? Wouldn't you like to put partner on lead to give you a club ruff? How can partner gain the lead?

What do you think North's jump to 5H means? Does it sound as though North is looking for strong hearts from partner? Or is North showing a hand too good for 4H? Or does North have superb hearts and is seeking spade control from South?

The last interpretation is by far the more common in a competitive auction. If so, North's pass of 5H is telltale. North does not have the SK otherwise North should have raised to 6H. That places partner with the SK and a low spade is a reasonable start, as neither North nor South figure to have a singleton spade if your interpretation of 5H is correct.

Is there any danger in leading a low spade? You could find partner doing the wrong thing in this position:

A97542 Q86 K10
J3

If you lead low and declarer plays low from dummy, partner might insert the 10. Oops.

A97542 Q106 K8
J3

If you lead low and declarer plays low in dummy, partner might duck, playing South for the SA bare.

If you are right that neither North nor South has a singleton spade and that partner has the SK, then it cannot hurt to start with the SA. If you do opt for a low spade lead, it should be the S2, suit-preference signal for a club return.

The oppositions bidding often gives away their lack of stoppers or controls. Always try to deduce what their auction means and see what follows from that.

This deal arose in the 2002 McConnell Cup (World Women's Teams):

Brd		♠ QT6											
Dlr	N	♥ 6											
Vul	NS	♦ A63											
		♣ AKQJT4											
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		♥ J9		♥ 87									
		♦ JT984		♦ KQ7									
		♣ -		♣ 876532									
				♠ J3									
				♥ AKQT5432									
				♦ 52									
				♣ 9									

16
6 8
10

16
6 8
10

At the table West led the DJ and declarer made thirteen tricks. No swing as 4H scored 710 at the other table. If West did lead a low spade, would East play the SK or would East think West might have started with SJ-x-x-x-x-x?

In other matches a diamond was led against, 5H vs 6H, 5H vs 7NT and 4H vs 6H. Thus every slam made and every declarer had thirteen tricks on a deal where declarer can be held to nine tricks: SA led, second spade (S2) to the SK, club ruff and a diamond exit.



ROVING RHODES

Glorious Geraldton



By Maura Rhodes
rhodesfamily@westnet.com.au

Here is a board from the Teams event at the recent Geraldton Congress, which I think you may find interesting. What would you bid after your right hand opponent opens the bidding with a weak 2H bid? Nobody is vulnerable.

♠ Q84 ♥ 5 ♦ AKQ654 ♣ KQ2

Rick and I hadn't been to the Geraldton Congress before and we weren't planning to attend this year, until two weeks ago, when Dave Munro asked us if we wanted to team with him and Liz Mc Neill. "Why not?" we thought and so it came to pass. How lucky for us, as now we know what a great Congress it is, so we plan to repeat the experience. We are accustomed to travelling South when we attend country congresses, but for the first time, we headed North and a very pleasant drive it was too, driving along the recently completed Indian Ocean Drive. This avoids the miseries of the Brand highway with its road-trains and road-works.

The weather was beautiful all weekend and when I rang my daughter in Perth on Saturday lunch-time, she told me it was overcast and very cold. We were basking in the lovely sunshine outside the Bridge venue, feeling smug!

56 Bridge players played in the Congress Teams and I am sure that each year it will attract more players, as word spreads about its popularity. The venue is spacious and could easily accommodate more tables. Some players remarked that even more people would make the long journey, if the Pairs were all day Saturday and the Teams all day Sunday. Who knows: maybe in the future that may happen.

Congratulations to the Geraldton Bridge Club on a well-run Congress, and thank you for their wonderful country hospitality to everyone, lots of beautiful food and welcome smiles. The people were all very friendly and it was lovely to meet so many locals. Well done to the Geraldton Pairs who excelled in the Friday night Welcome Pairs; the first place was taken by Wayne and Heather

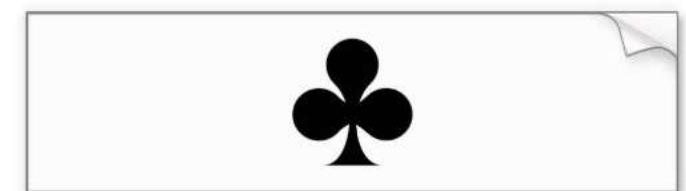
Cupitt; second and fourth places were also taken by locals, which was fantastic to see. Well done, also, to the winners of the Saturday Pairs, who were Kathy and Phil Power and Erica Auguston with Sybil Davies. Congratulations also to the Teams' winners, Linda Bedford-Brown, Robin Paterson and Kathy and Philip Power.

Now back to the hand, I showed you- what action did you decide to take after the weak Two Hearts opening? Well, of course, it depends upon your partnership agreements, but I overcalled 3H, which asks Partner to bid 3NT if he has the Hearts stopped. On this hand, X would have worked as well, but I believe that the stopper-asking bid is the best with such a long, strong minor.

Here are the full hands:

Brd	♠ KT5				
Dlr	♥ K97643				
Vul	♦ J82				
	♣ 8				
	♠ 97632				♠ Q84
	♥ AJT2				♥ 5
	♦ T7				♦ AKQ654
	♣ A6				♣ KQ2
					♠ AJ
					♥ Q8
					♦ 93
					♣ JT97543

As you can see, 3NT made easily, as did 4S, but 5 Diamonds goes one off, which is what happened at the other table. Nine tricks are easier to make than eleven!



RESULTS

TEAMS OF 4

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Red	4	2	64
WABC Finesse	1	1	25
Melville Spades	1	1	16
Kalamunda	1	0	10
Maccabi	1	0	4
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Green	6	2	87
Undercroft Green	4	3	71
Nedlands	4	3	69
Melville	4	1	61
WABC Green	2	1	19

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
Maccabi	8	5	142
South Perth Red	4	1	56
WABC Blue	2	1	32
Melville Hearts	2	1	28
Undercroft Red	2	0	22
WABC Red	1	1	19
Maylands	3	0	29
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Green	7	3	109
Melville Diamonds	5	3	84
WABC Green	3	3	54
Nedlands	4	1	43
West Coast	2	0	19
Undercroft Green	1	1	16

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Red	6	4	123
Undercroft Red	6	3	95
WABC Blue	5	2	79
WABC Red	4	1	47
Kalamunda	3	0	23
Swan Dists	2	0	21
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
Nedlands	4	2	61
WABC Gold	3	2	47
WABC Green	2	1	33
South Perth Green	2	1	32
Kalamunda	1	0	5

Bunbury Bridge Club Inc

2013 Annual Congress

Weekend of July 26th to July 28th

At two separate venues:

Fri, at the **Bunbury Bridge Club**

Cnr Balgore Way and Gurinda St in Carey Park

Sat and Sun at the **Koombana Bay Sailing Club**

Koombana Dr (opposite Quest Apartments and Discovery Holiday Park)

Friday

Meet at 6.15pm – Welcome Pairs start @7pm

\$10 per player; light snacks and drinks provided

Saturday

Open Pairs start @10.00am

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Sunday

Teams start @9.30am

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June Pennants


ALBANY	50					50		50	
BRIDGETOWN	57.5	57.8	50.8	46.8		212.9		53.23	
BUNBURY	58.2	61.6	62.4	51.2	60.6	294		58.8	
BUSSELTON	54	59.6	47.1	56.6	66	283.3		56.66	4PTS
ESPERENCE	56.7	57.7	47.2	53.1		214.7		53.68	
GERALDTON	74.8	50.4	51.2	60.1	53.4	289.9		57.98	6PTS
KALGOORLIE	64.5	50.3	49.2	55.8		219.8		54.95	
MELVILLE	59.8	45.3	54.6	47.3	56.1	263.1		52.62	
NEDLANDS	43.3	47.1	56.4	42.3		189.1		47.28	
ROCKINGHAM	41.1	66.8	36.5	45.7	50.8	284.9		47.48	
UNDERCROFT	61.3	61.2	58.5	56.2	45.1	392		56	2PTS

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NEDLANDS ONE DAY CONGRESS
SUNDAY 21st July, 2013
Two sessions 10.00am and 2.00pm



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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2013

	July	Sat 6 th	Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am –see flyer
ANC 7 th -18 th Adelaide		Mon 8 th	BAWA Graded Pairs 1 st Of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Wed 10 th	BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1 st of 3 Venue Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Sat 13 th – Sun 14 th	Mandurah Bridge Club Winter Swiss Pairs-see flyer
		Sun 21 st	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress 10.00am-see flyer
		Fri 26 th – Sun 28 th	Bunbury Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Mon 29 th	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1 st of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Aug	Thu 1 st	BAWA Open Spring Pairs Championship AND Women's Spring Pairs Championship 1 st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 3 rd - 4 th	South Perth Bridge Club Congress- see flyer
Simultaneous Pairs Week		Sat 10 th – Sun 11 th	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs (PQP & Gold Points)see flyer
		Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th	GNOT City and Restricted Heat Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10 am
	Sep	Thu 12 th	Open Spring Championship 1 st of 6 Women's Spring Pairs 1 st Of 6
		Sun 15 th	West Coast Bridge Club Congress –see flyer
		Thu 19 th	BAWA State Open Teams 1 st of 8 BAWA 0-300 Teams 1 st of 3
		Sat 21 st -Sun 22 nd	HGR Memorial Congress Weekend-see flyer
		Fri 27 th –Sun 29 th	Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
	Oct	Thu 3 rd – Fri 4 th	Melville Spring Congress-
		Mon 7 th	BAWA State Men's/Women's Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 11 th –Sun 13 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress
		Sat 26 th –Sun 27 th	Undercroft Bridge Club Congress
		Sat 26 th	South West Friendly Teams –see flyer
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	

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Geraldton Bridge Congress

Continues...



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Seen at the Autumn Nationals



Left: Jan Blight, Linda Alexander and Ian Rawlinson



Di Marler, Jan Blight, Robert Krochmalik, Paul Lavings and Heather Williams



Left: Di Marler, Allan Tolley and Heather Williams



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