

wa bridge



**WISHING OUR TEAMS A SUCCESSFUL ANC
SYDNEY JULY 12TH -24TH**

OPEN TEAM

Nigel Dutton
Marie-France Merven
Andrew Swider
Karol Miller
Jonathan Free
Phil Tearne
NPC Hilary Yovich

SENIORS TEAM

Anton Pol
Cynthia Belonogoff
Dave Munro
David Schokman
James Steer
Stella Steer
NPC Noelene Law

WOMEN'S TEAM

Wendy Driscoll
Shizue Futaesaku
Val Biltoft
Leone Fuller
Deidre Greenfeld
Deborah Frankel
NPC Allison Stralow

YOUTH TEAM

Renee Cooper
Tim Munro
Rhys Cooper
Cesca McGrath
Ailsa Peacock
Matt Smith
NPC Allison Stralow

Zonta Charity Day

from Jane Moulden

Busselton Bridge Club sponsored a highly successful charity event last month. Over \$2,600 was raised. This year the funds will be used for education awards in the Busselton/Dunsborough community. One Zonta award supports a local second year university woman who is studying in Perth. Living and studying away from Perth is a huge challenge for regional women. Zonta also presents awards to a girl in each of the five local High Schools who, in the opinion of their staff are good role models for the younger students.

What more could you want? To win of course! The winners were

So...

- The cause was good
- The food was amazing, as usual, with the added bonus of "The Best Pumpkin Soup Ever". A testament to the quality of the food is that left over cakes and slices raised \$75!
- Peter's directing was impeccable.
- The contestants were lovely, generous and polite.



Final 1st: **Sally Vidalis** and **Brian Appleyard**

Final 2nd: Bob Brierley and Michael Stewart



Plate 1st: **Paulette Savage** and **Claire Spenser**

Plate 2nd: Trish Synnot and Robin Evans



Best pair with less than 20MPs:
Wendy Krummel and **Liz Farr**



Best pair with less than 50MPs:
Betty Overstone (Glenda Barter) **Connie Dyer**
(Bernadette Campbell)



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

I have always found it a little strange that most weekend congresses feature 54 or 56 boards on the Saturday and only 48 on the Sunday or whenever the typical 6x8 board teams event takes place. Playing 2 sessions of 24 boards doesn't seem enough especially when you paying the same amount for both days. So I had a thought, why not have 6x9 board matches for the teams event? The small amount of extra time could be recouped with a shorter lunch break and / or an earlier start time. Incidentally, this is exactly what Kalamunda did for their excellent congress early in the year. One of the senior directors poured a small amount of cold water on the idea when he pointed out that you couldn't run a devil's triangle (necessary with an odd number of teams) if you played 9 boards. So instead of mandating the requirement for Open Red Point events the BAWA Tournament Committee has, at this stage, strongly recommended that congress teams events are a 6x9 board format and that an attempt should be made to have a house team if there is an odd number of entries. Let's see how that goes.

Some pairs events, Swiss being the most common, are typically scored by the Butler method whereby, after removing some extreme scores, the remainder are averaged and a datum produced for comparison with your result. The alternative scoring method is to use Cross-Imping; which mathematically seems to be a fairer way of determining the datum. A Professor Peter Buchen (UNSW) has written an article comparing Butler and Cross-Imp Scoring which I have posted on our web site. I mention this

because the BAWA TC is considering the mandating of the scoring method for Butler and Swiss pairs events that fall under its sponsorship umbrella. I would urge you to have a look at the article and, if you have a view, please feel free to contact the TC. Incidentally, Peter was the principal architect of the new WBF IMP-VP scale which the ABF and now BAWA have adopted.

It has been suggested that players are less keen to play at night, particularly during the winter months and BAWA has been urged to consider some daytime events – which we have done and one is coming up soon, but it does need a minimum of 10 tables before it can run. So if you are keen to win a State Event, namely the **BAWA Daytime State Open Pairs** – then entries in VERY soon – like today – you should just have time.

Gold point events coming up – firstly in August the **Swan River Open Swiss Pairs**. This would be the premier pair's event for the year. Not only are gold points up for grabs but, for those interested, Open PQP and cash to subsidise WA players travelling interstate to play in a similar event. Secondly, the **Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Teams and the Restricted Swiss Pairs** - better known simply as the **HGR** weekend. This is, of course, the premier ladies event of the year and I would venture the view that the Restricted Swiss would also qualify for premier status. Travel subsidies are also available for the WA ladies in the Women's Teams. Full details for both events are on our web site.

Cross Imp Scoring details is available: www.bawa.asn.au

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Maureen Heslop

The Red Point Event held at Northern Districts Bridge Club on Monday 16th June resulted in a good win for **Basil Weren** and **Len Matz** with 60.60%. Closely followed by Lee Leach and Lyn Fakira with 59.10%

A delicious afternoon tea was organized by Gisela Leonhardt.

Our club plays at the **Seacrest Community Hall**, Seacrest Drive, Sorrento on Monday and Thursday afternoons. We start at 12.30 but would like all visitors to be seated by 12.15. The cost for visitors is just \$4 including tea and biscuits.

For more information please contact **Maureen** on 9309 4963 or **Reg** on 9409 4534

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt



The Teams Championship was run over two weeks, with the team of **Patricia Hovell, Wayne Cupitt, Maxine Bohan, Heather Cupitt** in first position.

2nd were Norma Lodge, Chris Knight and Doreen and Stuart Stevens in second place with Yvonne Dymond, Elise Criddle, with Lesley Watson, Dawn Hipper and Marjorie Smith 3rd

Our Congress was held over the middle weekend, which was very enjoyable though with small fields, as few players made the trip north.

The Welcome Pairs was won by Chris and Maureen Knight with Peter and Deborah Nilsson in second place.



The Open Pairs was won by **Peter and Deborah Nilsson** with Elise Criddle and Yvonne Dymond runners up.



The Teams event was won by **Patricia Hunter, Carol Newport** with **Chris and Maureen Knight**.

In second place was the team of Elise Criddle, Yvonne Dymond and Heather and Wayne Cupitt.

Special thanks to Peter Holloway.

We were all very appreciative of **Barbara Allen's** care of us and her catering team.

Mandurah Bridge Club

Form Wal Aldridge

The Mandurah Bridge Club "Biggest Morning Tea" was a huge success thanks to Rosie Elphick and Anne Wheel and their team for their efforts in raising over \$2000 for such a great cause – Cancer touches such a large percentage of our friends and dear ones. The normal Thursday group was there in full support with a few non-regular members also giving their contribution. Food sensations were supplied by members.

LIFE MEMBER



For such contributions over a number of years to The Mandurah Bridge clubs and surrounding Clubs — **Neville Walker** has been honoured with a life membership. His contributions to the Club include Convenor, Director, both at Club and State levels, Building Committee member for the new Club house and Website Manager. Neville has served on the General Management Committee for ten consecutive years.



NOVICE PAIRS - AUST WIDE Winners for this event were N/S **Pam Halbert** and **Robin Cross**



E/W were **Anne Wheel** and **Rosie Elphick**.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Value Your Volunteers

It's very easy for people to complain. I find that the people who complain the most are usually the ones who do nothing. Any organisation, including Bridge Clubs and their Committees are made up of volunteers, all giving their valuable time to keep things running on an even keel so that the majority may sit back and just enjoy a game of bridge in comfortable surroundings.

Take Bunbury Bridge Club for example. We have a roster of people who make up the cards, for each of the sessions. We also have a roster of volunteer directors, some of whom also prepare the boards. Then we have members serving on the committee, as well as our Four Facilitators. Bunbury Management Committee decided to recognise the efforts of individuals, acknowledging "The Member of the Month", not serving as a/ Board Maker, b/ Director or c/ A Committee Member. So the first Monday of every month a special presentation is made, whilst everyone enjoys free drinks and delicious nibbles, giving members a chance to socialise and to recognise the efforts of individuals for their input into Bunbury Bridge Club. This event is very popular amongst the members. To date, those who have received special recognition are - Henk Cransburg, Brian Wade, Margaret Henderson, Liz Norton, Monica Offer, Holly Nutley, and Nils Andersson. Congratulations.

At present, our stable of volunteer Directors is down to a valiant few, as warmer climes attract our hard working members. As I type, Jeanette Gale and Brian Wade are holding the fort in our

little corner of the bridge world. Thank you to everyone, for your continued support.

So next time you sit down to enjoy a session of bridge, give a thought to the backroom workers who make it all possible.

Winning the Friday June 20th Red Point Event was - **Gillian Disney & Jennie Drennan**

Best Improved Pair: **Andy Males & Geoff Gatti**

Happy bridging. ☺



Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

Once again, thanks to the very generous bequest of the late Dorothy Kitching, our club held its annual Dorothy Kitching Trophy - Handicap Pairs. The event was a great success, encouraging members with few masterpoints to complete and win! Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to Dave Parham, who always runs these events so well.

- 1st **David Lobbo** and **Allan Mudford**
- 2nd Sarita Singh and Mark Hughes
- 3rd Richard Fuller and Gwenda Kensitt
- 4th Nicole Bertinshaw and Peta Ellis
- 5th Pauline Payne and Gail Pultz
- 6th Claire Weston and Wilma Coloper



(Left to right) Director Dave Parham and President Dorothy Stevenson (4th from left) with winners of the Dorothy Kitching Trophy - Handicap Pairs (back) Claire Weston, Wilma Coloper, Gail Pultz, Mark Huges, Richard Fuller, **Allan Mudford** (front) Pauline Payne, Sarita Singh, Gwenda Kensitt, Nicole Bertinshaw, and **David Lobbo**.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

The Individual Event was held on the 23rd May with a very fitting result as our teachers came first and second.



Congratulations to our winner **Raewyn Lewer** (R) pictured with President Jill Dawson - June Scott was a close second.



Congratulations to the Winter Pair's winners, **Terry Turner and Joy Turner** - Rae Edwards and Jane Ophorst were runners up.



Winter Pairs Under State Masters, Anna Maria Dela Carrera (Nunzio Castiglione)



Members attending the "Be Active" event at Baldvis on 18 May to promote Rockingham Bridge Club.

SILVER CHAIN CHARITY GALA DAY Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

Coming up:

- ❖ Friday July 18th - Anniversary Pairs
- ❖ Monday July 28th - Teams' Event



Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmüller

The **Mid Year Congress** was a great success thanks to the hard work of many members. A happy day's bridging was enjoyed by all, along with delicious food and Undercroft hospitality.



Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski were the winners, with Heather Williams and Jan Blight second and Tony Martin and Mary Lang third. Congratulations!

In June the DON FRASER SWISS PAIRS was held on three Saturday afternoons. We were fortunate

to have the expert leadership of Jonathan Free and the 38 pairs that participated displayed excellent spirit.



Congratulations to the winners **Domenico De Gasperis and Debbie James**. Well done!

Ann and Trevor Burr came second and Tad and Beata Bieganski were third.



Don Fraser (center) a Life Member of our club came to the presentations



Also in June, another class graduated from the Beginners' Lessons. It was a proud day for Leslie and Ray Routledge, who work very hard to teach and inspire new players.



West Australian Bridge Club

From Gwen Wiles

WABC's Winter Congress was a huge success this year with the addition of side movements each day. This is the first year that we have had Super Congress status and it allowed us to offer more events. We had a record number of participants, many who had not entered a large Congress before. It was great to see new faces accepting the prizes on offer and hopefully it will encourage more players to enter next year.

WABC held the Novice Pairs Championship over two Mondays in June. These events are very important for encouraging players with less than 50 Masterpoints to enter and win events with players of similar levels. The winners this year were **Britt and Bruce Baird** with second place winners Caroline Bartolo and Deryck Eggleston.



Please be considerate

Sheenagh Young is the Executive Officer for the West Australian Bridge club and has kindly offered to share this notice for Bridge clubs and their members.

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PLEASE BE AWARE THAT OVERUSE OF
PERFUME, HAND LOTION, AFTERSHAVE OR SCENT
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ALERT OUR PLAYERS TO THE DISCOMFORT OF OTHERS AND REQUEST
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CLASS OF 2014



WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB MASTERS IN TEAMS OF THREE

Sunday 27th July 10.00am

Open to all bridge under-graduates with less than 100 Masterpoints as at 1 April 2014.

The idea is to form a 3 person team. The fourth member of your team will be a bridge professor chosen by ballot before start of play. All team members will get the opportunity to play with the bridge professor as their partner.

Entry Fee: \$30 per player

Lunch: Bring your own or place an order before start of play

Drinks, nibbles and prizes after play at approx. 5.00pm

Entries via:

BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au

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John Beddow 0421 994 293

Tournament Director:

Dave Parham 0409 111 081



“To alert or not to alert” (1)

By Matt McManus

My experience in directing at Congresses in recent times makes me think that there is still a small, but noticeable amount of confusion amongst players as to what they need to alert. In this article, I hope that maybe I can make things a little clearer. I'll do my best!

To start with – at its most confusing – we can refer to what the Laws of Bridge say about alerting. You need to alert any agreement you have with your partner about partner's call which the opponents may not readily understand. Clear as mud? How do you know what your opponents are likely to understand?

Trying to add some clarity, the national body (the ABF) developed regulations which attempt to say the sort of things are likely to need to be alerted. In Australia, all state associations have adopted these alerting regulations – a good move to have consistency across all the states. In turn, most clubs also have taken up these alerting rules.

A player can only alert something if there is an agreement in the partnership as to what a call means. If one of the players goes out on a limb and makes up something on the spot, it cannot be alerted even if it is not natural – the partner, like the opponents, does not know what it means. However, what is an agreement between partners is very strictly defined under the laws. It includes, of course, situations where the players have discussed what bids mean (and maybe written them down on the system card). However, if from experience a player has a good idea about what their partner means, then this is enough to make it an agreement, and therefore may be in need of an alert. In cases where the situation is unclear, the Laws place the onus on the director to assume that there IS an agreement in place, unless he is satisfied otherwise.

The general principle is that it is pretty difficult to over-alert. You are more likely to get into trouble by not alerting enough than by alerting too much. The idea behind alerting is that the opponents are entitled to know just as much as you do about what partner's bids are likely to mean.

The type of calls which should be alerted fall roughly into three categories:

1) Conventional calls: any call which does not show a willingness to play in the denomination (suit or no-trump) specified OR does not promise at least three cards in the suit bid (in a minor) or four cards (in a major)

Some examples:

- ❖ transfers over NT openings
- ❖ Precision 1C opening
- ❖ 2NT enquiry over a weak 2
- ❖ a short club opening in a standard system (ie. which could be only 2 cards in clubs)
- ❖ a multi 2D opening
- ❖ Bergen raises

2) Bids which show what they say, but also show something else:

For example:

- ❖ 2S opening showing 5 spades and a 4+ minor
- ❖ Fit-showing jumps (ie. partner opens 1H, I bid 3C which shows 5+ clubs, but also promises at least 3 hearts. 3C needs to be alerted.)
- ❖ 1 of a major opening which may have a longer minor (ie. canapé-style openings common in some systems)

3) Natural bids which have a different meaning to that commonly expected – usually they are either stronger or weaker than normal:

For example:

- ❖ Negative free bids (ie. I open 1D, opponent bids 1S, and partner bids 2H. Our agreement is that 2H is natural, but with 6-10 points and therefore not forcing. This is not the normal expectation for 2H, and so it needs an alert.)
- ❖ Pre-emptive raises (Bergen style) – where a jump raise (eg. 1S – 3S) could be made on a weak hand (less than 9 HCP, say)
- ❖ Inverted minor raises – eg. 1D – 2D where this shows a stronger hand (say, 10-12 or better) than would normally be expected
- ❖ No-trump bids after an opponent has called which does not promise a stopper in the opponent's suit

- ❖ A pass which forces partner to take some action (eg. some rescue mechanisms after 1NT is doubled.)
- ❖ the 1S bid in the auction 1C/D, 1H overcall, 1S, where 1S promises at least 5 spades (responder would make a negative double with just 4 spades.)

On top of this, operating in Australia we have a principle called "Self-Alerting Calls". Some 10-15 years ago, someone or some group of people came up with this rather clever concept. It has been adopted in New Zealand and the Pacific Asia Bridge Federation, and there is some interest in investigating introducing it in the very large bridge communities of Europe and America. The principle of "self-alerting calls" is that there are some auctions where a call is almost always going to have to be alerted. In these situations, the call is deemed to be automatically alerted without the players having to go through the process of saying "Alert" and circling the bid.

Perhaps the best way to explain how the concept came to be developed is to look at this auction: Dealer opens 1D – next player bids 2D. What does 2D mean??? It could be any number of things:

- a very strong hand (traditional Goren style)
- a Michael's cue bid (showing both Majors, or some other 2-suiter)
- a transfer pre-empt (showing a weak jump in hearts – a new but increasingly popular treatment)
- or it could be just natural, showing 5+ diamonds.

Of course, the meaning agreed in a partnership may also change from hand to hand, depending on what the original 1D showed.

With so many common variations, it is likely that 2D in this auction would always need to be alerted. Of course, the rule could be that if your agreement is that it is strong, say, you don't need to alert, but that adds an extra level which players have to remember.

Therefore there is a series of calls which are considered to be self-alerting. It is not correct to say that these calls are not alertable. Rather – they don't need to be alerted – they are considered to be automatically alerted. There is no penalty if you do alert such a call accidentally. If you happen to do it a number of times, you should expect to get a gentle reminder of the principle from the director.

The calls which are self-alerting:

- ❖ all bids of the opponent's suit – whether the suit is actually bid or it is a suit shown (so, for instance in the auction: 1NT – Pass – 2D, where 2D is a transfer to hearts, bids by the opponents in both diamonds (the suit bid) and hearts (the suit shown) would be self-alerting)
- ❖ all doubles and redoubles
- ❖ all calls at the four level and higher – except for conventional opening bids
- ❖ 2C in response to an opening 1NT bid where the second player passes

In the next article, I will look some more at alertable calls, what happens when a call is not alerted when it should have been, and how the players at the table should proceed when there has been an alert.



**Australian
Bridge
Federation**

Leadership Changes

At the ABF's Annual General Meeting held in Canberra on 24-25 May, the ABF Management Committee for the period 2014-2016 was announced as follows:

- **Bruce Neill, NSW** (National President)
- **Allison Stralow, WA** (National Secretary)
- **Roy Nixon, ACT** (ABF Treasurer)
- **Dallas Cooper, TAS** (Committee member)
- **Simon Hinge, VIC** (Committee member)

The General Counsel for the ABF is Russel Harms.

The outgoing President Keith McDonald, Secretary Dianne Marler and General Counsel Eilis Magner were thanked for their long and valuable contributions to the ABF.



Country GNOT

From Robina McConnell

The long weekend in June is synonymous with Country Bridge. Going back to 1989 this event has been held in all parts of the country from Jerramungup (remember the "JAR") to more recently Kojonup and Busselton. We most often bring our own tables, bidding boxes and bridgemates - "pop up" bridge. It is usually bitterly cold - which is a further testament to those attending just how much we love our game of bridge.

This year was no exception - with 16 pairs coming from as far away as Geraldton to compete. We once again held it in Busselton - beautiful venue at the tennis club - just near the jetty. The Busselton Club did a great job of setting up for us, and the convenor Gerald Merven organised the local Red Cross to cater with the morning and afternoon teas.

Given the lower numbers it was decided to reduce the event to the two days with seven matches. The highlight of our first match was the seven hearts bid on a bidding misunderstanding - which made.

As is our tradition a bottle of wine goes to the winners of each session and this year saw seven pairs collect a prize - the trip from Geraldton was worth it for Chris and Maureen Knight and Piri Kacso and Jeanette Day. Session winners also included Doug and Vera Hardman from the Mandurah Club, Brian Wade and Colin Bell from Bunbury, Glenda Barter and Bernadette Campbell from Margaret River, and from Busselton Trish

Anderson pairing up with Mike Stewart.

This Country Group is very fortunate to have over the past 25 years a good supply of convenors - and we are delighted that Mike Trafalski will take on the task next year following the resignation of Gerald Merven. To Gerald, our many thanks for your work this year.

Peter Holloway directed with great humour.



The winners (with only one point separating them) were Eugene Wichems (only took 25 years!) and myself together with Kate Boston and Murray Webber (inaugural 1989 winners as well).

All the very best to players in the Final.



**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

Results (16 Pairs)

1 st	Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems
2 nd	Kate Boston and Murray Webber
3 rd	Glenda Barter and Bernadette Campbell
4 th	Vera Hardman and Douglas Hardman
5 th	Joy Gibson and Phyl Barnes
6 th	Jane Moulden and Robyn Howe
7 th	Maureen Knight and Chris Knight
8 th	Adrienne North and Ted North



2014

**Hans Rosendorff Memorial
Women's Swiss Teams Event**

Sat 20th & Sun 21st September

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

GOLD POINTS

PQPs: 1st 24: 2nd 12: 3rd 6

WA based players in the highest placed winning team will be eligible for a portion of the \$1500 per team travel subsidy for an interstate PQP event

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

Tournament Organiser:

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Tournament Unit:

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Neville Walker 0418 944 077



2014

**Hans Rosendorff Memorial
Restricted Swiss Pairs**

Sat 20th & Sun 21st 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 April 2014

Winning pair will receive free entry to the 2015 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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Biggest Morning Tea at Mandurah

From Robina McConnell



The Monday Girls led by Rosie Elphick and Anne Wheel have for a number of years supported the Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council and have held very successful events at the Mandurah Bridge Club.

Given that by age 85 one out of two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer this event raises much needed funds for the Cancer Council to finance vital research, prevention and the very important support services.



Denise Sampson, Elsa Rouse and Gudrun Kemmer

This year was exceptional – over eighty club members arrived and were treated to morning tea – with enough goodies to extend to the afternoon as well! The cost of the entry allowed a game of bridge in the afternoon – with over 20 tables participating. The raffle with endless prizes including a gem that Jim McNamara picked up, a tapas set, and then an auction of jewellery made by member Gabriella Perer which raised hundreds of dollars more.

Thanks to Rosie and Anne was offered by club President Ann Shalders with the ladies eagerly agreeing to host the event next year.



Lena Jolly, Margaret Brimblecombe and Rosie Elphick



National Marketing Workshop

From Allison Stralow

National Marketing Workshop with representatives from each State/Territory (except for the NT) was held in Sydney on the weekend of 14-15 June.



The aim was to develop a National Marketing Plan and to network and share idea on what is working in Marketing the game of Bridge. Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, the BAWA Marketing Officer attended with her husband Don. Sandy showed other delegates the BAWA Promotions Booklet, which is also available on the BAWA website under Marketing (www.bawa.asn.au)

The Catty Side of Bridge Players

SAVING RAGDOLLS

From Kathy Power

Working in a busy retail fashion shop, we meet lots of ladies with happy, sad and amusing stories. Recently, one of my customers shared a sad situation involving 2 adult male Ragdoll cats. They were father and son and were adopted by a family with 2 young children. The children were terrorising these cats to the point where they hid all the time. One day the mother found the younger cat in the bath, submerged in water - this breed of cat is very passive and thank goodness for that.



My customer Vicki, told me she was desperately looking for a home for these guys, but they had to go together ... the younger cat couldn't cope without his father and they slept together entwined in fear every night for comfort.



Phil and I were playing in a BAWA event that night and I knew there were a number of bridge players that might help. I enlisted the help of Val Biltoft, Phil Tearne, Marnie Leybourne, Noelene Law, Pauline Collette and Roz Trend. Often we don't see the compassionate side of our fellow players, but soon there was an army of helpers.

We had several good options, but no luck. Phil was playing with LBB at Nedlands Bridge Club on the Saturday afternoon of the Seniors and BINGO!! Linda thought of Robin and Kim Paterson who had previously been wonderful with cats. They said "yes" and we arranged for a transfer.

I gave Vicki the good news saying that the boys were off to a "palace" and when she delivered her cargo, agreed and said that she would love to be adopted by Robin and Kim!

The Paterson family have embraced these guys with love and compassion and so, a Happy Ending.



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO BAWA COMPETITIONS

Attendance:

Entry to an event entails a commitment to play every session. Penalties may apply to pairs failing to arrive or failing to give 24 hours notice to the Tournament Director. Should unforeseen circumstances prevent attendance, it is the players' responsibility to arrange a suitable substitute.

Substitutes:

Proposed substitutions should be notified to the Director at least 24 hours prior to the session. Penalties apply to players who play with unapproved substitutes.

(See the BAWA regulations for full details)

Inaugural “Super” Winter Congress 2014

From Kitty George

Early this year Bill Kemp suggested to members of the WABC Tournament Committee that with a little revamp the Foundation/WA Day Congress could qualify for Super Congress status. The advantage of this would be the awarding of extra Masterpoints to the event.

- The Congress would need to field 200 tables over the 4 days of the event and should attract a high standard of player.
- The Chief Tournament Director should be accredited at State level or higher.
- The venue should be suitable.

The Tournament Committee set to work to get approval from ABF and from BAWA, remodel the format to achieve the required table numbers and to advertise the event. Special thanks must go to Lynne Errington who designed (and was constantly called upon to modify) the very eye catching flyers that were placed on the web and sent out to all affiliated clubs well prior to the event.

The revamped/renamed Congress was ready to go! The registrations flooded in as we had hoped and we were able to field 257 tables!

What a very pleasing result.

We have had very positive feedback from the many players involved and this Congress has certainly deserved Super status. We welcome any suggestions for improvement.

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1st: **Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside**

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Plate



1st: **Margaret King and Jocelyn Parry**



2nd: Deana Wilson and Sue Gammon

Consolation



1st: **David Hughes** and **Jay Medhat**

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Best Restricted (<300mp):
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Best Unplaced WABC Pair:
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Friday PM Pairs

1st: Ravi Soin and Audrey Stokes

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Saturday PM Pairs

1st: Linda Wild and Beatrice McCarthy

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3rd: Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes

4th: Claudine Charters and David Charters

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1st: **Cassie Morin** and **Liz McNeill**

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4th: John Beddow and Egmont Melton

Best Restricted (<300mp):
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Best Unplaced WABC Pair:
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4th: Inga Hunt, Clive Hunt, Noriko Sakashika and Stella Steele

Best unplaced WABC Team:
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Capel Life

Capel: Handyman Heaven

By Di Brooks

My darling Husband, Alan is a Jack of All Trades. In the words of a poet, a Handyman - handy because he lives near here. So for those who are faint hearted or easily shocked, it's best that you don't read on. Don't say you haven't been warned!

Before December 2013, we had a quote to have our large patio enclosed. We just wanted the lower half done in colour bond steel, but the quotes were high, so Alan decided to do the job himself. We checked with the local council that we were clear of any restrictions and went ahead with the project. Alan did a terrific job and we have been able to enjoy sitting outside without being pestered by bush flies or mosquitoes. Then the driving South-Westerly rains came, which gave us an indoor pool. Another quote was obtained, this time to install weather shields. It was mind blowing when they costed out at \$1,300 each and we would need five. Plan B: we would buy some weather blinds ourselves and we, (the Royal "WE") would hang them.

Alan, never a one to let grass grow under his feet went ahead, measured the area and bought one very large blind, with the view to cutting it into two pieces and covering the West and South West sides. This is where it gets hairy! Alan needed a T.A. (Trades Assistant), I was volunteered (somewhat reluctantly). So there I was, on one side of the patio, in my P.J.'s, stood on a step stool, whilst Handyman was up a ladder on the outer side. Comments of "Can you see it? Grab it quickly. Which way do I push it? Have you done it yet? Screw on the nut ". All comments from the male side, whereas from my side you could hear, "Push it harder", "I can't grab it". Innocent enough but I notice that there have been several houses nearby with "For Sale" signs erected! Trust me. Would I lie to you?

Then the next project was a new bed head for the Master Bedroom. My Handyman Extraordinaire had a plan to Do It Himself. Alan bought an internal door and cut it to size. I bought the material and padding. When I came back from my

regular bridge session, the bed head was finished and ready for installation... when the T.A. was ready. By this time, I'd developed nerves of steel. Special bolts were purchased and fitted to the wall. The brackets were made and were screwed on to the bed head. The measurements didn't look true, but nothing I said would convince my Darling that there was something wrong. Well, the proof of the pudding is in the eating... in this case, the hanging of the head board. Juggling away, nothing we did could get the darn thing set in place. We were short by less than a centimetre. Someone was not happy... so I took time out to have a cuppa. The problem: a measurement had been superimposed ... reading 71 and not 17. Sounds a bit like valuing a bridge hand... when they have only got... Not to worry. Handy people always work around glitches. My Hero.

Back to bridge

Saturday, 31st May 2014 was a great day for bidding slams. Out of 28 boards, there were 9 possible slams, 1 Grand and the other 8 Small Slams. Half of the other boards were game going hands, with the remainder being borderline decisions. The slam bidding was evenly distributed between N/S and E/W. If in a Mitchell Movement you had your share of the cards, but if in a Howell Movement, your seating at the time would be in the lap of the Gods. Many a member is heard to complain of the lack of points in their hand, as E/W and then when they switch to N/S, the Fates are against them.

But the basis of any good bridge is in knowing your system, (very important), gaining playing skills as Declarer, knowing how to defend when in opposition and best of all ... TRUST YOUR PARTNER. Many a partnership has gone down the river because there's little or no trust between the pair.

So let's look at the basics of The Standard American system. Partner opens 1C. This shows better Clubs than Diamonds and doesn't hold a 5 card major. Now you need to reply with 6+

points. Your job is to find the best possible fit. Do you have a 4 card major? Bid it. Now you watch to see opener's second bid. This will give you information on their suit holding and strength of their hand. As Responder, you can now assess whether to Pass, Invite or bid Game. A Responder's point count is bracketed with a particular level on which to bid. For instance, Opener bids 1H, responder has 6-9 points and 3 or 4 hearts. So the bid is a "One Up, Shut Up" or a more refined adage... One Two, that will do!. But then shape comes into play. With 5 trumps, a singleton, and 6-9 points, a jump to game is pre-emptive... not looking for a slam. Invitational hands are bid as 1of a suit, 3 of the same suit ... showing 10-12 points and support for opener's suit. With 13+ points, make an interim bid and then bid game or slam, depending on Opener's rebid.

Take this hand: North is dealer and opens 1H

Brd	♠ 7	
Dlr N	♥ AK1054	
Vul	♦ KJ5	
	♣ K864	
		♠
		♥
		♦
		♣
		N
		W E
		S
	♠ AKJ64	
	♥ QJ76	
	♦ 10	
	♣ Q52	

14
13

South has massive support for North's heart suit. To bid 4H would deny North the chance to look for slam, if the hand warrants it. South bids 1S and waits to see North's rebid. The Losing Trick Count comes into its own, when you have a trump fit. The North opening shows 7, 6 or 5 losers. South has 6 losers. If North holds a 7 Loser hand, 7 plus your 6 = 13, away from 24, says that the N/S pair can make 11 tricks. For those who don't use the L.T.C., a simple Ace Ask from South finds out that there are two Aces missing, so the final contract is 5H, which will be the best contract. Anyone shooting for 6, will get a poor result. Whichever way you bid, you got there in the end. Congratulations

Happy Bridging 😊



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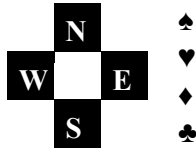
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Brd
Dlr S
Vul NS

♠ AQ7
♥ AQ43
♦ KJ1052
♣ K

♠
♥
♦
♣



♠ KJ1098
♥ 7
♦ A94
♣ AQ10

19

15

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1S
Pass	2D	Pass	3C
Pass	3S	Pass	4S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5C
Pass	7S	All Pass	

A spade is led, East follows. Plan the play in 7S.

Solution:

Brd
Dlr S
Vul NS

♠ AQ7
♥ AQ43
♦ KJ1052
♣ K

♠ 65
♥ 9862
♦ 87
♣ 76532



♠ KJ1098
♥ 7
♦ A94
♣ AQ10

♠ 432
♥ KJ105
♦ Q63
♣ 984

19

0 6

15

With 12 tricks on top, there's a myriad of ways to play the red suits for a thirteenth.

You could draw trumps and cash DA and DK. If the queen doesn't drop, then fall back on the

heart finesse. Or you could play all the black suits and try for a squeeze, or a read on where those red honours are located. You could even play two rounds of trumps then four rounds of clubs, trying to discard 3 diamonds from dummy.

But all these erudite options are wrong, because the correct way to play the hand is via a *dummy reversal*: a technique involving ruffing many cards with the long trump suit, then drawing trumps with the short trump suit. Let's see how it operates.

Win the trump, play HA and ruff a heart. Play a second trump to dummy. If trumps are 4-1, draw the rest of them and play the defender with the singleton trump to have the DQ.

But if trumps divide 3-2, you are home free. Ruff another heart, cross to DK and ruff dummy's last heart. Then over to CK to draw the remaining trump. Your South hand is out of trumps, so you discard your losing diamond. Now come back to your DA and you are left with just winning clubs – voila!

Dummy reversals have a mystical quality that makes them notoriously difficult to spot. You have to visualise dummy's 3-card trump suit as the hand that will draw the opposition's trumps.

The moral: Occasionally, it's best to play the hand "standing on your head".



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Reversal of Fortune

By Ron Klinger

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PROBLEM

East dealer : Nil vulnerable

W ♠ A86
♥ QJ62
♦ KQ10
♣ QJ7

E ♠ Q5
♥ A10
♦ 9542
♣ A10865

After two passes West opens 1NT (12-14), all pass. North leads the S4, queen, king. Plan the play. How would you play if the contract is 3NT?

There was a curious outcome on this deal from a National Team playoff. In one match one declarer was in 1NT, the other 3NT. One contract just made, the other went one down. The unusual feature was that 3NT was the contract that succeeded.

Brd ♠ JT7432
Dlr E ♥ K94
Vul Nil ♦ 763
♣ 9

♠ A86	N	♠ Q5
♥ QJ62	W	♥ AT
♦ KQT	E	♦ 9542
♣ QJ7	S	♣ AT865

♠ K9
♥ 8753
♦ AJ8
♣ K432

4		
15		10
11		

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

(1) 15-17

Lead: S4

Notice that North led the fourth-highest spade, not the jack. The jack would be the standard card if the suit were headed by J-10-9 or J-10-8, but when the gap between the top two in sequence and the third card is greater than one card, fourth-highest is usually better. Had North led the SJ and it went queen, king, ace, the North-South spades would be blocked.

West put up the SQ and ducked South's SK. He also ducked the S9 continuation. North overtook and played a third spade, won by the ace. Once South showed out of spades declarer knew that for 3NT to succeed, South had to hold the DA.

At trick 4 West ran the CQ, ducked, and continued with the CJ. After South took the CK, he returned the D8, taken by the DK. The H10 was finessed, followed by another diamond. Declarer thus made one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs for +400.

At the other table:

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

(1) 12-14

Lead: S4

Because of the flat shape West decided to downgrade the 15-point hand to a 12-14 1NT opening. This is normally a poor idea, unless the hand has more than one serious flaw, and can often lead to a missed game.

Here, too, the S4 was led and declarer played the SQ from dummy, covered by the king. Feeling it was unlikely to matter, declarer won with the SA when a hold-up play would be normal. He took the club finesse, which lost, and South returned the S9. Five spade tricks and the DA later, the contract was one down. Clearly if you are going to play like that, it is right to downgrade your 15-pointers.



Roving Rhodes

Modern Style Negative Doubles

By Maura Rhodes

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The South Perth Open Teams is mid-way through the event as I write this article. It is a two-day event, which takes place two Sundays in June every year and it is an Open Teams competition, which means that anybody can enter it, not just Club members. Today was cold and wet, so what better way to spend a winter's day than exercising your brain in a warm, dry Bridge Club? Thirteen teams thought this was a good idea, including myself and my partner, John Nicholas with our delightful team-mates, Joan and Bob Prince.

Here is a hand from the first board of the first round:

- ♠ AT2
- ♥ QJ
- ♦ AJ3
- ♣ QJ974

Your partner opens 1D, playing Standard American and your right hand opponent overcalls 2H, which is described as a weak jump overcall, showing a 6 card Heart suit and 6-10 HCP. What do you bid? In my opinion, there is a stand-out bid, which is 3H. What does 3H mean? It means, "Partner, we have enough points for game, but I am not sure where." To me, this is basic Bridge, but there was some debate about this hand. Some people chose to double, which is not an option for my partner and me, as we play modern-style negative doubles, where the double of one Major guarantees, in blood, at least four cards in the other Major. Of course, this is a matter of style. It all depends on what responder is promising for their double. Is it:

- a) Promising 4+ cards in both unbid suits
- b) Promising 4 cards in unbid major and tolerance (3+ cards) for unbid minor
- c) Promising 4 cards in unbid major and saying nothing about unbid minor

Expert style has moved from b) towards c) over the years because of the emphasis on the importance of showing Majors. The latter style is what I play with all of my three partners.

Here is the full hand:

Brd	♠ K987		
Dlr N	♥ T72		
Vul	♦ T62		
	♣ A86		
	♠ AT2	N	♠ 654
	♥ QJ	W	♥ A5
	♦ AJ3	E	♦ KQ87
	♣ QJ974	S	♣ KT32
			♠ QJ3
			♥ K98643
			♦ 954
			♣ 5

7	
15	12
6	

Our team-mates, Bob and Joan Prince bid to 3NT on this hand, making eleven tricks, whereas our opponents were in 5C making ten tricks. Their auction went as follows:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1D	2H
3C	Pass	4C	Pass
4D	Pass	5C	All Pass

3NT is clearly a superior contract, whereas 5C only can make ten tricks, losing a Heart, a Club and a Spade.

Thank you to South Perth Bridge Club for hosting this contest and to Bill Kemp for directing it. By the time this article appears, I think we may be congratulating the Beddow team.



Results

BAWA Mixed Teams (14)

1 st	Doreen Jones, Catherine Hood, Pim Birss and Dave Munro
2 nd	Jonathan Free, Phil Tearne, Mimi Packer and Virginia Seward
3 rd	Ann Ohlsen, Peter Gill, Phil Power and Kathy Power
4 th	Sheelagh Dupont, Alfred Dupont, Geoff Yeo and Helen Turner
5 th	David Matthews, Cynthia Belonogoff, Stella Steer and James Steer
6 th	Dennis Yovich, Dadie Greenfeld, Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski
7 th	Shizue Futaesaku, Wendy Driscoll, Eddy Mandavy and Andrew Swider

BAWA Open Pairs Final (10)

1 st	Andrew Swider and Karol Miller
2 nd	Phil Tearne and Val Biltoft
3 rd	Jan Blight and Florence Maltby
4 th	Dave Munro and Pim Birss
5 th	Dennis Yovich and Dadie Greenfeld

BAWA Open Pairs Plate (16)

1 st	Heather Williams and Sue Pynt
2 nd	Cynthia Belonogoff and Anton Pol
3 rd	Roz Trend and Alan Harrop
4 th	Bruce Maguire and Tirza Cohen
5 th	Bill Symons and Peter Gill
6 th	Phil Power and Kathy Power
7 th	Gerry Daly and Geoff Cross
8 th	Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski

BAWA Day Teams (10)

1 st	Bill Symonds, Merwyn Menezes, Noel Daniels and Peter Gill
2 nd	Jonathan Free, Debbie Chappell, Lily Lim and Charlie Lim
3 rd	Matt Kruk, Kathy Perry, Margaret Mioceвич and John Rousset
4 th	Maura Rhodes, Rick Rhodes, Ann Ohlsen and Pauline Hammond
5 th	Geoff Yeo, John Aquino, Chris Bagley and John Beddow

Teams of 4 as at 1st of May

From John Beddow

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
SPBC A	3	2	48
Melville	3	0	41
SPBC B	2	1	35
Maccabi	2	2	33
Nedlands	2	0	23

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
Melville	7	5	129
Maccabi	6	4	90
WABC Sharks	4	4	90
WABC Others	7	1	84
Kalamunda	5	4	82
WABC Sparkles	6	1	76
West Coast	4	2	66
Nedlands	5	1	56
SPBC B	4	1	56
SPBC A	3	2	51
Undercroft*	5	1	40

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC Sandgropers	6	4	111
Kalamunda	4	3	76
SPBC A	4	2	60
WABC Silverfish	4	1	46
SPBC B	3	2	44
Swan Dists	3	1	41
WABC B	2	0	23
Undercroft	1	0	11
Melville	1	0	8

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		Sun 27 th	WABC Masters in teams of 3
	Aug	Sat 2 nd –Sun 3 rd	South Perth Bridge Club Congress
		Mon 4 th	BAWA Winter Pairs 1 st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
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Fremantle Congress

From John Penman

The Fremantle Bridge Congress was held on Sunday, 8 June 2014 with 51 pairs of players competing. It was a very successful and enjoyable day.



Winners of the morning round N/S were:
Marnie Leybourne and Doreen Jones



Plate Winners were:
Catherine Hood and Nick Cantatore



Winners E/W were:
Noel Daniel and Tony Stevens

In the afternoon were played the Consolation, the Plate and the Final. The Consolation was won by David Cowell and Ann Hopfmüller.



Plate 2nd:
Cynthia Mathews and Corinne Monteath



Equal 2nd were Cherry Zamudio and Garth Scotford, Deborah Nilsson and Peter Nilsson



Plate 3rd Bill Symons and Peter Gill



The Winners of the FINAL pictured with President Josie Khan were:
Merleine Wylie and Robert Wylie
Congratulations!



Final 3rd:
Linda Bedford-Brown and Robin Paterson



Final 2nd Tony Martin and Mary Lang



The final prize was for the highest placed Fremantle Bridge Club pair and this went to Janice Winsor and Angela van Beem.

This was a most pleasant day and thanks are due to the Co-Convenors Josie Khan and Irene Percy, Director Peter Holloway and looking after everyone's nourishment was the team led by Rosalie Raine. We look forward to next year.

BAWA Day Teams



1st :
Bill Symonds, Merwyn Menezes, Noel Daniels and Peter Gill



2nd:
Jonathan Free, Debbie Chappell, Lily Lim and Charlie Lim