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Australia Wide Novice Pairs

The Australia Wide Novice Pairs attracted 1, 393 pairs across Australia.
Congratulations to our two WA pairs who finished in the top 5.



3. **Jenny Walkden and Sheila Bishop** (*Nedlands BC*)

4. Brian Harris and Faye Shelton (*Maylands BC*)

This Month:

- *Deep and Meaningfuls #9*
- *Slams are Where the IMPs are*
- *WABC Winter Congress*
- *Zonta Charity Day*



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President's Report

Compared with some other states bridge in WA has always enjoyed harmonious relationships between clubs and between clubs and BAWA. One of the reasons for this successful partnership is the careful management of events; particularly Red Point Events. The ABF has explicitly delegated the Sponsoring Organization responsibility to the states and the ABF Masterpoint Scheme is administered in WA by the State Masterpoint Secretary David Burn. The principal that has guided BAWA over the years is that if you have held your Congress on a particular weekend for a period of time then that weekend is yours until you no longer wish to continue. No other club can run a B4 Red event at the same; the red points will simply not be approved. This has been an effective policy which has caused few if any problems. There have been however, a couple of minor issues over the past 12 months primarily with clubs running B4c red point events. The regulations regarding these events are quite clear.

Grade B4c events which should ordinarily be conducted during the regular club sessions of play, and may only be advertised within the club. Clubs can also conduct up to two Grade B4c sessions at other times, provided that

1. These must be single session competitions, and must not be advertised outside the clubrooms.
2. These sessions are to come from the respective club's annual B4c session allocation.
3. To ensure that there are no clashes with nearby Congresses or ABF Championships, the prior approval of the respective State Masterpoint Secretary is required.

I confess here to being completely unaware of these regulations and have been severely chastised by David for advertising such events on the BAWA web site. In future I will clear all such advertising with David before posting.

If in doubt check with David at SMPS@bawa.asn.au

I have been really impressed with the way the ABF's new National Marketing Manager, Peter Cox, has hit the ground running and has put in

place a number of schemes to help promote our game. One thing Peter has emphasised is that the future of the game rests almost entirely with the clubs and their ability to attract and, more importantly, retain new players. The ABF has allocated considerable funds to help clubs with this goal. I would urge clubs to investigate the scheme, find out what is required and apply. Details can be found on our web site.

For the first time I ventured down to Dunsborough to play in the annual ZONTA Bridge Charity Day. It was great fun; Jane Moulden and her team organised a fine event. Well done. The only downside was the drive home during which the majority of Saturday's 90mm of rain fell. Thank goodness for the thick white line on the edge of the highway.

Nigel Dutton



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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Albany Bridge Club

From John McBeath



Jane Allen and Carole Munro, winning pair of the Geraldine Sutherland Memorial Trophy event held annually at the Albany Bridge Club, this year being held on Saturday 25 May 2019.

Geraldine Sutherland was a prominent player in Albany approximately 16 years ago, and when she passed away, her long time playing partner, Kay Thompson bought a Clock (which the winning pair are holding and can keep for a year) and a wooden shield which is engraved and remains on the Club wall for all to see and admire.

The winning pair, Jane and Carole won the event on 'rank and handicap' with an average of 62.15%. The event was included in the usual Saturday afternoon session with 15 pairs from Albany, Denmark and Kendenup participating.

What made this event result more special was that Jane and Carole won the same event last year.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The Fremantle Congress for 2019 was held on Sunday, 9 June. There were 19 tables and David Parham as Director was his usual excellent self.

Qualifying

1st N/S Doreen Jones and Dave Munro

1st E/W Noriko Sakashita and Ted Sakashita

Congress FINAL



Winners Trevor Fuller and Leone Fuller with President Jenny Langridge



2nd Noriko Sakashita and Ted Sakashita



3rd David Burn and Bruce Fraser

Congress PLATE



Winners Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg



2nd Merwyn Menezes and Bill Symons



3rd Peter Stephenson and Diane Tilvern

Congress CONSOLATION



Winners were Hugh Van Vu and Dominique Rallier



2nd Alexis Keynes (Cliff Collinson)



3rd Rachel Shave (Isabella Gorski)

It was a very successful day with many thanks to all our members who contributed to that success.

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton Mattocks

2019 A BUSY YEAR SO FAR

2019 has been a very busy and rewarding year so far for the Bayswater Bridge Club with lots of new things happening. We are thoroughly enjoying our new venue in the brand new facilities at the Bayswater Tennis Club with a huge playing area, a lift, a balcony over-looking the tennis courts and the Frank Drago Soccer Club with bowls, croquet and roller hockey next door. We have use of the downstairs room for lessons for Advancers prior to the weekly game with lessons for new players held in the afternoon during the session, ready for them to transition to supervised or the main game.

Recently we updated to the computer program CompScore2 to give a well-earned break to our hard-working and treasured long-term Director, Don Sutton-Mattocks who is enjoying playing in the weekly sessions and helping Sandy with classes at Trinity School for Seniors in the city on Mondays and Thursdays.

As well as setting up Compscore 2 Noel Daniel has been directing our session and training Kevin Stubbs from Canning Bridge Club, our unofficial sister club where many of our members go to play on Tuesdays. Like Bayswater, Canning is a very friendly, sociable club where you can enjoy a good game of bridge – plus a chin wag during the lunch break. Pat Allen is set to train as a Director in the coming weeks with a few others interested in learning the skill.

DON'S PARTY!



A highlight of May was a surprise party for Don who turned 89 on our club session day. As well as delicious food the members gave him gifts and an enormous birthday card. Don thoroughly enjoyed the day and thanks everyone for making his birthday a success. Don has been playing bridge for 80 years and we all hope he enjoys many more birthdays and bridge games to come.

THE INAUGURAL BAYSWATER NOVICE CONGRESS

The most exciting event this year so far has been holding our first Congress, with two divisions, one for Under 50 Masterpoints, and those 50 to 200. It was a tremendous success helped by our amazing committee and club members and all those who came and played in such a wonderful spirit of friendship and respectful competition.

We would like to publicly express our thanks to Nigel Dutton for his help in scheduling our congress and to our Director Peter Holloway and Convenor Arianna Yusof. Thanks to our team of people who did the catering especially Barry and Fay Etherington, Norma Archibald and Kenn Gifford. Pat Allen a big thank you to you for single-

handedly organising the Raffle with hearty donations of liquor and delicacies from our generous members.

It was a very enjoyable day and even though there was a lot of planning and work the dust hadn't settled on the Congress when everyone was looking ahead to our 2020 Congress and working out ways to make it even better.

BRIDGE FOR BRAINS MAY 2019

Our club entered the 2019 Bridge for Brains competition helping to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research.

THE AUSTRALIA-WIDE RESTRICTED PAIRS 2019

Several Bayswater Pairs won Magazine Subscriptions in the Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs. Congratulations to Janelle McGann and Alan Gregory, Jill Jenkins and Max Gerber,



1st Ramon Eksanow and Robert Wall

Congratulations to Jill Jenkins and Max Gerber who came 3rd in the Under 50 section.



Anne Philby - proud recipient of the Graduate Master Certificate. Well done Anne.



Janelle McGann and Alan Gregory are magazine winners in the Australia-Wide Competition. Janelle and Alan also won a prize in the Under 50 Category of the Bayswater Congress



Jill Jenkins and Max Gerber – are also magazine winners with 3rd Place in the Under 50 Section Australia-Wide Competition.

Jill Jenkins with her partner Jocelyn Charters won the Best Bayswater Pair in the Bayswater Congress.

Ramon Eksanow and Robert Wall - Magazine Winners in the Australia-Wide Competition.

LESSONS AND SESSIONS

If you would like to come and play bridge you may come along with or without a partner as we have players ready to team up for the day or as a regular partnership. Our session at the moment is Wednesday at 12.15. We are considering another session for a trial period on Monday afternoon with the possibility of lessons and a future session on Monday evenings. For more information on lessons and sessions ring Sandy on 0448 005 967.

TRINITY SCHOOL FOR SENIORS ENROLMENTS FOR TERM THREE

If you know anyone 60 plus looking to learn bridge, Acol or Standard American, they can look at the Trinity School for Seniors website to enrol

for Term Three or ring Sandy for more information.

PRIVATE LESSONS

In the Bridge Doldrums? Sandy offers fun, confidence-building Intensive Care lessons with diagnostic and remedial lessons on bidding, play and defence, tailor-made to enhance your bridge partnership. Email Sandy at sandy.7notrumps@gmail.com

South Perth Bridge Club

From Cassie Morin

SPBC held their club state masters and below over 2 Saturday's



1st Tomoko Nakamatsu and Mavis Koay



2nd Liz Farr and Wendy Krummel

One of our open red point events, the Evening Open Pairs, was held on Tuesday 11th June.

1st N/S Patricia Moore and Angus Watson

1st E/W Carol Newport and Patricia Hunter

Entries in our three day TBIB August Congress from Friday afternoon 2nd August through to Sunday 4th August are coming in slowly. This year we are giving our sponsorship money back to players in the form

of ten \$50 cash door prizes. So don't miss out on your chance - enter now!

West Australian Bridge Club

From Jan McNab

(photos courtesy of Sheenagh Young)

WABC WINTER SUPER CONGRESS

The end of May and early June proved to be a very busy time for WABC due to the Super Congress which was held over 5 days. The events ranged from single sessions to Swiss Pairs and Teams matches. The Congress was well attended and included a range of events for players from the Super Novice to Grand Master. Considerable prize money, nearly \$13,000, was awarded to the winners and top place-getters over all events thanks to our generous sponsors - Broadway Travel and TBIB as well as our own members - Ross Harper, John Beddow and Richard Basham.

Sheenagh Young was Tournament Organiser. Sponsorship allowed us to bring National Director Matt McManus from New South Wales to act as Chief Tournament Director, ably assisted by David Burn. A team of volunteer Congress Officials, namely an Appeals Consultant, Appeals Committee Convener and Recorders were standing by each day and we thank them profusely for willingly taking on a most important role.

In a first for WA, an SMS Registration Link was available to players for the Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams events which provided information in regard to the result of each match, the number of the table for the next round and who they were playing against. At the end of the game the final positions were recorded together with Masterpoints achieved for the event.



Our thanks once again to the expertise of Robin Paterson and her team for organising the sumptuous food supplied at each event and

ensuring that members would be available each day to assist with final preparation and presentation of this feast. Thanks also to Geoff Holman and Fran Holman for the amazing honeycomb frame harvested directly from their hives. It provided a beautiful centerpiece for the table together with offering a unique tasting experience for the players over the entire Congress.

Also to Kerry Barns For her untiring assistance organizing a balance of delicious food, sweet and savoury, prepared and donated in unlimited quantities by generous WABC members.

A final thanks must go to all the players who ensured the Congress was a great success.

Congratulations are extended to the following winners and place-getters on their excellent results:

ONE DAY SWISS PAIRS



1st Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat
2nd David Cowell and Jairo Giraldo
3rd Bruce Fraser and Helen Cook

RESTRICTED PAIRS



1st N/S Christine Bacon and Jane Adams
2nd Vanessa Starcevich and Margie Tulloch
3rd Jean Hill and Jacek Majewski



1st E/W Barry Cassidy (Jerry Linsten)
2nd Elizabeth Black and Jill Curnow
3rd Beryl Morris and Helen Ross

JOAN DADOUR MORNING PAIRS



1st N/S Christine Jenkins and Connie Coltrona
2nd Dymphna Elsey and Val Fleay
3rd June Fox and Robin Fordham



1st E/W Egmont Melton and John Beddow
2nd Kate North and Helen King
3rd Jane Henderson and Lisa Cusack

SIMON WILLIAMS AFTERNOON PAIRS



1st N/S Robin Paterson and Marie Musitano
2nd John Beddow and Egmont Melton
3rd David Matthews and Chris Ingham



1st E/W Ian Bailey and Dave Parham
2nd David Charters and Jocelyn Charters
3rd Diana Quantrill and Audrey Stokes

BELOW 15 MPS, MORNING PAIRS

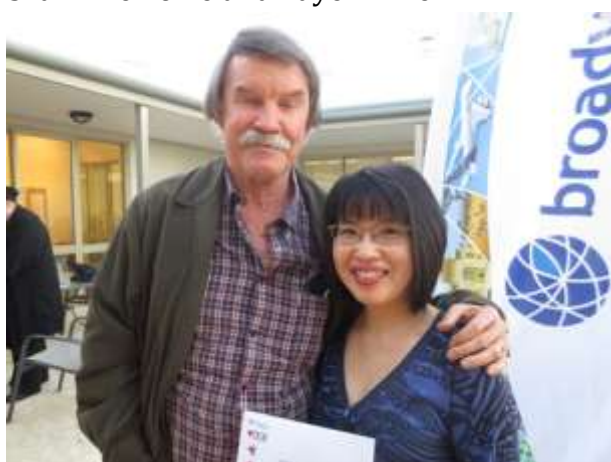


1st Rohan Bandarage (Rajeeve Gunawardena)
2nd Alfred Leung and Diane Smith
3rd Christine Bacon and Jane Adams

DEREK POCOCK AFTERNOON PAIRS



- 1st N/S John Beddow and Egmont Melton
- 2nd Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes
- 3rd Anne Lowe and Faye Wilner



- 1st E/W Denis Gimblett and Fiona Han
- 2nd Kate Pinnering and Ann Youngs
- 3rd Sue Broad and Jocelyn Curnow
- Best WABC Pair: Brenda Campbell and Judith Laurie

JOAN SANDOVER AFTERNOON PAIRS



- 1st Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood
- 2nd Jocelyn Parry and Margaret King
- 3rd Jane Henderson and Lisa Cusack

TWO DAY SWISS PAIRS



- 1st Andrew Swider and Tad Bieganski



- 2nd Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven
- 3rd Kaiping Chen and Fiske Warren

PAUL HOULISTON MORNING PAIRS

- 1st Ian Jennings and Valerie Jennings
- 2nd Marie Musitano and Elizabeth Benda
- 3rd Adele Philpot and Lesley Koenig

JOAN CARTER AFTERNOON PAIRS



- 1st N/S Charlie Lim and Lily Lim
- 2nd Audrey Stokes and Ann Lowe
- 3rd Jane Henderson and Helen Cook

1st E/W Geoff Yeo and Ravi Soin
2nd Lynne Milne and Gwen Wiles
3rd Helen George and Mike George

ONE DAY SWISS TEAMS



1st Chris Mulley, Martin Doran, Kim Morrison and Viv Wood

2nd Cynthia Belonogoff, David Schokman, David Matthews, Chris Ingham

3rd Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Alan Harrop, Jessica Chew

AUSTRALIA-WIDE NOVICE PAIRS

Congratulations to Mavis Koay and Aruni Bandarage. We are very proud of their achievement in this event. They were placed 30th and will receive an online subscription to Australian Bridge Magazine for their efforts.

ANC IN MELBOURNE

We congratulate the following WABC members, who together with players from other Clubs, are representing our State at the ANC in Melbourne in July.

OPEN TEAM: Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer, Stella Steer

WOMEN'S TEAM: Deana Wilson, Viv Wood

SENIOR'S TEAM: Chris Ingham, Bruce Fraser, David Burn, Cynthia Belonogoff

We wish the teams well for their upcoming matches.

TERM 3 LESSONS WITH ANDY HUNG

Our Club Professional, Andy Hung will be overseas for 2 months competing in a series of International Bridge events. We wish him well.

The next set of Bridge lessons will begin at 4.45pm on Wednesday, 31 July with Card Play Essentials followed by:

- Beginners Lessons - 10am on Thursday, 1 August
- Intermediate Bidding - 10am on Tuesday, 6 August
- Master Card Play and Defence - 5pm on Tuesday, 6 August
- Advanced Beginners - 7.15pm on Tuesday, 6 August

Further details are available on the WABC website.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Jan Morgan

The MAIN EXCITEMENT and source of pride for our club for the month was the participation and success of some of our members at the recent GNOT held in Mandurah on the long weekend.

Hearty Congratulations to our own Kate Boston and Murray Webber who won the event.

Esther and Colin Saunders – placed 4th in the strong field of 22 pairs - great to see.

Also enjoying the weekend and flying our colours were Jenny Dawson, Colleen Skipsey and Colleen Long, Joy Gibson and Holly Nutley, Carol Newman and Bob McCartney



Nine of The Bunbury Crew who were at the GNOT

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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REPORT from our Bridge Teacher Esther Saunders

Weekly Intermediate bridge lessons started at the Bunbury Bridge Club rooms on May 20th. There was a good turn out and we have consistently had between 5 and 6 tables of enthusiastic attendees. Lessons are open to all, not just Bunbury Bridge Club players. The schedule can be found on the club's website, under Lessons.

Taking on board feedback from last year, the program has been expanded from 8 weeks in 2018 to 24 weeks this year.

Each session now focuses on one concept and includes several hands of play to practice that concept. Once the hands are distributed and sorted, each player places their hand face up on the table and everyone at that table discusses how they think the bidding should go, and why. Once the bidding has been decided upon, the hands are played out and then discussed as a whole group before the next hand is distributed. As often happens in bridge, not all hands are straight forward and sometimes a player must decide between two or more options when making a bidding decision. The main lesson overall at every session is to respect your partners decision, understand the predicament they must have been in, and treat your partner with dignity.

It is, above all, a partnership game. My favourite saying is, 'The difference between an Expert and a World Class bridge player is the way they treat their partner!'



Here they are giving us a smile at last Monday's session.

Undercroft Bridge Club

From John Bayly

The Annual General Meeting of Undercroft Bridge club was held at the clubrooms on Saturday 23 March 2019. This was a break from the traditional Monday evening AGM and proved to be

reasonably successful with just over 60 members attending. The elected committee is John Bayly (President), Nick Jakowyna (Vice President), Linda Reading (Secretary) and Rupert Dodd (Treasurer). This together with ten other committee personnel makes for a very energetic and hardworking board.

Saturday 8 June 2019 saw the culmination of another of the ever popular eighteen week training sessions under the guidance of Leslie Routledge who has been running this training course for over ten years. A portion of these smiling "graduates" can be seen in the following photograph.



As an introduction, they are from left to right

Front row: Sara Potter, Leslie Routledge (teacher), Grace Roberts, Ray Routledge (assistant), Dale Robertson

Middle Row: Pat Shelton (assistant), Lesley McGlone, Susanne Gilchrist, Marie Barrett, Dianne Doust, John Bayly (President)

Back Row: Bill Ellis, Liz Gray, James Van-Lane, Peter Seinor (Ian Limpitlaw, Pat Hickey and Bruce Clark)

It should be recognised that this course is second to none as far as teaching ACOL to new bridge players and I am sure that most of these lucky people will continue to have further tutelage with Allan Doig and his willing helpers. The Club should be proud and grateful that we have training personnel such as Leslie and Allan who willingly give up much of their time to train and help others.

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

ONLY IN KALGOORLIE.

We had some very interesting results over Thursday nights of play -

16th May – 1st 70%; 2nd 60%; 3rd 50%; 4th 40% and 5th 30%

6th June – winners 60% and everyone else scored 47.50%!

A reminder - Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress long weekend in September (27th, 28th and 29th).

Come to Kalgoorlie – good cards, good times, great card players and the best Director – Peter Holloway.

Secretary	Christine Leather
Treasurer	Aidan Brown
Membership Secretary	Colleen Webb
Bridge Convenor	Neville Walker
Committee Members	Pam Gale Roger Nichols Diana Schupp Lesley Sims Sue Tinney

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Monday Best 3 out of 4. The winners were Doug Hardman and Vera Hardman.



Clyde England and Kathy Power came a very close second.

Handicap Pairs

The winners were Bill Webb and Lynda Ford



2nd Margaret Busani and Bev Ford

3rd Sue Jordan and Peter Jordan

At the Club's AGM in May, the following officers were elected:

President	Josephine Dundas
Vice-President	Sandy Anderson

Broome Bridge Club

From Pam Wadsworth

Broome Bridge has a new venue!

If you are heading for Broome and want a game of bridge during your holiday in the Kimberley please arrive around 12.30pm for a 1.00pm commencement at the Seventh Day Adventist Church building in Palmer Road, off Reid Road, on the way to the port.

Contact Pam Wadsworth for further info - pammikew2@bigpond.com

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown



Our Congratulations to Sheila Bishop and her partner Jenny Walkden who not only came 1st in the club heat of the Australia Wide Novice Pairs with 70+% - they also attained the rank of 3rd in Australia. 1393 pairs participated

Australian National Championships – July 13th-25th

We wish our members and their team mates every success at the ANC - Chris Ingham, David Matthews, Bruce Fraser, David Burn, Cynthia

Belonogoff, Deana Wilson, Deb Frankel, Dadie Greenfeld, Viv Wood, Jane Reynolds, Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer, James Steer, Stella Steer and Val Bilstoft – ENJOY!

Beginners' course starts Tuesday Aug 6th 10.am – noon. This is an eight week course –To make enquiries or register interest in enrolling, please email Mary-Jane at wongadale@iinet.net.au, or call her on 0429 858 016. The cost of the course will be \$100



Fiske Warren – left – with some of the graduates from his recent beginners course.

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Wayne and Heather Cupitt

Shark Bay Visit

In May twelve members of the Club travelled to Shark Bay to play at their lovely friendly club. It was so dry we had to dodge emus in the main street - they had come in from the bush to find a drink!

We played two sessions, each with two fields, and the local pair of Ray Hill and Jill Hill had a clean sweep of the east west field. Lesley Watson and Maureen Knight and Wayne and Heather Cupitt were winners for north south.



Visitors are always welcome to play at the Club's Monday and Friday sessions held at 1pm at the Denham Town Hall. Contact Coralie 0497001533 for more information.

ANNUAL CONGRESS

Peter Holloway was put through his paces at our Congress. If everyone who had initially entered had attended there would have been 18 tables - but what with the 'flu' and other misfortunes there were eight tables.

Players came from far and wide. Kalgoorlie players took two flights each way to attend, and friends from Shark Bay drove down and spent a day shopping in 'the big smoke' and drove home loaded to the gunnels.



The Friday Welcome Pairs was won by Arianna Yusof and Maureen Knight – with President Jeanette Day

2nd Wilma Coloper and Jennifer Simpson

3rd Heather Cupitt and Wayne Cupitt



Best Geraldton Pair Marjorie Smith and Lesley Watson

The Saturday Open Pairs was a very tight contest with less than 1% between the first three place getters.



1st David Coulter and Pauline Coulter
 2nd Karen Moller and Jodie Basham
 3rd Steven Rogoysky and Elizabeth McNeil
 Best Geraldton Pair - Wayne and Heather Cupitt



The Teams competition was won by Do Dean, Steven Rogoysky, Cheryl Harding and Elizabeth McNeill

2nd Wayne Cupitt and Heather Cupitt, David Coulter and Pauline Coulter

3rd Gwyneira Brahma, Peter Gill, Maureen Knight and Arianna Yusof

Special thanks to Marjorie Smith and her team for the splendid catering.

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

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Planning has commenced for next year. Come north to the sunshine, the friendly bridge atmosphere, and the very Moorish food. The Cupitts welcome caravanners and campers to stay on their farm at their informal once a year free caravan park.

Willetton Bridge Club

From Noel Daniel



Club Autumn Pairs Winners Pat Allen and Alan Gregory with President Geoff Rycroft and Noel Daniel.

Trophy Donated by Noel Daniel and Carol Daniel



Canning Presentation : Cr Ben Kunze and Cr Yaso Ponnuthurai from the Dist of Canning presenting equipment for the Willetton Bridge Club. Supported by the City of Canning through the Community Partnership Fund.

One more month to go for the Willetton Novice Congress to be held on Sunday 21st July 2019

at the South Perth Bridge Club. Please enter via BAWA website.

We are planning to Introduce Supervised Session on Saturday Afternoons. Date to be announced shortly.

DEEP-AND-MEANINGFULS #9

Paul Brayshaw taps into the innermost thoughts of Deep Finesse®

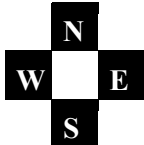
Sitting in the function room of a Melbourne hotel, you flex your arms and rip another 13 cards out of the North slot. You have gained a lucky pass to play in the Victor Champion Cup this year, and you don't want to waste it. So far, your team has had a good tournament and you are in the running for a top-10 placing. You survey the cards in front of you:

♠KJT9 ♥void ♦AKJ953 ♣Q76

Hmmmm - a nice little collection. After RHO passes, you get to open this with 1♦. LHO makes a weak jump overcall with 2♥. You consider the merits of a reopening double with your void, however partner suddenly comes to the party with 3♣, natural and GF (that's 'game-forcing', not 'gluten-free'). Tasty, at any rate! With many options available, you decide upon 3♠, planning to follow up with ♣ support over 3NT. However, partner finds 5♦ instead. "Woooooah, somebody stop me!" you think, as partner obviously has values concentrated outside of hearts. One more for the road then - 6♥. The lead is the ♥A and you buy this dummy:

♠ KJT9	♠ A2
♥ -	♥ J93
♦ AKJ953	♦ T72
♣ Q76	♣ AKJ85

With no club void lurking, the play is the opposite of challenging, just losing to the ♦Q which is protected offside. You are well-satisfied with your efforts until you eye off the DF matrix on the hand record during the post-mortem. What's this - NS can make 7♣??

Brd 24	♠ KJT9	♠ Q4
Dlr W	♥ -	♥ AQT875
Vul Nil	♦ AKJ953	♦ Q84
	♣ Q76	♣ 93
♠ 87653		♠ A2
♥ K642		♥ J93
♦ 6		♦ T72
♣ T42		♣ AKJ85

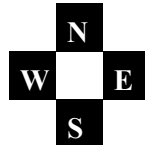
Of course - there is the potential to rid oneself of the diamond loser if playing in clubs! DF says it is true, at any rate, and she is never wrong, as you are well aware. You count the top tricks in a club contract - five ♣, two ♦ and four ♠ due to the unbelievably lucky lie of the spade suit. Two more tricks required, then.

"You can ruff two hearts in North to make it," says one of your team mates, from which you glean that your conversation with yourself was not as silent as you thought.

"Mmm hmm," you mumble. "Ooooooh, hang on a sec, I think your entries might be a bit screwed..."

A quick conversation later it is established that, on a heart lead, 7♣ is straightforward. Assuming South is declarer, ruff the heart, spade to hand, ruff a second heart, draw trumps and pitch the remaining losers on the spades. But there is the troublesome diamond opening lead. The ♠A is an entry back to hand to ruff a heart, but what is the second? A trump cannot be used, as then there is no way back to hand before West savagely ends your dreams for the tournament. Defenders always take their trick in a grand slam in a certain manner, you recall. It is a unique mixture of speed, smugness and feigned humility. Then, they always extend the pleasurable experience by going into the tank, as if they're cleverly trying to find a way to take another trick. You don't dare to claim in case they can.

Back to the task at hand - and what about a trump lead? That tangles you up in an even worse way! Let's see. After two ♠ ruffs, you're here:

♠ KJT	♠ Q	
♥ -	♥ AQT8	
♦ AKJ953	♦ Q84	
♣	♣ 9	
♠ 8765		♠ 2
♥ K6		♥ J
♦ 6		♦ T72
♣ T4		♣ AKJ8

And... you're in dummy. If you try spades, East is going to ruff one of your vital tricks and you will be one shy.

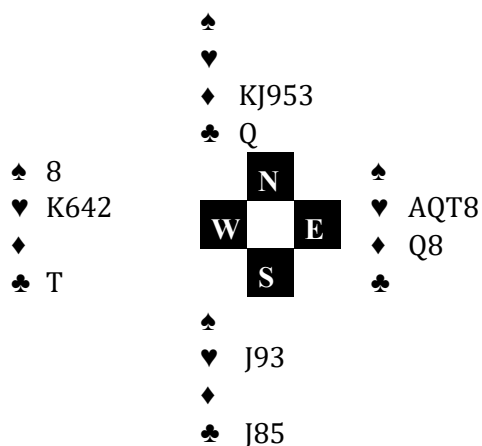
No, there's got to be a line that you haven't thought of. There is no hope for a squeeze. Throw-ins in grands tend not to be successful. Where is that 13th trick coming from? What did Sir Arthur Conan Doyle once say through his most famous creation – Sherlock? *“Once you have eliminated the impossible then whatever remains, however unlikely, must be the truth.”* Or something like that? Well, we can safely eliminate spades as the source of the extra trick, if we follow the rules of bridge. Hearts cannot provide the extra ruff we need, as we know, and they cannot be isolated as a menace against a single defender – eliminated. Clubs – see spades – eliminated. That only leaves diamonds. But Holmes, this is all nonsense! East takes the third round of those! And, and... ooooooh, who said that?

The words *“there's an entry, my dear Watson, there's an entry...”* were whispered into your ear. However, your team mates silently stare at you as if you're from an exoplanet, so it probably wasn't one of them. No-one else is around. You look sharply at the DF matrix – was it that seductress with her siren-like voice once again?

A quick glance north-westward of the DF grid and suddenly, your original impression of this hand falls away from under your feet. A few stark facts come into consideration together for the first time: Clubs are 3-2; the defender with the long clubs also has the long spades; the SQ falls; South has three top club honours; North has an entry in trumps. Yes, unbelievably, it would seem that diamonds are a source of tricks after all...

“I've got it, guys!” you exclaim. “On a diamond lead, you pitch the hearts on diamonds.” Polite expressions of doubt, or similar, emerge from the lips of your team mates, who have already given up and moved on to another hand.

“I'm serious! Win the lead and get to the position where you've drawn two rounds of trumps with the ace and king and played one top diamond. Now you can play four rounds of spades to pitch two DIAMONDS, with East out of trumps.”



“Ruff a diamond with the ♣J. All of a sudden, dummy's diamonds are good! And there's an entry...”

“And if you get a heart lead instead, you play the line of ruffing two hearts,” one of your team mates continues, obligingly taking the words out of your mouth. “Very good. Can we look at Board 25 now?”

Humph, no-one will ever understand the thrill of these things, you think to yourself. This is why DF speaks to you and you only. You smile in reverie – perhaps, just perhaps, DF will come to life one day. And you will be her special friend.

Found an intriguing analysis? Unsure of how DF got to a particular number of tricks? Or, <gasp, cough>, do you think DF is wrong on a hand? Please send it to me at thepabray@hotmail.com and I'll do my best to tune in to DF's special vibrations. Paul ☺

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PROBLEM

SOUTH Dealer | EW Vulnerable

♠	KQJ3	♠
♥	KJ	♥
♦	KQ4	♦
♣	K1095	♣
♠	N	♠
♥	W	♥
♦	E	♦
♣	S	♣
♠	97	♠
18	♥ A85	♥
11	♦ J632	♦
	♣ AQ86	♣

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1NT (1)
Pass	2♣ (2)	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

- 1) 11-14
- 2) Simple Stayman

West leads the ♥4: jack – queen – five. East returns the ♥7: eight – three – king. Plan the play.

SOLUTION on page 28



WA Country GNOT

From Mike Trafalski

On the WA Day weekend, 2-4 June, 22 pairs from various country Clubs participated in the Country GNOT Final. Players from Albany, Bunbury,

Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Mandurah and for the first time, Avon were represented.

The event consists of 10 by 14 board matches, scored using Cross-Imps, with the top two pairs forming a team to represent WA Country in GNOT Final in Tweed Heads during November.



Winners Kate Boston and Murray Webber



2nd Gwyneira Brahma and Rez Karim

Once again thanks to the Convenor Murray Webber, Director Neville Walker, Mandurah Bridge Club and BAWA XO Robina McConnell for their efforts in making the event a success, including the lunch on Monday – special thanks to Cheryl Coates

During lunch after some discussion, the participants decided to maintain the 2020 event in its current format and at the same venue.

Slams are Where the IMPs are

From Viv Wood

For the last 3 months a large group of Australian women have had the benefit of online coaching from American professional and world champion Karen (Kate) McCallum. Kate is highly regarded as an author and teacher, and it's been great to have her living here in Aus for the last 4+ months. Many of us have had the opportunity to play against her in National competitions and she's been generous in sharing her knowledge and sound advice whenever asked.

Kate's teaching focus has been on the slam zone and Sue Lusk and I got the chance to put some of this into practice playing in the recent Autumn National Women's Pairs in Adelaide.

I've written up some of the slam hands below:

Round 1 | N/S | Contract 6 C | Pick up 10 imps

Dlr	W						
Vul	Nil						
			♠ T7				
			♥ K3				
			♦ AKQ985				
			♣ Q63				
			♠ KQJ3	N		♠ A98652	
			♥ T952	W	E	♥ Q84	
			♦ 62			♦ JT	
			♣ T52	S		♣ 74	
						♠ 4	
	14					♥ AJ76	
6		7				♦ 743	
	13					♣ AKJ98	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Viv		Sue
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠ (1)
Pass	3♣ (2)	Pass	3♥ (3)
Pass	4♦ (4)	Pass	4NT (5)
Pass	5♣ (6)	Pass	5♦ (7)
Pass	5♥ (8)	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

- 1) transfer to C's
- 2) super accept
- 3) either a fragment or cue
- 4) definitely a cue
- 5) keycard blackwood on Clubs
- 6) 1 keycard
- 7) do you have the Queen of clubs

8) yes and the KH's

I was excited when Sue transferred to clubs and I could show support. I wasn't overly comfortable with my off shape 1NT opening and was much happier to play in a suit.

Sue bid 3H's this was either a fragment looking for NT or a cue bid for clubs. I next cued 4D's which denied a spade stopper and showed interest in playing game or above in Clubs. Partner was very happy when I denied a control in spades and placing my values in the other suits she confidently bid the slam.

We were the only pair in 6 Clubs. I think we had an easier auction being undisturbed. After I open 1NT it's not easy for East to show such a weak 6 card spade suit. If I'd opened 1D a fair bit of our space might have been taken up by the ops.

We were glad for the 10 imp pick up as we came out of the match with a draw.

Round 2 | N/S | Contract 7H | Pick up 8 imps

Dlr	W						
Vul	Nil						
			♠ 42				
			♥ KT543				
			♦ KT43				
			♣ AK				
			♠ T865	N		♠ J	
			♥ 982	W	E	♥ J	
			♦ 86			♦ AQJ9752	
			♣ 7653	S		♣ 9842	
						♠ AKQ973	
	13					♥ AQ76	
0		9				♦ -	
	18					♣ QJT	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Viv		Sue
Pass	1♥	2♦	5♦ (1)
Pass	5 NT (2)	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

- 1) exclusion keycard
- 2) 2 keycards no trump Q

As soon as I opened 1H I'm sure Sue was wondering which H slam we'd be in.

1H – 5D’s directly would have set up an exclusion keycard auction, asking me to show keycards in H’s outside of the D suit. With East interfering, bidding 2D, Sue’s jump to 5D’s was unaffected. Had East bid 3D’s or 4D’s we would still have been fine. However, if East decides to bid 5D’s our bid is taken! I’m not sure if this happened anywhere, however I am surprised we picked up 8 imps for the grand. Perhaps not all the pairs had exclusion keycard in their system?

Once I showed 2 keycards, Sue had no problem bidding the grand, counting 5 trump winners, 5 or 6 spade winners from the side suit, the Ace of clubs and one or two diamond ruffs.

Round 3 | E/W | Contract 6C | Pick up 11 imps – When system gets in the way!

Sometimes having a useful system tool comes at the expense of something more useful in a particular auction! Sue and I play agreement of our minor at the 4 level (after a game force auction has been set up) as keycard in that minor. This gives an edge in bidding minor suit slams, the downside is you can lose the ability to cue bid. This is what happened here, the 4C bid agreed the trump suit and we were unable to set C’s and cue bid to diagnose our lack of a spade control.

Dir	E	♠	A9743	♠	T5
Vul	Nil	♥	J64	♥	AKQT3
		♦	J98	♦	K
		♣	94	♣	AKT83
		♠	QJ82		
		♥	5		
		♦	A762		
		♣	QJ76		
	6	♠	K6		
		♥	9872		
10	19	♦	QT543		
	5	♣	52		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Sue</i>		<i>Viv</i>	
		1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦ (1)	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♣ (2)	Pass	4 ♥ (3)	Pass
6 ♣	All Pass		

- 1) artificial 4th suit setting up a game force
- 2) keycard for Clubs
- 3) 0 or 3

Sue had to take a view, and based on us only missing 1 keycard, and with the opponents unlikely to lead her suit, she bid the slam.

South has to find the aggressive lead of the KS to beat 6C’s. It is often right to make an aggressive lead against a contract that has not involved cue bidding. However, placing that KS on the table at the opening lead might be what gives us the contract. This time we got lucky.

We bid 5 slams and picked up 54 imps on these boards. We missed two slams, each one costing us only 2 imps. Sometimes they are just too difficult to bid and the rest of the field finds it the same.

We did manage a win, but needed all of our slam imps to get there. After the competition I heard that this was Sue’s 6th victory out of the 10 year’s the event has been running, a fabulous hometown track record!

The heading of this article is taken from one of Kate’s lessons and there is no better way to finish this article than quote from it.

“There are frequent double-digit gains when you get the slam zone right and double-digit losses when you get them wrong. Most of the time, in long KO matches, the slam hands swing the match. So, it’s obvious that, in order to win against good teams, we have to get the slams right.”

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WABC Winter Congress

From David Schokman

Is there any partnership that can honestly say that they have the perfect defence against weak two-suiter or weak single suiter bids? In this group are Benjamin Two's: Multi Two's: Tartan Two's and Optimals. There are others but they are not used here so let's stick with what we come up against.

We all have our methods as to how we handle these bids and most of them are fairly basic. However, defence methods cannot cover every type of hand, as there are different degrees of strength and shape. So what I always suggest to any regular partner is that we try and understand what our partner is thinking when making that particular bid, this because it is not only what they say, it is what they do not say that is just as important.

This deal was from the WABC Winter congress and only 25 percent in a good field bid the slam. Only one pair **Ross Blakey** and **Gill Blakey** bid to 7H against a very unlucky Sue Gammon/Deana Wilson. Obviously there was always the one 3NT bidder who lost the first six tricks!

DEALER EAST: NIL VUL

Dlr	E	♠	-		
Vul	Nil	♥	Q107		
		♦	KQJ10953		
		♣	A54		
♠	KJ532			♠	A109764
♥	J9			♥	64
♦	642			♦	7
♣	J96			♣	Q1083
		♠	Q8		
	12	♥	AK8532		
6		♦	A8		
	16	♣	K72		

East will open the bidding with 2D:2H or 2S. The first two with options and the third showing a weak six card spade suit. Believe it or not, my partner and I would open 2C which is also a Multi bid in our system which includes the 4-4-4-1 shape.

You have your own defence but please indulge me as I ramble on.

East opened 2H, which showed a weak six card spade suit, or five hearts and another suit. My choice of bid would be 3H. This is where partnership agreement must be strong and trusting. There was no double, so what sort of hand should south have? Surely, a natural heart suit with at least six, as east could have had five hearts. Yes, unlikely but not impossible. So we are agreed that the suit has to be sound. West passes and you as north have to make a decision. Please do not start shouting at me, but I believe that, at least for the moment, that you have to forget about your beautiful, seven card diamond suit. What you need to know is what partner has for that over call of 3H. Is it just a nice six card heart suit, headed by the ace, king and knave or something better? That is all that matters as if it is the former your diamond suit is just a nice suit as you have good trump support for partner, to handle that spade void.

Let's keep it simple. You must know that east's suit must be a weak spade suit so will 3S be a cue raise by implication, though at the table could well be taken for something else. How about 4S? A great bid, but what is it showing? Is it four card trump support with a splinter or void? All guesses for the moment. Should west's silence be taken into consideration, or ignored? We could become very basic and bid 4NT - Key card Blackwood- and when we find that partner has the first option, a six card suit, headed by the ace and king, we just settle for 6H, which would have given you plenty of imps.

What would 4D have meant? It would, to me, show a good suit but lacking support for my hearts. I would now bid 4H still not being in a position to show anything extra. Should I bid 5D with two likely spade losers off the top? Possibly not.

At one table north bid 4NT and south responded with 5C - showing zero or three key cards. North bid 5H and south, inexplicably, passed. I asked south why this had happened and he admitted that it was wrong but that on the bidding and holding two spade losers he was uncertain on how the cards were placed. Still, a totally wrong decision as

he should have trusted partner and played the system bidding 6H.

This brings us back to north's first choice of bid and that was to find out what south held. I polled the hand and the view was that 3S had to be a strong bid. Now if south bid 3NT it would show the first type of hand with a spade stopper, which north does not want to know about. The moment south repeats the heart suit north can bid 5S. Now certainly this becomes EXCLUSION Blackwood – sometimes called Voidwood, which I love and have written about before. This is a very useful convention and all serious partnerships should have it in their armoury.

Some suggested that, on this hand, 4S should be used as Exclusion Blackwood. It seemed like a good idea at the time but on more careful reflection consider that the only bid that north should/could make was 3S. Once south repeated the heart suit Exclusion (5S) could be used, and when south shows three keycards, which excluded the ace of spades, north would bid 7D. Why 7D you ask? Seems a rational decision as 7H can be defeated if the hearts broke 4-1. 7D can handle this bad break, though entries will be a problem if south does not have the king of clubs. So is bidding the Grand Slam a poor choice?

North could ask for kings, but with a known nine card fit, headed by the ace, king and queen, most would settle for 7H, as 7D could well be a bottom in a strong field.

This is probably a deal that you could discuss with your favourite expert or with someone like Fiske Warren, Jonathan Free or Andy Hung and then tell me where I went wrong.

ABF Marketing Grants

ABF Marketing Special Project Grants 2019 Application Process Introduction.

The ABF have announced a national scheme of ABF Marketing Special Project Grants to assist clubs. There will be a number of conditions for successful applicants.

Strategy

- ABF to support clubs to increase the number of beginners and returning players
- Clubs to increase the conversion rate of beginners into club members

Advertising Program

- ABF to introduce a Cooperative Advertising Program (CAP)
- Utilise highly targeted Facebook advertising campaigns to attract new players
- Clubs and the ABF will share the advertising costs to a limit of \$500 for the ABF
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- Clubs to meet ABF Criteria to ensure appropriate expenditure and compliance
- Advertising must be for new members
- Clubs to contribute a minimum of 50% to the cost of the Facebook advertising
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- Choose local post codes for target market
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- Follow up leads to landing page and report to ABF
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- All ads must include ABF logo
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Applications

- Applications to be made at <https://tinyurl.com/ABFApplications2019v1>
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- Closing Date will be 31 August 2019 but will be accepted and processed immediately
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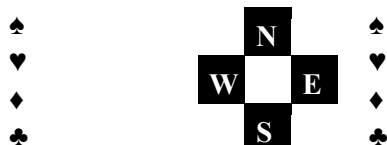


By Bill Jacobs

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Dir N
Vul NS
Matchpoints

♠ AK5
♥ Q42
♦ AKQJ5
♣ A8



23 ♠ Q842
♥ A76
♦ 1043
♣ KJ7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2♣Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

♠10 is led. You win ♠A as RHO follows with ♠J. That's ominous, but you take ♠K at trick 2 to confirm the situation and sure enough, RHO discards a little diamond.

You have 11 top tricks and either the ♣Q with East or the ♥K with West will deliver a 12th. But perhaps you can also make use of your spade threat against West. How do you go about the play?

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Game or Slam That is the Question

By Di Brooks

Game or Slam that is the question. In the recent G.N.O.T. qualifying rounds, there were many hands that gave rise to the question of Game or Minor Slam! Major slams seem easier to find, so why can't the Minor Slams be found.

Take this example Playing Acol, (Yes, she actually played Acol on the day!), West, Dealer, passed and I as North, with an 18 count opened with 1H, (Masters of the Acol craft might disagree, but that's the best I could do in that moment), Partner, David Clarke came back with 2D and I followed up with 2S, hoping I was showing a strong hand. When David then replied with 3D, I knew he didn't like my majors, nor could he bid No Trumps, so the next bid was 6D - the final contract.

Deep Finesse says 7 D, 7S, (in a 4-3 fit) or 7NT can be made. We were happy with our contract, making all thirteen tricks. The opposing N/S pair decided that 3NT was the best that could be found.

The four hands were:-

Dlr	♠ A765			
Vul	♥ AK93			
	♦ K109			
	♣ A9			
♠ J32		♠ 1084		
♥ Q7642		♥ J108		
♦ 842		♦ 3		
♣ Q4		♣ KJ875		
	♠ KQ8			
18	♥ 5			
5	♦ AQJ765			
12	♣ 632			

Sometimes you have to be like Sherlock Holmes to detect the shape and length of partner's hand, by the bidding or the lack of high cards in the shorter suits, hence not being able to bid No Trumps.

Happy Bridging,☺

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Zonta Charity Day

from Jane Moulden

(Photos courtesy of Robyn Howe and Cassie Morin)

The shortest day of the year proved to be a perfect day for the 16th Annual Charity Day. Wet and blustery conditions were conducive to being indoors all day without any sense of guilt.



Director Brian Wade

A full house of 18 tables not only maximized our profit but enabled smooth running of the day. Thank you to Barbara Smith and Rosa McGillivray for not only being our reserves but also for paying full registration fees which was not required. Rosa and Barbara had not met, let alone played bridge together before 9am on the day.

This year I was surprised when several people asked me whether we had professional caterers to do the food. My quick response was that no, Zonta members did all the cooking and donated all the food. On reflection I realize that professional caterers did do the food and that was us! We are certainly volunteers but are professional in everything we do. While I was playing bridge, the fund raising committee were already planning what could be improved on next year.

This year we raised \$3450 – the best yet - and this will go towards numerous projects including helping local girls by providing scholarships and supporting girls who are disengaged from traditional education. We also contribute to a United Nations project “Let’s learn Madagascar which aims to keep girls in school longer. Zonta also works to improve the health care, legal and political representation and economic resources of women worldwide. We envision a world where no woman lives in fear of violence.

Winners



Final: 1st Murray Webber and Kate Boston



2nd Kimberley Zhao and Nigel Dutton



Plate 1st Pip Witham and Barry Witham



2nd Wendy Krummel and Ingrid Gilfillan



< 150MPs total Claire James and Judy Cullam



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Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

SOLUTION

Dlr N		♠ AK5	
Vul NS		♥ Q42	
Matchpoints		♦ AKQJ2	
		♣ A8	
♠ 109763	N	♠ J	
♥ K83	W	♥ J1095	
♦ 2	E	♦ 9876	
♣ 10652	S	♣ Q943	
		♠ Q842	
23		♥ A76	
3	4	♦ 1043	
10		♣ KJ7	

You made your contract, right? But for a top match point score, did you get the overtrick that was on offer?

The books will tell you that to combine your chances in hearts and clubs, you should start by leading a low heart towards the queen: if that loses to East's king, you can try the club finesse next. Whereas if you start with the club finesse and it fails, you cannot afford to play a heart towards the queen later.

Put not your faith in books! The correct play is to start with the club finesse. Whether it wins or loses, take all your remaining club winners, and the ♥A, then run the diamonds to reach this position:

		♠ 5	
		♥ Q	
		♦ 5	
		♣	
♠ 97	N	♠	
♥ K	W	♥	
♦	E	♦	
♣	S	♣	
		♠ Q8	
		♥ 7	
		♦	
		♣	

When the last diamond is played (you discarding your ♥7), West is squeezed.

So, the contract is cold when either of the ♣Q or ♥K are onside, and with an overtrick if they are both onside, as long as you finesse in clubs early.

The moral: Matchpoints is a marvellous game (my favourite, in fact). It produces opportunities that boring old IMP play can only dream of.

Leading up to it

By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION

From a Butler Trials:

Dlr S		♠ KQJ3	
Vul EW		♥ KJ	
		♦ KQ4	
		♣ K1095	
♠ A102	N	♠ 8654	
♥ 109643	W	♥ Q72	
♦ A987	E	♦ 105	
♣ 3	S	♣ J742	
		♠ 97	
18		♥ A85	
8	3	♦ J632	
11		♣ AQ86	

West led the H4 against South's 3NT: jack – queen – five. Dummy won the heart return and declarer erred by continuing with the SK. West took the SA and played a third heart. South won but even though South collected four club tricks, he was one trick short. That was –50 and –10 Imps. Datum: N-S 420.

After the HK at trick 2, South should come to the CA and lead a spade towards dummy. If West takes the SA, South has three spade tricks and just needs to manage the clubs for four tricks. If West ducks, dummy wins the spade and South now plays DK. This makes nine tricks if diamonds are 3-3 or declarer can collect four club tricks.

A better option is to come to hand and lead a diamond to the king. If West takes the ace, you have three diamond tricks. If West ducks, the DK wins and now you can play the spades. You make two spades, two hearts, a diamond and hopefully four clubs. If the DK loses to the ace, then you must hope for diamonds 3-3 and four tricks from the clubs. If you play a spade first and the SK loses to the SA, there is no prospect of a favourable break in spades for an extra trick.



Results

TEAMS OF FOUR

As at 27th June 2019

From John Beddow

OPEN

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
UNDERCROFT	2	1	22.16
NEDLANDS	1	1	19.01
SPBC	2	1	14.47
WABC	1	-	4.36
MACCABI	-	-	-

INTERMEDIATE - BLUE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	4	2	50.51
MAYLANDS	5	2	38.99
NEDLANDS	3	2	28.45
WEST COAST	3	1	27.50
MELVILLE	1	1	18.28
SPBC	2	1	16.27

INTERMEDIATE - GOLD

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
KALAMUNDA	3	2	34.36
WEST COAST	2	2	32.47
SPBC	2	2	29.30
UNDERCROFT	2	2	27.69
WABC	3	-	19.30

NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
SPBC	5	4	77.16
SWAN DISTS	5	4	60.51
KALAMUNDA A	4	2	30.69
KALAMUNDA B	2	1	25.80
UNDERCROFT	3	1	22.69
MAYLANDS	5	-	22.07
WABC	2	1	21.08
MELVILLE	-	-	-

BAWA Mixed Pairs

1 st	Renee Cooper and Kevin Rosenberg
2 nd	David Matthews and Val Biltoft
3 rd	Shizue Futaesaku and Karol Miller

ANC Restricted Final (16)

1 st	Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao
2 nd	Eamonn McCabe and Jackin Clare
3 rd	Phil Bapty and Rohan Bandarage

70% Results (Random Search)

Nedlands
70.9 Sheila Bishop and Jenny Walkden

Northern Districts
72.5 Elizabeth Martinengo and Gisela Leonhardt
Willetton
74.4 Carol Daniel and Noel Daniel

Fremantle
70.8 Alexis Keynes and Cliff Collinson
72.4 Jane Walters and Rosalie Raine
70.7 Kaye Egan and Rosalie Raine

Bayswater
72.1 Jean-Yvan and Herbert Henrison
70.8 Max Gerber and Ramon Eksanow
70.1 Linda Gilbertson and Max Gerber

Rockingham
72.2 Florence Maltby and Di Brooks

SPBC
74.2 Violet Bacon and Vicki Clarkson
71.0 Valerie Isle and Tony Stevens

Undercroft
72.8 Christine Bacon and Wilhemina Piller
72.0 Wilhemina Dadour and George Belin
70.1 Martine Broome and Jean Muller

Mandurah
72.5 Kathy Power and Clyde England

West Coast
73.6 Maurice Herman and Shirley Drage
73.4 Colleen Moore and Ron Dalton
70.1 Shirley Drage and Graeme Hillier

Kalamunda
75.8 Stephen Thyer and Peter Clarke
73.3 Carole Daxter and Brian Daxter
70.0 Joanne Payne and Mel Foster

Melville
73.6 Murli Vee and Edith Somogyi
71.7 Sheila Cooksey and Kevin Wellisch

WABC
78.4 Jonathan Free and Yvonne Burns
74.6 Mark Doust and Belinda Taranto
71.8 Cheryl Bell and Jan Berg
70.5 Marilyn Van Heemst and Ted Van Heemst



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		Sat 27th	Albany Restricted Congress – see flyer
	Aug	Fri 2nd –Sun 4th	TBIB South Perth Congress
		Wed 7th	BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1/3
		Thu 8th	BAWA State Swiss Pairs1/4 (3)
		Sat 10th –Sun 11th	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs PQP/Gold
		Sun 18th	Nedlands Congress
		Sat 24th –Sun 25th	GNOT City Final & Restricted Heat
	Sept	Thu 5th	BAWA State Open Teams 1/6 BAWA Restricted Swiss Pairs 1/3
		Sun 8th	West Coast Congress
		Sat 14th –Sun 15th	HGR Memorial Congress Weekend
		Fri 27th –Sun 29th	Kalgoorlie Congress
	Oct	Wed 2nd	BAWA Daytime Open Teams 1/3
		Fri 11th – Sun 13th	Nedlands Congress –see flyer
		Fri 18th – Sun 20th	Denmark Congress
		Sat 26th –Sun 27th	Undercroft Congress
		Thu 31st	Grandmaster Pairs – Restricted 1/2
	Nov	Sat 2nd	Kendenup Restricted Congress – see flyer
		Sun 3rd	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
		Sun 10th	BAWA Super Vets Congress
		Fri 15th	Mandurah Welcome Pairs
		Sat 16th-Sun 17th	BAWA Golden West
		Fri 29th – Dec 2nd	Tweed Heads GNOT Finals WABC Xmas Congress
	Dec	Sat 7th	APBF Team Challenge
		Sat 14th –Sun 15th	APBF Pairs Challenge
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