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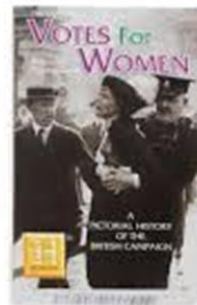


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President's Report

It's great to see clubs re-opening, albeit with restricted capacity. If all goes well, then we would expect to be fully functional by the middle of July. I am also delighted to report that BAWA is back in business from July 18. All state events and club open red point events can go ahead from that date. This is, of course, contingent on the government's Phase 5 roadmap out of COVID-19 being implemented as announced on June 22 and no further restrictions being applied.

The Swan River Pairs will run **but as a non-PQP** event as interstate players will be unable to attend without onerous isolation requirements. The good news is that the prize monies and Gold Points remain the same. I would urge all entrants to check the entry list and update TBA as soon as possible. If you are no longer willing or able to play, please delete your entry as soon as possible.

As the national GNOT finals in Tweed Heads has been cancelled, BAWA has cancelled the state finals which were due to be held in early August.

Keep a close eye on the BAWA web site as it is a possibility that events could be cancelled at very late notice.

The BAWA AGM has been rescheduled for late August and affiliation invoices will be sent soon after.

After many years of contribution, Mike Trafalski has stepped down as BAWA's Country Coordinator. I take this opportunity to thank Mike for his efforts. If you would be willing to take on this role, which primarily involves the organisation of the Country Championships, normally held in early April, please contact either Robina McConnell or me. Both contact details are on the BAWA web site.

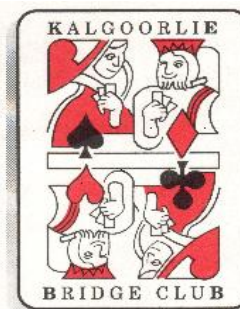
Nigel Dutton

SATURDAY BRIDGE

West Australian Newspaper

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

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Inc



*Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of Covid 19 virus the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress 2020 has been **CANCELLED**.*

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Sue Lia - President



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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess



The Bush Fire Volunteers - Eric Wheatley with his Long Service Medal and wife Gillian.

"The Bush Fire Volunteers are obviously critically important people here in the country regions and our small community of Bridgetown has 10 separate Bush Fire Brigades, all run by volunteers"

ERIC WHEATLEY

Bridge Player and Fire Fighter

Eric Wheatley is all inaugural member of our Bridge Club and a long term member of the fire brigade. The DFES recently acknowledged his commitment to fire fighting by awarding him the 25 years' service medal.

In Eric's words

"I, with my lovely wife Gillian, also my very patient bridge partner, live on a beautiful bush property with the only disadvantage being that it is ill all extremely fire prone area. I joined the Sunnyside fire brigade 27 years ago. Gillian late joined the newly formed fire support crew, making and delivering food and drink to hungry and thirsty crew on the fire ground.

27 years ago, conditions for fire fighting were primitive. At my first fire I remember farmers

racing up in their Holden utes, breaking off tree branches and swatting out the fire - no water, ppe, or other equipment. Since then equipment and training has improved enormously; our truck has heat screens, fire blankets, breathing gear and a deluge system to spray the cab and tyres with water in the event of entrapment by fire. Additionally, each vehicle is constantly monitored to show location, speed and alert level in case of emergency. Training of recruits and officers is comprehensive and each new member is exposed to increasing levels of fire so they can be confident of their safety, competence and that of their crew.

Over the years, mostly due to the large number of fires, there has been increasing cooperation and mutual respect between the professionals and volunteers on the fire ground. Generally, we are on first name terms with the professional officers and this has resulted in fast and efficient responses to emergencies and a good working ethos.

Last year we had 63 fires in our Shire of which 23 were suspicious. Crews were stretched to their limit with long 12 hour shifts and sudden callouts in the middle of the night. Often there were multiple fires at the same time, assumed to have been lit by all arsonist.

Many crews also take on duties well outside our Shire, sometimes travelling long distances. Last year a Bridgetown crew from Kangaroo Gully assisted in the terrible Eastern States fires. Interestingly, I went to a large fire in a remote area east of Esperance on a four day task force. Logistics were difficult, particularly for small vehicles, as there was no water or fuel available and tracks were almost undriveable. On the fire ground, we were not permitted to drive into the scrub but had to wait on an adjacent farmland for the fire to come to us as the bush contained many rare plants and significant indigenous cultural sites. These had survived thousand of years of fire but would not survive heavy trucks and machinery - good thinking.

For most of my time as a volunteer I had been a member of the Kangaroo Gully Brigade where I became the local Fire Control Officer. Last year I retired as FCO, but I remain a member of the brigade. "

We in Bridgetown are so grateful to Eric and all the volunteer and professional fire fighters who protect our area. For many years Eric was the President of the Bridgetown Bridge Club and he is now on our Tournament Committee. Gillian is our Social Secretary. A big thank you to the Wheatleys from all us.

Bridgetown Bridge Club.

Undercroft Bride Club

From Nick Jakowyna

OPENING DAY

After many queries from eager members and amid many rumours the committee met on Tuesday 16th June and resolved that the club would officially open on Wednesday 1st July for the pm session.

At the same time a small group of committee members are researching the conditions which all members must adhere too on the opening of the club rooms so that members' health is not at risk. The committee were reminded by ABF and BAWA that we must adhere to all Federal, State and local laws regarding Covid19 or we will lose our insurance cover and become personally liable.

AGM

The committee has also resolved that the AGM would be held on the 28th July at 4 pm and new forms asking for nomination for the executive and committee members will be placed on the clubs noticeboard on the 1st July.

Retirement of Alan Doig

The Undercroft Bridge Club has been fortunate to have a member of Alan's calibre for almost twenty years.



At the end of 2019 Alan announced his retirement from any official capacity at the club. Many club members contributed to a special farewell

newsletter, morning and afternoon tea and many kind words from many members.

The following poem reflects the many outstanding attributes that members recognise in Alan.

A quiet, gentle man with a huge capacity to give to others.

Thoughtful, caring, encouraging, kind.

Mischievous, cheeky, bashful.

Intelligent, interesting and interested.

Allan has enriched the lives of so many people at the Undercroft BC.

Always supportive, generous and loyal.

A wonderful confidante. A reluctant entertainer.

You are and always will be an inspiration.

Thank you, Allan.

(Courtesy of Ann HopfmueLLer)

Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

We are back! Monday 15th June was our first session since March 2020. We are back but it's different. The Committee have done a wonderful job of following all the rules to keep us safe - so we have to sign in and keep cleaning everything. Only Members can play at this time and there is a limit of 12 tables.

After saying all that it is so good to be gathering together with friends and playing our challenging game once again.

Members tell me they spent lock down time going for long walks, gardening, sewing, reading, cleaning the cupboards, their garage and so on. Some played bridge online and others played just on their home computer. One lady was learning Spanish. A country friend of mine who is very involved in the community was enjoying the holiday.



Jane Hayes

We like to celebrate 80th birthdays with a cake to share but the Club is not providing food at this time. During the break we had two members, Elizabeth Davis and Jane Hayes, reach that milestone and they were presented with a small gift. Congratulations to both of you.

Our website www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org will keep you up to date about our Club.

West Australian Bridge Club

From Jan McNab

WABC RESTRICTED RE-OPENING

The Club will re-open on 1st July to MEMBERS ONLY, on a limited capacity basis. Entries will be on-line.

These are interim measures, not permanent changes, to keep our members as safe as possible while visiting the Club during Stage 3 of Covid 19. This safety plan will be updated when Government restrictions are eased.

In the coming months, when regular sessions resume, and complying with health regulations, we look forward to welcoming back non-members who choose to play at our Club.

CLUB MAINTNENANCE

During the lengthy break, under the direction of our Executive Officer, Sheenagh Young, the Club has undertaken a strict regime of cleaning and sanitizing of all equipment. Painting of the playing area and bathrooms, replacing flooring in the social area and general cleaning has all been accomplished during the closure. Everything is looking pristine and we look forward to the return of our members.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our esteemed Member, Alastair Tulloch, awarded an AM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to medicine, urology and to the community of Claremont.

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

The Club is back playing all sessions. We are lucky that our clubhouse has a long room, so we can get the social distancing right.

The students have all returned, the first few hands were a bit of a challenge, but then the 'old grey cells' kicked in and away they went.

Our President, Jeanette Day, has done a wonderful job of keeping in touch with the Members, especially the most isolated.

We have enjoyed the company of visitors who were stranded in Geraldton when the lockdown happened.

Wayne and I observed some very good interference defence bidding from Maureen Knight and Andrew Struik on this hand - all Vulnerable, East Dealer.

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The bidding –

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	2C*	2D	X*
4D	4NT	Pass	5S
Pass	6C	All Pass	

*2C - Alert 8 playing tricks, 19 + HCP

*X - 8 HCP

4NT ace ask

5H two aces

The king of Diamonds was lead and 13 tricks made. The opposition bidding kept us out of the better contract of 6NT

These sorts of hands are very exciting and keep us coming back for more!

We welcome any travellers moving through, our sessions are on Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 12.45.

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Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown



The refurbished club reopened its doors on Saturday June 20th. Wonderful to get back to the tables and see comrades again!



Lockdown certainly did not addle the brain of bridge players!

Well done to Suzanne Welborn and Caroline Gardiner 75.6 with 12/100% scores and to Val Biltoft and David Matthews with 73.9

BEGINNERS BRIDGE COURSE

Our next 8 week course starts on Tuesday 21 July, running from 10am to 12 noon. Interested people should contact Mary-Jane on wongadale@iinet.net.au or 0429 858 016 to register. Cost \$100, includes full notes and complimentary membership of the club until 31 December.

WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LESSON

Wednesday 29 July, 10am - 12. Multi-Twos: How to Use Them and How to Defend against Them!

Even if you never want to use this convention, you need to understand it to compete in the bidding! A one-off session, no partner needed. However, a minimum number of participants is needed for the

session to run, and registration is essential. Email officenbc@westnet.com.au or leave your name in the book at the club to confirm your attendance. Final numbers needed by midday on Tuesday 20 July. Cost \$15.

WINTER CONGRESS

The popular one day Winter Congress will take place on Sunday 16 August. There will be two sessions, 10am and 2pm. The cost is \$30, and you are invited to bring your own lunch (along with your own mug). Tea and coffee will be provided. Entry will be through the BAWA website, or in the book at the club.

VALE May Schonwolf

VALE Betty Anderson

Swan Districts Bridge Club

Swan Districts Bridge Club re-opened on Tuesday 25th June, with quite a few changes to the playing environment. There were 6 tables at this first session.

There was hand wash available as people entered, and for use between tables if required. All tables and chairs were wiped down. Tablecloths were not used, so that people could wipe their place at the next table if the so desired. Bidding boxes were personalised, so members used the same box at each session.

It was decided to limit the contact between people, so:

- 1) All sessions would be run as Mitchell movements,
- 2) Tea would be on the run,
- 3) Bring your own cup
- 4) No one to bring cakes to share.
- 5) Bidding boxes to be carried from table to table.
- 6) Bring a towel to sit on and move between tables
- 7) The Community Clubs large octagonal tables would be used

Unfortunately, nothing could be done about the cards being shared, however, hand wash and wipes were available for those who wanted to use them between tables. The cards are being taken out of circulation for two weeks.



Pam Forsythe and Elizabeth Mcmillen trying to find their bidding boxes.



An example of the arrangements, showing octagonal table, Towel on chair, personal cup, bidding box, hand wipes etc

From David Kininmonth

March 2020 was the 50th anniversary of the Swan Districts Bridge Club, so we were all set to celebrate with Anniversary dinner, displays setting out our history, but sadly Covid-19 cancelled all that - but enough of our woes.

One of our members Lorna Shead has a collection of some 350 decks of cards, which she offered to us to set up a display. Arrangements were made for the display to be set up in the foyer of the Midland Library. This has taken place and looks quite good, reflecting different types of card decks and different uses or cards,

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PLAYING CARDS

The Swan Districts Bridge Club mounted a display of playing cards in the Midland Library as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations. One member Lorna Shead has a collection of over 300 packs of playing cards, which she loaned the club for the display. This collection covered cards produced for many different purposes. To give proper

emphasis on the different decks, it was necessary to research the development and use of playing cards. The display reflects the various uses and playing card types, but there are many stories that cannot be fitted into an area 2 metres wide, and 1 high and deep. This article reflects some of the background to different components of the display.

Playing cards are typically palm-sized for convenient handling, and usually are sold together in a set as a deck of cards or pack of cards.

We have all handled playing cards and know them as piece of specially prepared card stock, heavy paper, thin cardboard, plastic-coated paper, cotton-paper blend, or thin plastic that is marked with distinguishing motifs.

Often the front (face) and back of each card has a finish to make handling easier. Sharp corners wear out more quickly, and could possibly reveal the card's value, so they were replaced with rounded corners. Before the mid-19th century, British, American, and French players preferred blank backs. The need to hide wear and tear and to discourage writing on the back led cards to have designs, pictures, photos, or advertising on the reverse.

They are most commonly used for playing card games, and are also used

- to perform magic tricks
- for cardistry
- in card throwing, and for building card houses
- and card dragons.
- Some types of cards such as tarot cards are also used for divination



A face-up deck of cards in dealers grip

Playing cards are available in a wide variety of styles, as decks may be custom-produced for

- casinos, ABF, BAWA and

- magicians (sometimes in the form of trick decks)
- fortune telling
- made as promotional items
- intended as souvenirs,
- artistic works,
- educational tools,
- branded accessories.

Decks of cards or even single cards are also collected as a hobby or for monetary value. [Different types of card decks can be found in different areas of the world—while the standard 52-card deck is known and used internationally, other types of cards such as Japanese hanafuda and Italian playing cards are well-known in their locales.

Individual playing cards are often collected, according to the Guinness Book of Records, the world record collection of 8,520 different Jokers belonging to Tony De Santis of Italy.

Cards may also be produced for trading card sets or collectible card games, which can comprise hundreds if not thousands of unique cards.

Playing cards were first invented in China during the Tang dynasty.

868: Chinese writer Su E describes Princess Tong Cheng playing the “leaf game” with her husband’s family, the Wei Clan. This makes the Tang Dynasty the earliest official mention of playing cards in world history.

1005: Ouyang Xiu, another Chinese writer, associates the rising popularity of playing cards with the production of sheets of paper instead of the traditional scrolls.

The popularization of woodblock printing during the Tang dynasty made the written word available to greater audiences. As a result of the much wider distribution and circulation of reading materials, the general populace were for the first time able to purchase affordable copies of texts, which correspondingly led to greater literacy

1300s: Playing cards come to Europe—which we know because in 1367, an official ordinance mentions them being banned in Bern, Switzerland.

1377: A Paris ordinance on gaming mentions playing cards, meaning they were so widespread

that the city had to make rules to keep players in check.

An 1337 entry of the Abbey de St. Victor of Marseille among the interdictions made to the monks.

« **Quod nulla persona audeat nec praesumat ludere ad taxillos nec ad paginas nec ad evssyichum** »

"Let no one dare or undertake to play dice, 'cards' or chess."

1400s: Familiar suits start appearing on playing cards across the world—hearts, bells, leaves, acorns, swords, batons, cups, coins.

French	 Hearts	 Tiles	 Clovers	 Pikes
German	 Hearts	 Bells	 Acorns	 Leaves
Italian	 Cups	 Coins	 Clubs	 Swords
Spanish	 Cups	 Coins	 Clubs	 Swords

Different countries produce unique pips for their cards

1418: Professional card makers in Ulm, Nuremberg, and Augsburg start using woodcuts to mass-produce decks.

1430-50: The Master of Playing Cards arrives in Germany. Nobody knows who this guy actually is, but it seems that, unlike other card producers of the day, he trained as an artist as opposed to an engraver, making him unique in the business. His playing cards were far more artistically sound than his predecessors.

1480: France begins producing decks with suits of spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs. The clubs are probably a modified acorn design, while the spade is a stylized leaf.

Late 1400s: By the end of the century, European court cards switch from current royalty to historical or classic figures.

1500s: Rouen, France, becomes England's primary provider of playing cards, while a Parisian design swept France. It's the Parisian design we're most familiar with today.

1790s: Before the French revolution, the king was always the highest card in a suit; the Ace begins its journey to the top.

*The **Ace of Spades** (also known as the **Spadille** and **Death Card**) is traditionally the highest and most valued card in the deck of playing cards in English-speaking countries. The actual value of the card varies from game to game. The fanciful design and manufacturer's logo commonly displayed on the **ace of spades** began under the reign of James I of England, who passed a law requiring an insignia on that card as proof of payment of a tax on local manufacture of cards.*

Up until the 1960s, decks of playing cards printed and sold in the in many countries, were liable for taxable duty and the ace of spades carried an indication of the name of the printer and the fact that taxation had been paid on the cards.

The Ace of spades now carries the makers name and/or logo.



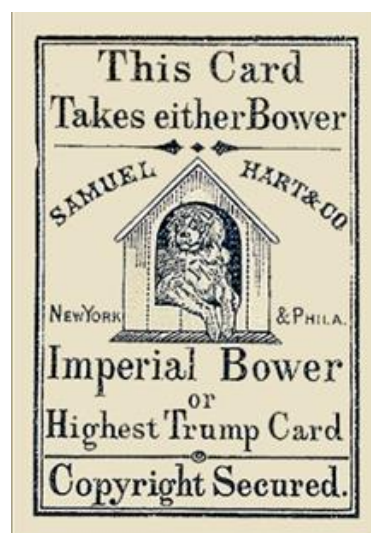
1867: Russell, Morgan, & Co is founded in Cincinnati, Ohio as a company that prints theatrical and circus posters, labels, and playing cards.

1870s: The Joker makes its first appearance as the third and highest trump (the best bower) in the game of Euchre. Some believe the name "joker" is actually derived from the word "jucker," another name for Euchre.

1885: The first Bicycle® Brand cards are produced by Russell, Morgan, & Co in New York.

1894: Russell, Morgan, & Co. becomes The United States Playing Card Company, acquiring the Standard Playing Card Company (Chicago), Perfection Card Company (New York), and New

York Consolidated Card Company (also New York).



1939: Leo Mayer discovers a Mameluke deck (cards made in Mamluk Egypt) in Istanbul dating from the 12th or 13th century.

MAMLUK pack, hand-drawn and hand-painted, are a beautiful example of the important and often overlooked cultural, technical and artistic influence which Islam has bestowed upon the Western world, evident in the many artistic, architectural and archaeological treasures displaying their characteristic geometric construction. In this case we are looking at the ancestor of our humble playing card. The underlying design is very simple but the surface has been ornamented. The border of some cards is in the shape of a horseshoe arch as seen in Islamic doorways, windows, friezes and gravestone decorations.



The suits are coins, cups, swords and polo-sticks and there are 13 cards per suit: the numbers 1 to 10 plus 3 court cards, the King, the Lieutenant and the Second Lieutenant. The ranks of the court cards are given in the blue inscription areas at the

bottom of the cards. In European packs the court cards are of course represented pictorially.

The calligraphic texts along the tops of the cards consist of rhyming aphorisms which are often very enchanting, sometimes strange, but always interesting: "With the sword of happiness I shall redeem a beloved who will afterwards take my life" - "O thou who hast possessions, remain happy and thou shalt have a pleasant life."

1942: The United States Playing Card Company begins producing Bicycle® Spotter Decks to help soldiers identify tanks, ships, and aircraft from other countries. They also produced decks for POWs that pulled apart to reveal maps when moistened.

1966: During the Vietnam war, two lieutenants write The United States Playing Card Company to request decks containing nothing but Ace of Spades cards. The cards frightened the highly superstitious Viet Cong, who believed Spades predicted death.

INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES IN SUITED DECKS

French	Hearts	Tiles	Clovers	Pikes
				

The **French** 52-card deck which preserves the number of cards in the original Mamluk deck has been adopted internationally, because of the simplicity of the pips design.



French playing-cards are known and used all over the world - everywhere where Bridge and Poker are played. In England, the same pack is used for other games such as Whist, Cribbage, Rummy, Nap and so on.

But in other European countries games such as Skat, Jass, Mus, Scopa, and Tarock are played, using cards of totally different face-designs many

of them with roots far older than English cards. The history of these national and regional patterns has only recently become the concern of students and collectors.

As many travellers to more southerly parts of Europe can tell, the familiar suits of Hearts Spades Diamonds and Clubs give way to quite different sets of symbols: Hearts Leaves Bells (round hawkbells) and Acorns in Germany; Shields 'Roses' Bells and Acorns in Switzerland; Coins Cups Swords and Clubs (cudgels) in Spain and Mediterranean Italy; Coins Cups Swords and Batons in Adriatic Italy. In the latter region, in particular, local packs of cards have a decidedly archaic look about them - which reflects the designs of some of the earliest cards made in Europe.

Drawing each by hand made card production a painstaking task, not to mention utterly unaffordable for anyone outside the aristocracy. The introduction of wood cuts in the middle ages made cards cheaper to produce.

Instead of today's iconic four suits, the **Germanic** cards of the late middle ages had five suits. That is, flowers, deer, birds, beasts, and wild men and the pips on each card were actually the animals in the suit.



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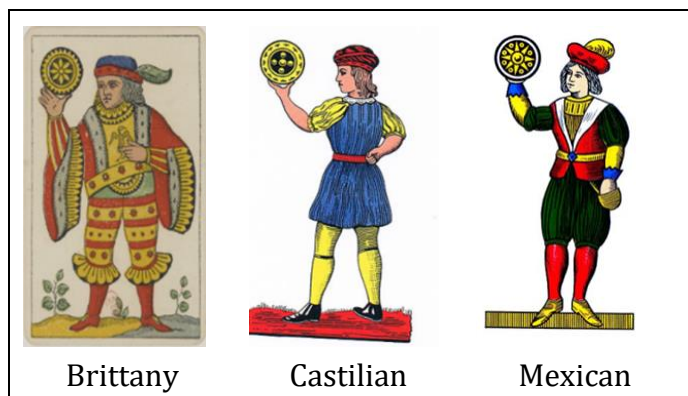
Today the typical northern German pack has 32 cards ranking from 7, 8, 9, 10, Under Knave, Over Knave, King and "Ace" for a total of 32 cards.

Spanish Suited Decks



The Spanish mainly use a 48-card decks have nine ranks of pip cards (1-9) and three ranks of face cards (10-12). Since the mid-20th century, they have usually been sold with two jokers, for a total of 50 cards. Stripped decks have 40 cards, lacking ranks 8 and 9 and jokers.

The popularity of the stripped deck is due to game of Ombre, which became a craze throughout Europe during the 17th century



Italian-Suited Decks



Playing cards arrived from Mamluk, Egypt during the 1370s. As polo was an obscure sport, Italians changed them into batons. Italy was a collection of small states so each region developed its own variations.

All Italian suited decks have three face cards per suit: the fante (Knave), cavallo (Knight), and re (King), unless it is a tarocchi deck in which case a donna or regina (Queen) is inserted between the cavallo and re.



Other Card Decks

Decks of cards have been produced to celebrate special events, occasions, and purposes. The events may be celebrations of weddings.



Double packs (2x52 plus jokers) and triple packs (3x52 plus jokers) with the same back designs are sold for Canasta and Samba. These decks may contain point values marked on the cards. Casinos produce specially printed cards, so that cards cannot be manipulated or substituted.

Educational Cards

Often playing cards are developed for educational purposes, as well as entertainment.

Snitch Cards

Police departments local governments, state prison systems and even private organizations have created decks of cards that feature photos & names of cold case victims, missing or wanted persons on each card. These decks are provided in the hope that someone might provide a new lead. Among inmates, they are called "snitch cards".

A single card from an Australian deck of cold case playing cards – the two of spades with information about missing person Tony Jones.

During the 2003 invasion of Iraq, the US Defence Intelligence Agency developed a set of cards to help troops identify the most wanted members of President Saddam Hussein's government.

Tarot Cards

Like common playing cards, the tarot has four suits which vary by country. Each suit has 14 cards, ten pip cards numbering from one) to ten and four face cards (King, Queen, Knight, and Jack/Knave).

In addition, the tarot has a separate 21-card trump suit and a single card known as the Fool.



Tarot cards are still used throughout much of Europe to play conventional card games without occult associations.

In the late 18th century, some tarot packs began to be used as a trend for divination via tarot card reading and cartomancy leading to custom packs developed for such occult purposes.

Memories

Many people collect cards to reflect memories of places visited.



Decks reflecting locations visited



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	♣ KJ53		
♠ A96	N	♠ 1085	
♥ 87632	W	♥ 5	
♦ 765	E	♦ AJ1098	
♣ A2	S	♣ Q1097	
	♠ KJ2		
13	♥ KQJ1094		
8	♦ Q		
12	♣ 864		

Review bidding:

North bid diamonds and spades and South bid 1H, then 4H. North might not have any hearts and so you can be confident that South's trumps are very strong.

Examine cards:

The first lead to reject would be a spade where you have the unsupported ace and dummy bid the suit. Next lead to remove would be a trump. North has shown no support. A trump lead could find a heart void in dummy and trap East's HK-x.

Analyze situation:

Having eliminated a major suit lead, you are still left with two unpalatable choices, a diamond, which is a suit bid by dummy, or an unsupported ace.

Lead:

As a trump lead is out and the only unbid suit is clubs, this is a rare situation where it is reasonable to lead an unsupported ace. West began with the CA and East encouraged. A second club left South with no hope. On the actual layout the CA is the only lead sure to defeat 4H. On a diamond lead, even if East takes the DA, South can pitch a club on the DK and just needs to guess clubs.

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Where Do I Begin?

From David Schokman

Covid-19 has almost turned the world upside down (maybe we will not be “Down Under” any more) and our lives with it. Those who have jobs, (and are not sick) will probably come through this challenging time relatively unscathed, but let’s not fool ourselves, many people, and probably most countries, if not all of them, will be wallowing in economic misery for some time to come. Will we survive? That answer goes without saying, it is a yes. Those of us, who have come through wars, and other disasters know that humans are very resilient and will come through this crisis with our heads held high. Hopefully stronger, but more aware that we have been a very selfish and indulgent society where many people lacked for nothing.

How have all of you coped in this period of forced isolation? We, in Western Australia, were never in complete lock down so were able to move around to do what was needed to be done - sensibly. We visited many nurseries so the garden is looking great. It must have been very difficult for people living alone, or in cramped conditions, but hopefully all of you have come through this mentally unscathed! From a personal view our 60th Wedding anniversary and Denise’s 80th came and went without any of our celebratory plans coming to fruition. They were on April 30th and May 15th respectively, which meant that we were fortunate that friends could and did visit while keeping social distancing, and numbers below 10. This sometimes did not happen!

I also have to confess that Denise is (and has always been) an obsessive hand washer, and she often insisted that I washed my hands when moving from room to room - as like Mark McGovern, she had divided our house into districts! Just kidding.

On the whole this time has been good for me but I REALLY, REALLY have missed playing bridge. Am not into online stuff so that has made it worse, and I find that (without a doubt) that there is serious degeneration of my (limited) remaining brain cells. Trying to find a column is so difficult, as not having played for three months, there is nothing to write about. There was this one hand that I played

with Dave Munro at The South Perth club and really stuffed it as I believed that my judgement was better than following the rules, and our conventions. How wrong I was.

Brd		♠	-	
Dlr	S	♥	A8753	
Vul	NS	♦	AK85	
		♣	KQJ4	
		♠		♠
		♥		♥
		♦		♦
		♣		♣
			N	
			W	E
			S	
		♠	AKQ5	
	17	♥	K10642	
		♦	J7	
	17	♣	A2	

As south, I opened with a bid of 1H and Dave bid 3S. Was this just a splinter, or a void, but it showed at least four hearts, with sound values.

Now south has a pretty good hand too, but as nine out of my 17 points were the AKQ of spades I decided that we would have duplication of value. This duplication could have been quite possible but it was not my decision to make, and the correct bid is 4C, which should show first round control in clubs. Now 4NT by north: 5C by south, showing zero or three key cards, and 7H would be an easy bid to make. It is also possible to have bid 5S, after 4C, as Exclusion Blackwood, and the response would have shown that the queen of trumps was missing. Still 7H would have been the bid as north knew about the 10 card heart fit. Real experts would probably have found their way to an unbeatable 7NT. So what did I bid? An insipid 4H - which is unforgivable. Do not try and control the bidding, just be honest as it strengthens partnership trust. Now, knowing that I did not possess the ace of clubs, Dave understandably settled for 6H, which was bid by most of the room, with two pairs bidding to 7H.

So I checked with the experts as to what was the best bid that north could have made over the opening bid of 1H? Quite a few players said that they would use Jacoby and bid 2NT. Even from here it really should be no problem at all to reach the Grand Slam, but players like Ron Klinger and



Bidding for Beginners

By Di Brooks

I recently had the experience of partnering a new player in the bridge world, albeit online, rather than in a face to face game. As a bridge teacher, I take from the experience of my old school days, where my Maths Tutor insisted on explaining the method and the outcome until everybody understood ... after all, babies develop at different speeds, so why not bridge students!

The best way is to demonstrate using a pack of cards as well as a diagram on a white board, with a hand record, explaining the bidding, the final contract and then an analysis of the play.

Take this example Dealer/N, Nil Vul All playing Standard

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1♦	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

The lead was the HK. Declarer lost the first three tricks and made the next ten tricks for a score of +170.

The four hands were-

Dir	N	♠	743		
Vul	Nil	♥	K3		
		♦	J102		
		♣	QJ852		
		♠	AQJ1086		♠ K2
		♥	J54		♥ 986
		♦	A76		♦ K984
		♣	3		♣ AK74
		♠	95		
		♥	AQ1072		
		♦	Q53		
		♣	1096		
12	13				
8					

West, the less experienced at the bridge table, wanted to show partner that she held 5 or more spades on her rebid, failing to take into account that her point count totalled 12 H.C.P. If West had added extra in for her shortage, she would realise that with her point count and that of her partner,

there was enough points between them to go to game: 4S.

If you follow a table of points, then they would go as follows:

6-9 speak once, unless after showing your major, you then support partner's first suit.

10-12 speak twice, not like 1S then 2S, but 1S then 2NT or a new suit.

13+ speak different bids, until you get to game or invite opener to game by a jump bid in opener's suit. (Invitational or Game Force- to be agreed in the partnership).

An opening hand of 12-14 points, with partner's count of 6-9 only adds up a part score

Whereas a hand of 12-14 pts, opposite a hand of 10-12 can invite opener to go to game if they hold their maximum points.

With 12-14 pts opposite 13 pts, Game MUST be Bid.

All of this is standard bidding when the opener has 12-14 pts. The plan changes when opener has 15-18. Games on, IF the responder holds the limit of 9, but not with the 6-7, unless they have support for the opener's suit and a shortage which will come in handy.

Now for the stronger points held by opener, when responder shows the 6+, with a 19 count, then opener should ensure the pair reach game.

The strongest bid of 2C opening states the point count, so the responder can show whether they have a few points, or just enough for game. When points and shape have been shown, Small and Grand Slams are possible.

And on that happy note, I hope you stay healthy and we'll meet at the Bridge Table in the near future.

Happy Bridging ☺

How to Assess Your Hand

From Di Brooks

When we first learn the basics of contract bridge we tend to focus on the points of the opening bids and of the structure of the points for responses. Take a look at this hand;-

West

- ♠ AQ954
- ♥ Q10983
- ♦ Q83
- ♣ -

North passes and Partner (E) opens the bidding with 1C. Well, we know partner doesn't have a 5 card major and if playing Standard American, his Clubs are better than his Diamonds. How should we progress in the bidding, holding both majors? We bid the spades and wait for opener's rebid, (Their second bid). Neither of the opponents come into the bidding so it's now left with the declaring side to get to the best spot possible. Bidding progresses thus-

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT (no supp)	Pass
?			

West has a total of 10 High Card Points, but has the equivalent of a 7

loser hand. As we need an 8 card fit in a suit, we know East doesn't have 4 spades support, so we should bid our hearts. Bid 4H. This gives the message that the hand is not suitable for No Trumps and that the Opener has the choice between playing a game in spades or hearts. East is happy to choose game in hearts by passing. The four hands were:-

Dlr		♠ K86	
Vul		♥ 642	
		♦ K54	
		♣ 10974	
♠ AQ954		♠ 107	
♥ Q10983		♥ AJ5	
♦ Q83		♦ A76	
♣ -		♣ A6532	
		♠ J32	
6		♥ K7	
10	13	♦ J1092	
11		♣ KQJ8	

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Shape is everything.

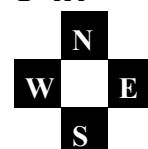


Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

SOLUTION

Dlr	S	♠ A53
Vul	All	♥ 8764
IMPs		♦ AJ32
		♣ K4
		♠ J876
		♥ J9
		♦ KQ954
		♣ 97
		♠ K4
12		♥ AK32
7	5	♦ 106
		♣ AQ1083



You need a few things to go right, a 3-2 heart break being the first of them.

The clubs however: if you can somehow play five winners (discarding all three low diamonds from dummy) before a defender trumps in, then perhaps you can make this woeful contract.

You will need the defender with the three hearts to have four clubs: therefore, you unusually require a 4-2 club break. A 3-3 division is useless, because a defender will trump the fourth round and cash a diamond.

If clubs are 4-2, the odds are that the player with four of them will have the jack. So the correct play is to win the diamond at trick 1, cash two top hearts, then play ♣K and a club, *finessing the 10 if East plays low*.

The moral: If you can't bid well, you better play well.



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