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Honorary Life Membership for David Wheaton at Joondalup Bridge Club

From Dirk Lapere

At the AGM in June, the JBC members unanimously elected past-president David Wheaton to Honorary Life Membership.

The Joondalup Bridge Club as such was formed 7 years ago in 2014. However, prior to that in 2007, a bridge section was formed in The Northshore Country Club and in order to grow the numbers, David Wheaton gave his first beginner's lessons in Feb 2008 and took over the running of the section at Northshore in 2009.

The growth of the bridge section was such that the Northshore Country Club could no longer provide the space or the time slots and David organised the incorporation of the section into a new club (The Northern Shores Bridge Club) and moved the 95 members to Fleur Freame Pavilion in Padbury, the current home of Joondalup Bridge Club.

Serving as president for 11 years, David often doubled up as secretary, treasurer and "IT specialist". He worked tirelessly to train Club Directors, scorers and card Dealers. All the while, he was also the club's bridge teacher, director, scorer, and a card dealer himself. His passion and dedication turned an upstart Club into WA's 6th largest bridge club. A feat that was recognised by the ABF in February 2021 when it declared JBC the largest growth bridge club in all of Australia over the past 10 years. Almost 90% of our current full members have come through David's classes.

David retired as president in June 2020 but continues directing as well as teaching beginner

and intermediate classes. On the day the AGM made him the Inaugural Life Member, David guided his GNOT team to overall victory, a fitting statement that he will be a presence to be reckoned with for a long time yet.



Vice-President Noreen Byrne presents David Wheaton his Life Membership Certificate.





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President's Report

The decision was taken this morning (June 29) by the ABF in conjunction with BAWA to postpone both The Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs and the ANC 2021 until the 6 – 18 November 2021. All entries will be automatically transferred to the new dates.

If you unable or no longer wish to play in the Swan River then:

- 1. Players are asked to withdraw their entries that automatically puts bridge credits back into their accounts.
- 2. Players can keep the credits and use them for entries to other events via MyABF.
- 3. If players want a credit card refund, then they lodge a request via the Contact MyABF Support link which notifies MyABF by email. The refund is handled by ABF HQ in conjunction with the MyABF Administrator.

If players wishing to withdraw have paid by bank transfer to BAWA those refunds need to be handled by BAWA and a request needs to be placed with the Tournament Organiser (me).

Similar arrangements are in place for events forming part of the ANC.

Keep your fingers crossed that the virus is under control by November and the majority of the country is vaccinated. Perhaps 2022 should require a vaccine certificate for all Open Red / Gold Point events.

Again, the vexed issue of night-time (evening) bridge is causing much angst amongst your volunteer administrators who feel obliged to continue to offer evening events particularly for working people with young families. I note that daytime and weekend events are often fully subscribed weeks before they start. It would be irresponsible for BAWA to run evening events at a loss. For the players entered in the events it is no doubt disappointing to see the events cancelled.

I also note that several Australian jurisdictions have no evening bridge and only a few evening

sessions are available at our affiliate clubs. Most if not all of the major national Gold Point events such as the Summer Festival and the Gold Coast Congress have few is any evening sessions. As this issue has been ongoing for many years, I don't believe the MyABF entry scheme has any effect; 110 pairs have entered the Swan River and a total of 110 pairs have entered the upcoming Melville Congress; both events via MyABF.

As always, your suggestions and ideas are welcome. It would be disappointing to have to cancel evening bridge.

Nigel Dutton

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

A small but lively and friendly group played in the Geraldton Congress held over the sunny and calm weekend of 11-13 June in our club room.



1st Isobel Jones and Warwick Jones had a good win in the Friday night Welcome Pairs.



2nd Bob Prince and Mark Goddard



3rd Anita Davis and Sheila Pryce



The best Geraldton pair was Wayne Cupitt and Heather Cupitt

The Saturday Open Pairs was played in two fields, with only 0.23 % difference in the winners' scores. N/S



1st Gwyneira Brahma and Cassie Morin



2nd = Beata Bieganski and Lilia Male/ Alan Dundas and Jo Dundas



1st Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton



2nd Andrew Swider and Tad Bieganski



3rd Bob Prince and Mark Goddard

Once again, the best Geraldton pair was Heather Cupitt and Wayne Cupitt.

The teams event was a competition in two parts, between our visiting expert players, and the rest of the field vs the rest of the field! The final result was:



1st Alan Cransberg, Kimberley Zhao, Nigel Dutton and Marie – France Merven



2nd Andrew Swider, Beata Bieganski, Lilla Male and Tad Bieganski



3rd Wayne Cupitt, Heather Cupitt, Alan Dundas and Jo Dundas

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO BAWA COMPETITIONS

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

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



The best Geraldton team was Simone Ward and Linley Townsend, Piroska Kacso, Maureen Knight,

The President, Jeanette Day, presented the prizes and thanked our Director Ian Rowlands who gamely met our calls on his crutch! She also praised the efforts of our members for the delicious food that kept appearing.

Nigel Dutton thanked the Club for our friendliness and hospitality and generously offered to bring our players up to date with the more advanced bidding systems before the Congress next year.

Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper



Maureen Snook, Terry Byrne, Sue Cunliffe and Jenny Green

The Winter Pairs Red Point was held on Thursday 10/6/2021. The winners were Maureen Snook and Terry Byrne N/S with 58.33% and Sue Cunliffe and Jenny Green E/W with 57.14%. Afternoon tea was delicious so thank you to all the contributors.

Should you wish to visit the Club please check the website www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org for the latest information as things can change suddenly due to Covid health concerns. Please also bring

your own cup for afternoon tea. We have gone 'green' and no longer provide single use plastic cups.

Maccabi Bridge Club

From Luba Klein

Today we held our Bess Cohen Red Point for one of long standing members who supported us until she was 100 years old. Bess loved her game and was a feisty bridge player. She also baked fabulous biscuits. You got your money's worth when you played against her. So, it is of no surprise to see Cynthia Adler following in her late mother's steps. She also has all those qualities Bess had.

Winners of the Bess Cohen Red Point event -



Tony Sander and Debbie Frankel



Marilyn Mazerow and Linda Miller at our Red Point Event

Like all clubs that are aging, we are happy to see 10+ tables on a Monday and we would always be grateful if we could encourage some of the younger players to come along on a Monday to a very pleasant game.

Louis Klein does a sterling job as Tournament Director, Master Points Secretary, dealing of hands and supply of all stationaries required. Some 10 years ago he took over from John Beddow -Thanks Louis for all your help to Maccabi. All the members do appreciate everything you do.



Manijeh Amir-Ansari with Louis Klein, Tournament Director of Maccabi Bridge Club. Manijeh always helps us out when we need a substitute and her high standard of bridge play is very much appreciated. A big thank you to Manijeh.



Roberta Altmuner is back and here she is with Leonie Leedman and Kim Moffitt and Terry Same enjoying a break at Maccabi.

Undercroft Bridge Club

From Connie Coltrona

The Tony Martin Masters and teams of Three was held on Sunday 23rd May. Directed by Peter Stephenson and Convened by Connie Coltrona.

Grateful thanks to the Masters and the wonderful food brought in by the members.

Masters



Front: Beata Bieganski, Jenny Skinner, David Cowell, Lynne Milne, David Burn and Joanna Tennyson;

Back: Gweniera Brahma, Stella Steer, Jay Steer, John Beddow, Tad Bieganski (and Richard Grenside)

The Winners



1st Caroline Chadd, Maureen Aldridge, David Burn (Master), Ley Ramsay



2nd Gwen Kremer, Joanna Tennyson (Master) Ingrid Fredricks (and Willy Dadour) with President Connie Coltrona



3rd Wendy Baillie, Lyn Mol, Lynne Milne (Master) and Barbara Hendrie with President Connie Coltrona.

The walk in Charity Day for members was held Saturday 29th May and raised \$1102 for the Cancer Council WA.

Thank you to the Director John Bayley, who directed free of charge and to the members for suppling the sumptuous afternoon tea.

West Australian Bridge Club

From Sheenagh Young

WABC Winter Super Congress

Early June was once again a busy time for WABC due to the Super Congress which was held over 4 days. The events ranged from half day sessions to Swiss Pairs and Teams matches. The Congress was well attended with 268 tables playing over the 4 days and included competitions for players from the Novice level to Grand Masters. Red points and the usual prize money were awarded to the winners and top place-getters in each event as well as some special prizes for those brave pairs with the fewest number of Masterpoints who girded their loins and entered, many for the very first time.

Kitty George was Tournament Organiser with David Burn as Chief Tournament Director, ably assisted by Peter Hicks and Gwen Kremer. Our thanks to all those who agreed to act as Congress Officials for the event.

Once again, the expertise of Robin Paterson and her team came to the fore, organising the suppers supplied for the Sunday and Monday events and ensuring that members would be available each day to assist with final preparation and presentation.

Kerry Barns must again be congratulated for her untiring assistance organizing the sumptuous afternoon teas on Friday and Saturday, prepared and donated in unlimited quantities by generous WABC members, without whom our congress would just not be the same.

RESULTS

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

Restricted Pairs

N/S



1st Elsie Chua and Liz Farr



2nd Eugene McClorey and Jay Wongphasukchot



3rd Jeanette St Ledger and Carol Thomas



1st Diana Wellby and Trevor Smith



2nd Andrea Peretti (and Hamish McCracken)



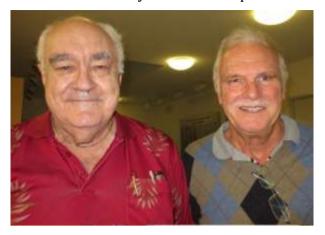
3rd Eve Clarkson and Sandy Veling

Graham Raad Afternoon Pairs



1st N/S Laura Raiter and Leone Lorian

2nd Peter Holloway and Ross Harper



3rd John Beddow and Egmont Melton



1st E/W Ann Youngs and Jo Sklarz 2nd Ron Cooper and Jessica Chew 3rd Geoff Yeo and John Aquino



Fewest WABC Masterpoints: Doug Shave and Maurice Owen

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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Win Lee Afternoon Pairs



1st N/S Sue Evans and Barbara Riddle 2nd Chris Bagley and Lynne Milne 3rd Kate North and Audrey Stokes



1st E/W Namy Bodinner and Sue Lendich2nd Tim Wright and Susan Clements3rd Gwen Wiles and Denise Baker

Ruth Harris Afternoon Pairs



1st Tim Wright and Susan Clements



2nd Lynne Milne and Gwen Wiles 3rd Faye Shelton and Lyn McLain **Two Day Swiss Pairs**



1st Fiske Warren and Kaiping Chen



2nd Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller



3rd Gill Gavshon and Chris Cullen

4th Beata Bieganski and Lilia Male 5th Jessica Chew and Ron Cooper 6th David Mattews and Don Allen

Less than 150 Morning Pairs



1st Pat Allen and Allan Gregory



2nd Aruni Bandarage and Robin Wansbrough



3rd Gabrielle Bastow and Shane Brown



Fewest open MPs: Karina Barlow (Simon Joel)

David Macey Afternoon Pairs

1st Kate Nadebaum and Marion Bogue

2nd Hilary Heptinstall and Terence Heptinstall

3rd Doreen Jones and Dave Munro

One Day Open Swiss Teams



1st Don Allen, David Matthews, Jessica Chew and Ron Cooper



2nd Andrew Swider, John Beddow, Tad Bieganski and Egmont Melton



3rdGwyneira Brahma, Cassie Morin, Deana Wilson and Sue Gammon



One Day Restricted Teams



1st Jane Adams, Sarita Singh, Tomoko Nakamats and Chris Bacon



2nd Alfred Leung, Phil Jacobsen, Sylvia Bray and Ziggy Morawiec

ANC in Perth

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

OPEN TEAM: Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer

WOMEN'S TEAM: Gwyneira Brahma

SENIOR'S TEAM: Dave Munro, John Beddow

Term 3 Lessons with Andy Hung

Commence Monday 26th July

Basic Beginners Lessons Tuesday evening 7:15pm or Thursday morning 10am

Advanced Beginners Monday evening 7:15pm

Rookies Tuesday evening 6:45pm or Thursday morning 9:30am

Deadly Defence Tuesday morning

Training and Mini Supervised, ideal for Rookies, Monday evening 6:45pm or Wednesday morning 9:15am

Full details are available on the WABC website.

South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker

Thanks to Convenor Garth Scotford and Director Laurie Money (directing his first Club Championship) and House Manager Wilma Coloper who supplied a great supper after the event!



Vice President Tony McKinnon presented the prizes - 1st Val Isle and Tony Stevens



2nd Helen Arendts (Sei Moi Loh)



3rd Mark Goddard (Hamish McCracken)

Club Promotions

Regional Master Jane Ventner
Local Master Mark Glaser
Club Master Cheryl Wong
Graduate Master Kareena Ballard,
Angelique Morin

Mandurah Bridge Club

from lan Jones



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

Runners up were June Mulholland and Mike Mulholland.



The GNOT Country finals were held in Mandurah and won by Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg

Florence Maltby and Alan Dundas were runners up.



The Handicap Pairs championship winners were Wendy Blakely and Ross Proudfoot.

Runners up were Sandra Hardie and Patricia Anderson.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Club Mixed Pairs

1st week Jonathan Pynt and Terri Garbutt

2nd week Viv Zotti and Mitch Garbutt Overall Winners



1st Jonathan Pynt and Terri Garbutt



2nd Ron Cooper and Jessica Chew



3rd Chris Cullen and Gill Gavshon

Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs



1st Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller



2nd Phil Bapty and Gwyneira Brahma



3rd Tony Stevens and Leon Randolph4th Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven



5th Tuya Cooke (and Lilia Male)



6th Viv Zotti (Terri Garbutt)
Best Nedlands Pair - Gill Gavshon and Chris Cullen



Best >300 mp Miriam O'Brien and Joe Peci Coming up at the club:

August advanced lesson Aug 25th

The club holds advanced lessons designed to help you improve your play. The lessons are conducted by our club teacher, Fiske Warren, and occupy a two hour time slot from 10.00 to 12.00. There will an opportunity to practice the principles presented, but it is not necessary to bring a partner. The topic is – Two over One System. An easy summary of how this differs from Standard

American – with practice hands to bid. For further information see the flyer on our website

Mentor day Sept 16th 12.30pm

This event gives inexperienced members an opportunity to play in a normal club session in partnership with a regular club player. This is the second day for the year. Give it a go – put your name down. A partner will be provided. The date for the event is Thursday September 16 in the normal club session time.

September advanced lesson Sept 29th 10.00 - noon

The September lesson will be held on Wednesday 29th. The topic is 2 over 1. Find out how this differs from Standard American. Have a look at the flyer on line 2021 September 2 over 1.

October short course Oct 6 – 13th – 20th 10.00noon

Our esteemed teacher, Fiske Warren, will be offering a three week course for intermediate players. Topics are chosen that will be useful to give yourself better results. This course will look at winning your suit contracts. You can learn when to draw trumps, how to set up side suits and more. The dates for this are Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20 October. For further information see the flyer 2021 short course declarer suits.

October advanced lesson Oct 27th

The topic is – Simple squeeze play – frustrate your opponents. Payment can be made on the day. For further information see the flyer on-line 2021 OCTOBER Squeeze Play. (Note that originally this was to be on Lebensohl but the April lesson had to be cancelled on account of the virus crisis).

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Wednesday, June 16th was Rockingham's Morning Tea, raising monies for the Cancer Council of W.A. As is the norm for Rockingham, members and their families were very generous with their donations of cash, goods to raffle and plates of food which would tempt the palate of a King.

23 people attended the quiz. Moans and groans were heard throughout the morning. "It's too hard", "I can't remember the answer" or "Please make them easier'. All complaints fell on deaf ears.

There were 6 rounds of 10 questions per round. One member scoring 8 out of 10 on the last round. Her average was 4 or more, which brought Kerrie Kingston out on top, winning a gift card for \$25.00 Well done Kerrie and to all participants.

(Who knew that Wallace Carothers invented nylon????)

Five big baskets of goodies were raffled and won by players. A prize table was full of items to reward members for their support, throughout the Morning and the afternoon bridge session.

An \$80 voucher for a local cafe was given with the rider that this prize went to the Best Scoring Pairwhether N/S or E/W. This was won by Elena Ohlsen and Andrew Marsh. E/W Jen Green and Pat Hoson received a bottle of Red for their percentage win.

The sub total for this event stands at \$1327, with more donations due in soon.

Many thanks to everyone for their support. An almost 50% increase on 2020's effort.

On a different note, Past president, Nicky O'Connell's project of "Learners and Mentors" Sunday, the once-a-month bridge session was held on the 13th June.

The winning pair: Lee Bunney with Mentor, Di Brooks. Each were presented with a pen and the Mentors, 1st and 2nd received a gift bag of Honey.

Hoping that we can encourage a few more players, new or experienced into the competition for July.



From Jean Dance June Mentoring Pairs



Winners Lee Bunney with Master Di Brooks with Nicky O'Connell



2nd Master Robina McConnell and Wendy Usher

Taurus Pairs



1st NS Florence Maltby and Di Brooks with President Wendy Mathews



1st EW Elizabeth Sayers and Jan Pearson Under State Masters



NS - Trevor Pollock and Wendy (Roz Davey centre)



EW - Yvonne Mathews and Hilary Tunnard **Winter Pairs**

NS 1st Florence Maltby and Di Brooks



1st EW Robin Aplin and Janice Hawker



Under State Masters: 1st EW Elizabeth Hill and Sue Stephen with Wendy

NS Helen Hansell and Nia Parker

The **Australia Wide Novice Pairs** was held in May.

1st Margaret Fogarty and Hilary Tunnard 2nd Arnold Howard and Gail Mountain

Willetton Bridge Club

From Noel Daniel

The Club held its Open Pairs Championship-Trophy Donated by Dr Mike Nahan.



Winners of the Club Open Pairs Daphne Lobo and David Lobo with President Peter Miller



1st Daphne Lobo and David Lobo2nd Richard Harris and Ken Harrison3rd Carol Daniel and Margaret Pember



Members Mike Oehme, Stephen Ha and Graeme Thompson receiving ABF Certificates from the President Peter Miller.

For the first time the Club held Online Bridge via Pianola During the time of Lockdown.



Few of the players at our very first Online Bridge -Terry Owen-Geoff Rycroft-Carol Daniel-Graeme Thompson-Colin Griffin-Stephen Pence.

They made Club history as this was our very First Online Bridge.

Pianola offers the Online Bridge and are in the process of ABF Masterpoints and the payment method.

Members who played were very excited and had lots of Fun and enjoyed their Bridge - from the comfort of their home - may be with a glass of wine.

We Thank the RSL Club Riverton Branch for their premises for our Bridge sessions.

We would like to Invite other Bridge Players to come and have a Game on a Monday or Friday afternoon at our club.

Joondalup Bridge Club

From Dirk Lapere GNOT COMPETITION

In April and June, the club's top players mixed it up with many of our upcoming members in the first GNOT competition in the club's history. One might have been tempted to predict the outcome based on masterpoint rankings, but the reality was much less clear cut.

The first session narrowed the list of pretenders down to 5 with the novices' teams of Chris Hollingworth, Anetta Doctorovich, Claudine Lapere and Dirk Lapere and of Nesha Shah, Avryl Atkins, Cathy Simmons and Di Johnson settling in well in 3rd and 5th respectively.

By the end of the second session, however, it was evident the battle for top honours would be

between 2nd round leaders Harry Crosby, Julia Hustadt, Trevor Burr and Ann Burr and the team of Ann Hopfmueller, Carol Fensome, David Wheaton and Rick Morris. 3rd placed team of Christine Bacon, Jane Adams, David Cowell and Edward Roscoe would need a minor miracle in the final session to pull off a late upset.

In the end, the battle for first came down to the final match. A poor showing for team Crosby combined with a strong match for team Hopfmueller flipped the final standings in favour of the latter, giving David Wheaton a fitting trophy on the day he became the clubs' inaugural Life Member.

The teams of David Coulter and Pauline Coulter, Magda Lawes and Mike Lawes and of Eddie Pozarowszcyk, Carol Thomas, Jeanette St Ledger and Carol O'Grady put together strong comebacks in the final session to finish 5th & 6th, behind best novices' Team Hollingworth in 4th.



1st Ann Hopfmueller, David Wheaton, Carol Fensome, Rick Morris



2ndTrevor Burr, Ann Burr, Julia Hustadt, Harry Crosby









SuperVets* Swiss Pairs

*For Players Over 75 Years of Age

This is a Gold Point Event

Sunday, 7 November 2021

This event will be held at WA Bridge Club, 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne Plenty of Car Parking is Available.

Play Starts at 10.00am and should concluded at around 4.30pm

We are trialling using the new MyABF system for entries and payments. Please note that to use MyABF you must register and be logged in to MyABF, and any players you enter must have registered for MyABF. If you have any problems, or are uncomfortable using this system, please contact the Organiser directly.

Entries via MyABF

https://myabf.com.au/events/congress/event/enter/16/54

Cost \$25 per player (cash is OK)

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Dave Parham 0409 111 081

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COVID 19

Due to COVID 19 precautions, for the safety of competitors **lunch cannot be provided** by the Tournament Organisers. Competitors should bring their own lunch for the day. Tea and Coffee will be available. Competitors will be expected to adhere to hygiene protocols while at the tournament venue.

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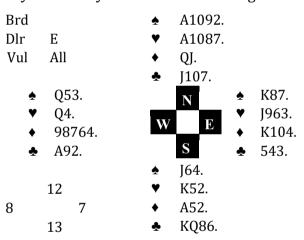




Ducking & Unblocking

From David Schokman

As bridge players we are all so guilty of forgetting to use some of the simplest and most effective methods that the game provides for us to use in both attack and defence. I am referring to DUCKING (which we use fairly often) and UNBLOCKING, which almost appears to be a forgotten art! Look at this deal from a recent congress, were everyone in the room, playing any system or convention, should bid to 3NT. Three pairs did not. The lead was always the eight or nine of diamonds. In 3N, 11 pairs made 10 tricks; seven made nine, and four only made eight tricks. Play the hand yourself before reading further.



So let's start with the assumption that west leads the nine of diamonds. The queen from dummy; the king from east, and declarer thinks that Christmas has come early, though in reality declarer always has only two diamond tricks on any line of play. This means that you have to lose a diamond trick, so why not lose it early? A smart declarer ducks the first trick. East wins, and now must not be mean and should return the diamond ten, which is won in dummy. As the cards lie there is nothing the defence can do to defeat the contract.

So now let's assume that (a careless) declarer did not duck the first round of diamonds and plays the knave of clubs from dummy. West wins the second round and returns a diamond. Now for the unblocking part. Defenders who are asleep will play the four, forgetting that partner has led the nine, and every higher card is visible to east. I can almost hear you scoffing and saying, "I would not do anything as silly as that". You would not, but it

happens. How else would declarer make nine, or even, 10 tricks? So be alert to drop a high card (if it is not a signal) when you can see, or anticipate, the possibility of you blocking your partner's suit in a NT contract.

Yes, there were the declarers who made 10 tricks, and I would totally place this result on the feet of the players who did not unblock the diamond ten. Here again the defence has to be very alert as we tend to drop our guard in what appears to be standard contracts. If this happened to be a Match Point event, allowing your opponents to make 10 tricks would be a disaster.

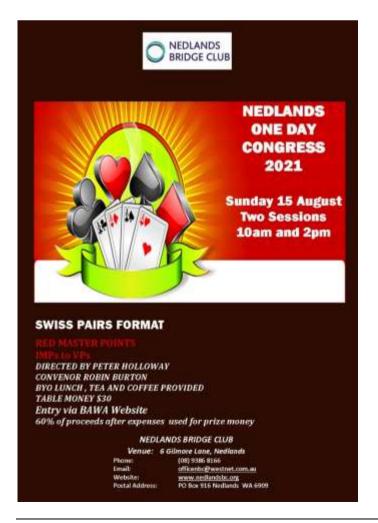
We now will assume that declarer has done the correct thing and ducked the first diamond. He wins the second and plays the knave of clubs. Your partner's card (GIVING COUNT) shows that she has an odd number of cards. So you duck the first two clubs and win the third, now actually removing a vital card from declarer's hand so that he can take the second spade finesse. Declarer could have played a low club to the king early, but this has an element of risk of a 4-2 break). So west wins the third club and considers the options available. Declarer had shown a 12-14 point hand and has already come up with nine points in clubs and diamonds. In the bidding south has also denied holding three hearts, or four spades.

As you are most unlikely to have an established card to cash any diamond winners that you (may) have established is it time to search for greener pastures? If so what suit will you chose? Your partner could hold the KJX in spades, or the KJXX in hearts. Whatever you pick will have an element of guess work in it. My choice would be the queen of hearts, only as you know, for certain, that partner has four of them. Is there a risk? Certainly, it could be a disaster if declarer had the knave, or even the nine, because you will not convince anyone that you have the knave of hearts. If diamonds had been established declarer would never take the heart finesse into your hand. He is not silly and neither are you! This contract can never be defeated.

Blocking and ducking is over and I am only talking about holding declarer to nine tricks, so, on this defence, declarer will have to give you two heart tricks, or two spade tricks, because you did not provide that second entry for the spade finesse to be taken twice. So giving count is vitally important. I hope that this column has not led you to utter confusion. So maybe I will get some expert help from Fiske and Nigel.

There is one other point which I would like all of you to seriously consider. You look at your opponent's system card and find that they do not give count, or suit preference signals. I can understand, and accept, the latter, but surely no one can really play bridge without using count? You have to be tolerant of this omission at club level but it should not happen in congresses or major events. Can you say that "We do not give count" but then does your partner really not know what you have?

If your partner leads, for example, the king of spades (suggesting the ace) and you hold 72, which card do you play? If like 90% of players you play the 7 intending to follow with the 2 then you are playing natural count. This is the information that needs to be supplied to your opponents.



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Club Director Course

Four Tuesday evenings

3,10,17 and 24 August from 19.30 to 22.00

Venue: Melville Bridge Club

Presenters: Dave Parham and Neville Walker

Cost \$50

This is an introductory course aimed at those interested in learning to become a Director at Club Level, so it is suited to players who have never directed before or have 'walked through' with a club director but have had no official training.

Topics covered:

- The Laws 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge
- Movements specifically those necessary to run a club duplicate session
- Scoring Matchpoint and IMPS
- Software Bridgemates and CompscoreII

It is recommended that participants should have a copy of the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

Further information and registration

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Numbers are Limited to a maximum of 20 participants

Forego Leads to Four Gone



By Ron Klinger http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com Improve Your Bridge Online

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	?		

What would you do now as North with:

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	♣ ♥ ♦	N V E V
	16	* * *

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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!



West Coast Bridge Club 2021 CONGRESS

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ENTRIES via BAWA (www.bawa.asn.au)

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Prizes will be awarded to pairs placed first, second and third in the Final; first and second in the Qualifying Round; and winners in the Plate and Consolation events, depending on the number of participants. If a pair wins trop prizes they will be awarded the prize having the greater monetary value and the other prize will be awarded to the next placed pair in the relevant section of the Congress.

SCHEDULE

 Qualifying round
 10:00

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

 Final round
 14:15

 Refreshments
 17:30

ENTRY FEE \$35 PER PLAYER - RED MASTER POINTS Each player must have a system card

Each player must have a system card Entries close 5 SEPTEMBER 2021.

Movement type and scoring

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

Convenor: Patrick Garnett

ALBANY BRIDGE CLUB

RESTRICTED CONGRESS

Less than 300 Masterpoints as at 30/3/2021



WHEN: Sunday 25 July, 9.30 am start
WHERE: Albany Bridge Club, Mill Street

DIRECTOR: Brian Wade

CONVENOR: Pam Goodman pam.goodman4@amail.com ph: 0409086718

COST: \$45

PRIZES: In 4 different experience categories

CATERING: Lunch, morning & afternoon teas provided

ACCOMMODATION: Billeting can be arranged.



The Defending Game

By Di Brooks

Playing a defensive game needs a lot of work especially as you defend twice as often as you play as Declarer. How often does a discard go unnoticed? Declarer is drawing trumps, say Hearts and a defender, not following the suit, plays a diamond. It is crucial that the opponents stay awake. If you missed that discard and partner follows the next discard with a black card, it gives you information on which suit to switch, (you think). You get in and lead back what partner would like, only to find Declarer winning a cheap trick. The opportunity to make a killing switch and you blew it!

There are four people at the bridge table. Believe your partner over the opponents. Well, you should be able to trust that person. If you can't have that trust, then maybe you should get another partner! One such problem that occurs regularly is when one player continually overbids, mainly because their partner doesn't value their own hand properly, again because the aggressive bidder goes overboard. A Catch 22 situation. Another lack of assessing your values when you hear "I only had 10 points". The hand has support with 4 trumps so a One, Two - That Will Do - isn't right. With good support, your hand is worth gold in my opinion.

Take a look at this hand:-

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♥	1NT (1)
Pass	2C (2)	Pass	2S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

- 1) 15-18
- 2) Stayman



August Deadline

July 20th is the deadline for inclusion in the August Focus.

_	E All	▶ J973▶ J10◆ K105◆ AQ43	
	♣ 842♥ 43♦ J974♣ J1065	N E S	♠ AK♥ Q98765♦ Q3♠ 972
2	11 11 16	◆ Q1065◆ AK2◆ A862◆ K8	

West is marked with almost nothing. He leads his partner's suit and the JH forces the Q and taken by the AH. Declarer needs very little knowledge to place all the important cards with East. If he can enter Dummy with a club and then play towards the trumps in his own hand, he is pleasantly rewarded by a top honour from East's hand. As both N/S hands hold good support cards in spades, missing only the AK honours, he can happily play another round of trumps, taking out both the A and K of spades.

West has no good suit to signal but MUST keep his 4-card club suit. He can see 4 cards in clubs, in Dummy. Keep length with the known length.

East has only hearts to discard. Keeping his cards close to his chest. He might possibly make the QD.

When a player opens the bidding, showing a minimum of 11 points and their partner passes, it doesn't take a mathematician to count the points in both hands.

- ✓ Keep awake.
- ✓ Count the trumps played
- ✓ Count the points played and especially
- ✓ Watch for discards by your Partner.

Happy Bridging [⊙]



Famous Last Words

To double an opening bid And follow it with a jump, Shows a good strong hand With its own suit of trumps.

So only another bridge player Will appreciate my tale of woe, One who has been there before For they are in "The Know".

Having won the auction Two rounds of trumps I take, Then run a second suit My contract, I did not make.

For on the second round The count of 4 was only 3, A diamond not a heart Was what I didn't see!

So, if you read this epitaph
Make sure of your victory,
Count carefully our trumps
Or you'll end up just like me!!!!!!

R.I.P.
She Didn't Count Her Trumps!!!!

Happy Bridging © From Di Brooks



Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs bill.jacobs55@gmail.com

Dlr Vul	S All	762★ A1092
		♦ QJ
	*	♣ K832
	*	N °
	•	W E
	♣	S .
		♦ AK54
	10	▼ KQJ8764
		♦ A4
	17	♣ -

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	6♥

West leads the ♠I to your slam.

There are a number of ways you might make this contract. Your task is to find a line of play that gives you **four** distinct chances.

SOLUTION on page 26

A cashless BAWA and MyABF

In line with current trends and on the advice of our insurance company BAWA is going cashless.

As from August 1 2021 all BAWA events will require entry fees to be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer. Bank account details can be found on the BAWA website.

It is possible that by that time BAWA events may be entered and therefore paid for via the MyABF website and ABF Bridge Credits.

Licensed events with prize monies

Winners will be given a form to submit their bank account details to the convenor. Prizes will be transferred within 2 business days.







ABN: 82 057 199 126

2021 Hans G. Rosendorff Memorial Women's Swiss Pairs - Perth

Sat 18 & Sun 19 September

Prizes: 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200 Prizes paid by EFT within 5 working days



GOLD POINTS

PQPs: 1st 16, 2nd 12, 3rd 8, 4th 4



Melville Bridge Club, 431 Canning Highway, Melville

Play commences 10.00 am both days

Presentation of ABF medallions at supper after play on Sunday

ENTRY FEE: \$90 per player. Enter via MyABF

Pay with MyABF credits or bank transfer to BAWA BSB: 016 464 Acct: 255674541

Ref: HGR your surname

Tournament organiser:

Directing Team:

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David Burn: 0409 661 010

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2021 Hans G. Rosendorff Memorial **Restricted Swiss Pairs - Perth**

Open to players with less than 300 Masterpoints as of 31 March, 2021

Generous cash prizes for 1st - 5th and other placings. Prizes paid by EFT within 5 working days



Sat 18 & Sun 19 September

GOLD POINTS



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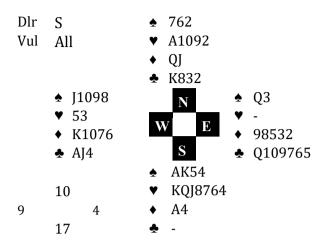
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Test Your Slam Play

SOLUTION



Here are your four chances:

- 1) The diamond finesse works (you just lose a spade, ruffing your fourth spade): I'm sure you noticed that one.
- 2) Spades divide 3-3 (you set up the suit and discard a diamond on your long spade).
- 3) When you lead a low club from dummy, East clatters up with the ace, fearful that you might otherwise win a singleton queen.
- 4) Someone has the club ace short (at most three cards in the suit).

To combine all four chances, win the spade at trick 1, cross to ♥A and play a low club (chance 3).

Assuming this doesn't work, ruff the club high, cross to dummy's ♥10 to ruff another club high. Then to dummy's ♥9 to ruff a third club. Perhaps the club ace has fallen by now (chance 4 – see hand diagram). If it has, play on spades, ruff your last spade, and throw a diamond on the ♣K.

If not, play ♠K and another spade, hoping for a 3-3 break (chance 2).

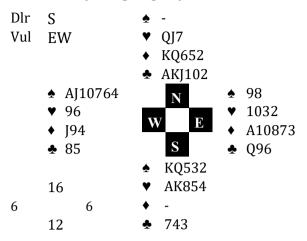
Finally, if none of those plays works, then ruff your long spade and take the diamond finesse.

The moral: It helps to have multiple arrows in your quiver.

Forego Leads to Four Gone SOLUTION

Are you one of those who jump to game occasionally without investigating other possibilities fully? If so, you are in good company,

if today's deal from the final of a National Open Teams is anything to go by.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠ (1)	Pass	3♥
Pass	4 (2)	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- (1) Fourth-suit forcing
- (2) Cue-bid for hearts

Lead: C8

Declarer took the CA and drew trumps. He then led the C3 to the jack and queen. East switched to a spade and South had one spade, five hearts and four clubs for +420.

North's 3C bid was a wise move. With such powerful clubs, it would be very tempting to jump to 3NT over 2H. That is exactly what happened at the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lead: D7!

East found the excellent lead of the low diamond and West's DJ was taken by the king. Declarer cashed the CA, overtook the HJ with the ace (risking a 4-1 split) and took the club finesse. East won and shifted to the S9, king, ace. West returned the D9, ducked, and another diamond. The defence thus had three diamonds, a spade and a club for +50 and +10 Imps.

Why did North forego 3C fourth-suit? What could go wrong? Over 3D or 3S he could still bid 3NT (and now the defence might think the club holding is more vulnerable) and over 3H, he could support.

KALGOORLIE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS 2021

Director: Brian Wade

24, 25 and 26th September 2021

(long weekend)

At the Railway Motel Kalgoorlie

Recommended Accommodation - Railway Motel
- mention Bridge Congress for a great deal

Fri 24th **September** - 5.30pm Registration

Finger food and Bar open during registration time.

7pm – Welcome Pairs - \$20pp

Saturday 25th September - 9.30am

Open Pairs \$35pp— Qualifying Round

~1pm Open Pairs — Final, Plate and Cons

Sunday 26th **September** - 9.30am **Teams Competition** - \$35pp

Followed by Presentations, Finger Food and Farewells – Bar Open

Red Points - \$\$\$\$\$ and prizes

Free tea, coffee and water available throughout Congress

Conveners:

Sue Lia 0418215308

Mary Williams 0400681608

Congress will be provisional on WA Covid regulations

DENMARK BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

October 15th-17th 2021

New Venue

Denmark Recreation CentreBrazier Street



Friday 15th October 6.00pm

Welcome Pairs (MPs) \$25

Saturday 16th October 9.30am

Swiss Pairs (IMPs) \$50pp

Sunday 17th October 9.30am

- Swiss Teams (IMPs) \$50 pp
- ✓ Limited to 30 tables
- ✓ Open to all players
- ✓ Prizes in various categories
- ✓ Light supper on Friday (play at 7.00pm)
- ✓ Light lunch on Saturday and Sunday
- ✓ Gluten-free and vegetarian options available on request (by Oct 1)
- ✓ Players to be seated 10 minutes before play
- ✓ Bar available after play
- ✓ Please bring your own water bottle
- ✓ Entries via BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au (July 1)

Director: Brian Wade Convenor: Bob Stick

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Results

BAWA Daytime Swiss Pairs (28)

1	David Matthews and Jessica Chew
2	Linda Coli and Alan Harrop
3	Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku

BAWA Open Pairs (16)

1	Val Biltoft and Karol Miller
2	Sue Gammon and Deana Wilson
3	Andrew Swider and Tad Bieganski

TEAMS OF FOUR - June 2021

From John Beddow

OPEN

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	4	4	67.63
NEDLANDS	5	3	58.01
SPBC	2	-	11.88
UNDERCROFT	3	1	11.55
MACCABI	2	-	10.93
Total	16	8	160.00

INTERMEDIATE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WEST COAST B	6	3	66.45
WABC A	4	4	62.64
SPBC	5	3	59.10
MELVILLE	5	3	46.94
UNDERCROFT	4	2	42.08
WEST COAST A	5	1	28.07
WABC B	3	-	18.67
MAYLANDS	2	1	16.05
Total	34	17	340.00

NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
NEDLANDS	4	3	59.25
SPBC	4	4	53.49
WABC	2	1	27.08
MELVILLE	3	1	22.04
MAYLANDS	3	-	13.78
WEST COAST	2	-	4.36
Total	18	9	180

70% Results (Random search)

Albany

72.0 Kate Boston and Murray Webber **Armadale**

75.0 Tricia Gleeson and Rod Bryant

72.0 Hugh Probert and Steve Rogoysky

Melville

73.7 Malcolm Tull and Ameer Ali

73.0 Kevin Wellisch and Sheila Cooksey

Rockingham

75.0 Eugene Wichems and Robina McConell

70.0 Jane Ophorst and Joan Rickers

Undercroft

77.0 Brian Fensome and Tad Bieganski

71.5 Margaret Szymakowski

71.5 Jenny Dawson and Edward Roscoe

70.8 Rina Shah and Divyesh

70.0 Jamie Luxton and William Cox

Westcoast

71.0 Jane Glass and Mavis Koay

77.0 Rosemary Pratt and Linda Martin

71.0 Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat

70.0 Shirley Bloch and Wence Vahala

South Perth

70.9 Ian Rowlands and Jairo Giraldo

72.9 Jan Blight and Dave Munro

70.0 Martin Cleeve and Carole Cleeve

Joondalup

75.6 Ann Hopfmueller and Carol Fensome

70.0 Harry Crosby and Julia Hustad

70.0 Carol Fensome and Ann Hopfmueller

Willetton

71.7 Vijay Ahooja and Nick Taylor

72.9 Peter Miller and Richard Harris

Bayswater

70.0 Don Sutton-Mattocks and Kevin Outred

Bunbury

71.0 Margie Mullen and Jock Mullen

Denmark

80.5 Bob Stick and Chris Munro

Fremantle

72.9 Jenny Langridge and Alexis Keynes

Mandurah

73.6 Marjory and Moira McIntyre

Nedlands

72.0 Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll

70.8 Doreen Iones and Dave Munro

Northern Districts

70.0 Margaret Jenkinson and Barbara Hendie **WABC**

73.9 Mike George and Helen George

70.5 Margie Tulloch and Kate Keating

Country GNOT (18)

1	Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg	
2	Alan Dundas and Florence Maltby	
3	Brian Wade and Colleen Long	

Fremantle Congress Results

Qualifying

1st N/S	Rohan Bandarage and Phil Bapty
1st E/W	Judy Havas and Ken Smith

Final

1	Gerry Daly and Stephen Thyer	
2	Jonathan Free and Christine Bacon	
3	Gwyneira Brahma and Rez Karim	

Plate

1	Alfred Leung and Phil Jacobsen	
2	Sue Gammon and Cynthia Belonogoff	
3	Steven Pynt and Dave Sloan	

Consolation

1	Don Allen and Nick Cantatore
2	Jenny Dawson and Edward Roscoe
3	Laurel Lander and Se-Moi Loh

Busselton Zonta Day

1	Jane Henderson and Karen Wallwork
2	John Lill and Rosemary Lill
3	Patrick Smith and Gillian Disney
4	Cassie Morin and Lesley Maff
5	Claire James and Pam Goodman
6	Judy Clarke and Fred Clarke
7	Jodie Basham and Karen Moller
8	Pip Witham and Barry Witham

NEWS UPDATE GNOT NATIONAL FINAL

The venue for the 2021 GNOT National Final has been transferred to Brisbane due to the capacity limitations of the Tweed Ultima should any Covid restrictions still be in place later in the year. The event will take place at the Queensland Contract Bridge Club, 67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba on the scheduled dates of 26-29 November.

Further information will be added to the GNOT web site shortly.





GNOT METRO 2021 FINALS

Gold Point Event
7 and 8 August 2021
City of Melville Bridge Club
10 am - both days

GNOT PROVINCIAL 2021 FINAL

Gold Point Event
Sunday 8 August 2021
City of Melville Bridge Club
10 am

Director: Neville Walker TO: Robina McConnell



Diarize Now

Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	Jul	Fri 2nd – Sun 4th	Melville Winter Congress - Cancelled
		Sat 10th -Sun 11th	Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss - Postponed until
ANC	November - check BAWA website Postponed until November 2021 - check BAWA website		
ANC	Sun 25th Albany Restricted Congress		
		Thu 29th	BAWA Open Teams Qualifying 1 of 4
		Fri 30th-Sun Aug 1st	TBIB South Perth Congress
	Aug	Tues 3rd	BAWA State Daytime Open Pairs 1/3
		Sat7th – Sun 8th	GNOT City Final + Restricted
		Sun 15th	NBC Sunday Congress
		Sat 211st – Sun 22nd	Mandurah Winter Congress
		Thu 26th	BAWA Open Teams final 1/2 Restricted IMP (Swiss) Pairs 1/2
		Sun 29th	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
	Sep	Sun 12th	Westcoast Congress
		Wed 15th	South Perth Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs
		Sat 18th – Sun 19th	HGR Memorial Congress Weekend
		Fri 24th - Sun 26th	Kalgoorlie Congress
	Oct	Sat 2nd	Melville Birthday Congress
		Sun 3rd	Bayswater Novice (0-150) Congress
		Tues 5th	BAWA Open Daytime Pears 3/3
		Fri 8th – Sun 10th	Nedlands Congress
		Fri 15th – Sun 17th	Denmark Congress
		Sat 23rd – Sun 24th	Undercroft Congress
		Thu 28th	Grandmaster Restricted Pairs 1/2
		Fri 29th	Maylands Novice Congress
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events Entries <u>www.bawa.asn.au</u> unless other specified.		

MyABF

The exciting and innovative initiative of the ABF known as MyABF is now up and running. It is likely within 12 months ALL BAWA events along with affiliated club congresses will be entered and paid for via the MyABF website. Some clubs are actively pursuing this course.



It is therefore imperative that all bridge players in WA register with the MyABF website.

It is very easy simply visit the site – there is a MyABF logo / link on the main BAWA website page.

Click that link and follow the instructions to register. All that you are required to do is to enter your ABF number and choose a password.





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