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Fostering Bridge in Western Australia

Congratulations!



Wayne and Heather Cupitt,

members of the Geraldton Bridge Club, were the winners of the 2013 Bridge for Brain Research Challenge.

The Challenge is held to raise funds for Neuroscience Research Australia

104 Clubs across Australia entered the competition with 1865 pairs playing.

The Cupitts club score of 71.296% became 71.274% on posting, which took them to the lead and, to their surprise, held on to the end. ... *continues on page 12*

Albany Congress Results

Welcome Pairs



1st: **Pam Goodman and Alison Mettam** with
President Ken Beatty

2nd: **Jay Medhat and Marleen Medhat**



3rd: **Wendy Harman and Joan Valentine**

Saturday Pairs – Final

1st: **Marnie Leybourne and Nick Cantatore**



2nd: **Dave Munro and Elizabeth McNeill**



3rd: **Rita Leeming and Kay Thompson**

Saturday Pairs - Plate



1st: **Kate Boston and Murray Webber**

3rd: **Walter Aldridge and Margaret McGrellis**



2nd: **Louis Klein and Luba Klein**

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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

It has been a dream of mine for quite some years that BAWA should have a permanent home. I remember many years ago Dennis Yovich and I looking at properties in various locations around Perth with the hope of finding such a place. It became clear however, that a premise used for two nights a weeks and a few weekends a year would be difficult to justify financially. The only option would have been to incorporate a bridge club within the premises. This idea was actively pursued for some years with the late Terry Glover. Unfortunately, despite all of the effort nothing was able to be concluded.

Fast forward to 2013; as many of you may know both the Melville City Council and the South Perth City Council have indicated to their respective clubs the desire to reclaim the land on which the clubs sit and have offered replacement premises at new locations. I have seen draft plans for both clubs and they both are outstanding buildings which will be the envy of clubs around the country. BAWA has been closely involved with both clubs and has been delighted at the reception to our suggestion that BAWA "finds a home" at one of the new venues. I hope to have more news in the coming months.

It is my pleasure to tell you that Robina McConnell has been appointed the new BAWA Secretary and Executive Officer replacing John Aquino who has stepped down from the role after nearly 2 years. I would like to express my appreciation of John's efforts over that time and express my confidence in Robina as she learns the ropes.

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By the time you read this the Western Senior Pairs will be over for another year (I hope we won in my inaugural year). I am confident that the event will be success as we have a great organiser in Kitty George who has put together a first class team. I am also confident that if you played you had a good time.

Coming Up **Events**

State Swiss Pairs
4-weeks event starts Monday, 10th of June

Daytime Open Pairs
3-weeks event starts Wednesday, 10th of July

State Graded Pairs
3-weeks event starts Monday, 8th of July

State Mixed Pairs
6-weeks event starts Monday, 29th of July

Open Spring Pairs

Women's Spring Pairs
6-weeks event starts Thursday, 1st of August

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Albany Congress

As usual at the end of April, Jana and I made our way down to Albany for their Congress, one of our favourites and high on our list of those not to be missed. Notwithstanding what happens at the bridge table, it's always a wonderful weekend - lovely club rooms, fantastic hospitality (as people say, you generally leave Albany several kilos heavier!), catching up with friends, great atmosphere, some good restaurants for a leisurely evening meal and a nice town to browse around when time permits so with all this to enjoy, any success at the bridge table is merely a bonus!

The hands turned out to be a fascinating selection; lots of very shapely hands and lots of tricky breaks of suits giving wicked twists to initially innocuous and uncomplicated looking contracts. Veritable mine-fields for the unwary or optimistic! Two stood out in particular - both slams. Board 18 on the Saturday morning Qualifying session was as follows:

Brd 18	♠ A96		♠ -
Dlr E	♥ T82		♥ QJ643
Vul NS	♦ KJ9		♦ 852
	♣ J852		♣ AQ974
	♠ J432	♠ N	
	♥ 75	♥ W	♥ E
	♦ T643	♦ S	
	♣ KT6	♣ -	
		♠ KQT875	
		♥ AK9	
		♦ AQ7	
		♣ 3	

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After the bidding was passed round to me, sitting South, I opened 2C on my 4 loser hand and we made our way without any problem to 6S, the par contract. The lead of 7H was helpful, giving me a clue to the likely break and layout of the suit, and

it all looked so straight-forward. So of course I went and stuffed it up by carelessly playing a low spade to the Ace, from which there was no way back from going one off with a spade and club loser! It was only part way through the morning - I couldn't have been hungry with the continuous supply of delicious food Albany provides.. I couldn't have been tired yet. I just played too quickly and forgot to take care on what appeared to be a straight-forward hand! Fortunately I have a very forgiving partner!

The second interesting slam occurred on the fourth round of the Teams on Sunday: Board 7.

Brd 7	♠ 9		♠ KQ65
Dlr S	♥ T8		♥ 96
Vul All	♦ AKQJ9		♦ 874
	♣ KJT93		♣ Q764
	♠ T	♠ N	
	♥ 7532	♥ W	♥ E
	♦ T653	♦ S	
	♣ A852	♣ -	
		♠ AJ87432	
		♥ AKQJ4	
		♦ 2	
		♣ -	

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As South, I again opened 2C on my beautiful 3 loser hand; Jana responded 3D, 3S from me, 4C from Jana, 4H, 4NT Roman Keycard from Jana, 5D (1430), 6NT! Not the contract I had in mind when I opened ... but trust your partner, especially when there's no where else to go. Jana received a club lead from East, with West playing the Ace. From then on, she ran the hearts and diamonds, discarding spades from dummy, squeezing East who had to discard clubs, so when clubs were eventually played, the Queen dropped on North's King and we were home and hosed for +1440. With our partners scoring +100 at their table, it was a great swing for us, thanks to Jana's "feel" for a contract and some clever play. Deep Finesse gives just 5NT on this board.

Warm thanks to Albany for their wonderful hospitality and organisation and another very enjoyable Congress. Next year it will be held over the March long week-end - so I recommend you mark it on your calendar now.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

The May Red Point Handicap Event was well supported and we Congratulate.

Pre-handicap Winners: Joy Gibson & Phyllis Barnes.



Après Handicap Winners:

1st: Alex Wallis and Tommy Taylor

2nd : Stella Dixon and Evelyn Weeks

Congratulations to Alex Wallis and Tommy Taylor, winners of the Handicap Event. Pre-handicap, the 'boys' were third. With or without their handicap, they did extremely well. Congratulations Gentlemen.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman



There was a good turnout for the ANZAC Pairs Competition that was held the Saturday before ANZAC Day. The winners were **Wilhelmina Keisler** and **Jane Walters** (pictured). Second were Moira and John Penman with Helen Black and Udo D'Avignon third. Congratulations to the winners!

Those wishing to play in The Fremantle Congress are reminded that it will be held on Sunday, 9th June 2013, at the Masonic Hall on the corner of High Street and Chalmers Street in Fremantle. The Congress begins at 10.00 and details are on the BAWA web page.

Kendenup Bridge Club

From Ann Oldfield

The Kendenup v Denmark Bridge Challenge is played twice each year. It is a team's game with usually twelve players on each side. Tracey Atkinson created a trophy for these games as she did for the Kendenup / Kojonup Challenge. The trophy is the same only the wise words on this one offer a different piece of advice. "Don't bid all your mistakes today, save some for tomorrow."

Our most recent battle with Denmark was planned for 17th March then Western Power in their wisdom decided that would be a very good day to undertake essential network maintenance in our area. They very kindly notified us a fortnight in advance that the power would be off from 9am to 3pm on that day. This added a little spice to our preparations. We were blessed with a perfect day for the Challenge. It was neither too hot nor too cold. On that morning our president Bill Sandilands backed his farm fire truck up to the old Agri Grounds Hall and with the addition of a small generator and a long cord our urn was operational. Anne Waters brought a single gas burner to back up the single cylinder that supplies the hall's gas stove. A big block of ice frozen ahead of time in a large Tupper ware container went in the bottom of the lifeless fridge under the chicken sandwiches. Our players came with a plate of sweet or savoury according to allocation. Six bridge tables were set up with the necessary paperwork for the game. Denmark arrived early in the afternoon and able to make a cup of tea or coffee from our nicely boiling urn. We settled down to play twenty seven boards. After the game we enjoyed a relaxed afternoon tea with much happy animated discussion.

Denmark players were even happier when our president announced the results. John Elliot of Denmark accepted the trophy for his team. We congratulate Denmark on a very convincing win.

It was a good day. The Kendenup crew were content that the catering plan and the game plan had run smoothly and there was plenty of hot water for the washing up.



Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

from Sue Lia

Hi Lo Competition

Over two Thursday evenings in May the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club played a Hi Lo Competition.

Member with a high percentage plays with a partner with a lower percentage. From the results you can see how evenly matched the pairs were with only 4.07% separating 1st to 6th

- 1st Jessica Chew and Ronnie Rogers 51.82%
- 2nd Janet Kuhle and Sue Lia 50.65%
- 3rd Mary Mayerhofer and Pam Moore 50.32%
- 4th Geza Sulykos and Val Norman 49.48%
- 5th Lyn Roberts and Chris Shotter 48.52%
- 6th Lorna Sharp and Rez Karim 47.75%
- 7th Kim Zafer and Mary Williams 40.62%

Congratulations to all pairs - what a great event and result for the club.

Member Geza Sulykos has sent this hand for all to enjoy. (*Ed note: This hand may, in different versions, have been seen before. Many new players will enjoy it*)

A doctor is called away from a bridge tournament to tend to an emergency. There is still the last board to play. They ask a kibitzer to take his place, although he knows nothing about the game. They tell him "Just bid what you have got and follow suit". He, sitting South, thereupon starts the following bidding sequence:

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

Brd		♠ A9	
Dlr	S	♥ AKQ65	
Vul		♦ AK	
		♣ QT54	
		♠ KQT8	♠ 76542
		♥ JT97	♥ 8
		♦ QT	♦ J9
		♣ KJ2	♣ 98763
			♠ J3
			♥ 432
			♦ 8765432
			♣ A

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West took the lead of the king of spades with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, came to hand with the ace of clubs and played all his diamonds. On the last one, West was hopelessly squeezed in hearts and spades, and ultimately discarded a heart, whereupon South made the last four tricks in hearts.

When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the director, who asked for an explanation of the bidding, and got the following reply:

"I was told to bid what I have got, and I have one club, two spades, 3 hearts and 7 diamonds!"

Melville Bridge Club



Left to right - Noel Daniel, Tony Stevens, President Dorothy Stevenson, Bill Symons, Ros Warnock, Director Dave Parham, and Merwyn Menezes.

Congratulations to the winners of the Club Open Pairs Championship

1st Place: Merwyn Menezes and Noel Daniel

2nd Place: Bill Symons and Suzanne Goodall

2nd Place : Ros Warnock and Tony Stevens

Our club conducted the Bridge for Brain Research Challenge on Wed 01 May. The raffle was a great success thanks to the many generous donations of prizes by our members. We collected over \$600, and together with table money, we were able to donate \$1035.00 to Neuroscience Research Australia.



Di Nelson was very pleased to have Salim Songerwala as her mentor.

Thank you to Suzanne Goodall and Claire Weston for organising our new and very successful mentoring programme. Suzanne prepared a simple basic system for all players to use. Additionally each week she provided players a written mini-lesson on an area in the basics. As Suzanne said: "The number of mentors available was far exceeded by those who wished to be mentored so we tried to set up a system which would allow all to benefit to some degree. As there were so many intermediate players who did not make the first draw hopefully the programme can be run again in the future."

Congratulations to Bill Symons who completed the Directors course and can now direct at our club and we welcome our new secretary Di Nelson.



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Competition Winners

The winners of the Thursday Evening "Best 3 out of 4" event in April were **Doug Hardman** and **Andy Pennycott**. Phil Power and Kathy Power were second.

The Special Teams event held in May was won by **Tom Stack, Jean McLarty, Doug Hardman and Vera Hardman**. The runners up were Ann Shalders, Carol Lisle, Judith Tuckey and Pat Gaines.

Upcoming Events

July 2013

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



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Amidst refurbishments of the rest rooms the three week Open Autumn Pairs went off without a hitch. We congratulate:



1st **Joanna Tennyson** and **Sue Gammon**. These two very keen players have both been mentored by Jan Blight and have formed their partnership on the recommendation of Jan.



2nd Judith Wilson and Eileen Reilly



3rd Valerie Isle and Salim Songerwala



Best Novice Pair (Under 100mp as at Jan 1st)
Carla Sullivan and Kate Pinniger

For the followers of Fiske Warren he will be in attendance on:

- Wednesday 12th June (10.00 am to 12.00 noon):
- AVOIDANCE PLAYS BY DECLARER
- Tuesday 25th June (12.45 pm to 2.45 pm):
- SIMPLE SLAM BIDDING (Suitable for less experienced players)
- Wednesday 26th June (10.00 am to 12.00 noon):
- CHECKBACK 2C AFTER OPENER REBIDS 1NT

Please diarise our two July events:

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

We look forward to seeing you.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our GNO Teams event were:

1st: Susan Levy, Wilhelmina Piller, Marlene Medhat, Don Whooley

2nd: Helen Baker, Jean Calder, Barbara Martin, Michael Smith

3rd: Max Havercroft, Lynette Jackson, Verna Holman, Nerilyn Mack



Susan Levy, Wilhelmina Piller, Marlene Medhat, Don Whooley

Congratulations to our **102** year-old member, **Rudy Woss**, who was awarded his Silver Life Master Certificate this month. Rudy still plays at the Club every day and is regularly our highest annual Green Point achiever!

Congratulations also to Marlene Medhat who achieved her Silver Life Master Certificate this month as well as winning the GNO Teams event!



Rudy Woss is presented with his Silver Life Master Certificate by Club Vice-President Pat Garnett

We held a very successful 'Bridge for Brains' afternoon this month and the Club sent a cheque for \$600 to Neuroscience Research Australia for Alzheimer's research.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann HopfmueLLer

On Tuesday May 7th we held the BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH competition with forty pairs taking part. The committee provided a delicious afternoon tea and it was a very pleasant event. Members were pleased to receive Red Points whilst contributing to a worthy cause. The two winning north/south pairs were Edward Roscoe and Chris Price, Beata Bieganski and Tuya Cooke. The two winning east/west pairs were Jennifer Bandy and Joanna Tennyson, Peter McCann and Russell McCann. David Cowell directed most efficiently. The Undercroft Bridge Club raised \$700.00 for Neuroscience Research.



Director David Cowell

Thirty eight pairs entered the three week OPEN PAIRS event in May, with Dave Parham welcomed back to Undercroft as the director.



Our champions are **Domenico Degasperis** and **Christine Smitham** – Congratulations!



In second place were Beata Bieganski and Carol Fensome (Tad Bieganski), with Martin and Valerie Broome coming third.



For the first time, UBC held a mid-year Congress on Sunday May 19th. The club was full to capacity with ninety two members and visitors taking part. The Swiss Pairs event was very well directed by Bill Kemp. With scrumptious food provided by our generous members and a team of ladies running the kitchen, everyone had a great day out!



Nancy McDonald, Sally Jowett, Lorraine Stemp, Mary Lang and 'Fredy'



Our members, John Lees and David Womersley were popular winners! Congratulations!



David Schokman and Dave Munro 2nd



3rd place was shared by Tad and Beata Bieganski, and Anton Pol and Cynthia Belonogoff.



The best UBC pair (not in the top four) was David Cowell and Ann Hopfmuller, who came 6th.

Thank you to all visiting players for supporting our May Congress. We hope to see you all back at our two day Congress in October.



South Perth Bridge Club

Winning the Open Teams



Bob and Joan Prince, Carol and Martin Cleeve



2nd Michael Turner, Alexander Russell (Walter Martins) and Sandy Sutton-Mattocks



3rd John Bamfield, Jessie Lim, Gill Dolling and Bruce Fraser.

Fiske Warren will give the following lectures at the club in June:

Monday 3rd June (9.45 am to 11.45 am):

- COUNT SIGNALS IN DEFENCE

Monday 17th June (9.45 am to 11.45 am):

- SIMPLE TRANSFER BIDS (Suitable for less experienced players)

Happy Birthday



The club celebrated the **90th** birthday of **Philip Matthews** on Saturday May 18th with a resplendent cake adorned with candles.



Members also celebrated the birthday of **Noriko Sakashita** pictured at the head of the table (Left)



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2013

SWAN RIVER OPEN SWISS PAIRS

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

Saturday 10th August at 10.00 am
and

Sunday 11th August at 9.30 am
at the

West Australian Bridge Club,
Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Directing Team

Matthew McManus and Bill Kemp

Tournament Organiser

Hilary Yovich

08 9341 8116 or hilily@iinet.net.au

Entry Fee \$80 per player

payable at the table or on the BAWA web site
(Account BAWA BSB 016464 Acc No 255674541)

*Lunches from Kirkwood Deli may be ordered
before play*

2013 Bridge for Brains Research Challenge Winners – Wayne and Heather Cupitt

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The Cupitts have been playing together for the last year, after a partnership break of about 10 years.

Their bridge journey started when Heather took lessons in Maylands, while Wayne looked after the home front. She then taught him the lesson, and they practised together at every opportunity. Having to teach reinforced the lesson, and encouraged rote learning of the basics. This has been a great boon to them, as counting points and the bidding sequence became automatic, and freed up thinking time for other problems. As soon as the lessons ended they went to the Community Bridge Club in Dianella to play, on the theory that only competition really inspires one to keep learning.

They have tried several bidding variations over the years, but have settled on Acol with a few additions, such as weak twos and active doubles/redoubles. They have found that this allows them to find most of the best contracts and keeps their bidding competitive.

The Cupitts made the move to Geraldton in 1993, and on their first Tuesday went to play at the Club.

Heather recently gained her director's certificate, and Wayne is the club Treasurer.



Piri Kacso, Elaine Cook, Norma Lodge, Ailsa Purcher, Dawn Hipper and Judy Brown.

On competition day the Clubhouse was decorated with balloons and posters, and a special afternoon tea was provided by the members. A

journalist from the local paper attended, so a party mood prevailed.

The Club donated \$400 to Neuroscience Research Australia, and the players donated a further \$185 on the day.

A hand the Cupitts thought typified the difficulty and challenge of bridge was board 27. It could be titled **To Bid or Not to Bid**.

Brd 27	♠ K6											
Dlr S	♥ -											
Vul Null	♦ AJT542											
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1S
3H	4D	4H	Pass
Pass	5C	5H	X
All Pass			

Sitting south Heather's choice was to bid 6C, or X. At the Club Heather would bid 6C for fun, but on this occasion thought that the result would probably be an absolute bottom, so she chose the X – and then defended poorly. Result one off.

It turned out that 6C was bid 7 times, making 4 times.

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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The Cupitts score across the field was about 64%, so cowardice was a fair decision!

Another to Bid or Not to Bid choice was board 22.

Brd 22	♠ A98		
Dlr E	♥ AQT		
Vul EW	♦ QJT82		
	♣ 93		
♠ T542		N	♠ KQ
♥ KJ6		W	♥ 987
♦ 53		E	♦ K976
♣ Q842		S	♣ AJ76
	♠ J763		
	♥ 5432		
	♦ A4		
	♣ KT5		

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1NT	Pass
Pass	X	All Pass	

Playing Acol, the double by Wayne should indicate 15-16 HCP.

On this occasion he “felt” that his hand was too good to bid 2D or to simply pass.

With 8HCPs Heather was happy with the X and passed. Two off, for + 500. Across the field this scored at 98%.

The Bridge for Brains Challenge is always enjoyed at the Club, and is the only charity event on the calendar.

The Geraldton Congress, held in mid June, is the Club's next big event and visitors will be warmly welcomed. There is billeting available.

For those people travelling north for the winter we invite you to pause in Geraldton for a weekend to play with us on Saturday and Monday.



Stuart Stevens and Maureen Knight came 36th in the Brain Challenge



Piri Kacso and Chris Knight came 115th in the Challenge.

Geraldton Bridge Club Inc

Weekend Congress

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th June

Catholic Centre, Cathedral Ave.
Crn Maitland St

Director: **Peter Holloway**

Entries to **Heather Cupitt**

Email: bringo@midwest.com.au

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Friday

- Registration/Supper – 6.30pm
- Welcome Pairs – 7.00pm - \$15.00pp

Saturday

- Open Pairs – 9.30am - \$15.00pp
- Swiss Teams – 1st session – 1.30pm - \$30.00pp

Sunday

- Swiss Teams – 2nd session – tba am
- Sunday (approx.) 1pm – Presentation of prices. Light lunch with complimentary drinks.

Complimentary tea and coffee available all weekend.

See flyer for accommodation sites



Capel Life

Remembering the Anzacs



By Di Brooks

Wasn't the change in the weather wonderful? The people with green fingers will always agree. (Why gardeners are purported to have green digits, I don't know, mine usually get a very dirty brown). A good down pour of rain is so refreshing. Everything is much cleaner, the air we breathe and all external surfaces....the plants just love the rainfall. Yet, we humans are funny creatures...we know rain is forecast and do we go out prepared for the worst. No! Get caught in a good down pour and we look like drowned rats.

Anzac Day came and we prayed the weather would be kind and thankfully it was. Hundreds of Capel townspeople turned out to the service at the R.S.L.Club. The actual march was limited due to Main Roads refusal to allow the council to shut off one section of the Forrest Road. Unbelievable. You would think any drivers needing to pass through Capel could take a detour or better still park up and show some respect for the fallen. It was heart warming to see families in the parade, young and old alike, proudly wearing the medals awarded to those who served in the War. Local organisations took part in the wreath laying ceremony. The Girl Guides made their own tribute using fresh flowers from their gardens. I found the service very moving. The Sun shone, the Community was there to support the Anzacs. When the service was over, some stayed to enjoy the Sausage Sizzle and Morning Tea provided by Apex as well as members of the Community. Country spirit was out in full force.... just as it should be.

My family was lucky. Our men returned home. It's important that we count our blessings.

And back to bridge.....

Keeping Up With the Jones

We have all heard of the saying, "Keeping up with the Jones". You may wonder what this has to do with playing bridge.... Actually, it is a vital part of playing duplicate bridge, as a careless discard

may cost you a good score. So where does this apply in defence?

For example, the opponents have bid their hand, showing what is (a) their longest suit (b) their best suit and (c) the point count.

If you hold as many cards in the first bid suit, it is vital that you keep length with the declarer's known suit. Holding even a five card suit held by 10xxxx, one discard will allow declarer to bring in his long suit. If 'they' have shown 4 card suits, a pitch of a card from 9xxx can be a disaster.

If the opponents have bid 4 card suits and you hold both of those suits bid by the opponents, you have to watch the declaring side for discards. Again, watch for partner's signals and discards. If partner shows a holding in either of the declarer's suits, you can happily pitch from your hand, as partner has promised he can hold that suit.

Honing your defence will improve your results. After all, you defend 50% of the time. A simple lapse in your concentration can get you a poor score, rather than an above average.

Leads also are an essential part of defence. When you have no good lead of your own?

Things to consider: Did partner bid? If not, you now have to rely on the information gleaned from the bidding. Another inference that can be gathered is when an artificial bid has been made and partner didn't take any action. Then you can presume partner has no interest in this suit.

If the bidding went 1NT, 3NT and you have no good lead, then start off with a spade.

Have the opponents bid 3 of the 4 suits? Then lead the 4th suit, or lead through Dummy's second suit.

Not having a clear cut lead, such as top of a sequence, you have to work a little harder in finding the lead best for your side.

Join the A.A.A. CluB: Analyse, Assess and Adopt appropriate action. NEVER, NEVER Assume, as ASSUME makes an Ass out of U and Me.

The Need for Quality

I am reading "The Complete Book on Overcalls in Contract Bridge" by Mike Lawrence. His theory on the use of overcalls and its quality of suit will shock the average player. The more points you have in your hand, but not necessarily in the bid suit, give you the back up to actually make your 1 level contracts. In a recent club session, I watched players bidding freely at the 2 level and one person bidding at the 3 level, definitely a recipe for disaster. One such hand was bidding over the opponents Precision 1NT(13-15) E 1NT, passed around to N 2H...(no conventional meaning.) South now decided with his 11 count, he would bid 2S, on a 4 card suit. This was passed out and so did North! The contract went 2 down, vulnerable for an outright bottom. Sad to say 2H's was cold by us, 1NT by them. (People feel the need to bid over weak No Trump openings, without the conventional tools and then regret their actions). So if anyone has an 11 count and partner overcalls, either support their suit or bid No Trumps, if the hand warrants it. Don't bid at the 2 level on a 4 card suit or You will Rue the Day!

The second example again was over a Weak No Trump opening. East 1NT- S 2S. Now West bid 3D vulnerable with a 4 card suit and a 10 count. Deep Finesse shows 2NT came be made as well as 3H on a 4-3 fit. But 3D went one down, proving that a first response bid or overcall, with a 4 card suit (NOT at the 1 level) is asking for trouble. The natural bid for West was 2NT. Use the **K.I.S.S.** system. Better to Keep It Simple Sweetie!

Happy Bridging



MID WEEK

Swiss Pairs CONGRESS

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th June

2 sessions each day starting at 10.00 am

Lunch provided

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Linda Bedford-Brown TO You



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Watch Your Ace!

From Gerry Daly

This article is pitched at a specific audience. You might be fairly new to bridge or you may even have been playing at the local club for years and slipped into a bad routine. If you are going to benefit from this article what you have in common is a tendency to waste the tremendous potential of your Aces when defending. If this sounds like it could be you, please read on. I guarantee that if you take the advice on board you will be taking more defensive tricks than before.

The principle I'm about to discuss applies specifically to defending against suit contracts, not Notrumps, and to those occasions when you hold a suit headed by an unsupported Ace, i.e. A863, A10742 or AJ62. Making an opening lead from this suit will be giving away a trick for much of the time.

Let's start by looking at underleading the ace. How will you feel if declarer wins with his singleton King? What if he lets the lead run around to the King in his hand and then plays another towards the Queen in dummy. He scores tricks with both high honours when one should have fallen to your Ace. Really there is so much against under-leading the ace that you should simply decide to stop doing it. Maybe if I underlead the ace I will trick the declarer...fiendish...True, you will occasionally have success. Consider though the price you paid to eventually get one over a random declarer. How many bad results and how many times did you upset your partner in the process?

Here is a hand from a recent club session.

Brd	19	♠	A52
Dlr	S	♥	J84
Vul	EW	♦	J974
		♣	A103
	♠ K10963		♠ 4
	♥ K73		♥ Q10965
	♦ A65		♦ K10832
	♣ 96		♣ K5
			♠ QJ87
			♥ A2
			♦ Q
			♣ QJ8742

West is on lead against the contract of 2C and chooses to try a small diamond. East, seeing the Jack in dummy, reasons that his partner has led from the Queen. Clearly declarer has the Ace as partner would not underlead it! Accordingly when declarer plays low from dummy East inserts the 10. This will force declarer's Ace and East's King will prevent the Jack from taking a trick later. Alas, that was not the happy outcome. Declarer scored a singleton queen he was never going to make. Not only has the dangerous lead given away a trick, but partnership moral has suffered damage that is going to cost more tricks before the evening is over.

For those who felt sorry for this defender I agree that he had a tough choice to lead from. The best option on the hand is the 10 of spades, top of an internal sequence. As it happens it does not give away any trick. The point, though, is if he is going to lead a diamond he should not underlead the Ace. Experts may find one or two deals a year where this will be the correct lead, but until you achieve that status you should eliminate this lead

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from your repertoire.

Brd 16	♠ Q9532		
Dlr W	♥ K98		
Vul EW	♦ 83		
	♣ 1094		
♠ 1076		N	♠ A
♥ J107		W	♥ A32
♦ KQ62		E	♦ J954
♣ KJ2		S	♣ AQ876
	♠ KJ84		
	♥ Q654		
	♦ A107		
	♣ 53		

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While it is very easy to see why underleading Aces is wrong it takes a little more study to see why leading the Ace can be also fatal for the defence. In this hand East is on lead against 3S doubled. After two passes East opened 1C, got 1D from partner and a pesky 1S overcall from North. He rebid 3D and then heard 3S from South and double from his partner. The lead was the Ace of hearts followed by a small heart to the King. Declarer played a trump to the Ace. Now the defence took their two club tricks and finally switched to a diamond. Declarer won the Ace, drew the remaining trumps and then played a third round of hearts. You can see what happens next. The 13th heart is played and declarer's diamond loser discarded. He has lost 1 spade, 1 heart and 2 clubs while scoring 4 spades in hand, 3 hearts, Ace of diamond and a club ruff in dummy to make the contract.

How would you have defended it? The books speak highly of leading partner's suit and high honour sequences. Ok, so start with a small diamond. Declarer wins Ace and plays a trump. Now after you play another diamond and then take two clubs you can see that this contract is definitely going down. You can beat it by one trick by cashing the Ace of hearts at this point. However, tonight you have both ambition and patience. You wait for declarer to play hearts. If he plays small towards the Queen in dummy you play small and let his Queen win. You use your Ace to beat his King on the return journey and now partner wins the third round of hearts with his Jack. You have beaten the contract by two tricks for a top rather than a bottom.

Leading the Ace of hearts gave away one trick immediately by allowing the King and Queen to win separately. It gave away a second trick (the

disappearing diamond loser) by giving declarer a valuable tempo.

Unlike underleading Aces, sometimes it is necessary to lead Aces. Usually this will be at higher level contracts. For now why not try the effect of not leading those Aces, particularly against low level contracts, and see what the outcome is.

This article recommends actions not to take rather than what leads to chose. Most introductory books on card play will have a section that gives basic, but sound guidance on this point. It is worth checking out. Later on you can find books with a more detailed review of opening leads which will be useful as your game improves and aspirations increase.



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When: 9.30 – 11.00 am Sun 30 June

Where: City of Melville Bridge Club
790 Canning Highway, Applecross

Tea and coffee will be available for participants.



Following the information session, we will be conducting a workshop to develop a **2013-14 Marketing Plan** for Western Australia. This will be facilitated by the ABF National Marketing Officer.

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When: 11.30am – 4.00pm Sun 30 June

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If You Thought You'd Seen It All

By Bill Jacobs



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This deal occurred in a recent Grand National Teams event at Banora Point.

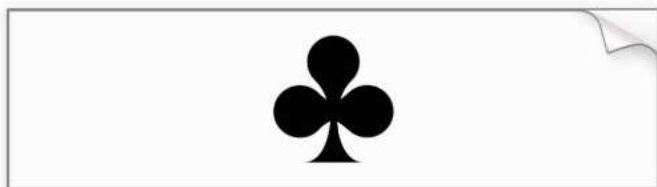
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Dlr	S	♥	8				
Vul	NS	♦	KQ10832				
		♣	6				
		♠	9			♠	K10
		♥	J4			♥	K7
		♦	954			♦	AJ76
		♣	AKJ10753			♣	Q9842
		♠	AQJ82				
		♥	AQ1096532				
		♦	-				
		♣	-				

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One North-South achieved a spectacular result to go with the spectacular layout. They played 7S redoubled, making for +2940. Sadly, there is no postcode to go with that score.

At the other table, N/S declared 6H which happened to make when West led his singleton spade - a good score. But it was not good enough!

Here's a question for you. What is the par contract on the deal - the contract that will be reached if both sides can see the full hand? Decide for yourself before reading on.



Incredibly, the par contract is 7NT doubled by East, four down, -800. 7NT is not quite so good when played by West - it won't take a single trick.

Have you ever seen a real-life deal where the par contract was 7NT, bid as a sacrifice? I haven't: and I thought I'd seen it all.



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Sat 21st & Sun 22nd September**

Venue: West Australian Bridge Club
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GOLD POINTS

PQPs: 1st 24 2nd 12 3rd 6

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

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Sat 21st & Sun 22nd September**

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GOLD POINTS

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

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A Comedy of Errors

By Richard Fox

There's a new Pope, so this non-Catholic can enter the confessional and admit to some howlers from the Gold Coast. Expert player Peter Gill gave a post-session talk on maintaining concentration, and trying to keep emotion out of your decisions, and I could recognise several themes from his talk in these debacles.

Crazy-Looking Doubled Slam

I sat North in the Open Pairs, and partner Errol opened with a 3C pre-empt. As it was pairs, I gambled that 6S would make on two spade finesses - roughly a 75% chance I thought, failing only if both honours are offside. However, this needed partner to have two spades - a singleton or void was very possible.

Brd	♠	AJ10985	♠	KQ42				
Dlr S	♥	AK3	♥	752				
Vul NS	♦	AJ	♦	K432				
	♣	A10	♣	75				
	♠	3						
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Contract: 7CX by S
Lead: S3

East doubled, perhaps unwisely as I would have inevitably gone down if he'd kept quiet. The spade situation was obvious, so I pulled to 6NT. East paused and possibly out of spite doubled again, not wanting to let me off the hook. This contract was stone cold as it happened with 12 top tricks. Thinking about partner's hand, he's not a lunatic with vulnerable pre-empts and would have minimum KQxxxx in clubs and quite possibly an outside honour card. Maybe he had a singleton spade and could set up the suit with ruffs. I convinced myself that 7C was at least as good a contract as 6NT, and of course this was doubled too.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Richard</i>		<i>Errol</i>
			3C
Pass	6S	X	Pass
Pass	6NT	X	Pass
Pass	7C	X	All Pass

My evaluation was inaccurate, as 7C can be defeated by a diamond lead. West naturally led a spade because of the first double. Errol threw a spade on the KH and fell back on the diamond "finesse", which had little chance after all East's doubling. He missed the chance of ruffing out the spades, using both North's clubs as entries and ruffing high in hand. Going back to Peter Gill's talk, and putting this in context...

This was the second board of the day. On the first one, we'd bid to 4H and they bid 4S. I doubled compulsively, forgetting that 4H was a sacrifice and we weren't having a makeable contract stolen. We held the score to -590 for an outright bottom. After that and the above wild auction Errol must have thought I was certifiable, and didn't give the doubled grand slam his best shot. Peter had mentioned how the next board after a disaster was often a disaster for somebody: maybe the losing side didn't get their heads back together, or maybe the winning side got over-confident. Anyway, -200 was much worse than +2330.

The Best - and Worst – "Fox Double"

In the Open Teams I was guilty of a version of the "Fox Double". My previous partners have seen these, where I double over-zealously, and the contract makes sometimes with overtricks. This time I had the soundest double ever, and displayed great ingenuity letting the contract make. Just as well I've left WA, as my chances of finding a partner there are Buckley's after they see this.

West opened 1 Spade, and I passed as smoothly as I could. 1NT from East, 4H rebid from West. East gave preference back to spades and I doubled with great confidence. Wouldn't you?

Brd	♠ QJ9743				
Dlr W	♥ Q43				
Vul Both	♦ AK4				
	♣ 3				
	♠ A10862		♠ K5		
	♥ AJ102		♥ K8		
	♦ -		♦ QJ9652		
	♣ AK107		♣ 642		
	♠ -				
	♥ 9765				
	♦ 10873				
	♣ QJ985				

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Contract: 4SX by West
Lead: DA

There was a lot of jovial banter at the table, and perhaps I could blame this for my loss of the plot that was to come. I led the AD, and even when it was ruffed I wasn't all that bothered as I then had two more trumps than declarer.

West led the JH, and I covered as I had to, promoting partner's nine. Declarer led a high diamond and threw a club, allowing me to win. There was a heart ruff threatening so I led a trump. Knowing partner must be void, I couldn't bring myself to let the 6 win and therefore I led the queen. The king won and a heart was cashed followed by a heart ruff. The JD won, followed by a couple of clubs.

Brd	♠ J9743				
Dlr W	♥				
Vul Both	♦				
	♣				
	♠ A108		♠		
	♥ 10		♥		
	♦ -		♦ 965		
	♣ K		♣ 64		
	♠ -				
	♥ 9				
	♦ 10				
	♣ Q98				

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NS 1 trick
EW 7 tricks
K♣ led

Down to nothing but trumps, I had to ruff the second club and return a trump into declarer. Then I had to ruff a heart and I was end played again for tricks 9 and 10.

Credit to West for giving himself a chance despite the trump break. Deep Finesse shows 3S making for East-West, demonstrating how I

overestimated my hand's potential. Where did it go wrong?

The critical mistake was my high trump lead at Trick 4, which was clearly unnecessary. If I'd played a low spade, West could either waste the king on this trick, or waste it ruffing a heart.

Also, my opening lead wasn't the best tactically. The forcing defence, shortening declarer's trumps, works best when he starts with at least as many trumps as the defender. I might have had an easier time by leading my singleton, allowing my trumps to be shortened, because as you see the long trumps became a liability due to the repeated endplays. The top diamond lead was a bit unfortunate, setting up a winner, but foreseeable as the bidding surely meant there was some distribution out there.

Next time, I'll do better!






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Playing Bridge at the Albany Congress

By Phil Power



Kathy & I married in November 1985 and travelled to Albany in February 1986 when I was transferred there as Officer in Charge of the Liquor and Gaming Branch attached to the Albany Police Station. It was Albany where we learnt to “play bridge” in the home of Anne Hawkins. After 3 lessons we were ‘good to go’.

I left the Police Force in 1988 but we remained in Albany for 21 years before moving to Mandurah to be closer to family.

It is always great to travel back to Albany to play bridge at their congress. We normally leave Mandurah and head east via Lakes Road and come out at North Dandalup where we turn right into South West Highway and almost immediately left in Del Park Road and head up the Darling Ranges to Dwellingup. From Dwellingup we turn left and head east to Boddington coming out onto Albany Highway at Crossman. Williams is 40km down the road and the Woolshed is the perfect spot for a coffee break. At the Woolshed we bumped into two friendly faces in Jay and Marlene Medhat. Guess where they were going?

The Albany Congress is famous for the fabulous home cooked food the local members provide. One of my absolute favourites is a sweet prepared by Kay Thompson. A custard filled biscuit with passionfruit icing. Friday night at the welcome pairs I think I had nine before I thought it best to stop. Another batch was brought out Saturday morning and I most likely had another six. Anne Hawkins’ chocolate beetroot cake was a

second favourite and a few slices of those hit the spot for good measure.

Kathy and I sat East West for the entire congress and it wasn’t until the teams on Sunday that the bridge gods decided to show mercy on us and I picked up a hand that had more than 7hcp. I am still unsure what happened to our East West counterparts on this board but our team mates Linda Bedford-Brown and Robin Paterson came back with -100 after going down in 2 spades.

I chose this board to mention as it involved a rare bidding sequence for Kathy and myself which created an anxious moment for Kathy.

At our table North opened the bidding with 1 spade. I am aware that a lot of players would X with my hand (east) showing their 4 hearts. I chose to bid 1NT informing partner of my point count and spade cover. After my 1NT it is ‘system on’ so Kathy can find out about my heart holding by bidding 2C (Stayman). My 1NT may be 1 point light but I figured that with a regulation spade lead coming into my AQ it was worth it. With her singleton spade Kathy wasn’t too worried about the spade suit but my now known cover gave her extra confidence to bid her hand to the ‘max’. South passed. This is where the anxiety came in.

How would I take her 2NT. Obviously with her singleton spade and doubleton heart Kathy had no desire to play in 3NT (even though we find later that it makes +1). Her intention was to transfer me to diamonds and wait to see what I responded. North passed. Kathy felt somewhat relieved when I bid 3C. Our agreement is that a bid of 3C here says that I am not fond of diamonds and therefore prefer clubs. My 3C bid wasn’t entirely correct because I did have three diamonds but my clubs were better. Armed with the knowledge that I had at least a good 15hcp a cover in spades and support for clubs Kathy jumped to 5C. As the cards lay the club suit presents no problem. On seeing dummy I took a view that the diamond honours had to be split between N/S. However we all know that there are some sneaky players out there and when I took the first finesse in diamonds and the king popped up I did consider whether North had a doubleton KQ. I held firm with my view on the

split honours and we picked up 7imps on the board.

Brd 5	♠ KT7632	
Dlr N	♥ T76	
Vul NS	♦ K2	
	♣ AJ	
		♠ AQ9
♠ 8		♥ AK95
♥ J8		♦ 654
♦ AJT87		♣ QT3
♣ K9864		

	♠ J54	
	♥ Q432	
	♦ Q93	
	♣ 752	

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South West Friendly Teams

Saturday October 26th 2013

9.30 to 5.00

Director: Peter Holloway

**Naturaliste Community Centre,
Dunsborough**



Lunch provided

Cost \$25

Entries via BAWA website

Convener Jane Moulden

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Beware of What You Wish For

By Ron Klinger



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PROBLEM

Partner has bid and shown a good suit.
Should you lead partner's suit or try something else?

Teams; Dealer West; E-W vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1D	1H
X (1)	Pass	2D	2H
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) Shows four spades

West to lead from:

- ♠ KQJ10
- ♥ J874
- ♦ 93
- ♣ J105

There is no case for a heart lead and why would you choose a club when the spades are so much stronger? Partner has bid and rebid diamonds and so you will incur no wrath if you lead partner's suit, but is that your best choice? You are not interested in a ruff, as you figure to take a trump trick anyway. You need six tricks to defeat this contract and you cannot expect more than two from the diamonds.

Call me unimaginative and old-fashioned, but any choice other than a top spade lead from K-Q-J-10 is a strange choice indeed. That cannot cost a trick and it can set up one or two tricks. In addition, because you have length in hearts, you may be able to set up a forcing defence.

You have to have an overwhelming reason to choose a lead other than a K-Q-J-10 suit against a trump contract.

The deal comes from the final of a National Women's Playoff:

Brd	♠ 652		
Dlr W	♥ Q2		
Vul EW	♦ J54		
	♣ K9832		
	♠ KQJT		♠ A74
	♥ J874		♥ T
	♦ 93		♦ AKT862
	♣ JT5		♣ Q64
			♠ 983
			♥ AK9653
			♦ Q7
			♣ A7

At one table the bidding went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1D	1H
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Few would quarrel with a 2D rebid by East rather than the 'living-beyond-your-means' choice of 3NT. West suggested after the hand was over that a 3D bid would certainly have sufficed.

3NT is so bad for East-West that any lead other than the DJ should take 3NT two down. In practice North led the C3. South took the CA and returned a club, and North cleared the suit. Declarer took the next six tricks and the defence took the rest. Two down (- 200)

At the other table, after the auction given in the problem, West led the D9. East won with the DK and cashed the DA. Next came the D10, but South simply discarded a spade. She lost two more tricks but made her contract for +110, holding the loss to 3 Imps.

West led a doubleton to seek a ruff. That was silly since West was almost certain to have a natural trump trick. First - the good news. She received her ruff; now the bad news. The ruff was fatal to the defence. A spade lead will defeat 2H with 3 spades, 1 heart and 2 diamonds.





ROVING RHODES

Slam at Swiss: Nedlands Autumn Swiss Pairs



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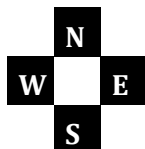
Rick and I haven't really had our minds on Bridge, as we finally have our first grandchild! Sebastian is a lovely baby and we are lucky enough to have him and his parents living with us for the moment. We are enjoying every precious minute of this very special time. However, we decided to venture out to the Nedlands Autumn Swiss Pairs, which was held over three Wednesday afternoons in May and it was a very pleasant event, in which 34 Pairs competed. This proves how popular Daytime competitions are at a time when the attendance at the night-time BAWA events is dwindling. Well done, Nedlands for providing such a great event.

The very popular winners were a new partnership: Joanna Tennyson and Sue Gammon. Jan Blight, who has mentored both these lovely ladies, must feel very proud, especially as she was instrumental in bringing them together. Eileen Reilly and Judith Wilson are an established partnership, but equally popular, so it was lovely to see they come second. Val Isle and Salim Songerwala were third, while Rick and I came in fourth.

I was very proud of Rick for bidding this slam, which only two Pairs out of 17 bid and made.

Brd	2	♠	Q85	♠	J9
Dlr	E	♥	93	♥	AQ7
Vul	NS	♦	983	♦	AKQ7
		♣	96542	♣	AQJ7
		♠	K742		
		♥	KJT865		
		♦	4		
		♣	83		
				♠	AT63
				♥	42
				♦	JT652
				♣	KT

	2	
7		23
	8	



The bidding proceeded as follows:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Rick</i>		<i>Maura</i>	
		2C	Pass
2H	Pass	3H	Pass
4NT	Pass	5C	Pass
6H	All Pass		

My 2C opening was either Game force or 22-24 balanced. I have noticed that a lot of partnerships open 2C with hands which are nowhere near a game force. I always ask myself, "If my partner can't respond, do I really want to be in game?" Usually the answer is no. Rick correctly deemed his hand strong enough to give a positive reply to my opening and he showed me at least 5 Hearts. I raised his suit, showing at least three cards and he saw that there was slam potential. He could have control bid 3S, showing first or second round control in Spades, then he would have found that I had a Club control. Instead he decided to head straight into Roman Keycard Blackwood and my response of 5C showed none or three Keycards. He knew I would never open 2C with no Aces, so it had to be three. He didn't worry about the Queen of trumps as he knew we had at least a nine-card trump fit so he just bid six! A Spade was led to the Ace; another Spade returned which Rick won. He then ruffed a third Spade with the Ace of trumps, drew trumps and claimed. Well done, Partner!



RESULTS

TEAMS OF 4

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Red	4	2	64
WABC Finesse	1	1	25
Melville Spades	1	1	16
Kalamunda	1	0	10
Maccabi	1	0	4
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
Nedlands	4	3	69
South Perth Green	2	1	35
Undercroft Green	2	1	27
Melville	1	0	14
WABC Green	1	0	2

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
Maccabi	7	4	126
South Perth Red	4	1	56
WABC Blue	2	1	32
Melville Hearts	2	1	28
Undercroft Red	2	0	22
WABC Red	1	1	19
Maylands	2	0	15
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
Melville Diamonds	4	2	62
WABC Green	3	3	54
South Perth Green	3	0	38
Nedlands	3	1	35
Undercroft Green	1	1	16
West Coast			

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Red	5	4	100
Undercroft Red	5	2	76
WABC Blue	4	1	58
WABC Red	3	1	40
Swan Dists	2	0	21
Kalamunda	1	0	3
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
Nedlands	4	2	61
WABC Gold	3	2	47
WABC Green	2	1	33
South Perth Green	2	1	32
Kalamunda	1	0	5



Winter Open Teams

Sunday 23rd and 30th June

2 sessions each day starting at 10.00 am

Light supper on 30th

Entry fee \$50 per player
for the 4 sessions over 2 days

Entries:

Through the BAWA web site please



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Director: Bill Kemp

Convenor: Cassie Morin



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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2013

	Jun	May 31 st – June 3 rd	WABC Congress/Country GNOT
		Sun 9 th	Fremantle Bridge Club Congress
		Mon 10 th	BAWA – State Swiss Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Tue 11 th – Wed 12 th	South Perth Bridge Club Mid-week Congress
		Fri 14 th – Sun 16 th	Geraldton Bridge Club Congress
		Sun 23 rd	South Perth Bridge Club Winter Open Swiss Teams 1st of 2
		Sat 29 th	Zonta Dunsborough 9.30am –see flyer
	Jul	Sat 6 th	Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
ANC 7 th – 18 th Adelaide		Mon 8 th	BAWA Graded Pairs 1 st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Wed 10 th	BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1 st of 3 Venue Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Sat 13 th – Sun 14 th	Mandurah Bridge Club Winter Swiss Pairs-see flyer
		Sun 21 st	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress 10.00am
		Fri 26 th – Sun 28 th	Bunbury Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Mon 29 th	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1 st of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Aug	Thu 1 st	BAWA Open Spring Pairs Championship AND Women's Spring Pairs Championship 1 st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 3 rd –4 th	South Perth Congress- see flyer
Simultaneous Pairs Week		Sat 10 th – Sun 11 th	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs (PQP & Gold Points)see flyer
		Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th	GNOT City and Restricted Heat Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10 am
	Sep	Thu 12 th	Open Spring Championship 1 st of 6 Women's Spring Pairs 1 st of 6
		Sun 15 th	West Coast Bridge Club Congress –see flyer
		Thu 19 th	BAWA State Open Teams 1 st of 8 BAWA 0-300 Teams 1 st of 3
		Sat 21 st – Sun 22 nd	HGR Memorial Congress Weekend-see flyer
		Fri 27 th – Sun 29 th	Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress
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Albany Congress Results Cont.

Saturday Pairs - Consolation

Sunday Teams



1st: **Phillip Power** and **Kathy Power**



1st: **Frances Thompson, Ken Smith, Luba Klein**
and **Louis Klein**



2nd: **Nigel Dutton** and **Marie France Merven**



2nd: **Nigel Dutton, Marie France Merven, Phil**
Tearne and **Val Biltoft**



3rd: **Thanga Prathalingan** and **Brian Mee**



3rd: **Pim Birss, Carol Cleeve, David Dale**
and **Martin Cleeve**

Albany Congress - Best Country

With grateful Thanks to Carole Munro - Albany Bridge Club Treasurer

Best Unplaced Albany Pair



Sybil Davis and Vanessa Floyd

Best Qualifying N/S



Kay Thompson and Rita Leeming

Best Unplaced Country Team



Joy Gibson and Phyl Barnes (Bob Stevens, and Brian Wade)

Best Unplaced Albany Team



Carole and Chris Munro, Thanga Prathalingan and Brian Mee

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