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Congratulations!

Western Seniors Winners

Gold Medallion

Silver Medallion



Val Biltoft and **Joan Touyz**

Fiske Warren and **Maura Rhodes**



Congratulations to **Marcey Spilsbury**, **Meredith Goodlet**, Catherine Ellice-Flint and Mandy Porter (SABA) who placed 3rd in the Restricted Teams in the Adelaide Nationals

Seen at the Tasmanian Festival of Bridge

Seen at the Western Seniors



Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside



Deb Greenway, Judith Wilson, Pepe Schwegler, Dominique Rallier and Robin Rose



Joan Prince and Bob Prince



Kathy Power and Di Brooks



Kate Boston and Murray Webber



Ian Bailey, Ann Ohlsen and David Dale



Jane Moulden and Robyn Howe



All smiles from South Perth Bridge Club



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Congratulations to Kitty George and her team for a very successful **Western Senior Pairs** held recently at the WABC. I've just been and checked the archives back to, I think, the first Western Seniors in 2003 which boasted 62 pairs; this year's 84 pairs is easily the new record.

The next major Gold Point ABF/BAWA event will be the **Swan River Open Swiss in August**. Prior to that is the 4 day Super Congress being held by WABC over the WA day long weekend. This is a big challenge for WABC as they need to reach 200 tables over the weekend to qualify for Super Congress Red Points and the possibility of applying for Gold Point status for future events. I've seen the program and there is something for everyone, single session pairs (every day), a full day pairs, a new and exciting 2-day Swiss Pairs which should be a great event and, of course, a team's event on the Monday. They have over 100 tables already so things are looking good.

One thing that I have learnt from our negotiations with the Melville City Council and the Melville Bridge Club is that councils move very slowly. However, they do move and the re-development of the Melville Bridge Club incorporating a headquarters for BAWA is progressing. One of the problems for the planning department at the council is that they didn't fully understand how a bridge club functions. However, a delegation of

planners from the council recently visited WABC on one of their busiest days – now they know! BAWA and Melville BC appreciate the time and effort of WABC, particularly Sheenagh Young who spent a good deal of time with the delegations fully apprising them of the requirements for a large bridge club.

I'm pleased to report that the BAWA Tournament Committee endorsed my recommendation regarding the entry format to the Grand Master – Restricted Pairs later this year. Nothing complicated – simply find a partner and enter. I would hope that at least 50 or 60 of our 120+ Grand Masters in Perth will be playing. So get organised ☺

Coming up BAWA Events:

- **Graded Pairs**
2-weeks event starts Monday, 7th of July
- **Daytime Open Pairs**
3-weeks event starts Wednesday, 9th of July
- **Daytime Restricted Pairs (<300)**
3-weeks event starts Wednesday, 9th of July
- **Winter Pairs**
3-weeks event starts Monday, 4th of August

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Mandurah Bridge Club

Form Wal Aldridge

A new Committee year has begun and with Jim McNamara stepping down as President, we thank him for his and his committee's contributions -- while welcoming our new President Ann Shalders and Committee – it is always good to see new faces in office as it reflects enthusiasm and interest – we also see a number of new Volunteers willing to carry out daily tasks that keep the Club operating efficiently from day to day.

Our Committee is:

President	Ann Shalders
Vice President	Doug Hardman
Treasurer	Di Shupp
Asst Treasurer	Laurie Hayes
Secretary	Bev Ford
Bridge Convener	Neville Walker
Membership/Points	Liz Vince
Committee	B. Friedlander, R.Thomas, F.Badger

Congratulations go to **Doug Hardman, Vera Hardman, Jenny Maley** and **Bill Maley** for their First in the Teams Event at the Bunbury Congress



Also to **Janet Wemyss** and **Wal Aldridge** for winning the Best Below Masters Status at the South Perth Congress.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: the two most popular days -- relaxed and competitive – on both days one can come without a partner and again on both days there are Duty partners available.

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

The Inaugural Under 100MPS Championship was a great success and keenly contested.



Winners **Pat McLean** and **Patti Rock** having a narrow win of just 0.6 % from Kerry Short and Marjorie Smith, with Joan Edwards and Marj Fitzgerald third and just 1% away from second.

To celebrate the annual Bridge for Brain Research Challenge, which is run to raise funds for Neuroscience Research Australia, we dressed in bright clothes and enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea, supplied by our Members. With 1,573 pairs competing Australia-wide, the Club did astonishingly well, with **Wayne Cupitt** and **Heather Cupitt** winning the event for the second time, Chris Knight and Norma Lodge in 20th place, and Else Wilhelm and Stuart Stevens in 35th place. Else is a new member of our Club and travels from Dongara to play with us, so is a very committed bridge player.

Our players are enjoying the Pennant competition, thanks to BAWA and Ian Bailey for continuing this monthly event.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

Fremantle Bridge Club held its Pairs Championship over two Saturdays towards the earlier part of May.

The winners were **Janice Winsor** and **Maureen Bellett**.



Second were Laurel Lander and Se-Moi Loh (pictured below)



3rd Martin Jones and Sam Zorub

The Club is looking forward to hosting its Congress on Sunday, 8 June 2014. At the time of writing there are still one or two places left. As usual, entries can be made on the BAWA web page.

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Maureen Heslop

The results from our recent Red Point Events:

March 20th - Winners **Eddie Pozarowszczyk**
and **Carola Neurgens**
April 7th – Winners **Eddie Pozarowszczyk**
and **Rod Rylatt**

Northern Districts Bridge Club is situated in Seacrest Drive, Sorrento. We play on Monday and Thursday afternoons and we ask visitors to please arrive by 12.15pm. The cost is \$4.

Contact numbers are:

- o Reg Dawson 9409 4534 or
- o Maureen Heslop 9309 4963 or
- o John Sharland 9203 8670

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Ursula Wade

Bridgetown Bridge Club played the Bridge for Brain Research Challenge last night, Tue May 20.

The Club is looking forward to our annual bridge day with Kojonup in June.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The result of our GNOT Teams Competition were:

- 1st **Ross Duberal, Terence Newton, Marlene Medhat and Don Whooley**
- 2nd Helen Baker, Jean Calder, Barbara Martin and Michael Smith
- 3rd Michael Plows, Yvonne Plows, Yola Krebs and Christine Shawcross



Rear : Terence Newton, Marlene Medhat, Ross Duberal
Front: Don Whooley

We collected \$384 dollars in excess of our table money at our Bridge for Brains afternoon on May

6. This amount will be donated to Alzheimer's research foundation.

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Due to the Blind Bowlers' National Championships being held at the Bayswater Bridge Club's usual premises, play has taken place for the last few Wednesdays at the home of Jean and Peter McSkimming, overlooking Langley Park.

Farewell to our Patron



Bridge at Jean's was delightful with a lovely atmosphere and beautiful luncheons especially on the last Wednesday which also had a touch of sadness as we were bidding farewell our Patron, Alexandra Russell, who is going back home to New Zealand. We were thrilled with the gift of the club's first trophy which we are going to award yearly to the Handicap Winner. Club President, Lesley Hardingham, presented Sandra with a photo to remember us by plus offers to billet anyone from her home clubs who would like to come over to explore the West. We are hoping to see Sandra back in Perth some day and a trip to New Zealand is on the cards for many of us in later years.

Holiday to Bali

The next trip on the agenda, however, is the Annual Bridge Holiday to Bali. The first holiday was held last year when eight players stayed together in Sienna Villas in Seminyak. This year ten bridge ladies are heading off to Bali again with a suitcase of bridge boards and bidding slips, and again staying in Seminyak but this time at a new location. Someone quipped that last year they played a team's match, this year there will be two over to pour the drinks.

Evening Session Trial

The Bayswater Bridge Club is trialling an evening session of bridge on Monday evenings at the

Creche in the Rise, the Multi-purpose Recreational Centre in Eighth Avenue, near Guildford Road, just behind the heritage listed Old Maylands Library. Bridge starts at 6.30 and finishes by 10.00pm. Come with or without a partner as there is always a duty dummy. All welcome.

Normal Wednesday Session Resumes

Bridge is now back at the usual premises at the Bedford Bowling Club at 145 Grand Promenade. Beginners lessons and supervised Bridge runs from 10am to noon with the regular session starting at 12.30 until 4.00pm.

Again there is no need to have a partner as there is a duty dummy for the morning and the afternoon games.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown



Winning the Mixed Pairs and retaining their 2013 title **Terri Garbutt and Jonathan Pynt.**



2nd Gloria Herman and Morrie Herman

3rd David Schokman and Pauline Hammond



South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker

The **Easter Congress** was the biggest event of the year to date at South Perth, and by all accounts, it was a bumper enjoyed by all who attended. Special thanks to Judy Varley and her many helpers in the kitchen, Jan Annear, Ann Torich, Norman and Jennifer Robertson, Kathy Murray, Meike Schoolland, Wendy Howlett and Maureen Hughes and to all members who donated delicious home cooked food. The increase in prize money was popular too!

Something delicious at every break!

Congratulations to **Di Quantrill** on attaining the ABF Promotion of Gold Life Master. **Di and Audrey Stokes** placed 5th in the Western Seniors – again Congratulations!

Members who took a place in the Top Twenty of the Western Seniors are:

1st Val Biltoft

- 4th Phil Tearne and Jonathan Free
- 6th Dave Munro and David Schokman
- 10th Nigel Dutton and Marie - France Merven
- 11th Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku
- 13th James Steer and Stella Steer
- 14th Chris Bagley and Bruce Fraser
- 15th Chris Ingham
- 18th Dadie Greenfeld

Well done!

Fiske Warren will be holding the following:

- o Tue 24th June, 12.45 pm to 2.45 pm:

BASIC PLAY AT NO TRUMPS (INTERMEDIATE LEVEL). How to keep dangerous opponents off lead.

- o Wed 25th June, 10.00 am to 12 noon:

MULTI TWO BIDS. How to use them and how to bid against them.

For further details and enquiries, please contact Fiske: fiskebridge@bigpond.com or telephone 9402 4507

Coming up soon: the **Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs** Saturday July 5th starting at 10.00am.

Followed by the **Sunday Congress** July 20th starting at 10.00am. See you there.



Friday Welcome Pairs

- 1st Jonathan Free and Ian Lisle
- 2nd Geoff Yeo and Helen Turner
- 3rd Jamie Dennis and Lisa Fehse

Saturday Open Pairs – Final

- 1st Marnie Leybourne and Nick Cantatore



- 2nd Joan Valentine and Wendy Harman
- 3rd Anne Lowe and Faye Wilner

Saturday Open Pairs – Plate

1st Alison Orr and Lynne Errington



2nd Martin and Carol Cleeve

3rd John Bamfield and Jessie Lim

Saturday Open Pairs – Cons

1st Alan Harrop and Ian Lisle

2nd Luba Klein and Judy Havas

3rd Vicky Lisle and Jonathan Free

Best Pair Under State Master



Liz Farr and Wendy Krummel

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

Focus will print details of your congress or Open Red Point events. All you have to do is email the full details before the **20th** of each month to be included in the following month's issue.

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown
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Sunday Swiss Pairs



1st Jackie and Darrell Williams

2nd Tony Stevens and Alexandra Russell

3rd Lyndall Steed and Michael Turner

Monday Swiss Teams



1st Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Val Biltoft and Phil Tearne



2nd Doreen Jones, Catherine Hood, Heather Williams and Jan Blight



3rd Joan Valentine, Wendy Harman, Jeanne Hey and Barbara Frost

Best South Perth Team



Elizabeth McNeill, Cassie Morin, Valerie Isle and Peter Gill

Playing to a full house at the Easter Congress



West Australian Bridge Club

From Beverly Hunt

The **Charity Day** on the 9th May was the highlight of the month. Once a year WABC organises a raffle to support charity -this year's recipient was Legacy WA. An incredible amount of over \$5300 was raised by selling raffle tickets for an extensive array of prizes donated by members and local supporting businesses. Included in this amount was the donation of table money from the afternoon session – adding another \$900 to the kitty.

WABC member **Margaret Emmett** won the first prize of the Jarrah hall table, hand –made by another WABC member Tony Field. The table had a curious history in as much as the fund- raising went to Legacy and some of the materials used had an association with the armed forces. They came from Hut H2, which was one of the army huts built as part of the Northam army camp in 1942. The hut forms the basis of the Field's

holiday home at Jalbarragup near Nannup. As Hut H2 it was an Officer's hut and had been divided into rooms and lined up to window height with jarrah panelling. The Field's carefully removed this panelling and it went on to make lots of furniture, including our top prize!

Other winners were **Robin Draper**, winning accommodation at Coral Bay donated by the Brogan family. A \$500 voucher from Justin Birchmore of Basler Clothing Boutique in Cottesloe went to John Nelson. Other winners were Judy Law, Brian Haddon, Charlotte Key and Melva Ruffin. Sincere thanks go to all WABC members and visitors who so generously supported this event.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmüller

Recently some members of the Undercroft Bridge Club committee and their partners were invited to dinner at the City of Joondalup Council Chambers.

Our hosts were Cr Brian Corr and his wife Julia. It was a very pleasant evening, which included a tour of the impressive building.



Cr Brian Corr (back left) and his wife, Julia (front left) with committee members and their partners at the CoJ Council dinner

In April the club held a General Meeting to seek the members approval to move forward with extension plans. The committee received unanimous support and so the process is in full swing. One of the local shire councillors, Teresa

Ritchie, visited the Undercroft in May to look at how crowded we are and to discuss our options. She expressed her full support. Her hosts for the visit were David Cowell and Ron Davenport.



David Cowell, Cr Teresa Ritchie and Ron Davenport discussing club extensions.

The **Bridge for Brain Research** charity event was held at Undercroft on May 14th. The committee and some members provided a delicious afternoon tea for the 92 participants and Des Warner directed this Red Point event. **Debbie James** and **Domenico De Gasperis** were the winners with 67.3%. In second place were Jennifer Bandy and Betty Day, with Wendy Baillie and Mike Mahon coming third. Congratulations! \$800.00 was raised for this worthy cause.



Bridge For Brain Research - a full house and delicious food!!!!



The Western Seniors Pairs was a wonderful event, thanks to the convener Kitty George, her helpers and the fantastic team of Directors.



At Undercroft we are VERY proud of the 3rd place getters, **Joanna Tennyson** and **Jennifer Bandy**. Congratulations ladies!

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

The 777 Team's Event was played on Wednesday the 23rd of April and it was very closely contested.



The winners were **Janice Hawker, Robin Aplin, June Scott** and **Joan Rickers**. The Munro Team and the Edwards Team came equal second. Sandy Sandilands was the Director and she did a great job as usual.



The Taurus Pairs were played on Monday 12th May and was won by **Sandy Sandilands and Marjorie James**. Thank you to Eve Dethlefsen for directing



Runners Up: David Clark (President Jill Dawson) and Elena Olsen



Vice President June Scott Congratulates **Alfreda Philippe** who reached the great age of **90** on May 8th

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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Vale Peg Brady

Peggy was teacher, mentor, founder and life member of Rockingham Bridge Club Inc. and passed away on 3 May 2014 after a life journey of 93 years. A service was held on Wednesday 7th May 2014, in Mandurah at the Lady of Assumption Church where Peggy attended and was an active member.

Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

Our club is happy and proud to have once again assisted Neuroscience Research Australia by participating in the annual Bridge for Brain Research Challenge. On May 5th all table money, plus money raised from a club raffle - thanks to our generous members who donated prizes and also bought tickets - \$1,100.00 was donated to Neuroscience Research Australia.

Congratulations to Noel Daniels and Merwyn Menezes who placed 2nd in Australia and coming 4th Bill Symonds and Martin Goodall

Recorders

Recorders are appointed at National, State and Club level to afford players the opportunity to discuss a possible breach of ethics or propriety that may occur at the table. While Bridge is an ethical game everyone wants to win, and if you feel that the actions of a player may be questionable, you should not discuss this at the table but rather seek the advice of a Recorder.

If a nominated Recorder is not available at any event then it is appropriate to speak to the Director who can record the incident for you and refer it to the appropriate Recorder. The Recorder will speak to all players to gather information before making any recommendation to the relative body.

Do not be intimidated, voice your concerns.

BAWA Recorders are:

John Beddow and Marnie Leybourne.



“I didn’t mean to do that”

By Matt McManus

One of the more confusing laws in the game gets dragged out whenever a player claims that what just happened was “**inadvertent**”. There are three situations when a player sometimes seeks assistance from the director when they assert that they didn’t mean to do what just happened:

- 1) the bid they made
- 2) the card they called for from dummy
- 3) the card they played as declarer

Before looking at all of these situations in turn, some of the history of inadvertency ... Up until 2007, there was this law in the Law Book which said that a player could change an inadvertent call if they did so without pause for thought. What was actually meant by “inadvertent” was a cause for great debate. Some people thought it meant one thing, others something else. In fact when I did some research about the word, there were some subtle differences in its meaning, depending on whether your dictionary was the Macquarie (Australia), Oxford (UK) or Webster’s (USA). Add to that the tribulations of any non-English speaking bridge player or director and you may be able to see why it caused so many problems. So in 2007, the lawmakers removed the word from the Law Book. However, that hasn’t stopped players still trying to claim that what they did was “inadvertent”.

What actually happened is that they just swapped one confusing term for another. Now the Laws say that a player may change an **unintended** call if he does so, or attempts to do so, without pause for thought. It hasn’t really solved the problem as even amongst senior directors there is much debate about what should be considered an unintended call.

To look at the three examples noted above, let’s consider them in reverse order:

3) Declarer’s played card: If the declarer deliberately plays a card, it can never be deemed an unintended play. The law does not apply here. If you, as declarer, play and face a card from your hand, you can only change it if you have revoked,

or if a change is permitted by the director following an infraction by the opponents. The fact that you have carelessly pulled out the wrong card and put your queen, instead of the ace, on the opponent’s king, or if you have “ruffed” with a heart when spades are trumps, is irrelevant. A card played by declarer is rarely able to be changed and definitely not just because it was inadvertent or unintended.

2) The classic case where the director is called for an alleged unintended call of a card from dummy is in the following situation. West is declarer and this is the club suit:

3 2 A Q

Declarer leads C2 from his hand, intending to finesse dummy’s queen. North surprisingly plays the king. Far too often, declarer says, “queen, I mean the ace”.

For the director to allow you to change an unintended call (whether it be naming a card in dummy or making a bid), you must satisfy him that you never intended to make the call you did. When talking about naming dummy’s card, the equivalent would be that you have to convince him that what you actually said was just a “slip of the tongue”. If there is any suggestion at all that there was a change of mind, no matter how quickly the correction was made, then the director will not allow a change.

In this example, when declarer led the two of clubs from his hand, his intention was clearly to play the queen hoping for the finesse to work. When he called for the queen after North played the king, this was just carelessness. It was only after noticing the king that he quickly changed his mind. If the card which declarer originally named could ever have been in his thoughts to play, then he will almost never be able to successfully claim that it was an unintended call.

The other thing that can sometimes happen is that declarer gets “ahead of themselves” and names a card he was intending to play to the next trick. For instance, playing in no trumps, dummy has the singleton ace of hearts while declarer holds KQJ109. With the lead in dummy, declarer’s

plan is to unblock the ace and then lead a diamond to his ace and cash the rest of the hearts. Unfortunately, he calls for a “small diamond”, and then says, “I mean, the ace of hearts.” It is unlikely that declarer will be able to convince the director that “small diamond” was an unintended call. Playing that card was clearly in his thought process. It was careless that he called for it before cashing HA.

When the director comes to the table to rule on a possible change of unintended call of a card, the declarer must be able to immediately say what he intended to play. Otherwise, he didn't have an intended card to play and so no change will be allowed.

So when can declarer successfully plead an “unintended” call? In practice, it really comes down to when the director is confident that it was a slip of the tongue. For instance, declarer is pointing to a low club in dummy's hand on the table, but says, “low spade”. I would allow that change. Similarly, declarer has D K765 and after ruffing the three little ones, the ace has fallen and the king is now good. He goes to dummy and says, “king of hearts, I mean diamonds”. On the face of it, this very much looks like an unintended call. I would investigate whether there was any way he could have been thinking about playing HK (such as leading it to the following trick), but in most cases I would probably look favourably on the claim for an unintended call.

(For those of you interested in where this arises in the Laws of Bridge, we are talking about Law 45C4b.)

1) The final and maybe most common situation where a player may seek to change an unintended call is during the bidding. Although a different law is applicable here (Law 25A), the same principles that I described when talking about declarer naming dummy's card generally apply. The player must be able to convince the director that the bid, pass or double which he made was never his intention. Again, if there is any suggestion that he may have been considering the call he made, it will be very difficult to get the director to allow the change. If it appears that it may have been a change of mind (no matter how quickly it happened – even if his pen is still on the bidding pad), no change will be allowed. Some examples: a player who has four spades and five hearts and opens 1S certainly looks like someone who was maybe considering a

spade bid; after partner's 1NT opening, a player with five hearts bids 2D and hurriedly changes to 2H – that looks like he has forgotten that they are not playing transfers; a player with 12 points passes and then wants to change to 1C – that sounds like while in the process of passing he re-assessed his hand or recounted his points. All of these scenarios would rarely result in a favourable ruling.

Some circumstances where I have allowed a change:

- a player has an opening hand with five spades and one heart: as he goes to write 1S, the “one heart” distracts him and he instead bids 1H.

- the auction starts with 1S by the player's left hand opponent, 2S by partner (a Michael's cue bid showing hearts and a minor), 3S by the next opponent, now 4S! The player in question has heart support and was keen to bid game in hearts, but with everyone else bidding spades, he somehow got into the swing of things and did the same. I allowed him to change it back to 4H – 4S was never in his thoughts.

Using bidding boxes tends to result in an increased number of calls for the director for unintended calls. This is because of mechanical problems such as accidentally pulling out the wrong card, or having another card stuck to the bidding card as you make your bid. If this is honestly what has happened, then a change without penalty is usually allowed.

There are two other important aspects to this law: firstly, it says the player must change, or attempt to change, the unintended call without pause for thought. However, this does not necessarily mean it has to be instantaneous. The player has to change or attempt to change (for example, by calling the director) immediately he becomes aware that he has made an unintended call. For example, a player meant to pull out the 1S bidding card, but as he did so the 1NT card got stuck on top and he doesn't notice. When he hears his partner announce, “15-17”, he only now looks down and sees what has happened. By saying something or calling the director immediately, he would be allowed to make a change without penalty, even though the reason he discovered the error was because of something else that occurred. The second significant aspect to the law is that a player is entitled to change an unintended *up until* the time when his partner next makes a call. That

means that even if your left hand opponent has made a call, you can change your unintended call as long as you call the director as soon as you realise what has happened. If the director permits you to change your call, then the opponent can also change his call without any penalty. If however your partner has made a call after your unintended call and before you have said anything it is too late to change and there is nothing you can do about it. If this is the case, it is very important that you don't make any comment or reaction. You don't want your partner – or your opponents – to know that anything has gone wrong.

The laws relating to unintended calls are some of the more difficult ones for the director to administer. Each time they come up, the director has to make a judgement based on evidence which may not be very precise. It is possible that there could be two scenarios which seem very similar in which the director (or directors) made the completely opposite rulings. It is the nature of these laws and the information which the director relies upon and needs to analyse which makes this possible – and in both cases, it may be that the ruling is correct.



Saturday 11 July to Thursday 23 July 2015

Every eight years Western Australia hosts the Australian National Bridge Championships. Next year this two week event is again being held in Fremantle at the Rydges Esplanade Hotel so start making plans to stay and play.

Your ANC Committee has already started planning to ensure this event is successful. Traditionally, the WA bridge community has been overwhelming in its support and we hope 2015 is no different. We are relying on our Bridge Clubs to generously sponsor Congress events and our players to donate prizes and find a friend, relative or employer to come on board as a sponsor.

My role as Tournament organiser is to oversee the whole operation and to choose the right people to do the job. I believe I have made an excellent start by enlisting Kitty George as Treasurer, Hilary Yovich as Tournament Manager and Robina McConnell as Secretary. From now until the event I will be writing regular updates to keep you informed of our progress.

In the near future I shall be writing to all clubs regarding event sponsorship but in the meantime we have a few issues of paramount importance.

- 1) We need folding bridge tables. Many clubs have changed to solid tables which limit the available supply so I am asking every player, as well as every club, to contact me if they have tables they are willing to loan for the two weeks. We need at least one hundred.
- 2) We need hospitality and fundraising volunteers. People, who are willing to beg, borrow (but not) steal prizes for the tournament. Man the hospitality desk at the venue. Be a standby player. Be a caddy. Help with pick-up and drop-off of equipment as well as setting up the playing areas. Generally help out with various tasks.

If you can help with any or all of the above please contact either Robina or me

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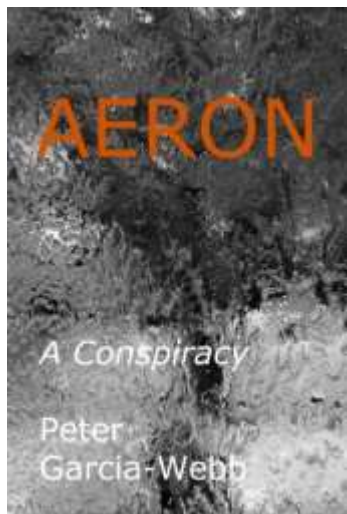
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Not a Bridge Book

Aeron: a Welsh Celtic God of Slaughter

By Pater Garcia Webb



Raynor, a young Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) cryptologist and computer wiz kid takes his first holiday in St Petersburg where he falls in love with Natasha. She tells him about Aeron, a man who controls politicians on an international scale. Three months later she is dead, her face

destroyed by a sniper's bullet. Raynor is transferred to Perth, Western Australia; someone tries to kill him and MI6 sack him.

Others are also looking for Aeron, including a CIA finance controller with an all-consuming hobby of the Conspiracy Theory, and a European Union military security expert who also advises the English Prime Minister.

Was Natasha killed by Aeron? The trail takes Raynor to a secret US Marine forward base in NE Afghanistan and then back to Perth.

Who is the man who calls himself Aeron? Why was Natasha shot? Why, more and more, does Raynor think he is being pulled first in one direction and then another?

Like a puppet on a string trapped in a conspiracy.

The Author

I got into the Conspiracy Theory early on. When aged 13 I wrote a school homework essay on the disappearance of personal freedom that was occurring in England as the government of the day tightened up on security against "Teddy Boys". What's a Teddy Boy? A 1950's walking version of a bikie. It's not surprising then that I chose to write my first book with a sub-theme of the Conspiracy Theory.

Aeron also includes hacking and spying. In my professional life I was a Chemical Pathologist, involved in blood tests such as glucose or cholesterol. Computers were an integral part of

that. And spying? My interest in that was kindled while a student at Guys Hospital Medical School when John Le Carre released *The Spy Who Came In From The Cold*. I've been hooked on spy thrillers ever since.

I have done a lot of professional writing with over 100 scientific papers. I've also been the Chairman of the Board of an Australian publishing company. I've written some poetry; there's an example on my website.

Now I live with my wife in Perth, Western Australia. We have four kids, three grandchildren and a cat. We now also have a book.

What they are saying

"I was flying from Europe to Australia and could not put it down to go to sleep"

"The ending was a complete surprise"

"Really exciting"

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Anyone for a Penalty Double?

From Ian Bailey

There was quite a lot of discussion over a hand that came up recently. It raises a number of issues and there are principles involved that are worth examination.

Here is the hand.

Brd	♠ K7		♠ AT54
Dlr S	♥ T954		♥ J
Vul Both	♦ Q73		♦ K8654
	♣ Q532		♣ JT4
	♠ Q632	♠ N	
	♥ AK7632	W	E
	♦ A		
	♣ 76	♠ S	
	♠ J98		
	♥ Q8		
	♦ JT92		
	♣ AK98		

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South opened with 1C, not my choice since there are significant rebid problems over a response by partner, but life is full of risks so we won't rate this as a criminal action. Now west has to do something, and bid 1H. In my view, with a 6-4 distribution, it is worth bidding the six carder (as an overcall) rather than double, even though it risks losing the spades, and the suit can be rebid. Now north comes up with 1 NT, eminently reasonable. East and south passed, to give west a problem. Bidding 2S is a reverse and overstates the hand. Double means that partner is likely to come up with diamonds, and this would not make your heart leap with joy, and pass is for wimps. No-one wants to be a wimp, so double it is. If partner bids diamonds you can repeat your hearts and hopefully this will convey the message about the spades.

North now bids 2C, doubled by east. What can this double mean? To my mind this is **unequivocally** a penalty double - partner has offered three suits to bid and east has chosen none of them, and wants to put the opponents in their place. So west passed after south. It was not a success. Deep Finesse says that only one club can be made, but this requires precise defence, that was not found, so the contract was made. 5

match points out of 20 was not a complete disaster, but it could have been better. Deep Finesse says that EW can make 2H and 3S. The latter requires the spade position to be read, but 2S is there unless you are distracted by worries about the impact of the budget.

With the hands shown, I believe that east should have bid either the diamonds or the spades over wests double. West has surely promised spades, but the diamonds are five so this is a 50-50 bet in my book, especially at pairs where the major scores so much better.

My favourite bridge book is Simon's "Why You lose at Bridge". In his book, he discusses a similar situation where west has cue bid the opponents' suit and east wails, "How can I bid a four card suit at the four level!" Simon's response is, "You're not, blast you! You are supporting me". I guess it is unnecessary to point this out to you as you go to great lengths to support your partner's suit, but your partner may need to be reminded.

No doubt there are those that disagree with my analysis. It could be mentioned the players involved have not come to a consensus. But perhaps you have picked up a better way to go. East could have doubled North's 1NT. To my mind this is **unequivocally** a takeout double. I take doubles of NT for penalty, but in this case the NT is simply a point count statement and is not a genuine NT bid. After this, west can bid the spades without reversing - this is simply supporting partner's suit.

All this leads to contemplation of a valuable part of bidding technique. Low level penalty doubles can be very lucrative. But they occur at about the same frequency as dodo sightings. This is the reason why some players can get away with outrageous overbidding. But not against you now you have realized the potential!



BAWA Promotions Officer Report

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

SOS - Threat of Extinction

Some scheduled BAWA events are in danger of being cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

The Day Time Swiss Teams, a three week event with double the Red Points of a normal congress, scheduled to start on Wednesday June 4 definitely looks like being cancelled. Other events such as the Open Swiss Pairs June 9th and the Swiss Teams on Thursday 12th seem to be filling up but could do with some support. It may be too late to salvage the June 4th event but there is still time for Club Promotion Officers to be involved in promoting other BAWA events throughout the year, focussing on events coming up in June and July.

As Club Promotion officers we need to look at new strategies in bringing BAWA events to the attention of members. The usual method of pinning the flyer onto the notice board seems not to be working at the moment so it may need a different approach, one of involvement. Clubs could be proactive and field a pair or a team to go along as club representatives into each event. Make it a club event – share a car, all take something to share at a “picnic table” if lunch isn't provided. Wear your club badge or your club shirts if you have them. Make your members feel part of a group. Get feedback and follow up after the event letting other club members know about the experience and how it has enhanced their game. The idea underpinning the strategy is the change of approach *‘how many from our club are going?’* rather than *‘that is for other clubs’*.

Many BAWA events have been created in response to club demand for specific events to meet perceived needs. This includes the restricted events so that novice players do not have to confront top players, and special events like the daytime competitions which provide equity of opportunity for players who do not like to venture out at night. With these events still under-supported we need to try and identify what may still be impacting on attendance.

With novice events the newness of the players going into unfamiliar territory may be a deterrent so any way to make it a positive experience would be worth trying. Organise a car pool; pair up the newer novices with those who are more

experienced, and even offer to attend the event in the morning, like a manager, to settle them in. The recent L plate novice event at WABC was a wonderfully marketed event anticipating exactly this feeling of insecurity with an acknowledgement of their newness and an offer to guide them through the process of writing up their system cards.

If the problem seems more to do with the financial side of things, and this could be more of a problem later with raised fuel excise and lower usable income, it may be time to approach this through Club Committee decision to support members by subsidising their participation in BAWA events, either wholly or in part, by any unused funds in the club kitty. Many established clubs have some plush that could be ploughed back into the club by getting their members more involved in the events of their Association. Players will find it a rewarding experience and their club bridge will improve dramatically.

It is hoped that every club will have at least one representative pair in each event. If there is one pair from your club wanting to enter a team's match ask around the clubs or post it on the new link on the BAWA website to find a pair from a nearby club or even one far afield to pair up with them in the event. Rose Ford from South Perth is very proactive in this area, teaming up novices to play in the Australia-Wide Novices on May 24th at the South Perth Bridge Club.

Even though one *pair* from each club would make a difference it would be great to have one or two *tables* especially from metro clubs. Imagine the difference in numbers. The event would be truly established and safe from cancellation.

So, the events are scheduled and written up in the BAWA calendar; the venue is booked; the Director is ready and the boards are dealt. All that is needed is for players to grab a partner and go on line and book in.

Director's Course

The Director's Course requested at the recent AGM of BAWA has had a very good response from clubs in terms of numbers wanting to attend the course, and some have offered their clubs as a venue, for example Bunbury and Rockingham

Bridge Clubs. It is hoped to have regional, outer metro and metro courses held over time as there is a somewhat urgent need for directors at club level. Many clubs wish to create a pool of directors to call on as there is currently a reliance on a just a few. One director, Rodney Bryant, a very willing worker, volunteers his time at many bridge clubs including Gwynne Park, Armadale, Maylands and Community, and no doubt would appreciate a break now and again.

However, negotiations concerning presenters, exact locations and time slots have yet to be finalised at the time of printing. We will keep you informed about course by email and details will be posted on the Promotions link on the BAWA website.

A New Link

Welcome to the Club Promotions area on the BAWA website. Thanks to BAWA President, Nigel Dutton, there is soon to be a Marketing Area link on the BAWA website so that club promotions officers and those interested in promoting bridge or growing their club can easily peruse the latest strategies and helpful hints.

Available will be the WA Marketing Plan put together by Sandra Mulcahy Marketing Manager of the ABF, Noel Daniel and all the other wonderful club promotions officers from clubs around Western Australia as well as the long-promised BAWA Promotions Booklet on strategies for the four leaf clover approach of attract, retain, involve and include.

This Reference booklet provides a huge resource for the teaching, learning, promoting, advertising and playing bridge and links to grants and their deadlines. There is an outline of how to go about organising a Free Luncheon and Free Bridge Lessons to increase membership plus details of the "Secret Weapon" the *Beginner Bridge Notes* by Leigh Harding which helps new teachers to introduce Beginner Bridge to their club. This take-home booklet, copyright-free for those who are in not-for-profit situations, will later be posted on the link in case it is difficult to find online. It provides all the basic mechanics of the game, giving an outline of Mini Bridge so that beginners are playing, scoring and understanding the logic of bidding, and bridge analysis, even before a lesson on the bidding.

Try out the new link on the BAWA site.

COTA Grant Opens

COTA (The Council of the Ageing) offers a grant of up to \$1000.00 annually for not-for-profit clubs to host events which recognise the wonderful contribution that seniors have contributed to the community over the years. The events must be targeted at seniors and enhance their health and well being. Several bridge clubs have been helped by this event including Gwynne Park Bridge Club which regularly gets 8 or 9 tables and the Armadale and Bayswater Bridge Clubs. BAWA runs the extremely successful Annual Super Vets Competition as part of the event.

Grant Applications open on Wednesday July 1 and close on Friday August 1. Apply on line at www.cotawa.org.au

When applying for the grant you will need to outline the event giving details including venue times and costs, plus you will need to write a paragraph on how it is going to benefit seniors. This is easy considering our product is bridge which ticks all the boxes in terms of brain health, social well being, positive approach to ageing and a challenging pastime that can be pursued long term. One factor to note is that to comply with the terms of the grant the event needs to be referred to with the title of the sponsor, Bendigo Bank. Keep all receipts and make a statement of costings to supply after the event for acquittal of the grant.

There is a section to fill out on approximate costings. An important point to note is that refreshments for the event can be costed only up to 10% of the total grant.

As well as receiving funding to hold your event successful applicants have their event advertised in all official outlets for the event including in the Have-a-go Paper and other advertising associated with COTA and the Bendigo Bank and as well the event will be listed in the COTA calendar.

If, however, you miss the grant deadline and you are not allocated funding, your club is still able to run an event during the week, capitalising on the wide advertising for the event, and you will be able to refer it to by the Bendigo Bank Seniors Week title to advertise your event but you will need to organise and pay for your own advertising and the event will not be listed in the COTA calendar of events.

This COTA event is an ideal time to introduce new members to your club. For example running a free luncheon, morning or afternoon tea plus free bridge lessons will really get new people coming through your door especially if you saturate the airwaves with extra free advertising from radio stations and community newspapers. It would be also time to lash out and do some paid advertising and a talk at the local library well before the event to get as many people there as possible. Print out 40 copies of the Leigh Harding booklet, get the cards ready and have members on hand to help them learn mini-bridge. This four week course will finish prior to the Christmas festivities but they will practise with friends over the holidays and take up the offer another 4 week course of lessons later in the New Year.

For those club teachers who would like to take the beginners on their next course of lessons the Promotions Booklet lists helpful books and websites for lesson plans. For those who are not yet confident, there are contact details for teachers and venues to learn bridge in Perth from beginner through to advanced. It is an opportune time to gain confidence in teaching bridge with Joan Butts coming to Perth to take the Teachers Accreditation Course on June 29th.

Joan Butts Visit to WA

Teacher's Accreditation Course

Joan Butts' Teachers Accreditation Course will be held at Melville Bridge Club on June 29th. Everyone is welcome to come along and learn about some great teaching methods and resources. It will be a timely boost for club teachers to hone their skills ready for the Bendigo Banks Senior's Week Free Luncheon and Lessons in November. This Free course, along with experience and self-evaluation, leads to Teacher Accreditation. It is a whole day event with luncheon provided. To book in email Noel noel25@iinet.net.au

Bridge Lessons

Joan will also be holding bridge lessons in metro areas and regional WA from Monday 29th of June to Wednesday 9th of July. Her first lesson is at to be held at the Melville Bridge Club on Monday 30th June. This class is open to all. Contact Joan on joan@joanbuttsbridge.com

to enrol in this course or to find out about courses around WA.

Bon Voyage, Alexandra

Word got around three years ago that there was "a very good player" at the Gwynne Park and Armadale Bridge Clubs. Finally having the privilege to meet Alexandra Russell it took only a couple of hands of 3NT for that description to be changed to "a remarkable player". Although Alexandra has played internationally for New Zealand and Australia, illness now unfortunately prevents her from taking part in bridge at that demanding level. Watching Alexandra bid and play has been a joy for her partners and opponents who have been taken on a journey into a new experience of bridge playing.

This modest lady, Sandra, as many know her, is a great player an extremely ethical one who has shared her knowledge and expertise in many clubs around Western Australia, joining South Perth, Armadale, Bayswater and Gwynne Park clubs. She has also played at many other clubs including WABC, Melville, Kalamunda, Geraldton, Mandurah and Kalgoorlie. Alexandra is the Founding Patron of the Bayswater Bridge Club having given so much support since the establishment of the club through to its status as a viable happy club in all areas including drafting of the constitution, directing, teaching and ethics.

Alexandra has been on an extended stay in Australia to spend time with her daughters and grand daughters but is now leaving to go home with her husband, Ian, also a wonderful bridge player, who has recently retired. We hope that they may be able to come back and visit us and in the meantime we wish them well in New Zealand where no doubt family and bridge partners will be waiting with open arms to welcome them home.

In her own modest way, Alexandra has promoted bridge tremendously in Western Australia, leaving many clubs noticeably enhanced by her presence, in bidding, playing and directing skills, and importantly in the fostering of a caring approach for each other. Sandra, we will miss you and your magic.



Western Seniors and Murphy's Law

From David Schokman

The Western Seniors has never been a happy hunting ground for me. I go in with relatively high expectations of at least a third place finish. That has never happened and coming fourth has been a "personal best"!

This year the field was good and if we had a favourable draw and some luck there were possibilities. Things went according to plan with four wins. In round five we came up against Jonathan Free and Phil Tearne, winners of the open Butler and most redoubtable opponents. After eight boards we were leading by 21 to seven. Then I caught a tiger by the tail and it cost 800 points. It was board 9 and having supported partners seven card suit with five hearts of my own could not risk 6C making. That needed the unlikely spade lead to beat it. Then with J43, KJ632, KQJ, AK, I bid 1H, Phil Tearne bid a vulnerable 4C. Dave Munro passed. Now 18 points does give you a God given right to bid, but as passing was never one of my strong points, I doubled. Jonathan holding AQ105, AQ987, A1075, VOID redoubled. Left in this would have cost 1360 so Dave wisely took it out to 4D. This was doubled by Jonathan. It should have cost 800 but we lost 1100 due to this totally undisciplined bid by me. 25 imps lost on two boards for an 8 imp loss.

Sunday was another day. Refreshed we arrived to do battle. Two wins - a lucky one against Jennifer Bandy and Joanna Tennyson. They played excellent bridge throughout the event finishing a very creditable third. This brought us to table one where Val Biltoft and Joan Touyz had defeated all comers.

All of us know of Val's absolute phobia about the number 13 but on that fateful Sunday all that changed. "Let's get this horrible board out of the way" said Val. With AJ865 K, 986432, Q, with both vulnerable Joan opened 2S - a multi. I was feeling very disciplined and did not introduce my broken seven card heart suit. Val bid 4S. Back to me - I was too weak to bid 3H, but strong enough to bid 5H! This was doubled. Played well I should have lost 500 but lost 800. The sad part was that 4S would have been defeated on the queen of diamond lead.

Next was board 14. Opening the bidding with 1S I saw my partner's bid of 2NT. Jacoby was in action. 3C, by me was showing a singleton. 3D by Dave - a cue: 3H by me - 3S by Dave with nothing extra to show. I should now have bid 4D showing second round control and Dave would have bid 4S ending the bidding. You should never try and pick up after have a disaster but when you are on a high nothing stops you. 4NT: 5H: 6S - one down - 21 imps lost on two boards. With the duplication in club values we should have certainly stopped in 4S. We then lost 8 imps on the next two boards.

Board 17 was another disaster. Holding KQ872, 8, QJ10, AJ86 the opening bid was 1S - 2C by Dave - 3C by me - 6NT by Dave. He was obviously protecting his heart tenace from attack. The statistics show that 33 out of 42 pairs bid to 6C: 6S twice and 6NT 23 times. Thirteen pairs were successful.

Deep Finesse says that you can make 6N from the West seat, 6S from any seat and 7C. All this depends on getting the club play right with Q972 opposite AJ86. Looking at the cards I can tell you how to get it right. At the table you take a decision and the double finesse turned out to be wrong -another 13 imps.

On board 19 we were inadvertently given incorrect information allowing our opponents to play in 2S for +110 with a vulnerable 3NT or 4H cold for us for +620. By now the adrenalin had stopped flowing and any vestige of confidence had completely evaporated. On board 20 our opponents missed a cold slam in 6C or 6D. This is difficult to bid but is unbeatable. Guess what- we lost 4 imps. In all it was a 53 imp thrashing and that must be some sort of record.

All of you must have heard of Murphy's Law? To refresh your memory the original is along the lines "If there are two or more ways to do something and one or more ways that can result in a catastrophe then someone will do it". In this match I made it into fine art.

In conclusion **Val Biltoft** and **Joan Touyz** were worthy winners remaining undefeated throughout the competition.



Capel Life

Capel Happiness is? ... Life in the Country

By Di Brooks

Summer is now gone and we are enjoying the cooler weather with intermittent rain fall. This is great news for gardeners and farmers alike.

Having struggled to keep my vegies alive, they are now thriving well. Silver beet, capsicums and tomatoes appear regularly on our menu. I've also added a few extra "No Bake" recipes to my repertoire. All delicious. Yesterday I threw together ingredients for a Cherry Ripe slice. Tempting for any sweet tooth, but I report that one small cube is enough to satisfy any sugar craving.

As most people know, I promote recycling wherever I go. Recently my adopted South African family asked me if I could use a pile of plastic containers, not suitable for households but ones that could be adapted to hold horses feed. Now I'm never a one to look a "Gift Horse" in the mouth let alone its feeder, so I jumped at the offer, quickly earmarking the lucky recipient. Inspection of the items was organised as was the pick up. Then at bridge on Thursday, my friend, Carol, arrived with a big smile, from ear to ear, looking as if she'd won the Lottery. Carol, as a volunteer for Riding for the Disabled had taken charge of the kind gift and had also found a friend who could adapt the items, ready for sale. All profits to go to R.D.A. Another such instance concerned some cloth clowns, with ceramic face, hands and feet. I took them into a Collectable Shop and had them valued. Nothing but dust collectors... I was not fazed. This would keep for another day. Then Alan and I had to drive down to Donnybrook and there on the Main Street is a Bric-a-Brac Emporium. Remembering the unwanted clowns, I approached the owner. An agreement was soon reached and a cheque was written out for R.D.A. Success at last. The moral to this story: When you have what you think is a pile of junk, just remember ... "One Man's Trash is another's Treasure ... and of course, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, and try again".

Tuesday afternoon, I mentor at the school. My young fellow and I have a happy time reading in

the library. My friend loves Star Wars and got quite a shock when I could recall characters, the heroes and villains of George Lucas' films. (I've actually watched these films with three generations of children.) The Old Grey Mare might not be what she used to be, but she can still give 'em a run for their money!

Thursdays are my usual stint in the Op Shop. Capel's only Op Shop opens Tuesdays and Thursday, from 8am till 11am. This is also a great place to meet up with young Mums and their littlies, as well as ladies, who have no family living at home. Tea and coffee is provided free for those who would like to sit and chat over a hot cuppa. We sometimes get treated to someone's home baking. Last week was my S. African "Modder Kookies" - coconut, cocoa, quick oats, butter and sugar - a non bake treat that will tempt anyone on a diet. Let me tell you, if you haven't tasted this chocolate delight, you haven't lived! If you want a copy of the recipe, just email me.

Happy Days and back to Bridge

Focusing on the Basics

In our first years of learning bridge we tend to focus more on points than anything else. (I wish I had a fiver for every time I hear "I've only got"). Having learned valuable lessons through our lack of experience, we now know that shape is everything. In a recent club session I noted on one particular board that one pair hadn't bid their game - giving them a rock bottom score. So I would like to just go through the bidding and explain to the newer players the reasons behind the decision to bid "Game" and not by focusing on points alone.

West was Dealer and all passed around to South. The opening was 1H, West passed and North bid 1S. East passed and South now made the error of counting his points, not assessing the information he had received from his partner. He bid 3H, showing a 16-18 count and asking North for her

to bid Game if they had a slightly better hand. North passed as they held no extra values ... an Ace less hand.

The hands were:

Brd	♠	KJ987	♠	A64
Dlr	♥	62	♥	T5
Vul	♦	106	♦	KJ8743
	♣	K842	♣	T6
	♠	T53	♠	A64
	♥	93	♥	T5
	♦	AQ52	♦	KJ8743
	♣	QJ97	♣	T6
	♠	Q2		
	♥	AKQJ874		
	♦	9		
	♣	A53		

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South's hearts are self sufficient. He also holds North's Spade Queen. Looking at it from another perspective South has a 5 loser hand and North has said "I have two tricks for you". These two tricks eliminate two of South's losers - hence the need for South to bid 4H.

The lead of the C10 gave declarer the chance to make 11 tricks, by letting this run around to his own hand and taking the trick with his Ace. Now pull out the outstanding trumps, then play the SQ and continue pushing the spades until the Ace is played. This establishes the 4th and 5th spade to be used for discards of South's losers with an entry to the table with a small club to the King.

So listen to what partner is trying to convey to you in the bidding and assess this accordingly with your own holding so you too can get to your rightful game.

Happy Bridging

Western Seniors

From Di Brooks

Congratulations go to Convenor, Kitty George, the directing team of Bill Kemp, Dave Parham and understudy Ian Rowland for holding another successful Western Seniors event. Accolades to the winners: Val Biltoft & Joan Touyz, valiantly holding off would be contenders.

It was a great weekend and everyone entered into the Bridge tournament in good spirits. (After some of the results my partner Kathy and I had we had our own celebration with spirits of a

different kind!). Anyway, whatever the session results, we had a great time. Looking forward to our next challenge.



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Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

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Brd
Dlr S
Vul NS

♠ J43
♥ 932
♦ AQJ92
♣ Q5

♠
♥
♦
♣

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AKQ10986
♥ AJ6
♦ 7
♣ AK

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2C
Pass	3D	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

D10 is led. Plan the play.

Solution:

Brd
Dlr S
Vul NS

♠ J43
♥ 932
♦ AQJ92
♣ Q5

♠ 72
♥ K1075
♦ 10
♣ J9843

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AKQ10986
♥ AJ6
♦ 7
♣ AK

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This is an easy hand, but you have to make a non-intuitive play. So perhaps that makes it quite a difficult hand.

At the table, declarer won DA and ran DQ for a ruffing finesse. That's the normal way to play the suit when you think RHO has the king. East

ducked, South discarded a heart loser, and West ruffed. Eventually, declarer had to lose a heart for one down.

The guaranteed winning play is to finesse the diamond queen at trick one, even though you know the finesse will lose. East wins the king, and returns a diamond, but you can just ruff high, draw trumps ending in dummy, and discard the heart losers on good diamonds.

The moral: Before making a normal play, take a second look.



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Roving Rhodes

How to Come Second in the Western Seniors

By Maura Rhodes

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WABC was once again the splendid venue for the annual Western Seniors Swiss Pairs, which took place on the weekend of May 17th to 18th. 84 Pairs competed in this Gold Point event, which was won convincingly by Val Biltoft and Joan Touz, who did not lose a single match. Well done, ladies.

If anyone wants to know how to come second in such an event, I am about to give you a lesson. One easy way to lose some Imps on a board is to play in a 2-2 Trump fit. Although not recommended by the experts, if your goal is to come second rather than first, this is a surprisingly successful strategy. Board 6 of Match Three is an admirable demonstration of this technique:

Brd 6	♠ 54		♠ AJT2
Dlr E	♥ J962		♥ K5
Vul EW	♦ AT842		♦ Q63
	♣ J5		♣ KQ96
		♠	
♠ K87		W	
♥ A4		N	
♦ 975		E	
♣ T8742		S	
	♠ Q963		
	♥ QT873		
	♦ KJ		
	♣ A3		

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12	

East opened the bidding with 1NT, showing 15-17 HCP. Fiske and I play different defences to strong and weak NTs, but in my mental haze, I had in my mind that our opponents were playing Acol, so I duly overcalled 2C, which if they had been playing Acol, would show Spades with either Clubs or Hearts. Unfortunately, against a strong NT, 2C shows Clubs and a Major, so my Partner passed. A cold twinge of horror ran down my spine when I realized that we had the sum total of four trumps. Minus 5 Imps were scored to us. If I had realized that we were playing against a strong NT, I would have doubled, showing a variety of hands and we would have ended up in

2H, making contract. The moral of this tale is learning your system and concentrate!

Thank you to the members of WABC who forfeited their usual Saturday game in order to make their splendid premises available for this prestigious event. Also thanks to the wonderful convenor, Kitty George, and to the directors Bill Kemp and Dave Parham, who kept everything running smoothly.



Western Seniors Pairs

Form Convenor Kitty George

The first of the ABF/BAWA "Big 4" events has been completed with last year's runners-up leading the field home by several lengths. Congratulations to **Joan Touyz** and **Val Biltoft** who remained undefeated over the 9 rounds of the weekend of bridge - an outstanding performance.

Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes were a clear second with a 7-1-1 record.

The next 8 places were very tightly bunched and were separated by only 6 VPs. Jenny Bandy and Joanna Tennyson came in 3rd and deserves special congratulations for this great result.

168 players took part in the event this year and were flawlessly directed by Bill Kemp and Dave Parham. An enjoyable weekend was had by all.

One of the few advantages of aging is that you become eligible to play in this great event.

Results

Western Seniors (84 Pairs)

1 st	Joan Touyz and Val Bilotft
2 nd	Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes
3 rd	Jennifer Bandy and Joanna Tennyson
4 th	Phil Tearne and Jonathan Free
5 th	Audrey Stokes and Diana Quantrill
6 th	Dave Munro and David Schokman
7 th	Brian Fensome and Trevor Burr
8 th	Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose
9 th	Geoff Yeo and ann Youngs
10 th	Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven
11 th	Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku
12 th	Kate Boston and Murray Webber
13 th	James Steer and Stella Steer
14 th	Chris Bagley and Bruce Fraser
15 th	David Matthews and Chris Ingham
16 th	Tony Martin and John Beyfus
17 th	Domenico De Gasperis and Helen Larsen
18 th	Deidre Greenfeld and Dennis Yovich
19 th	Cynthia Belonogoff and Anton Pol
20 th	David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller

Teams of 4 as at 1st of May

From John Beddow

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
Maccabi	1	1	17
Melville	2	0	27
Nedlands	1	0	15

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC Others	7	1	84
WABC Sharks	3	3	66
WABC Sparkles	4	1	58
Nedlands	4	1	55
Maccabi	3	2	50
Kalamunda	3	2	48
Melville	3	2	48
Undercroft*	5	1	40
West Coast	2	1	34
SPBC A	1	1	25

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC Sandgropers	4	3	69
WABC Silverfish	3	1	39
Swan Dists	2	1	33
SPBC A	2	1	24
WABC B	2	0	23
Kalamunda	1	1	22
SPBC B	1	1	19
Undercroft	1	0	11

Bridge For Brains Challenge 2014

WA heads the honours again!

Congratulations **Wayne Cupitt** and **Heater Cupitt** from the Geraldton Bridge Club. Winners for the second year in a row of the Bridge for Brains Challenge in which **1,573 Pairs** participated

2 nd	Noel Daniels and Merwyn Menezes – City of Melville Bridge Club
4 th	Bill Symonds and Martin Goodall – City of Melville Bridge Club
10 th	Bob Fergie and Heather Fergie – Kendenup Bridge Club
20 th	Chris Knight and Norma Lodge – Geraldton Bridge Club
27 th	Domenico De Gasperis and Debbie James – UnderCroft Bridge Club
36 th	Else Wilhem and Stuart Stevens – Geraldton Bridge Club
42 nd	Diane Bishop John Whiting – Busselton Bridge Club

June Pennants

KENDENUP	72.8	62.2	53	47.5				58.88	6 PTS
UNDERCROFT	66.4	59.5	56.3	55	53.6	52.2		57.17	4 PTS
GERALDTON	59.9	57.7	55.4	54.4				56.85	2 PTS
KALGOORLIE	63.9	62.9	55.9	43.8				56.63	
BUSSELTON	59.5	58.1	51.4	50				54.75	
NEDLANDS	61.4	57.5	52	47.1				54.50	
ESPERANCE	57	56.4	53.7	46.1				53.30	
ROCKINGHAM								50.00	
BRIDGETOWN								50.00	
ALBANY	59	54.3	46.6	38.6				49.63	
SWAN DISTRICTS	53.8	52.2	46.9	38.4				47.83	

Geraldton Bridge Club Inc.

Weekend Congress

13th to 15th June 2014

Catholic Centre, Cathedral Ave.

Cnr. Maitland St.

Director Peter Holloway

Prizes at least 55% of entries

*Complimentary tea and coffee available
all weekend*

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Ocean Centre Hotel ph 9921 7777

Best Western ph. 9921 1422

Some Billeting available

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2014 Winter Swiss Pairs Congress

To be held at our premises on the corner of
Murdoch and Bortolo Drives Greenfields,
Mandurah

12th & 13th July 2014

Saturday & Sunday 10.00am

Entry Fee **\$60 pp** for the weekend

Players must play on both days

Light lunch provided each day

Prizes will be a min of 50% of Entry Fees

ENTRIES via BAWA WEBSITE
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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2014

	Jul	Sat 5 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs
		Mon 7 th	BAWA Graded Pairs 1 st of 2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
ANC Sydney 12 th -24 th July		Wed 9 th	BAWA Daytime Open Swiss Pairs 1 st of 3 BAWA Daytime Restricted (<300) 1 st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sat 12 th –Sun 13 th	Mandurah Bridge Club Winter Swiss Pairs – see flyer
		Sun 20 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress
		Sun 27 th	WABC Masters in teams of 3
	Aug	Sat 2 nd –Sun 3 rd	South Perth Bridge Club Congress
		Mon 4 th	BAWA Winter Pairs 1 st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Thu 7 th	BAWA State Men's/Women's Teams 1 st of 4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 9 th –Sun 10 th	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs PQP/Gold Points
		Sat 30 th –Sun 31 st	GNOT City and Restricted Final Heats Venue; Nedlands Bridge Club
	Sep	Mon 1 st	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Thu 4 th	BAWA State Open Teams 1 st of 8 BAWA 0-300 Teams 1 st of 3 Venue; South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 6 th	Albany Bridge Club Restricted Congress
		Sun 14 th	West Coast Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Sat 20 th – Sun 21 st	HGR Memorial Weekend
		Fri 26 th – Sun 28 th	Kalgoorlie Bridge Club 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 www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO BAWA COMPETITIONS

BAWA takes this opportunity to remind all players, new and established, of the attendance requirements when entering a BAWA event.

Attendance:

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

Substitutes:

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

(See the BAWA regulations for full details)

Bunbury Bridge Club Congress

Friday Welcome Pairs (28)



1st Esther Saunders and Colin Saunders



2nd Helen Arendts and Cassie Morin

3rd Jo Sklarz and Deana Wilson

4th Jennifer Andrews and Meredith Goodlet

5th Dave Munro and Liz McNeill

6th Julia Corr and Joan Schneider

7th Ros Warnock and Valerie Isle

8th Joanna Tennyson and Lynne Errington

9th Luba Klein and Louis Klein

10th Jeanette Gale and Judy Clarke

Saturday Pairs Final



1st Marie France- Merven and Nigel Dutton



2nd (Maura Rhodes) and Rick Rhodes



3rd Deana Wilson and Jo Sklarz

Best Bunbury Pair: Brian Wade and Marek Golinski

Saturday Pairs Plate



1st Di Brooks and Colin Bell

2nd Chris Munro and Carole Munro



3rd Jeanette Gale and Kate Boston

Saturday Pairs Consolation

1st Cassie Morin and Helen Arendts

2nd Deb Greenway and Gilda Rowland

3rd Jennifer Andrews and Meredith Goodlet



Sunday Teams (22)



1st Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Phil Tearne and Val Biltoft



2nd Bill Maley, Vera Hardman, Jenny Maley and Doug Hardman



3rd Luba Klein, Louis Klein, (Ken Smith) and Frances Thompson

4th Phil Power, Liz McNeill, Dave Munro and Kathy Power

5th Cassie Morin, Helen Arendts, Valerie Isle and Ros Warnock

6th Trish Anderson, Gerald Merven, Jane Moulden and Kate Boston

7th Ann Ohlsen, Pauline Hammond, Maura and Rick Rhodes

8th Jan Morgan, Peter Morgan, James Offer and Monica Offer

9th Colin Bell, Di Brooks, Nils Andersson and Bob Stevens

10th Deana Wilson, Jo Sklarz, Jane Henderson and Karen Wallwork