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Western Seniors

Gold Medallion



Trevor Fuller and Don Allen



James Steer and Stella Steer



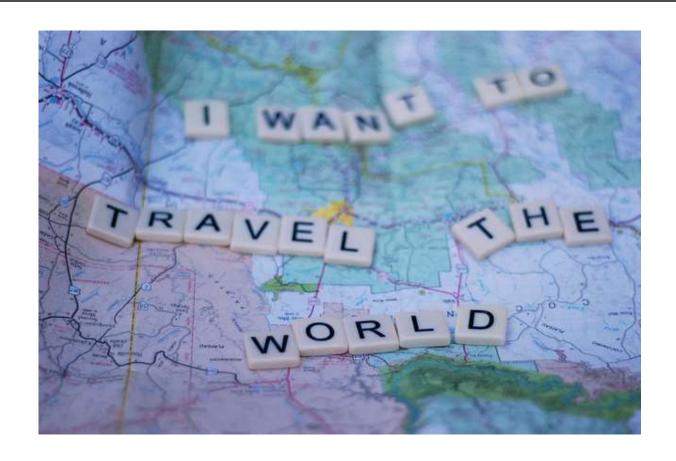
Congratulations to

Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell
(Undercroft Bridge Club)

Australia wide Winners of the

2017 Bridge for Brain

Research Challenge
with a score of 73.791%



THINK ALL INSURANCE WITH TBIB WHO ARE OUR PROUD SPONSORS OF THIS YEARS SOUTH PERTH CONGRESS

RED POINT EVENT

FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST WELCOME PAIRS 12.30PM \$15.00 SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST OPEN PAIRS 1.30PM \$15.00 SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST OPEN TEAMS 10AM (2 SESSIONS) \$30.00

DIRECTOR: BILL KEMP

CONVENOR: CASSIE MORIN 0402209289

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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Clubs are reminded that **ALL Red Point** events are required to have a non-playing director.

Should it come to our attention that this was not the case then the Red Points awarded to the event will be forfeited. This requirement was instituted some years ago at the behest of players who felt it was unfair to have a director ruling on boards they may not yet have played. Personally I don't understand how clubs could put their directors in such a difficult position; whilst there may be no suggestion of impropriety a director can't just forget about a hand where he or she has just ruled the ace of spades is a lead out of turn. The equity of the result and the protection of directors are the paramount considerations. There is a provision in the regulations for clubs, who may be able to demonstrate genuine hardship, to apply to the BAWA Tournament Committee for a waiver on an event by event basis. In addition to a non-playing director **Open** Red Point events are required to have a convenor. The convenor has a number of jobs one of which is to make sure that all regulatory requirements are met.

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Beata Bieganski Production and Web Editor (08) 9300 5460 b.bieganski@yahoo.com.au By the time that you read this the first of our four Gold point events, the Western Senior Pairs, will have concluded. With two days to go there are 94 pairs entered which breaks the attendance record by a healthy margin. I'm not sure if this means we are all getting older or that the event is becoming more popular; perhaps both. Anyway I'm sure the event is going to be a great success so congratulations in advance to Jane Reynolds and her team.

I mentioned in a recent column that the Geraldton Bridge Club was hosting their annual congress in the middle of June and was hoping to repeat the success of last year's event. The congress is timed to finish early Sunday afternoon so you should be back in Perth well before dark. So try and support our most northerly affiliate. In the same vein our most easterly affiliate, the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club has their congress over the long weekend in September. It would be great for both of these clubs if Perth players were able to support them to the same extent as our south west clubs. They tell me the trip up on the Prospector is well worth doing as it is as much fun as the congress itself.

There are number of rule changes being introduced across Australia on the first of August. I am told that the great majority of changes won't even be noticed by most players. Directors, of course, will need to be fully conversant and can find all the information they require on the Australian Bridge Directors Web site.

















STATE SWISS PAIRS

Begins Thursday, 6 July at 7:30pm

Duration: 4 Weeks

STATE MIXED PAIRS

Begins Thursday, 17 August at 7:30pm

Duration: 3 Weeks



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Broome Bridge Club

From Pam Wadsworth

As the night temperatures slowly fall down here in the south of the state it reminds some of us who are caravanners that it is time we started packing such and make preparations for the annual northern trek to the lovely town of Broome in the Kimberley. Once settled in Broome, bridge players start thinking about a game of bridge and this is where our little Broome Bridge Club comes into play.

While there are no regular bridge players resident in Broome, each year for the last approximately twenty years, the Broome Bridge Club, with many regular visitors, is activated around the end of June. This year the first session will commence at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start on Tuesday 20th June. The final session will be held on Tuesday 15th August unless there are sufficient numbers of keen players when the season can be extended by a week.

There are no master points, no affiliations and, sometimes, there is an experienced director. Neville Walker from the Mandurah Bridge Club freely and kindly supports the Broome Bridge Club, especially when it comes to the scoring of results of the weekly sessions. It is a great spot for those who are new to the game to come along and hone their skills in the helpful and friendly atmosphere at Lotteries House in preparation for perhaps some more serious competition on the return to home base.

The Broome Bridge Club sessions are held at Lotteries House which is located on Cable Beach Road. The staff of Lotteries House are very helpful in providing storage for our assets – tables, cards, boards and bidding boxes. Table fees, which are \$5.00, are sufficient to cover room hire, afternoon tea and the supper which is held after the final session in August.

While we might only hold one session a week this is a starting point for members and visitors alike

to organize social afternoons of bridge in their caravan parks, cabins and rented accommodation.

Soooo!

If you are a bridge player travelling to Broome during the "dry" season and would like a game of bridge, come join us on Tuesday afternoons at the Broome Bridge Club. While it is easier for us all if you have your own partner, we will, given some notice, seek to find a partner for you.

While the Broome Bridge Club has a President, Treasurer, Secretary etc the "coordinator" for this year is **Ros Warnock**, who can be contacted on 0413 319 841 . Please don't try to contact me, Pam Wadsworth, during the months of June and July as Mike and I will be cruising the rivers of Europe

Looking forward to meeting you in Broome soon!

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The ANZAC Pairs Event was held on 24 April at Fremantle.



It was won by Rohan Bandarage and See-Moi Loh Second were Joyce Sullivan and Rose-Marie Gandini, with Geraldine and David Pragnell third.

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones



The Club Teams Championship held in May was won by Roman Gdowski, Kathy Power, Clyde England and Phil Power.



Runners up were Jo Dundas, Denise Sampson, Christine Leather and Gudrun Kemmer.



In the Under 50 Masterpoints section, the winning team was Jill Dixon, Sandra Petterson, Peter Dixon and Lesley Simms.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance



TAURUS PAIRS WINNERS

1st Di Brooks (Centre Back) (and Andrew Marsh) 2nd (Left) Ron Philpot and Betty Philpot. (Right) 3rd Jan Pearson and Elizabeth Sayers (Centre Front)

UNDER STATE MASTERS
Dave Clark (Back) (and Elena Olsen)

Rockingham Bridge Club participated in the Bridge for Brain Research Challenge.

Bridge clubs through-out Australia took part in this initiative with the table monies being donated to the Alzheimer's research at NeuRA.

RBC donated \$400 which comprised the standard table money of \$5 per person plus an extra \$5 per person.

Overall, our club members faired very well with Di Brooks and Robin Aplin receiving an event place of 149 and Betty and Ron Philpot an event place of 342 Australia wide. What an accomplishment! Well Done.



Winners on the day - Eugene Wichems and Kimberley Zhao - with President Roz Davey and Director Di Brooks.

COMING EVENTS:

Monday 10th July Morning Tea and stall fundraiser for Cancer – Hosted by Di Brooks.

VALE Sandra Sandilands - Mona Walker - Thelma Dunston.

Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

This month we celebrated another significant birthday with a cake to share.



Basil Weren turned 90 and we all wish him well. Congratulations Basil. Bridge must be good for health, certainly of the mind! It is wonderful to see so many members enjoying bridge in their later years.



The Red Point on 11 May 2017 was a most enjoyable afternoon with a good crowd of fifty people —with many thanks to Marilyn Summerville, Jenny Liggins and Anne Hooper who worked towards such a delicious afternoon tea.

Thanks also to Astrid Piller who bought lovely cake to celebrate Mothers' Day on Sunday.



Winners were Ross Blakey and Alf Surace and



Bruce Penhey and Harriet Penhey.

Congratulations to everyone who competed, especially the winners. Thanks also to Lee Leach who directed.

The Winter exodus has begun so special thanks to those who are filling in with jobs to keep the club running smoothly while members are on their travels. We are very grateful. We are lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers in the club.

We love having visitors. You will find the hall on Seacrest Drive, Sorrento in the middle of sports ovals. We play Monday and Thursday at 12.30pm. Please arrive early and be seated by 12.15 so the Director can select the movement. You will find further details on our website ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org

Swan Districts Bridge Club

From David Kininmonth

Swan Districts Bridge Club held its annual Butler pairs Championship in March. This event is held over three weeks. Popular winners were John-Claude Pondevie and Gill Teraci with David Kininmonth and John Ewing runners up.



David Kininmonth - Centre congratulating John-Claude Pontevie and Gill Teraci

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

AGM for 2017/2018 has been held and the following is the new committee:

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President	Sue Lia	
Vice President	Mary Williams	
Secretary	Barry Aslett	
Treasurer	Gwyneira Brahma	
Committee	Val Norman	
	Fae Hughes	
	Paul Sherrif	
	Geza Sulykos	
	Yvonne Hefron	

Thanks to the past committee and good luck to the new committee taking the Kalgoorlie Bridge into the new future.

WA Country Championships in Bridgetown was attended by 6 members (1/4) of our club.

Paul Sherrif-Geza Sulykos-Mary Williams-Sue Lia – Jessica Chew and Rez Karim.

A good time was had by all. Jess and Rez made the winners circle with Vera and Doug Hardman in the Teams event on Sunday

Our Congress this year is a milestone 25th year of the Kalgoorlie Bridge Congress.

Congress is always the long weekend in September – $22^{nd}\ 23^{rd}$ and 24^{th}

West Australian Bridge Club

From Margaret King

This year's WABC Charity Day was held on Friday 5th May as a Red Point event. It was decided that this year we would hold our Charity appeal for the Dr George O'Neil's Fresh Start Recovery Programme helping families with Addictions. There were numerous and very generous prizes to be had for lucky winners who had bought raffle tickets. The draw was held on the Red Point Day and a cheque was handed to representatives from this worthy cause after a short address to members updating us all on the new facilities. The proceeds from the collection of table money were also donated.

The GNOT heat was won by the Munro team - Congratulations to Tim Munro, Renee Cooper, Francesca McGrath and Matthew Raisin.

The A N C Restricted Butler results

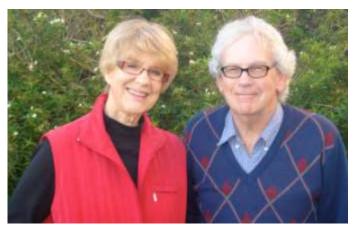
1 st	Fusako Hashimoto and Dominique Rallier
2 nd	Kate Pinniger and Carla Sullivan
3 rd	Belinda Taranto and Shelley Allen
4 th	Not Eligible
5 th	5 th Kitty George and Deborah Greenway

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

We held a successful 'Bridge for Brains' afternoon this month and the Club sent a donation of \$350 to Neuroscience Research Australia for Alzheimer's research.

The results of our Autumn Pairs Competition for the MORRIS AND SHIRLEY BLOCH TROPHY were



1st Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood



2nd Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose



3rd Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett

Undercroft Bridge Club

From David Cowell

May has been a busy month at the Undercroft, after moving back into our 'home' club premises in April, there has been a lot of sorting out to do, and we had our AGM on the 8 May with the election of our new committee.

From Monday 1st May until Saturday 7th May it was the Annual Bridge for Brains Competition held throughout Australia at many clubs. We at Undercroft held our heat on Wednesday 3rd May, running two sections. Members brought along food to share - we had a pleasant afternoon with tea cakes and savouries.

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown bedfords@bigpond.net.au

1 st	David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller
2 nd	Philip Oldershaw and Trevor Burr
3 rd	Ann De Souza and Norma Pears.

As many of you will know, results were submitted to bridge for brains research, who scored up each and every pair taking part.



I am proud to say that **Ann Hopfmueller** and **David Cowell** is the overall Australia wide winners for 2017 with a score of 73.791%

Philip Oldershaw and Trevor Burr came 9th with a score of 68.392%.

2075 pairs took part.

We are able to get back to business as usual, and held our One Day Congress on Sunday 7th May. We easily accommodate 32 tables comfortably now. We ran the popular 9 board 6 round Swiss movement. Lunch was provided and lots of delicious food was supplied by our members. A grand time was had by all. I am glad to say (as I was the convenor) it went very smoothly, Many thanks to the team I got together to help, i.e. Ann Hopfmueller, Debbie James, and in the kitchen Linda Reading, Joan Gates and Lyn Mole. There were many more helpers and lots of our members donated plates of food, I thank them also. Thanks also go to Bill Kemp for directing for us.



1st Dave Munro (and David Schokman)



2nd David Matthews and Cynthia Belonogoff



3rd Sue Gammon and Mark Doust



4th Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller



There was a prize for the best pair with both having less than 100 MP's, and coming seventh were - Julie O'Donoghue and Arfah Yusof.

There was a prize for the best Undercroft pair Christine Jenkins and Christine Ross.

We look forward to seeing many of you again at our Two day Congress in October. Look out for a flyer in the Focus magazine.

Undercroft ran its 'OPEN PAIRS/CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP', on Saturday afternoons 29th April, 6th and 13th May. Ian Rowlands was our director, and at the completion of play on the last Saturday, we indulged with a drink and yes -more food!



1st Robyn Giraldo and Jairo Giraldo



2nd David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller



3rd Christine Ross and Louis Klein

Please come along to our very friendly club for a game sometime, we play every afternoon except Sunday starting sharp at 12.30 and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings starting sharp at 7.30. Tea, coffee and biscuits always supplied.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Congratulations to our members in the AUTUMN OPEN SWISS PAIRS. A 3 week event with 46 pairs.

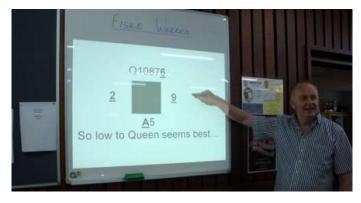


1st	Linda Coli and Jonathan Free
2nd	Sue Gammon and Alan Dundas / Mark Doust
3rd	Cynthia Belonogoff and Deana Wilson

Wining the ANC RESTRICTED BUTLER heat

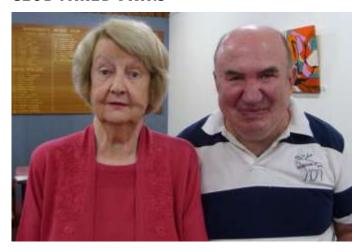


1st	1st Robin Cordin and Sally Brittlife
2nd	2nd Arfah Yusof and Simon Smith
3rd	3rd Janet Khaw (and Kate Nadebaum)



The FISKE WARREN lecture was a popular subject – How to be a crafty defender!

CLUB MIXED PAIRS



The Club Mixed Pairs was won by Doreen Jones and Dave Munro



2nd Viv Zotti and Mitch Garbutt



3rd David Schokman and Cathy Hood

EDITING OF MATERIAL

Contributors should note that the right to modify submitted material is retained by the Editors

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Jan Morgan

OUR ANNUAL CONGRESS

Held at the South West Italian Club, was a great success thanks to Convenor - The Mighty Murray Webber, his many smiling and industrious helpers, a fantabulous raffle run by Joy Gibson, the "molto Buono" tucker from the Italian ladies and of course the ever cool calm and collected Neville Walker's 'directions'.

THE 'GRINNERS' WERE

SATURDAY PAIRS (62)



1st Jessica Chew and Rez Karim with President John Ferguson



2nd Roman Gdowski and Clyde England

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Events>Event List



3rd Esther Saunders and Colin Saunders



4th Ros Warnock and Valerie Isle



5th Deana Wilson and Cynthia Belonogoff



6th Vera Hardman and Doug Hardman

7th Rose Moore and Linda Coli
8th Jo Sklarz and Sue Gammon
9th Jan Burgess and Jana Mayhew
10th Jean McLarty and Gerald Merven

SUNDAY TEAMS (28)



1st Linda Coli, Jonathan Free, Jane Reynolds and Rose Moore



2nd Audrey Stokes, Di Quantrill and Jan Blight (Vinod Nasta)



3rd Helen Arendts, Valerie Isle, Cassie Morin and Ros Warnock



4th Murray Webber, Kate Boston (Elizabeth McNeill and Dave Munro)

Murray is steeped in bridge and has organised many congresses – the most infamous being the Jerramungup country GNOT – Great Fun!! Kate has also been a wonderful contributor to our club taking on many big roles over the years



5th Brian Wade, (Colin Bell) and Esther Saunders (Colin Saunders)

Bunbury's best performers over the weekend were **Esther** and **Colin Saunders** who originally hail from Collie but have played at our club for quite a while. Now retired, both Esther (bridge in her genes), and the exuberant Colin, have recently taken up directing.

Their bridge journey is very interesting. Esther's mum – Esther Boyd played at our club travelling over from Collie with Jan Oakley in the 80's. Esther Boyd learned to play Auction Bridge in Scotland and taught that game to her daughter and Collie's Polish community. (With her broad Scottish accent - lots of language problems and laughter I imagine)•

The President of Bridgetown Bridge Club is **Patricia Rodgers** – not Patricia Roberts as appeared in May Focus.





West Coast Bridge Club 2017 CONGRESS

50th Anniversary 1967 – 2017

CIVIC CENTRE, 33 TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT, CITY BEACH

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 10.00 A.M.

DIRECTOR - BILL KEMP

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

PRIZES

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

SCHEDULE

Arrive 09:30

Qualifying round 10:00

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

Final round 14:15

Refreshments 17:30

ENTRY FEE \$30 PER PLAYER – RED MASTER POINTS

Each player must have a system card

Entries close 6th SEPTEMBER 2017

CONVENOR: PATRICK GARNETT



Better to be a Major General

From Di Brooks

In any system, we focus on finding a trump fit, preferably in a major. If this is not possible we aim for a No Trump contract before we consider playing in a Minor Suit.

Take this hand - North Dealer - all vulnerable.

North opened 1C, passed around to South, who bid 2NT. North had a momentary lapse and bid 3NT. There was no double of this contract. If the declaring side had a double minor fit, nine tricks was a possibility.

Lead: KH

Declarer held back on the Ace of hearts. Once that was played, West only had to wait to get in with their SA to cash their winning hearts. The end result was 5 down. Not a happy scenario. South had tried to show his partner his point count, failing to bid their four card spade suit.

Deep Finesse records the best contracts as 1NT or 2S for N/S or 1H for W/E.

Sitting with a point count of 23 between North and South would make it very difficult to stay out of 2NT.

The four hands were:

Brd Dlr Vul	N All		♦ ∀ ♦	KQ3 864 AT8 K854		
	☆ ∀ ♦	A98 KQJT95 76 63	W	N E S	∳ ∀ ♦	T74 3 KJ932 QJT2
10	12 11	7	♦ ♦ ♦	J652 A72 Q54 A97		

Best result of minus one in 2NT played by North, rather than being in a hopeless contract of 3NT by South with a guaranteed heart lead.

Happy Bridging 😊



GERALDTON BRIDGE CLUB INC. GERALDTON CONGRESS

16th June – 18th June 2017
Catholic Centre
Cnr Maitland Street & Cathedral Avenue
DIRECTOR: Peter Holloway

Generous Prizes, minimum 60% table money Tea & coffee served all weekend, light Sunday lunch included

Enter via BAWA www.bawa.asn.au Contact: Maureen 9964 2572 or 0499 555 647

Friday Evening - 6.30pm Saturday Morning - 9.30am Saturday Afternoon – approx 1.00pm Sunday Morning – 9.30am Welcome Pairs Pairs Teams Teams \$20.00 per person \$20.00 per person \$40.00 per person



Many assorted comic characters will be in Kendenup on November the fourth this year ... Why not join them?

KENDENUP

RESTRICTED CONGRESS

(under 300 pts)

WHEN:

Saturday the 4th on November @9.30 start

WHERE:

Kendenup Town Hall

DIRECTOR:

Neville Walker

COST:

\$40 (lunch and afternoon tea)

ACCOMODATION:

camping sites nearby

CONVENOR:

Heather Fergie 98514168 hjfergie@hotmail.com

2017 Kalgoorlie Bridge Club CONGRESS



25th Anniversary Congress

DATE:

Long Weekend in September $22^{nd} 23^{rd}$ and 24^{th}

WHERE:

Goldfields Art Centre

Cheetham St Kalgoorlie

DIRECTOR:Peter Holloway

ACCOMMODATION:

Recommended the Railway Motel 90880000 ask for Sarah

PROGRAMME

Friday 22nd Welcome Pairs \$30

Light supper included

Saturday 23rd Open Pairs \$40

Lunch included

Sunday 24th Teams \$40

Lunch included

After Teams event - Awards and Presentation

with afternoon tea

All day tea-coffee and water provided

ENQUIRIES

Sue Lia 0418215308 or 90214707

Mary Williams 0400681608 or 90214258

ENTRIES: www.bawa.asn.au

What Should I Bid

From Jan Burgess

Playing in the Country Championships in April, I picked up this fabulous hand – 18 points and 3 losers:

♠ AKQ8♥ J♦ AQJ8652

I invariably take a rosy view of most hands, and this time my mind was in the stratosphere; there must be a slam in it ... But at what level?

Whilst contemplating this exhilarating problem, my right hand opponent West opened the bidding with a Pass, followed with a Pass from my partner, sitting South. My long time partner, so reliable and dependable, had been distracted momentarily. The director was called and it was ruled that with a Pass out of turn, South could not bid again. The likelihood was then that I would have only one bid. What to call?

Bidding blind, so to speak, a bottom was a real possibility whatever I bid. It had to be all or nothing and after some reflection, I bid 6C, and heard a little voice in my head say "Oh, going to the casino are we!". Yes ... It was one off, doubled, and a bottom; the contract was 6S. Such is life.

BAWA DAYTIME OPEN PAIRS

Begins Wednesday, 2 August @ 12:30pm

Duration: 3 Weeks







STATE OPEN TEAMS

Begins Thursday, 7 September @ 7:30pm

Duration: 6 Weeks









Saturday 16 September Sunday 17 September











ABF - ABDA Seminar

Australian Bridge Directors Association

Please be advised that the ABDA will be holding their 2017 workshop/seminar in Sydney from Saturday 5th August (9:30am) to Sunday 6th August (finishing around 3:30pm).

Venue is

North Shore Bridge Club, at Club Willoughby

26 Crabbes Avenue,

Willoughby NSW 2068.

Major highlight will be new "2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge" to be applied from 1st August

There is a new word "comparable" bid, what does it mean?

- ✓ Handling common director calls
- ✓ Common misconceptions
- ✓ Unauthorized Information, misbids and misinformation
- ✓ Unintended calls
- ✓ Insufficient bids

Cost is \$55 for 2 days or \$30 for one day (includes lunch). If you are a member of the ABDA and live out-of-town, you may be eligible for a travel subsidy. Brochure and entry forms will be available from the Hon, Secretary /Treasurer Matt Raj Mal. Please contact him for further details on email mdrajmal@gmail.com.



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Short Circuit



By Ron Klinger

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PROBLEM

What does this sequence mean?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
3NT			

SOLUTION on page 20

ONE DAY CONGRESS SUNDAY 11th June 2017

Freemasons Hall,
Cnr Chalmers Street and High Street,
Fremantle

Two Session Pairs directed by Dave Parham

Entry Fee - \$30.00 per player

Joint Conveners:

John Penman

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Sue Simper

(sue.simper@education.wa.edu.au)

Entries:

BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au

Complementary Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and cake all day.

No lunch provided. Please bring you own. Nibbles and a drink prior to Prize Giving.





Bunbury Congress

From Jan Burgess

Over the weekend of 22nd / 23rd April, all roads led to Bunbury as scores of people from all over metropolitan and regional WA descended on the Italian Club - not to listen to opera, beguiling as that may be - but keen to pit their bridge wits against each other. My partner and I have enjoyed supporting this Congress for many years, from when it was played in the Bunbury clubrooms, then to the Italian Club, followed by the Sailing Club - which was a lovely venue but the beautiful view could prove rather distracting! - and now back to the Italian Club which is spacious enough to accommodate a large number of tables comfortably, and is also conveniently located. Just as well there was plenty of room as 62 pairs arrived to play in the Swiss Pairs on the Saturday - a far cry from my own club where 6 pairs is a normal club session. The director, Neville Walker was very much organised, with seating directions and subsequent results being beamed and scrolled on to a screen - easy to read without having to battle the usual huddle around a notice board. Top job, Neville!

It was an intensive day, with 7 rounds of 8 board matches being played; apart from 1st, 2nd and 3rd, there were myriad prizes awarded, with the overall winners being Rez Karim and Jessica Chew. Warm congratulations to all prize winners.

After all that effort, it was very pleasant to stroll through Bunbury's Victoria Street on a very mild autumn evening, weighing up places to eat and have a glass of wine. There were plenty to choose from and we eventually plumped for Indian, followed by a visit to the Cafe Bean for coffee and a delectable, very chocolaty dessert – we would need energy in spades for Teams the next day.

On the Sunday, there were 28 teams set to compete, with 6 rounds of 8 board matches on the agenda. Again with Neville's quiet efficiency the event ran smoothly with team movements being posted promptly on the overhead screen. At the end of the day, only one team had won every match, the worthy winners being Rose Moore, Linda Coli, Jane Reynolds and Jonathan Free. Congratulations to them and to all the other place getters. And special jubilations to Colin and Esther Saunders from Collie who compete in most of the Country events; they came 3rd in the

Pairs on Saturday, and teamed up with Brian Wade and Colin Bell to come 5th in the Teams on Sunday – a terrific weekend for them.

Thank you Murray, John and all your Bunbury helpers; your planning, organisation and hard work produced a thoroughly enjoyable and challenging weekend; thank you for your warm hospitality and also your simply fabulous raffle with its wonderful prizes galore ... Can we do it all again next. •

MANDURAH BRIDGE CLUB

2017 WINTER PAIRS CONGRESS

At our premises on the corner of Murdoch and Bortolo Drives Greenfields, Mandurah

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July 2017

10 am each day - Swiss Pairs

Entry Fee \$80 per player Light lunch provided

Please contact Convenor regarding special dietary requirements

Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of Entry Fees

ENTRIES via **BAWA WEBSITE**

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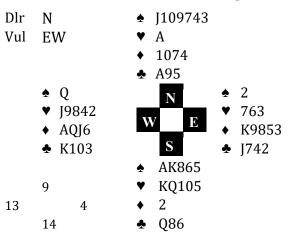
By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION

In standard methods:

Pass - 1S - 3S	is commonly used to show a maximum pass with spade support.
Pass - 1S - 4S	is still a pre-emptive raise.
Pass - 1S - 3NT	has no natural meaning. One option is to use it to show a hand with so much support for opener that it is too strong for a Pass: 1S - 3S and risk being passed there.

Such an agreement might have helped North-South on this deal from a Butler Open Trials:



At one table it went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1S
X	4S	All Pass	

Lead: H3

With the red suit shortages declarer had no problem making twelve tricks for +480. In fact South has twelve tricks on any lead. East-West might have been looking forward to picking up some Imps, but the board was flat. Datum: 480. No one bid to slam.

Suppose the Passed Hand had 3NT available. Then it might go like this:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1S
X	3NT	Pass	4D
Pass	4H	Pass	4NT
Pass	5S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

South's 4D showed control in diamonds and denied club control. North's 4H = heart control plus club control. North's 5S = two key cards plus the SQ. Holding six trumps is as good as having the trump queen.



9th World University Bridge Championship

FISU (The International University Sports Federation) has confirmed the position of Bridge in the University World and thus University teams will be able to participate in the 9th World University Bridge Championship in Xuzhou, China, 25-28 October 2018.

Each NBO is invited to contact its own National University Sports Federation to discuss and define the future strategies concerning Bridge within Universities.

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National University Sports Federations can be found at: fisu.net/en/Member-Associations-NUSF-3420.html

2017 Yeh Bros Invitational Championships



Congratulations to the Australian team members Justin Mill, Peter Hollands, Andrew Peake and Peter Gill

who will represent Australia at the 2017 Yeh Bros Invitational Championships to be held in Tokyo in July.

RESULTS

TEAMS of FOUR As at 21st April

From John Beddow

OPEN			
Club	Played	Won	VPs
MANDURAH	3	2	36.76
WABC B	2	1	26.07
WABC A	2	1	14.99
SOUTH PERTH	2	1	14.75
NEDLANDS	1	-	7.43
MACCABI	-	-	-
MELVILLE	-	-	-
UNDERCROFT	-	-	-

INTERMEDIATE BLUE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WEST COAST	4	3	54.55
KALAMUNDA	3	2	42.94
SOUTH PERTH	3	1	32.38
WABC	6	-	20.87
UNDERCROFT	2	1	18.21
MAYLANDS	1	1	17.92

INTERMEDIATE GOLD

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC B	5	4	64.92
NEDLANDS	3	2	35.21
UNDERCROFT	3	2	31.30
MELVILLE	3	1	28.29
SOUTH PERTH	2	-	11.65
WABC A	2	-	8.63

NOVICE GOLD

Club	Played	Won	VPs
SOUTH PERTH B	2	2	31.15
WABC B	1	1	20.00
UNDERCROFT	2	1	17.79
MELVILLE	3	-	11.06
KALAMUNDA B	-	-	-

NOVICE BLUE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC A	2	2	27.69
SWAN DISTS	2	1	20.00
KALAMUNDA A	2	-	12.31
GOSNELLS	-	-	-
SOUTH PERTH A	-	-	-

Western Seniors (88)

1st	Don Allen and Trevor Fuller		
2nd	James Steer and Stella Steer		
3rd	Anton Pol and Andrew Swider		
4th	Dave Munro and David Schokman		
5th	Martin Cleeve and Joan Prince		
6th	Jonathan Free and Philp Lagrange		
7th	Merleine Wylie and Robert Wylie		
8th	Nigel Dutton and Marie – France Merven		
9th	John Beddow and Egmont Melton		
10th	Sue Gammon and Mark Doust		



Autumn Nationals - Adelaide

OPEN SWISS PAIRS

1 st	Leigh Gold and Howard Melbourne	
2 nd	Mike Doecke and Bruce Neill	
3 rd	Phil Markey and Liam Milne	
44 th	Kim Morrison and Viv Wood	

SENIOR'S SWISS PAIRS

1st	Nigel Rosendorff and John Zollo
2 nd	Andrew Braithwaite and Arjuna De Livera
3 rd	George Kozakos and Michael Smart
4 th	Peter Buchen and Chris Hughes

WOMEN'S SWISS PAIRS

1 st	Candice Ginsberg and Barbara Travis	
2 nd	Felicity Smyth and Judith Tobin	
3rd	Sheila Bird and Karen Creet	
4 th	Therese Demarco and Pam Morgan-King	

UNDER LIFE MASTER SWISS PAIRS

1 st	Ray Jones and Rita Jones	
2 nd	Terry Driver and David Schofield	
3 rd	Garry Frampton and Dave Sloan	
4 th	Chris Nagel and Michael Petty	

AUTUMN NATIONALS TEAMS

1 st	Pauline Gumby, Avinash Kanetkar, Warren Lazer and Bruce Neill
2 nd	Traian Chira, Laura Ginnan, Laurie Kelso and Sebastian Yuen

3rd Peter Hollands, **Chris Mulley, Tim Munro** and **Deana Wilson**

ANOT UNDER LIFE TEAMS

1st Joanne Bakas, Sally Fraser, Tassi Georgiadis and Catherine Thredgold



2 nd	Dave Sloan, Kate Pinniger, Carla Sullivan and Gary Frampton
3 rd	Bevin Brooks, Ingrid Cooke, Rodney Macey and Judy Zollo





Busselton Bridge Club



Zonta Charity Day

RED POINT EVENT

Saturday June 24th

Naturaliste Community Centre

Dunsborough

9.30 am Qualifying Pairs1.15 Final and Consolation

Director Neville Walker
Convener Jane Moulden

Prizes of wine - Raffle Scrumptious Lunch

Cost \$45

Proceeds will help young women through education scholarships

Entries www.bawa.asn.au or Jane janemoulden@westnet.com.au 9756 7752



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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	Jun	Wed 7 th	BAWA Daytime Open Teams 1/2
	Jun	vvcu /	Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Thu 8th	BAWA State Swiss Teams 1/4
		Sun 11 th	Fremantle Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Fri 16 th –Sun 18 th	Geraldton Congress- see flyer
		Sat 24 th	9 75
	Test	Sat 1st	Busselton Bridge Club Zonta Day- see flyer Nodlanda Pridge Club - Papiit Cayba Mamorial Swige Paire
	Jul		Nedlands Bridge Club - Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs – see flyer
		Sun 2 nd	WABC Masters in Teams of 3
			BAWA State Swiss Pairs ¼
			Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 8 th -9 th	Mandurah Bridge Club Congress – see flyer
ANC Canberra 15 th -27 th		Sat 29 th -30 th	GNOT City Final and Provincial heat
	Aug	Wed 2nd	BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1/3
			Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Fri 4 th -Sun 6 th	TBIB South Perth Bridge Club Congress
		Sun 13 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Sunday Congress-see flyer
		Thu 17 th	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1/3
			Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 19 th -20 th	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs PQP/Gold Points Venue: WABC – see flyer
	Sep	Thu 7 th	BAWA State Open Teams Championship 1/6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 9 th	Albany Bridge Club Restricted Congress
		Sun 10 th	West Coast Bridge Club Congress – see flyer
		Sat 16th –Sun 17th	HGR Memorial Congress PQP/Gold
		Wed 20 th	Pharmacy 777 South Perth Open Red Point
		Fri 22 nd –Sun 24 th	Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress- see flyer
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. VENUES AND STARTING TIMES		
	Unless otherwise advertised all BAWA daytime and weekend events are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands, All Thursday evening events are held at the South Pertl Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Commencing 7.30 pm.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events Entries <u>www.bawa.asn.au</u> unless other specified.		





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Kendenup Open Red Point Congress

From Heather Fergie

The Kendenup Bridge club held their first Open Swiss pairs day on the 29th of April.

The day was a great success. Neville Walker did a wonderful job of organising both experienced players and novices while maintaining a friendly atmosphere all day.

Kendenup kept up their reputation for looking after their visitors with plenty of good country food and there were plenty of winners on the day as the event was divided into four divisions according to the number of points held by each pair.



Open - 1st Heather Fergie and Bob Fergie with Director Neville Walker



Open - 2nd Alison Mettam and Mike Trafalski 3rd Pam Minchin and Bob Stick 4th Rita Leeming and Brian Mee



1st Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders (200 – 500 points)



2nd Vivienne Davis and Alison Gunter (200 – 500 points)

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1st Pam Goodman and Connie Daly (100 – 200 points)



2nd Roger Green and Lynda Green (100 – 200 points)



1st Stefania Gisladottir and Gavin Dearo (0 – 100 pts)



2nd Ann Oldfield and Elspeth Pyper (0-100pts)

Keep an eye out for this event next year as everyone has the opportunity of playing good bridge while competing against similarly ranked players when it comes to prizes.

Australian National Bridge Congress (ANC)

The ANC in Canberra will be held in eight weeks – update:

- > Championship events for Open, Seniors, Women and Restricted categories
- > A new Country Butler event
- 2 two-day ANC Swiss Pairs events
- Many Congress events of one or two sessions
- ➤ There will be two small courtesy buses to assist with transport to the venue, and to tourist sites for those not playing information on the ANC website

The ANC website is the best source of information. The web address is:

http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/anc/2017/