

### Bridge-an Olympic Mind Sport

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### 2022 Western Seniors Weekend





3<sup>rd</sup> Val Biltoft and Phil Tearne with BAWA President Nigel Dutton



2<sup>nd</sup> Fiske Warren and Dave Munro

4<sup>th</sup> Martin Broome and Anton Pol
5<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Belonogoff and David Schokman
6<sup>th</sup> Di Brooks and Florence Maltby
7<sup>th</sup> Geoff Holman and Chris Ingham
8<sup>th</sup> Don Allen and David Matthews
9<sup>th</sup> Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven
10<sup>th</sup> Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside
11<sup>th</sup> Egmont Melton and John Beddow
12<sup>th</sup> James Steer and Stella Steer
13<sup>th</sup> Wendy Harman and Carol Newport
14<sup>th</sup> Dianne Dwyer and Deana Wilson
15<sup>th</sup> John McMullan and Mark Doust



### Hans G Rosendorff Memorial Weekend



17th & 18th September 2022



GOLD POINTS

Melville Bridge Club 431 Canning Highway Melville 6156 WA



Women's Swiss Pairs Restricted Swiss Pairs (< 300 MP as at 31/03/2022)

🙀 🧝 Mixed Swiss Pairs with PQPs 🙀 🧝 (1st 20, 2nd 14, 3rd 10, 4th 6, 5th 4 and 6th 2)

Session times 10.00am and 2.00pm each day

Cost: \$90.00 per player

Cash prizes for each event.

Medals presented to 1st and 2nd in each event

Lunches won't be available to purchase at the venue, however, there are lunch options within walking distance.

Tea and coffee available all day 👛 🍪

Celebrate with the WINNERS and enjoy light refreshments M QQ



Director: Jonathan Free 0407202776 Neville Walker 0418944077 Scorer: Convenor: Kathy Power 0417950012

Entries via MyABF www.myabf.com.au No cash payments accepted, contact the Convenor for assistance if necessary.

As of 01/01/2022, ALL BAWA sponsored Red/Gold Point events require all participants to be fully vaccinated against Covid 19 You can declare your vaccination status when entering via MyABF.



## President's Report

From Nigel Dutton

Congratulations to Jane Reynolds and her team for a very successful Western Senior Pairs. Hit by COVID19 related withdrawal in the week before the event resulting in the loss of four tables; nevertheless, 52 pairs enjoyed a quality event of 108 boards over two days. It was a busy weekend for the Melville centre as a very busy early polling venue was just next door.

The ABF management committee met recently and one of the main items on the agenda was, of course, COVID19 and the organisation's response to changing government mandates and regulations. The following information was relayed to BAWA -

The ABF notes that all state and territory governments no longer mandate showing proof of vaccination and the wearing of masks when entering venues and businesses. Effective from June 1st 2022, ABF Licensed events are free to make their own decisions as to whether they will relax or cancel the existing Covid-19 Vaccination Policy in respect of their event. Note: As the GNOT heats were held under the vaccination and mandate policy, the 2022 GNOT Final will require proof of vaccination and mask wearing.

## SATURDAY BRIDGE West Australian Newspaper

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

### **ABF Daily Bridge Column**

Courtesy of Ron Klinger www.abfevents.com.au Bridge Author of nearly 70 books, Columnist for the Sydney Morning Herald (six days a week) and The Sun-Herald for 17 years, Australian Emerald Grand Master, WBF International Master, competed in 24 World Championships and Asia Pacific Zonal Championships and Commonwealth Nations Teams.

I do not wish to pre-empt any decision that the BAWA Management Committee might make regarding BAWA sponsored Open Red Point events. However, clubs may make their own decisions regarding, particularly, vaccine mandates and masks. As a private club, you may wish to continue to mandate up-to-date vaccinations for players entering your premises for club only Red Point events and regular Green Point sessions. This is no different than a golf club insisting on a dress code.

I suspect that at the next meeting of the BAWA Management Committee in early June that our current policies will continue. These require players to be fully vaccinated against COVID19 and the wearing of masks is a recommend but personal choice. Naturally, any changes to government regulations would take precedent.

One further consideration by the ABF and BAWA will be to give directors, perhaps in consolation with a suitable office bearer, the ability to insist that players leave the premises if they are clearly and demonstrably unwell with flu-like symptoms. The basic message here is that if you are unwell – stay home. I think that this message is long overdue.

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## Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

### South Perth Bridge Club

From Marnie Leybourne

Update on the works at South Perth Bridge Club

Someone once said that the only builder that completed his job on time was Noah. While this might not be strictly true, the job at our club has turned out to be a little larger than first anticipated, something to do with the plumbing (and we don't want floods, do we?!) Anyway, we now expect that things will return to some semblance of normality mid-June-ish.

### **Covid update**

A number of members have now reported positive tests, in line with the story right across WA. SPBC will continue to abide by all Covid requirements set by both the State Government and BAWA, so at this time masks continue to be optional yet highly recommended. We do ask that all players take into consideration that, given the club's demographics, the risks of serious complications from Covid are higher. Therefore, please exercise appropriate discretion and do not come to the club if you have recently tested positive, have been around anyone that has tested positive, or are exhibiting any Covid, cold or flu-like symptoms.

Directors are perfectly entitled to ask player(s) to leave if the players appear to be unwell.

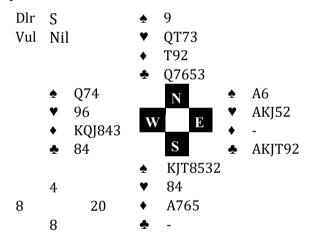
#### **August congress**

It is now just over two months until our late winter congress. Entries are via the BAWA website. In the past, there have been some murmurings of the size of the cash prizes on offer through the club congress. The prizes comprise approximately 50 per cent of the table money collected, which is in line with that offered at other clubs. The cost of running congresses continue to climb. The four-day Easter Congress netted just over \$500 profit for the club, so juggling costs and prizes is a delicate affair.

### Improving your bridge

There are 635,013,559,600 different possible hands at bridge, so it is likely that one or two of them will stump you. When you are sitting at the table and pick up something like the following hand, the pain is over within about seven minutes. You can move onto the next hand and the 'horror' of the one you just finished will slowly fade into a distant memory.

However, place yourself in the position of director at a supervised session, as this hand came up, and again, and again, all night long! The players look to you for answers...



Most Souths opened 3S, which is the best bid for this hand. After two passes, every single East called for help, so think of what you would do.

At two tables, South actually opened 2S, which made life so easy! The obvious bid for East would then be 3S, and it doesn't matter whether you are a beginner or an experienced player. No-one will ever think that their partner wants to play in the opponent's suit, so a 3S bid by East will become a giant red flag for West. East didn't double, so East must have a big two-suited hand. Easy. Bid 4D to show that suit and a willingness to play in 4H.

However, a 3S opening is much harder. So, the advice was to double, and of course West now bid 4D, so the advice was to bid 4H now, which is where most people played.

The following day, a number of Australian international players were polled. Double by East

was considered an acceptable bid (phew!). Another option was 4S, on the basis that East didn't need very much from partner for slam to be cold. This would definitely show hearts and a minor, as if East had both minors, the correct bid would be 4NT.

Unfortunately, no-one made 4H. Deep finesse says 4H makes, however it is very hard to play. After ruffing the diamond Ace lead, East needs to cash ONE heart, and then play the club Ace. South ruffs, and now must play either a diamond (giving East a chance to pitch some clubs on the diamonds, and then finesse the heart); a low spade, which can also give access to dummy (West) to play some diamonds and take a heart finesse; or the spade King, giving later access to dummy for those diamonds. In most cases, just three trump tricks would be lost.

### Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

At the end of April members competed in the TBIB Mixed Pairs Club Championship. Gwyneira Brahma and Phil Bapty emerged as champions (119.16), just beating Jessica Chew and David Matthews (118.66). Salim Songerwala and Cassie Morin 3<sup>rd</sup>



Gwyneira Brahma and Phil Bapty



**Jessica Chew and David Matthews** 



Salim Songerwala and Cassie Morin

### **Dorothy Kitching Handicap Pairs**

Former member Dorothy Kitching was a keen supporter of beginning players and left a generous bequest to Melville Bridge Club that is used to support beginners. Part of her bequest is used to fund this popular event. Twenty-four pairs competed for the trophy which was won by Daphne Anderson and Margaret Pember, with Anne Jones and Bill Carnell 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan and Bob Peters, and Tim Carvalho and Dianne Young 4<sup>th</sup>



Dorothy Kitching Handicap winners: Daphne Anderson and Margaret Pember.



Dorothy Kitching Handicap  $2^{nd}$  Anne Jones and Bill Carnell



Dorothy Kitching Handicap 3rd Joan Peters and Bob Peters



Dorothy Kitching Handicap 4th Dianne Young and Tim Carvalho

#### **COVID PROTOCOL**

Our Management Committee has decided that we will still require all players to be fully vaccinated against COVID. Mask wearing is encouraged, but not compulsory. Most players are taking the sensible precaution of wearing masks during play.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

We invite you to the following coming events:

- Western Australia Day Open Red Point Walkin: Monday 6th June at 12.30pm.
- ♠ Open Red Point Walk-in: Friday 24th June at 12.30pm.
- ♣ First Sunday of the Month Walk-in Pairs: Sunday 3rd July at 1.00pm.
- ♠ Winter Congress: Friday 15th July Sunday 17th July.

More information about these events is on our website.

Our most active players during the past month have been Merwyn Menezes and Bhavna Patel who played 17 times, followed by Nilesh Patel (16).

### **Nedlands Bridge Club**

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Celebrations were in order for Tom Wheatley - 90th and Ann Ohlson - 87th



Congratulations to our members on their recent successes –

The Western Seniors

- 1st Ron Cooper and Vinod Nasta
- 2nd Dave Munro and Fiske Warren
- 3rd Val Biltoft
- 5th Cynthia Belonogoff and David Schokman

The BAWA Evening Teams

- 1st David Matthews, Jessica Chew, Cynthia Belonogoff and Vinod Nasta
- 2nd Dave Munro, Gwyneira Brahma, James Steer and Stella Steer
- 3rd Catherine Hood, David Schokman and Doreen Jones

The Ranjit Gauba Congress Swiss Pairs is full – those that wish to play should there be a cancelation can enter their names on the waiting list in the clubroom.

### INTERMEDIATE / REFRESHER COURSES

- ✓ Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September Opening leads. (Getting it right more often. Making the wrong opening lead will often enable declarer to make the contract).
- ✓ Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> October 3 week course on competitive bidding (How best to combat the opponents during the auction.) \$40 for three lessons or \$15 each.

For our marmalade patrons – stock is in!

### Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

At the Club's AGM in May the following members were elected to the management committee for a 12 month term.



The winners of the Monday Best 3 out of 4 competition in May were Sheryl Coates and Neville Walker. Alan Cransberg and Kimberely Zhao were runners up.

### Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper



N/S Gill and Ross Blakey, E/W Carol and Eddie Pozarowszcyk

The Club Pairs Red Point was held on Monday 9 May 2022. Winners N/S were Gill and Ross Blakey and E/W Carol Thomas and Eddie Pozarowszcyk. The afternoon tea was really delicious thanks to all those wonderful volunteers.

We live in uncertain times and it's good to see people, with or without face masks, still enjoying their bridge. The hope is we will keep as healthy as possible and get through this pandemic OK.

Our website www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org has all the information you will need should you wish to visit our Club. Please be aware that all visitors must show proof of vaccination against Coved 19.

### **Bayswater Bridge Club**

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

The Bayswater Bridge Club has been going well over the last few months with new players joining and some wonderful new committee members coming on board. Generally, we have been free of covid as most people wear masks at the table, although we are starting to see some cases here and there.

#### **Our Current Committee**

Sandy Sutton-Mattocks	President
Bob Hawkins	Vice President/
	Secretary
Pat Allen	Tournament
	Manager/Director
Alan Eason	Treasurer (outgoing)
Angelo Ariyatnam	Treasurer (incoming)
Carolyn Reed	Masterpoint
	Secretary / Director
<b>Don Sutton-Mattocks</b>	Committee / Director
Kevin Outred	Committee / Director
Jacqui Kumkar	Committee /
	House Manager
Pam Hawkins	Committee /
	House Manager

### **Outgoing Treasurer**

The BBC would like to thank outgoing Treasurer Alan Eason for his wonderful stint doing the books over the last two years. Alan will be taking the opportunity of the open borders to visit family overseas. Alan took on the job of Treasurer with great gusto and together with Kevin Outred has put in place a very compact and well regulated system to make it easier for future treasurers. We thank him very much for his diligence and wish Alan and Noeleen a safe journey.

Welcome and warm thanks to Angelo Ariyaratnam who has kindly agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

#### **New Director David Burn**

We recently welcomed David Burn as Director of our club. It was a great move and we feel very honoured to get such an experienced and kind director. It was a timely appointment too as several of our directors at our club will be travelling later in the year, some planning extended visits to family across the world. It is great to know that our club is well and truly stable and constant and we welcome pairs to come and visit our friendly club.

David will be directing the Wednesday formal 12.30 pm session. The Monday 12.30 pm session is a friendly session where beginners feel welcome and enjoy the gradual transition into club play.

#### 2022 Cancer Council Biggest afternoon Tea

The recent Cancer Foundation Biggest Afternoon Tea was enthusiastically embraced by our committee and players, raising \$1357.70 for young children with Cancer.

Jacqui Kumkar organised the raffles to augment the table monies and donations. It was a fun afternoon with a good game of bridge and lots of delicious afternoon provided by the members. Jacqui went to various businesses around Bayswater seeking items for the raffles and for the Silent Auction.

Jacqui and the committee of The Bayswater Bridge Club thanks these businesses warmly and hopes that members of the club or visitors to the area avail themselves of their service. All proceeds from the event went to the Fundraiser.

Coles	Bassendean	Gift Card
BWS	Bassendean	Wine
Liquor Barons	Bayswater	Wine
K & D Outred	Bayswater	Arthritic Thermal & Compression Gloves
K & D Outred	Bayswater	Coffee Machine (Silent Auction)

The Bayswater Club Committee warmly thanks the players who supported the day by bringing in wonderful afternoon tea and entered in to the spirit of the day but huge accolades are reserved for Jacqui who was largely the mainstay of the Fundraising. Well done, Jacqui. Your efforts are to be commended.

#### The Australia Wide Pairs May 2022

The Australia Wide Restricted Pairs has been a much loved event at our club and it is even more special this year after a break due to covid. The event takes place on Wednesday May 26th. Winners announced next Focus.

### New members in and some friends leaving our club and some returning

We have had a few new members recently bringing our numbers to over 70. We welcome them all to our club. Welcome back to Margaret Widmer from Sydney and to Linton and Bronya Sharp returning from visiting family in Israel. A huge welcome to David Amson and his wife, Susan who are now making a home base in Perth.



As well as welcoming new players w have also said Bon Voyage to Alan Gregory, a treasured member, a good friend to all and a wonderful bridge player. Alan has decided to return to live in India to spend time with a daughter and his grandchildren. His family and his bridge family here in Australia will miss his cheery personality and wish him well. We hope to see him back at our club at least for a holiday some day. In the meantime, Alan plays on StepBridge with his Bayswater Bridge partners Pat Allen and Janelle McCann. We also farewelled Berenice Kilfoil and wish her well on her journeys.

70 Percenters - Last 12 Months

PLAYERS		9/0
LAURA BREEN	SANDY SUTTON-MATTOCKS	77.3%
EDWARD REEVES	DON SUTTON-MATTOCKS	72.9%
ALAN GREGORY	DON SUTTON-MATTOCKS	72.9%
MARY JOHNSTON	ANNE BANKS	72.5%
BOB HAWKINS	PAM HAWKINS	71.7%
RAMON EKSANOW	ROBERT WALL	70.6%
KEVIN OUTRED	DON SUTTON-MATTOCKS	70.4%
JILL JENKINS	JOSCELYN CHARTERS	70.4%
MANOJ GARG	DON SUTTON-MATTOCKS	70.2%
CATHY SIMMONDS	IVAN JOHNSON	70.1%
VICTOR DENT	JILL TREVENEN	70.0%

Congratulations to all partnerships especially to Laura Breen and Sandy Sutton-Mattocks for the high score of 77.3% and to Don Sutton-Mattocks for being on the list 4 times.

#### **Session Times**

Monday 12.30 pm Seated by 12.15 Regular open session. Friendly and relaxed.

Wednesday 12.30 pm Seated by 12.15. Regular open session. More formal. Stronger field.

Although Masks are not mandatory at the moment they are definitely advised with the close contact at a bridge table. Please note State Covid Regulations of the day.

### **Bridgetown Bridge Club**

From Jan Burgess

We recently held our annual Club Championship which was played for over four weeks in April. We averaged three tables over the four weeks of the event which followed the usual format of taking each pair's three best scores and eliminating their lowest one This allows those who are unable to come to all four sessions to still be involved - albeit all their three scores count with no drop off for them! Competition was tight and the final placings were as follows:

- First and Club Champions for 2022 Bronwyn Mitchell and Jana Mayhew, averaging 56.2%
- Second Heide Taylor and Jan Burgess, averaging 55.7%
- Third Patricia Rodgers and Ursula Wade, averaging 54.7%

Warm congratulations to our winners, Bronwyn and Jana, and well done to everyone who participated in this event.

If you are travelling in the South West, and would relish a game, we'd be delighted to see you; our Club session is held on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in St Paul's Church Hall, Phillip Street, Bridgetown.

### Kendenup Bridge Club

From Heather Fergie

### Kendenup Swiss Pairs Day.

Once again, the Kendenup Swiss Pairs Congress was a very enjoyable day. We get such good, positive feedback from this event every year.

The difference was that this year, for whatever reason, the congress filled up very quickly.

Brian Wade directed once again in a very efficient and friendly manner. We are so lucky that he is prepared to travel down our way for a one day event.

The food and friendliness were again a big feature.



The overall winners on the day were Ken Else and Kay Thompson with Convenor Heather Fergie



2<sup>nd</sup> Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems



Warwick Jones and Isobel Jones



Malcolm Wornum and Anne Waiklin



Andy Cayley and Anne-Louise Dubrowski



Alison Gunston and Adrian North



### **July Deadline**

June  $20^{\text{th}}$  is the deadline for inclusion in the July Focus.



Colin Saunders and Joanne Saunders

There were many other prize winners and I think that that is one of the reasons that the day is becoming so popular - that there is such a big range of experience represented (there were two pairs in their first ever congress and one pair with no points between them!) and that people in all categories can win prizes.

### West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

#### **Monday Pairs Competition**

The results of our Monday Pairs Competition were



1st Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood2nd Shirley Drage and Graeme Hillier3rd Maureen Phillips and Cathy Slaughter

#### **Autumn Swiss Pairs Competition**

The results of our Swiss Pairs competition were 1st Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood 2nd Robin Rose and Nerilyn Mack 3rd Judy Havercroft and Max Havercroft

Our West Coast Congress will be held on Sunday September 11 at 10.00 am. This is always a very pleasant, enjoyable day and we hope to see many of you there. See flyer is this issue.

### Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Betty Roberts

VALE Rory O'Toole

The Kalamunda Bridge Club is sad to announce the passing of one of its long term members, Rory O'Toole. Rory was 101.

### Results of competitions held recently:

**OPEN TEAMS** 



Winning team:

Nicolas Moniodis, Madge Myburgh, Joseph Gaudet, Ioe Louis



2nd Tom Lemann, Stephen Thyer, Gordon Brown, Sheila Pryce

MIXED PAIRS

12 pairs competed in this event.

Winning Pair:



Stephan Thyer and Carmen Jackson

Runners Up:

Joscelyn Charters and Ross Pringle

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Daytime Pairs restricted to players <300 MP</li>27 May/3 June
- Mix-N-Match 18 June
- Restricted Pairs for players with <50 MP 24</li>
   June

### **Undercroft Bridge Club**

From Solomon Gokavi
The May Congress results Saturday 30th April Swiss Pairs



1st Vinod Nasta, Cynthia Belonogoff



2nd Val Biltoft, Phil Tearne



3rd Mimi Packer, Chris Mulley Best Undercroft Tad Bieganski, Andrew Swider

Best Undercroft under 300 mp Helen Larsen, Iamie Luxton



Best Undercroft under 100mp Bernie Plath, Mario Rubanathan

Sunday 1st April Swiss Teams

1st David Schokman, Cathy hood, Dave Munro, Fiske Warren

2nd Vinod Nasta, Cynthia Belonogoff, Gwyniera Brahma, Deana Wilson

3rd Beata Bieganski, Lilia Male, Stella Steer, Jay Steer

Best Undercroft Team Martin Broome, Valerie Broome, Sue Grenside, Richard Grenside

The walk in Red Point event for Flood Relief raised \$855.00. The Money has been sent to the Lismore Council Mayors Flood Relief Appeal.

The Undercroft Bridge Club will be holding a Free Youth Bridge Fun Day on Sunday 3rd July, followed by a School Holiday Bridge Programme for Youth aged from 8 to 18 years. Please refer to flyer in the Bridge Focus.

### West Australia Bridge Club

From Carla Sullivan

#### **Annual Charity Day**

Our Annual Charity Day on Friday 29 April was a fabulous success. Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, an organisation run entirely by volunteers, was thrilled to receive the \$3,900 raised on the day.

Special thanks go to club member Jacqui Ecclestone for all her hard work organising the event, including sourcing and wrapping donations and scheduling the volunteers for ticket sales.

#### Men's Pairs

Nine pairs played it out over two Fridays in May in the club's annual Men's Pairs Competition.

David Burn and Don Allen were top ranked on both days to come in as convincing overall winners. Congratulations to David and Don.

In second place were Vinod Nasta and Tim Wright and in third place, Ron Cooper and Tom Lemann.

#### **Western Seniors Pairs**

Club members achieving success in this event were Ron Cooper and Vinod Nasta in first position and Dave Munro and Fiske Warren in second place. Congratulations gentlemen.

### **Andy Hung Workshop**

Andy Hung held the first of two workshops on defence, entitled "How to Defend Like and Expert". The 2 hour workshop was held at the clubrooms on Saturday 21 May and attracted attendees from a number of bridge clubs. ●















## **REAL BRIDGE REAL PEOPLE!**



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(www.southperth.bridgeaustralia.org)
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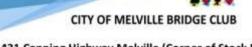












431 Canning Highway Melville (Corner of Stock Road)

LeisureFit Centre Melville



MBC WINTER CONGRESS

### 15, 16 & 17 JULY

Friday 15 July Welcome Match Point Scored Pairs 12:30pm

15 MyABF credits per player (\$15 per player)

Saturday 16 July Open Swiss Pairs 10am

35 MyABF credits per player (\$35 per player)

Sunday 17 July Open Teams at 10am

35 MyABF credits per player (\$35 per player - \$140 per team)

### **ENTRIES & PAYMENT via MyABF**

#### Enter early to avoid disappointment!

Convenor: - Bill Symons 0418 951 365 Tournament Director: - Neville Walker 0418 944 077

BYO Lunch - Light Refreshments with prize giving.

60% of proceeds after expenses used for prize money.



### UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB

invites you to a

### Free School Holiday Bridge day

If you like card games,chess Sudoku or anything that challenges the brain, then come be introduced to the game of Bridge...the world's best mind Sport

#### Venue:

Undercroft Bridge Club, 20 Ron Chamberlain Drive, Percy Doyle Reserve, Duncraig

## on Sunday 3rd July 2022 from 10am to 3pm

Light Lunch will be served

Free Fun day for all ages...8-years onwards.

### **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Free follow up lessons for youth aged 8 -18 years

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July,
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July,
and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

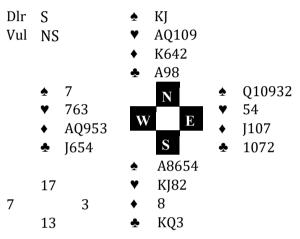
9am to 11.30am

Contact Connie for further information 0417 184 640

## **Undercroft May Congress**

By David Schokman

The deal featured today was played at a recent congress and has everything that makes bridge a challenge. To me, probably a bridge tragic, it showed how undisciplined and careless we can be in our bidding and declarer play, and also unthinking in defence. Look at the hand and you will see that there can be only two contracts that should be on the table, and they are 4H or 6H. Let us see what actually happened.



Before you read this bid it with your favourite partner.

South opens 1S. 2D by north. 2H by south. Now I believe that anyone sitting in the north seat will have aspirations of bidding a slam and is likely to bid 4C as a cue. 4D by south. Now possibly 4NT, checking whether partner could have three key cards so that they could bid to 7H. Once south shows only two keycards they will stop in six. Apparently one pair got their keycard response mixed up and bid to 7H. I believe that west led the ace of diamond after south had made a diamond cue bid. This was very risky but then they had not used Exclusion Blackwood so the risk was minimal.

So you stop in 4H but should always try to make the maximum amount of tricks as every imp counts in tough matches. Five pairs bid to 4H. All made 11 tricks. Seven pairs reached 6H and not a single one made their contract. What would you lead against 6H, after the bidding that you saw? South has definitely shown at least a 5-4 in spades and hearts. North has not supported spades, which means that your partner must have them. So why lead the 7 of spades to make it easy for declarer? The lead of the spade seven is even worse against

the slam. You hold an ace, and your opponents have contracted for a 12 trick game. Where is the room for the spade ace in partner's hand? You could consider the diamond ace but should discard the thought. On the bidding a trump would probably/certainly be the safest lead particularly to cut down ruffing power in both hands, and you are unlikely to ever get a spade ruff though I was lucky. After drawing two round of trumps declarer took the spade finesse, and partner returned a spade keeping the contract to 10 tricks. We lost 10 points on the datums, which often do not make any sense at all. The reason for this is that every pair who bid to the slam were defeated. How do you make 12 tricks on a trump lead? Consider your options. You have a certain diamond loser and a possible spade loser: maybe more. There is no possibility of discarding the losing diamonds, so you have to trump them. Win the first trump and lead a diamond. In this case west will win and lead a second trump. Win this and ruff a diamond. Go to dummy with a club and ruff the last diamond. Draw the last trump, and you make 12 tricks - if the diamond ace was on side. All so easy and why is everyone not doing the right thing? I believe that only Christopher Cullen and Dave Munro made 12 tricks in hearts but were not in six. Now for the crazy bids. One pair in 4S: one in 6S: another in 5C, while one pair, inexplicably, found their way to 6NT, at Imp scoring! Don't they like 4-4 major suit fits?●



### **Test Your Bidding**



By Bill Jacobs bill.jacobs55@gmail.com

### Long Suit Trial Bids

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
			<b>1</b> ♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	?

Partner's single raise of your opening bid shows about 6-9 HCP and 3 or 4-card support. You often must then decide whether to try for game in your major.

An essential tool in the search for a major suit game is the long suit trial. Since you have already found a fit in a major suit, there is little point in looking for a contract in another suit. Bids in a new suit are therefore freed up as trial bids, showing some length in that suit (typically 3 or 4 cards) and asking partner to bid game in your major if she can provide some assistance in the trial suit.

A holding of Axx(x), Kxx(x) or Qxx(x) is perfect for a long suit trial in that suit. Avoid trialing with three or four-small in a suit: a single honour opposite such suits doesn't help much. You are more typically looking for holdings where your combined honours fit together.

Partner will look fondly on honours in the trial suit, as this will fill in your holes in the suit. Shortage can also be useful, particularly if partner has 4-card support in the major: your long cards can be trumped in dummy.

Partner should also look at the general strength of the raise as input to the decision of whether to bid game.

What is your rebid on these hands?

- a) AKQ76 ♥ A2 ♦ 65 ♣ K1043
- b) KQ1054 ♥ AJ2 ♦ Q93 ♣ K5
- c) AK954 ♥ AQJ ♦ K2 ♣ Q75
- d) A108653 ♥ AKJ ♦ K2 ♣ 75
- e) AQJ54 ♥ Q82 ♦ KQJ2 ♣ 7
- f) AQJ54 ♥ J42 ♦ AKJ93 ♣ -

### **SOLUTION on page 20**



## West Coast Bridge Club 2022 CONGRESS

CIVIC CENTRE, 33 TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT, CITY BEACH SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 10.00 A.M.

**DIRECTOR - NEVILLE WALKER** 

ENTRIES via My ABF (https://www.myabf.com.au/)

ENTRY FEE \$40 PER PLAYER – RED MASTER POINTS

Entries open 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 on My ABF

Entries close 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 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.

### Movement type and scoring

Morning session: Qualifying, match point pairs.

Afternoon session: Finals, match point pairs.

Convenor: Patrick Garnett























## **WINTER CONGRESS 2022**

### **RED POINT EVENTS**

Welcome pairs:

Friday, 5 August, 12:30pm \$15 pp

Open Pairs (2 sessions):

Saturday, 6 August, 10:00 am \$35 pp

(Open Pairs will be match-point scoring)

Open Teams (2 sessions):

Sunday, 7 August, 10:00am \$35 pp

\$\$\$ PRIZES \$\$\$

presented after each event (50% of entry fees, less GST, will be returned in prizes)

Director: **Neville Walker** 0418 944 077

Convenor: Garth Scotford 0408 387 649

Enter via BAWA website:

http://www.bawa.asn.au/



## Slam Bidding

By Di Brooks

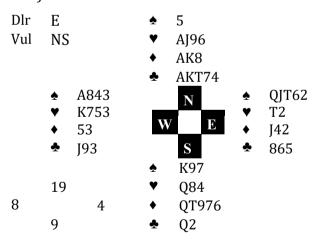
In a club session it is usual to find many part score or game going hands. In Rockingham Monday session, North South had a field day. There were 5 slams to be bid. As Florence and I play Precision, we had no trouble finding our slams yet the majority on 3 boards didn't reach the best possible result, some not even bidding game.

Have a look at the boards and check out whether you and your partner would bid to 6!

Bd 2 E Dealer

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 (1)	Pass	<b>2</b> ♦ (2)	Pass
4NT(KCB)	Pass	5 <b>.</b> (3)	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

- 1) Precision = 16+ pts, any shape
- 2) 2D = 8 + pts, 5 + D
- 3) 5C = 0 or 3

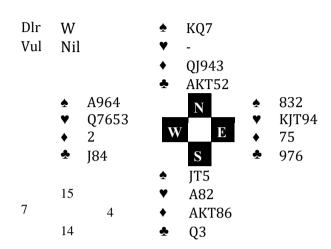


Results: 1 Slam, 4 Game, 2 Part Scores

Bd 8 W Dealer

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
			Pass
1♠ (*)	Pass	2♦	Pass
4NT(KCB)	Pass	<b>5♠</b> (0-3)	Pass
5♦	All Pass	<b>6</b> ♦ (3)	All Pass

$$(*)$$
 1C = 16+ or 4 Losers

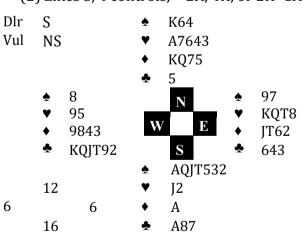


Results: 2 Slam, 4 Game, 1 Part Score

Bd 15 S Dealer

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
		1 (1)	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
<b>2♥</b> (2)	Pass	6♠	All Pass

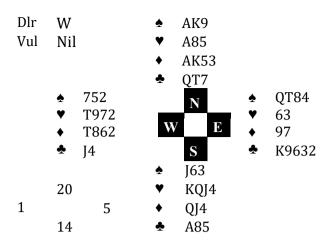
- (1) 16+ or 4 Losers
- (2) Likes S, 4 controls, = 2A, 4K, or 2K+1A



Results - 4 Slam, 3 Game

Bd 24 W Dealer

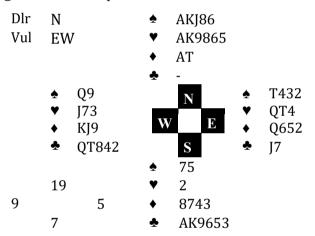
NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
			Pass
<b>1</b> ♣ (*)	Pass	1NT	Pass
4NT(Q)	Pass	6NT	All Pass



Result - 3 Slam (1 - 3), 4 Game

The 5th board (#9) was arrow switched.

North held a Major 2 suiter. Both suits were very strong. Deep Finesse records 6S, only 4H. Nobody got to slam in spades.



If you focus on having 21+ points for a 2C opening, you will never get to slam. This hand screams 'I have Game in my own hand'. Shape dictates your opening of 2C. South has to respond. North shows his Spades, then asks for Aces and bids 6H. This gives South the choice of either major. The preference is 6S as South holds a singleton H and 2 small spades.

Did you get there?

Widen your options. You will get great results.

Happy Bridging, ☺

### **EDITING OF MATERIAL**

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### **Classy Play**



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

Teams | SOUTH Dealer | NS Vulnerable

#### **NORTH**

- **▲** A943
- **♥** 652
- ♦ 7532
- ♣ A8

#### **SOUTH**

- **◆** 05
- ♥ A O 4
- •
- ◆ QJ1096432

South opens 5C and everyone passes. West leads the DK. Plan the play.

### **SOLUTION on page 20**

### **ABF NEWS**

2023 Open and Mixed Teams Playoffs

The dates and venues for the playoffs for the 2023 Open and Mixed Teams are confirmed as follows.

- The Open Playoff for the 2023 Open Team will be held from the 12 to 17 November 2022. The venue will be the Canberra Bridge Club (5-7 Duff Place, Deakin, ACT 2600). Unfortunately, the Rex was not available. Alternatives, including other Hotel venues, were considered and the Canberra Bridge Club was considered the best compromise.
- The Mixed Playoff for the 2023 Mixed Team will be held from the 3 to 8 December 2022. The venue will be the Canberra Rex Hotel.

Both playoffs will be an 8 team KO format with entries based on Open and Mixed PQP's earned in 2022 respectively. In keeping with normal practice PQPs earned in a partnership will count double.

### BETTER TOGETHER

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller



This year's National Volunteer Week theme is 'better together'. Volunteering at club, state, or national level is widespread and diverse with thousands of players volunteering every year. Bridge in Australia could not function without the loyalty and patronage of our wonderful volunteers.

Our volunteers are vital to our success as they provide the foundation for us to build on. We would be lost without their dedication as volunteers help every day in every area and in every aspect. We could not afford to pay them what they are worth.

Join me as we celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers of many kinds.

#### Thank You Volunteers



Allison Stralow, ABF President

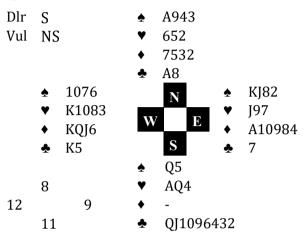


### **Classy Play**

By Ron Klinger

### SOLUTION

This deal arose in a qualifying round of a National Open Teams.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			5 <b>♣</b>
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Lead: DK

After ruffing the DK, South should try to benefit from a favourable location of the SK, the HK and / or the CK. The winning line is to play a low club and finesse dummy's C8. When that wins, continue with a low spade to your queen. If the queen were to lose to the king, you would need to fall back on the heart finesse.

If East plays low, the SQ will win and the contract is safe. In practice, East will rise with the SK and probably switch to a heart. If so, South must rise with the HA, cash the SQ and lead a club to dummy's ace. You can then discard a heart on the SA.

When East plays a heart after winning with the SK, it would be an error to finesse the HQ. West would win and play the CK. That would eliminate your entry to dummy with the spades still blocked. You do not need to risk the heart finesse.

The winning line was produced by Stephen Burgess and Phil Markey and probably others as well.

'Indiscretion': A term applied to your inferior choice, which would be labelled a blunder if committed by partner.

### **Test Your Bidding**

By Bill Jacobs

### **SOLUTION**

- (a) ★ AKQ76 ♥ A2 ◆ 65 ★ K1043
- 3. The perfect hand for a long suit trial. You want partner to give you help in the club suit. For example, suppose partner has a minor suit of QJx. Would you like that suit to be clubs or diamonds?
- (b) ★ KQ1054 ♥ AJ2 ◆ Q93 ♣ K5

Pass. It's 15 HCP opposite 6-9 HCP so the points are lacking for game purposes and there's no distribution to compensate. Stay cool at the 2-level.

(c) ★ AK954 ♥ AQJ ♦ K2 ♣ Q75

3NT. This time you do have enough points for game, and you can offer partner a choice between 3NT and  $4 \spadesuit$ . If partner has only 3 spades and a flattish hand, then it's quite likely that 9 tricks in 3NT will be a better prospect than 10 tricks in  $4 \spadesuit$ .

- (d) ★ A108653 ♥ AKJ ♦ K2 ♣ 75
- 3. There's no particular suit where you want help, so avoid making a long suit trial. Here 3. asks a general question: are you minimum or maximum partner?
- (e) ★ AQJ54 ♥ Q82 ◆ KQJ2 ♣ 7
- 3♥. Here is a situation where you want to make a long suit trial but not in your longest side suit. There's no point asking partner about diamonds: there are no problems in that suit whatever he holds. But hearts is the suit where honours in partner's hand are golden.
- (f) ★ AQJ54 ♥ J42 ◆ AKJ93 ♣ -
- **4**♠. Try for game. You could ask in hearts via 3 ♥ but **4**♠ should have chances whatever partner holds. Give partner
- **♦** Kxx ♥ xxx ♦ xx **♣** xxxxx

and you have quite a good chance of making 4♠. And partner will have more than this. ●



### Results

### BAWA Evening Teams (6)

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Matthews, Jessica Chew, Vinod
	Nasta and Cynthia Belonogoff
$2^{nd}$	James Steer, Stella Steer, Gwyneira
	Brahma and Dave Munro
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doreen Jones, Rez Karim, David Schokman
	and Catherine Hood

### TEAMS OF 4 - 17 May 2022

From John Beddow

#### OPEN **PLAYED** WON **VPs** 2 31.69 WABC-A **NEDLANDS** 1 1 14.63 WABC-B 2 10.89 2.79 SPBC 1 UNDERCROFT-A **UNDERCROFT-B**

#### INTERMEDIATE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	2	2	30.73
SPBC	3	1	22.02
UNDERCROFT	1	1	16.65
WEST COAST A	2	-	12.58
WEST COAST B	1	-	10.00
NEDLANDS	1	-	8.02
MAYLANDS	-	-	-
MELVILLE	-	-	-

#### NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	3	2	37.74
MELVILLE	1	1	10.70
WEST COAST	1	-	9.08
SPBC	1	-	2.48
MAYLANDS	-	-	-
NEDLANDS	-	-	_

### 70% Results (Random search)

#### **Armadale**

71.9 Joe Oscar and Peter Bekink

#### **Denmark**

75.0 Ros Trend and Pam Minchin

#### **Fremantle**

- 77.0 Angela Van Beem and Cliff Collinson
- 70.0 Martin Jones and Alexis Keynes

#### Geraldton

74.0 Heather Cupitt and Wayne Cupitt

### **Joondalup**

- 76.0 Harry Crosby and Julia Hustad
- 74.5 John Lees and David Womersley
- 72.6 Trevor Burr and Ann Burr
- 70.6 Dirk Lapere and Claudine Lapere
- 71.0 Jeanette St Ledger and Rick Morris

### Kalgoorlie

70.8 Sue Lia and Mary Williams

#### Mandurah

- 70.0 Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems
- 76.0 Alison Loon and Nada Clastres
- 71.5 Robert Coulson and Rosemary Lockey
- 77.6 Jean Field and Mei Zhao
- 73.9 Alan Dundas and Florence Maltby
- 73.0 Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg

#### Melville

- 71.0 Merwyn Menezes and Bhavna Patel
- 73.0 Ian Clark and Robert Kirberger
- 71.8 Tim Wright and Phil Bapty

#### **Nedlands**

- 72.9 Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma
- 70.0 Leona Leedman and Debra Majteles

#### Rockingham

74.0 Steven Rogoysky and Helen Rogoysky

#### **Undercroft**

- 72.0 Robin Clarke and Kayoko Bredemeyer
- 70.0 Beata Bieganski and Peter McCann

#### **West Coast**

73.0 Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat

#### South Perth

- 73.0 Martin Cleeve and Gerry Emmons
- 71.0 David Matthews and Jessica Chew

#### Willetton

72.0 Alan Byrne and Bill Carnell

#### **WABC**

71.0 Shirley Lavarack and Liz Jacoby

### **Diarize Now**

### Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	Jun	Sat 4th – Mon 6th	Country GNOT	
		Thurs 9th	BAWA Open Pairs 1 of 2 Undercroft Bridge Club	
		Fri 10th - Sun 12th	Geraldton Congress	
		Sat 18th	Busselton Zonta Charity Day	
		Sun 19th	WABC Masters in Teams of 3 (open to all)	
		Sat 25th	Nedlands Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs	
		Sun 26th	ANC Restricted Butler - WA Final	
ANC	Jul	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	ANC Adelaide	
		Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mandurah Congress	
		Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Melville Congress	
		Thurs 21st	BAWA Open Teams Qualifying 1 of 4	
			BAWA Restricted Swiss Pairs 1 of	
		Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Albany Restricted Congress	
		Sun 31st	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3 10.00am start	
	Aug	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BAWA State Daytime Open Pairs 1 of 3 10.00 start	
		Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Open Teams Qualifying 3 of 4	
			BAWA Restricted Swiss Pairs 1 of 3	
		Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	TBIB South Perth Congress	
		Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	GNOT City Final	
		Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	GNOT City Final & Restricted Heat	
		Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Joan Prince Memorial Swiss Pairs	
		Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Spring Swiss Pairs	
		Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Nedlands Congress	
	Sep	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Spring Swiss Pairs	
		Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sun11 <sup>th</sup>	WA Country Championships	
		Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	West Coast Congress	
		Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	South Perth Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs	
		Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	HGR MEMORIAL CONGRESS	
		Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kalgoorlie Congress	
**NOTE**	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.			
**NOTE**	BAWA/Congress Events		Entries <u>www.bawa.asn.au</u> unless other specified.	

### **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:**

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Director Neville Walker

Cost \$120 TEAM

TO Robina McConnell Phone 0400 943 367 вимазворнотими сом

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