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GRAND NATIONAL RESTRICTED PAIRS



Overall Winners:

**Leon Randolph, John Beddow
(Convener) and Noel Daniel**

Seven clubs held GNRP Heats:
Kalamunda, Undercroft, Fremantle,
Melville, West Coast, WABC and
South Perth.

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University Bridge in the World

Australia has won The Final of the 2nd
World On-line University Team Championship
against **Holland Delft** 88:66. Congratulations!

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Nedlands 3 Day Congress

Friday Congress Winners

N/S



1st : Leon Randolph and Alexandra Russell



2nd : Ursula Harper (and Ross Harper)



3rd : Charlie Lim and Lily Lim

E/W



1st : Dave Munro and Jeanne Hey



2nd : Noel Daniels and Tony Stevens



3rd : Pat King and Linda Watson



The Brilliant Spoon Award

Mark O'Connor and Mary Rose
(pictured)

Best Nedlands Pair

Doreen Jones and Viv Wood

Saturday Pairs

N/S



1st : Viv Zotti and Terri Garbutt



2nd : Sandy Sutton-Mattocks and Leon Ralph



3rd : Anisia Shami and Jill Courtney

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Congratulations to all West Australian representatives attending Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) FINALS November 25 - 28, 2011 Tweed Ultima Resort Tweed Heads

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"Articles always welcome"



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

I am delighted to let you know that early last month I received an email from the Geraldton Bridge Club suggesting that they would be keen to hold a congress in 2012. If my memory serves me correctly I last played in a Geraldton Congress in the mid 1980's with Hans & Jean Rosendorff. I replied most enthusiastically and offered a number of dates; I received a reply the other day and as a result have added a Geraldton Congress to the calendar. It is scheduled for the weekend 15-17 June. BAWA will be helping Geraldton promote the event and I would hope that all WA players would give thought to making their first congress in 25+ years a great success. I have made a tentative suggestion to the club that they could think slightly outside the square and run a 3 session Swiss pairs with 2 sessions on Saturday and 1 Sunday morning. This would allow players to get away before 2.00 pm on Sunday and back to Perth before dark. Naturally the format will be

entirely up to them but I thought it was worth a thought.

There has been a minor, but important, change to the ABF, and therefore BAWA, alerting regulations (effective October 1, 2011). Previously all calls at the four-level or higher were classified as 'self-alerting'.

The criterion for this category of self-alerting action has now been modified to:

All calls at the four-level or higher, except conventional **opening bids**

The reason for this change is to cater for the use of Namyats and other 4-level Transfer Pre-empts. Previously such actions were theoretically supposed to have been pre-alerted, however, because they have such a low frequency of occurrence, this requirement was often overlooked. Note that it is only high-level conventional **opening bids** that have been

removed from the 'self-alerting' classification. All other actions above the level of 3NT (whether conventional or not) will remain non-alertable.

At the AGM last week the BAWA affiliated clubs endorsed a proposal by the Management Committee to approve a modest increase in capitation fees. Around half of this increase will fund the W.A. contribution to the ABF Management liability insurance. As a consequence, as of October 1 2011, all affiliated club committee members are now covered by professional management liability insurance. Full details and copy of all policies can be found on the ABF web site here :

<http://www.abf.com.au/clubs/insurance.html>

Please be aware that when you enter, via the web, a BAWA sponsored red point event (either a state

event or a club congress) it is YOUR responsibility to retain your entry code and are thus able to withdraw from the event should the need arise. It is unfair to burden the director with this job. Amazingly BAWA received an email recently quoting the entry code and simply advising withdrawal. This is not acceptable.

Finally congratulations to Gerry Daly whose contribution to the "rename the PQP event" was judged by the Management Committee as the winner. Full details of the Spring Championship Pairs along with the \$4000 worth of prize money will be available early in the New Year.

Nigel

New Alerting Regulations

ABF Regulations - Notices

Change to System Regulations (effective October 1, 2011)

The boundary conditions in respect to 'Protected Pair' status have been increased such that 'local' and 'national' have been replaced with 'state' and 'life'.

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Life in the Slow Lane...

By Di Brooks
BAWA South West Promotions Officer



Here, we are on Capel Time. Rush hour is at 5.am when two trucks go through the main street, followed by the Mad Rush Hour, at 8.30am, when frantic Mums try to get their children to school before 8.45am.

News travels fast in the country. Internet and emails have no comparison to the bush telegraph. "They' know about whatever you are considering, before you consider doing it!!!!!! Errant teenagers have no chance to get up to mischief, 'cos someone somewhere knows them or their grandparents... one little prank and you're BUSTED! Recently, during the school holidays, two incidents occurred and each time, the kids were seen and before they could commit further misdemeanours, they were reported!

I had a few hectic weeks what with house and doggy sitting, for my youngest son. Nine of the eleven days were spent gasbagging with old friends, playing bridge at my home club of Rockingham and shopping for bargains. Then the Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Teams event was held and it was full on concentration, four rounds a day, 112 boards, over the weekend. No time for frivolity, there were high stakes for which eighteen teams were competing. The Brooks Team of Ann Bate, Jean McLarty, Kathy Power and I had a happy time, not just in the results, but as a quartet of four old friends.

The presentation of medallions was made by Allison Stralow, and congratulations were given by the players and received by us, floating on Cloud 9. As our team had quite a distance to cover, we said our thanks and farewelled another great competition. We flew home to Mandurah, dropping off my three team mates. Although I was offered billeting for the night, I wanted to get home. A hot cuppa saw me on my way and I returned home, full of energy, wanting to share our great news. (A bit deflated on my return... the dogs thought I was a burglar and my darling was fast asleep)!!!!!! It didn't take long to awaken the household. I'm sure the thrill of our win, was noisy enough to awaken the whole of Capel.

Great stuff...Have to close; the librarian has just turned out all the lights...

Happy Bridging



Lead on McDuff or Don't Be a Duffer on Leads!

People are very entrenched in their ways, particularly bridge players. I wince when I hear someone saying, "I never lead away from a King!" I smile and tell them the story of a bridge expert who died and went to Hell. His penance was to play in a perpetual bridge game, where he was always on lead and he held all four Kings!!!!!!So here are a few hints to save you from that situation:-

Analyse the bidding. If partner has bid, lead their suit. Did partner make a lead directing double when the opponents made a conventional bid? If not which of these options are available to you? Should you make an aggressive lead, by starting off with a trump, or a passive card from a short suit, (singleton/doubleton), from a long suit (hoping partner has a void), lead through

Dummy's second suit or strength, fourth highest, M.U.D. (middle, up, down). Any of the above! New players make comment of the lack of time for thought, but if you have no part in the auction, other than passing, you should use this time wisely by checking out the bidding as it progresses and formulate a plan of "What shouldn't I lead" as opposed to "What Can I Lead". Just a little preparation can "Lead to Better Results".

(The Law Book never mentions the word "Cheat", mainly because bridge is a gentlemen's game and therefore gentlemen never cheat!)



The Management Committee of Bunbury Bridge Club has decided to hold 2 sessions, in aid of charity. Also, starting 1st December, 2011, a hamper box will be set up, ready for members to donate tinned goods to help a Community organisation bring some extra joy into a struggling family's life. The recipients of both projects have yet to be decided upon.

A special day for a Bunbury Teams event is to be run on Sunday, December, 4th with two sections, Masters and Restricted. Further details are to be finalised.

Congratulations to Rockingham Bridge Club for their successful Gale Day, under the convenorship of Miriam Garbutt. Eleven years of fundraising for the Silver Chain has seen donations totalling \$34,000. Well done, Rockingham.

Kojonup Bridge Club has booked Di Brooks for a lecture on Monday, 23rd November. Topics will be advised.

Lectures are available on many different topics. Clubs in the South West wishing to select from the list of bridge subjects, please contact me on **9727 1561** or my mobile **04057 12149**.

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Martian Asking Bids

As a point of interest, I would like to give an example of a Martian Asking Bid, so named as not to offend any race, religion or gender!

Play any system which calls for unusual asking bids and conventional replies, players have the responsibility to ALERT such bids, when required by Law. The less experienced players feel the need to ask for explanations on these bids and then PASS. This now places their partner on their honour to make their lead based on the legal knowledge gleaned from the auction. Here's an example of a Martian Asking Bid.....

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1NT	Pass	2D*
Yes, please? And then Pass	2H*	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	X	/
/			

(*2D explained as transfer to hearts)

East now leads a doubleton diamond, into West's AQ. The result was down 2 doubled, -300. West was sat with four diamonds to AQxx and had asked and passed; an unethical way of showing interest in the diamond suit and asking for partner to lead a diamond. Did West need to know about the meaning of the 2D bid? Was West intending to bid? The answer to both these questions was an emphatic NO! The consequences of West's action gave call for the Director. As the hand had been played, the declaring side had been disadvantaged. An adjusted score saw the double taken off the table and the defending side were appraised of the misdemeanour. Hopefully, another lesson learnt in active ethics.

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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

ANC 2011 SENIORS



By John Beddow

Although Egmont and I have been close to representing WA at an ANC over the last few years, this was the first time we actually got to wear the coveted 'Black Jacket' (eat your heart out Tiger Woods) Because of plane delays etc, we were unable to meet our NPC Noelene Law at the venue on Saturday evening, but we all got together on the Sunday morning for a pre-match team talk. Our team: Wendy Driscoll and Suzie Futaesaku, Linda Bedford-Brown and Heather Williams, Egmont and I were all staying at the same hotel which was only 5 minutes walking distance from the venue. Noelene Law had done a terrific job of pre-tournament preparation. We all had our individual folders containing information on the timings, parings, opposition details including copies of their system cards. On more than one occasion our opposition asked to see our folder and expressed huge appreciation on the work that Noelene had put in and wondered why their NPC hadn't done likewise. The main thrust of the NPC 'team talk' was to emphasize team solidarity and make sure your phones are switched off. In fact at the very first match as I sat down to play, Noelene came along and asked me if my phone was switched off. Naturally I had forgotten, so from then on in, whenever I was due to play, the 'Phone Nazi' made sure I was complying with the rules.

Our first match was against the ACT, playing with Wendy and Suzie. Although we lost that match by 17imps we all felt that overall we had played well and were optimistic for the rest of the tournament. There was one good result that gained us 16 imps.

Brd 14	♠ JT7		
Dlr E	♥ 5		
Vul Nil	♦ AT6542		
	♣ K76		
	♠ K95	N	♠ Q2
	♥ AKQJ873	W E	♥ 942
	♦ 3	S	♦ KQJ97
	♣ T2		♣ QJ4
	♠ A8643		
	♥ T6		
	♦ 8		
	♣ A9853		

8		
13	11	
8		

At Wendy and Suzie's' table Opposition went off one in 4 Hearts for -50

At our table the bidding was slightly bizarre:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1D*	2D
4H	5D	X	All Pass

With east on lead there was no difficulty for the Egmont opened a Precision Diamond as East, South's 2D was described as natural, I bid the obvious 4H and North, understandably, bid 5D dbld for -1400.

The afternoon session saw Egmont and me with Linda Bedford-Brown and Heather Williams playing against QLD. This was more satisfying as we got a 14 imp win. The best score of +11imps coming from board 18 which saw the QLD N/S going off two vulnerable in 3NT, while LBB and Heather punished the QLD E/W pair by dblg 3C Non Vul for 300.

Round 3 saw Linda, Heather, Wendy and Suzie defeat Tasmania by 32.1 imps to go to second spot.

Round 4 was a setback. Playing with Linda and Heather against the strong NSW team we lost by 30.2 imps, putting us back to 4th spot.

Round 5 was a small loss -3.1 imps against Victoria.

Round 6 was also a small loss of 16 imps against SA which saw us slump to 5th spot.

Round 7 was a bye.

Round 8 was a great 32.5 imp win by Linda, Heather, Wendy and Suzie against Victoria. This put us back to 4th spot.

Round 9 playing with Linda and Heather gave us 'the double' over QLD. Interestingly Rob Milward, my old bridge partner from Lindfield and Chatswood B.C's in Sydney was playing in the QLD team. We had the choice of seats and tempting though it was to face up to him across the table, their other pair played Precision, so tactically we opted for a Precision v Precision line up. I think for the first time Egmont and I played

N/S. There were two big swings that carried the match for us. Firstly on #12

Brd 12 ♠ AKT6
 Dlr W ♥ 87
 Vul NS ♦ AKJ87
 ♣ Q3

♠ 543	N	♠ J87
♥ JT32	W	♥ K9
♦ T9	E	♦ Q653
♣ KJ92	S	♣ A854

♠ Q92 ♥ AQ654
 ♦ 42 ♣ T76

17
5 10
8

On a diamond lead Egmont as North made a fairly pedestrian 3NT for 10 tricks. At the girls' table, same contract, different lead. A club lead by East gave North no chance. +100 for 12 imps.

#20 was also a big one.

Brd 20 ♠ KT2
 Dlr W ♥ AKQ53
 Vul All ♦ 52
 ♣ KQJ

♠ QJ654	N	♠ 983
♥ JT6	W	♥ 874
♦ 876	E	♦ T94
♣ 85	S	♣ T972

♠ A7 ♥ 92
 ♦ AKQJ3 ♣ A643

18
4 0
18

At our table the auction was:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1C*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3H	Pass	4C*
Pass	4H	Pass	5C*
Pass	5D	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

- * Precision 1C 16+
- * 2NT 11-13 or 16+
- * 4C and 5C was asking for Aces and Kings.

I don't know what the auction was at the other table, but my old mate Rob let me down

(thankfully) by stopping in 6NT. +13 imps and an overall win of 23 imps to catapult us unto 3rd spot.

Round 10 pitted us against SA again, and again they proved to be stronger than us winning by 19 imps and pushing us to 4th spot.

Round 11 was another -30.6 imp loss against the bookies' favourite, NSW. We were now 5th. Won 4, drawn 1 lost 6.

Round 12 saw us gain a bit of momentum by beating Tasmania to jumping back to 3rd

Brd ♠ AKT3
 Dlr S ♥ KQ93
 Vul EW ♦ AT65
 ♣ 2

♠ Q8542	N	♠ J97
♥ 74	W	♥ AJT62
♦ K92	E	♦ -
♣ T84	S	♣ KQ753

♠ 6 ♥ 85
 ♦ QJ8743 ♣ AJ96

16
5 11
8

On board 3, our partners bid and made 3NT, but at our table the opposition decided to sacrifice in 4 Clubs dbled for 1700. 😊

Brd 4 ♠ 94
 Dlr W ♥ Q4
 Vul All ♦ QJ9654
 ♣ Q65

♠ KJ52	N	♠ Q7
♥ KJ8	W	♥ A932
♦ KT2	E	♦ A7
♣ 732	S	♣ AKT84

♠ AT863 ♥ T765
 ♦ 83 ♣ J9

16
5 11
8

On the very next board we defended 3NT by East. The bidding was:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1C	Pass
1S	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

I was on lead and while a spade lead may have been a possibility (we rarely lead 4ths from a Jack or Ten, I was more inclined to keep my spade suit unknown for the time being and so led 8D which proved to be devastating for Declarer. Diamonds were cleared when I got in with AS and Egmont ran the suit after winning the QH. 1 x Spade, 1 x Heart, 4 x Diamonds = 6 tricks for + 200. Linda and Heather in the same contract of 3NT made +660 = +13 imps.



The last round against the ACT was disappointing. They bid and made a Grand Slam in Diamonds which depends on a heart finesse, plus another couple of game swings meant that we lost by 30.6 imps to finish 5th overall.

Notwithstanding the disappointing results Won 5 drew 2 lost 7, the whole team had a great time and I believe we all gained from the experience. Certainly there was a very strong bond between us all. Just about every day we joined up for breakfast in the morning and dinner in the evening and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. We found some very nice eating places, including my favourite the Prahran Hotel which was a 15 minute walk from the hotel.



When we got there, we hadn't booked, and it was full of happy diners and we thought we would miss out. Luckily a delightful young waitress found us a side room for all six of us. The food was superb. I had, for the first time in decades, a rabbit casserole which was delicious.

I don't remember what the others had, but they must have enjoyed it because we all trooped back again the next night. Linda, Heather and Suzie added a further dimension to the week by going on a 'Shop 'till you drop' trip in Toojay. (I understand that Visa card added 200 more employers onto their staff to cope)

Although the venue we played in was adequate, it was not as glamorous as the Esplanade in Fremantle (Melbourne venue hire is

extraordinarily expensive) but the support and administration was top class. There were no hiccups, delays or indeed any distracting problems whatsoever, and the way that the Melbourne ANC team turned, what was a very ordinary warehouse style venue into an extremely attractive, comfortable Victory Dinner was quite amazing. Full marks to the ANC team on their efforts, and full marks to Noelene for being a very competent and delightful NPC.

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

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SOUTH COAST CONGRESS ESPERANCE 2012



When Long Weekend March 2012
Friday 2nd to Monday 5th March

Where Esperance Anglican Hall
Cnr Windich and Council Place

Director Bill Kemp

Entries via BAWA website

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Accommodation enquiries
Esperance Visitor Centre Tel 90831555



Re: Ian Bailey

I read with some interest - and empathy - Ian Bailey's article on "The Great Claim Robbery", as I experienced something similar several years ago.

My partner, who was relatively inexperienced, laid down his hand to claim the last four tricks, without first explaining that he intended throwing away the one losing diamond in dummy on his club ace. The director was called by one of our opponents, and although the winning play was obvious to blind Freddie - and belatedly explained by my partner to the director - the complainant was given the right to demand the irrational diamond lead, setting the contract, for an undeserved top for them. Bridge is such a wonderful game, surely there's a place for common sense in the administration of its rules?

Another similar (although slightly different) situation happened to me very recently.

I was playing against a pair who was in a sacrificial 3S contract, which I doubled - both because of the vulnerability, and the fact that I had several spades. After ten rounds, we had taken four tricks, and I still held the jack of spades, which was the top one still out, so the contact was undisputedly defeated. Due to a momentary lapse in concentration, I used my trump to take a club trick, while still having one in my hand, causing an established revoke, with a mandatory one trick penalty. I would have thought that the fact that the revoke actually made no difference to the eventual outcome could/should have been taken into consideration, but it appears not.

As an afterthought, what about changing the scoring rules, so that a pair pushed to a 5S/H contract that makes, gets a couple of points more than a pair that calls 4, but makes 5, which has far less risk involved?

Michael Stewart

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GRAND NATIONAL RESTRICTED PAIRS



By John Beddow

Seven clubs held GNRP Heats: Kalamunda, Undercroft, Fremantle, Melville, West Coast, WABC and South Perth. The number of pairs reaching the Regional Final has stayed fairly constant: 2009(72) 2010(64) 2011(66) Unfortunately of the 66 pairs that qualified for this year's Final, seven pairs did not turn up for the final and two pairs had 'qualified' with two different clubs thus bring the final numbers down to 49 pairs.

The event was held at WABC and was very ably directed by Bill Kemp.

The competition is such that three pairs N/S and three pairs E/W qualifies to go to Canberra for the Summer Festival of Bridge and play in the National Finals. BAWA pays their entry fee of \$400.00 per pairs and the ABF subsidizes their air fare.

The qualifying pairs this year were:

North South

David Cowell & David Womersley	1366.2
Tom Januszewski & Zbigniew Balicki	1366.0
Shirley Crawford & Miriam Winter	1337.0

East West

Noel Daniel & Leon Randolph	1477.5
Jill Keshavjee & Sandy Sutton-Mattocks	1374.3
Armanda Torre & Connie Coltrona	1347.5

The overall winners were **Noel Daniel** and **Leon Randolph** with a massive 1477.5 mps. They will receive a special certificate from the ABF.

I would like to remind clubs that this competition was especially designed to give our less experienced players the chance to earn Gold Points and as such, while I congratulate the seven Metropolitan Clubs who took the time and effort to run the GNRP Heats, I ask why the other 15 Metropolitan Clubs did not. Is it really because they canvassed their members and were told they were not interested. If this is the case then I would like to know and advise the ABF accordingly. Maybe the ABF have got it wrong and club members are just not interested in Gold or Red point events?

John Beddow

GNRP Convener

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)



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19, 20 November 2011

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Swiss Pairs**

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Ormsby Terrance, Mandurah**

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Entry fee: Welcome Pairs \$10 per player; Swiss Pairs \$75 per player

Pay Swiss Pairs online see BAWA website, or at the table

**Submission of an entry warrants that the entrant is a current financial member of the
ABF Masterpoint Scheme, or a *bona fide* overseas visitor**

Tournament Organiser:

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Tournament Unit:

Bill Kemp, Neville Walker

Entries: www.bawa.asn.au or contact Allison or Bill

Name the Game



By John Aquino



The game of Bridge is enjoyed by millions of people around the world every day- but why is it called 'Bridge' and what are the origins of its name?

Bridge can trace its ancestry to the game of Whist – which dates back to the early 16th century. My research on the etymology of the game's name is not unequivocal. Some historians are of the view that the name 'Bridge' is derived from the Russian version of Whist called 'Britch'.



However others strongly believe that the name emerged during the Crimean War (1853-1856) when a large contingent of British soldiers was stationed in Constantinople (today's Istanbul). It is said that the game of Bridge was invented by these British soldiers. Under cover of night they used to cross the **Galata Bridge** which spans the expanse of water at the Golden Horn to play the

game in coffee houses on the other side. Thus the game itself came to be known as 'bridge'.

I recently visited Istanbul while on a cruise of the Eastern Mediterranean. There was so much to take on board in this cosmopolitan metropolis. The Agia Sophia – an enormous Byzantium Cathedral dating from the fifth century, the impressive Blue Mosque, the Grand Bazaar – a huge undercover market dating from the 15th century and the opulent Topkapi Palace where the vast riches of the Ottoman Empire are on display.



For me Istanbul was also a unique opportunity to visit the **Galata Bridge** – the bridge that is said to have given its name to the game with which we are so preoccupied. I crossed it on foot as those soldiers did during the Crimean War. And yes there still are coffee houses on the other side where backgammon and cards are played today!

However I contented myself by reading the latest edition of Bridge Focus in the "Galata Café Restaurant" (see pic above) – one of many eating places built in an arcade under the bridge.

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WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION NEWS

Inaugural SportAccord World Mind Games



Featuring the world's top athletes in the respective fields, the inaugural **SportAccord World Mind Games** will take place in the *Beijing International Convention Centre*, in Beijing, China, 8-16 December 2011. Five mind sports will participate in the *SportAccord World Mind Games*: **Bridge, Chess, Draughts, Go** and **Xiang Qi** (Chinese chess). Some 150 top athletes are expected to compete in the event which is presented by IMSA and will be accompanied by a cultural program. Winners, medallists and players will receive attractive prize money depending on their results.

IMSA is the International Mind Sports Association. **SportAccord** is the umbrella organisation for all (Olympic and non-Olympic) international sports federations as well as organisers of multi-sports games and sport-related international associations.



Bali ... at last!

Bali, Indonesia, will be the venue for the **41st World Team Championships in 2013**, according to the agreement signed on May 21 between WBF President Gianarrigo Rona and Dahlan Iskan, President of the Indonesia Bridge Federation.

Bali was to host the 35th World Teams in 2001, but the tragic events of 9/11 led to a last-minute venue switch to Paris. However, the idea of staging the event in the dream Indonesian island was never abandoned, and it is great news that the WBF Executive Council has now felt able to accept the bid. The 41st World Teams Championships will be held in Bali's *Nusa Dua* resort area, 14-28 September 2013.

The World Team Championships comprise zonal competitions in three series: the *Bermuda Bowl* (open), the *Venice Cup* (women) and the *d'Orsi Senior Bowl* (seniors); the World Transnational Teams is held during the knockout phase.

3rd World Online University Teams Championships

In December 2011, FISU (World University Sports Federation) and WBF will start **the 3rd World Online University Team Championships** on *Bridge Base Online* (BBO).

This is a knockout competition on Internet between countries where the schedule is determined by draw. A country can enter an unlimited number of teams, each comprising 4 to 6 university players and a captain.

Congratulations!

Australia has won The Final of the **2nd World On-line University Team Championship** against Holland Delft 88:66.

Australia has won the Final of the **2nd World On-line University Team Championship** against Holland Delft 88:66. Go to the Unibridge website <http://www.unibridge.eu/> for results. Making up the Australian team were Griff Ware (ANU), Ellena Moskovsky (USyd), Stephen Williams (ANU/ USyd), James Higgins (ANU) and Sebastian Yuen (ANU). **Jane Reynolds** (Murdoch University) played the second half of the 1st round KO match when James and Sebastian needed a break.

South Perth Swiss Pairs 2012

Three Mondays
January 9, 16 & 23
7.30 pm

Entries: via BAWA website please
Entry fee: \$45 per person
Director: Neville Walker

1st: Prize: \$400 the pair
2nd: \$300
3rd: \$200
4th: \$160
5th: \$120
6th: \$100
First unplaced SPBC Pair: \$100
No pair may win more than one prize

Convenor: Cassie Morin
(cassiemorin@bigpond.com.au)

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Enquiries about volunteering opportunities at Hollywood Private Hospital will be warmly welcomed.

Contact - **Helen Morrell** - Volunteer Services Manager **9346 6275**
MorrellH@ramsayhealth.com.au





16th to 29th January 2012

We're turning 40! Our 40th birthday should be one of the best Summer Festivals yet! We always listen to our players and there will be some changes in January 2012.

- South West Pacific Teams becomes a 4 day event – 12 x 20-board matches
- National Swiss Pairs all in the one playing area – the Ballroom at Rydges
- **New** Restricted Swiss Pairs
- The Blue Ribbon Match-point Pairs **Returns In a 3-Stage Format**
- National Open Teams now all 64-board matches
- Celebrity lectures during both weeks teams' events.

Let's look at the changes in more detail

South West Pacific Teams

This event has been reduced to 4 days leaving three days for the Blue Ribbon Pairs, the Mixed Teams, the Flighted Swiss Pairs and the National Open Teams (the teams finals) to all finish on Sunday.

National Open Swiss Pairs

In 2011 this event was expanded to 2 days. This was enthusiastically accepted by the players but the event was split between two playing areas. In 2012 all players will be in the one playing area – the Ballroom on the 1st floor at Rydges Lakeside.

NEW Restricted Swiss Pairs

Many of the restricted players wanted to play in the Swiss Pairs but as it was an open field many found it intimidating. In 2012 a Restricted Swiss Pairs will be contested at the same time as the Open Swiss Pairs. Players in this event must have less than 500 MPs.

Blue Ribbon Pairs

The Summer Festival of Bridge has not had a great match-point pairs event since the heyday of Blue Ribbon Pairs. It was a hugely popular event and will return in 2012 with a new improved format – 3 Stages – Qualifying, Semi-Finals & Finals.

There will be a separate entry for the qualifying stage and the Semi-Final/Final Stage. If you only wish to play one day you can enter the qualifying and not continue into the weekend.

The National Open Teams

This event (the finals of the South West Pacific Teams) will be 8 teams with no night play, and all matches will be 64 boards. The Final will finish on Sunday.

Celebrity Lectures

Players during the teams events in both weeks of the Summer Festival will have the opportunity to attend lectures delivered by some of Australia's great players and teachers. Details will be available on the ABF website closer to the event.





EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

ABF YOUTH NEWSLETTER EDITOR - WEBSITE CONTENT ADMINISTRATOR - SOCIAL NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

The ABF Youth Committee ("ABFYC") is seeking expressions of interest for a person to accept responsibility for:

- Preparation of three newsletters annually of approximately eight pages each to be distributed electronically only; and
- Liaising with the ABF Youth website designer and administrator to ensure that the content is meaningful and current; and
- Establish and maintain social network pages and content to be current and meaningful; and
- To advise the ABFYC on the establishment of an online youth forum to allow the ABFYC to better understand the needs and drivers for participation in youth bridge and to allow youth players to exchange plans ideas and any other meaningful information.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will primarily consist of:

Results from both Australian and International events at which youth players are participating;

Photos of youth players both profile and at the table to try to make a more intimate feel between youth players who may not otherwise directly interact;

Advertising of all youth events at which we the ABFYC seek to optimise youth participation;

Reproduction of any interesting hands featuring youth players which may be taken (with consent) from tournament bulletins etc.;

Submissions from youth players which the appointee would actively seek on an ongoing basis;

Reporting in brief on ABFYC meetings and decisions especially as they affect players, events and international programs; and

Any editorial content or articles of interest which the appointee would like to include in the newsletter.

The role should primarily be seen as one of assembling a newsletter rather than a need to originate content although additional content will always be welcome.

WEBSITE

Many websites suffer from dated and stale content. The ABFYC seeks to have a website which would feature:

- (1) Copies of the current and past newsletters;
- (2) Details of forthcoming events;
- (3) Information about youth programs and activities from around the world;
- (4) Promulgation of decisions made by the ABFYC as they affect youth players;
- (5) Minutes of the ABFYC meetings;
- (6) Invitation of submissions from youth players on issues to be considered by the ABFYC which will affect them.

While to a certain degree the website will duplicate contents of the newsletter it will provide an expanded space for much of the material.

Information must be up-to-date and archived as appropriate and it will be the role of the appointee to liaise with the web administrator to ensure that this happens.

The ABFYC certainly doesn't see any web design experience as necessary but it would be well-regarded.

OTHER

Subject to the availability and desire of the applicant, transport and accommodation costs would be provided to attend the Australian Youth Championships held in Canberra each January with the intent of gathering material and 'bonding' with the youth community. Of course

contributions to the event bulletins would be appreciated.

GENERAL

The applicant would report to the ABFYC through the ABF Youth Coordinator (currently Dave Thompson) and invited to attend the two meetings held annually during which the applicant's views on all aspects of youth bridge promotion and activity would be sought.

REMUNERATION

The ABFYC have allocated an annual honorarium of \$2,000 for the role outlined above but will accept applications from candidates who set a higher amount to be paid for the role.

Applications together with payment criteria outside of those outlined above close on Friday 16th December 2011 and should be directed to the chairman of the ABFYC, David Stern at

youth@abf.com.au.

Commencement likely 1st January 2012

MANDURAH BRIDGE CLUB

ABN 902 483 786 77

PO Box 77
Mandurah WA 6210
Telephone 08 9583 5448
Email: mandurahbridge@dodo.com.au

2012 Annual Congress

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

28th and 29th January

By popular demand Saturday's event will again be a Swiss Pairs

ENTRIES via BAWA WEBSITE

www.bawa.asn.au

PROGRAM

Saturday **9.30 am - Swiss Pairs**
\$30 per player – includes lunch

Sunday **9.30 am - Swiss Teams**
\$30 per player – includes lunch

Prizes will be a minimum of 45% of Entry Fees

Convener & Tournament Director

Neville Walker - 9581 6422

nevillewalker1@bigpond.com



When opportunity knocks

by Ron Klinger



<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

Improve Your Bridge Online

PROBLEM

Teams: North dealer :Nil vulnerable

NORTH
 ♠ QJ5
 ♥ AJ963
 ♦ 5
 ♣ Q872
EAST
 ♠ K962
 ♥ K5
 ♦ AK843
 ♣ 63

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1D	2C
2D	3C	3D	Pass
Pass	4C	All Pass	

West leads the D6.

Plan the defence for East.

would be a fit-jump to 3H showing a decent 5+ heart suit and club support as well.

East won the lead with the DK and had to decide how to continue. East could see that there were no more diamond tricks for the defence and at most one heart trick. Therefore tricks were needed from the spades and East shifted to the S2.

The spade shift would work instantly if West began with ace-doubleton. It would also work if West had the S10 and a quick entry.

Declarer played the S8 and took West's S10 with the SQ. To make the contract at this point, declarer needs to play hearts soon, either at once or after a club to the ace. Naturally enough declarer took the club finesse. When that lost, West returned a spade and the defence scored two spade tricks, a heart and a club.

Our opponents do not play flawlessly. On this deal East gave declarer the chance to do the wrong thing.

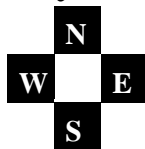
Teams

Brd
 Dlr N
 Vul Nil

♠ QJ5
 ♥ AJ963
 ♦ 5
 ♣ Q872
 ♠ K962
 ♥ K5
 ♦ AK843
 ♣ 63

♠ 1074
 ♥ 8742
 ♦ Q976
 ♣ K4

♠ A83
 ♥ Q10
 ♦ 1052
 ♣ AJ1095



10	
5	13
12	

Lead: D6

North's raise to 3C left something to be desired. A bid of 2H would be hard to fault and even better

2011 Bridge Holidays with Ron Klinger

Norfolk Island

From Sunday, 4th December
 to Sunday, 9th December, 2011

For details, please contact

ron@ronklingerbridge.com

or 02 9958 5589.

Rockingham Bridge Club Inc

CONGRESS 2012

February 18-19th 2012

Saturday 18th February 2012 10am Congress Pairs

\$25.00 per player – pay at the table on the day

Sunday 19th February 2012 10am Congress Teams

\$25.00 per player – pay at the table on the day

BYO Lunch – Maximum 20 Tables – Raffle... * Door Prizes

Convenor: Janice Hawker 9528 7703 email: h1110@tadaust.org.au

Tournament Director: Bill Kemp

Venue: Rockingham Bridge Club, Watts Road, Shoalwater

Telephone: 9591 3444

e-mail: rockbrig@bigpond.com

Webpage: www.rockingham.bridge-club.org

ENTRIES: Via BAWA WEBSITE www.bawa.asn.au



The Australian Bridge Federation and
The Bridge Association of WA



Present

A Weekend Seminar for Bridge Teachers

The sessions will be of enormous value to established and aspiring teachers at all levels

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November 2011



The presenter will be Ms Joan Butts the ABF's National Training Officer. Joan is an expert bridge teacher. She is also an experienced player, who has represented Australia and Queensland.

Joan has developed a new, easy approach to teaching bridge. She hopes to train teachers to become the most professional and effective that they can be. She has been the official teacher for the QBA for a number of years and runs a bridge club as well as giving many lessons.

Saturday — Will cover Teaching Methodologies and Practical Teaching Tools

Sunday — There will be a 3 hour workshop which applies the methodologies and tools from the Saturday session. Workshop Topic "Competitive Bidding without a Fit"

Full details on the BAWA website: <http://www.bawa.asn.au>

The complete book on OVERCALLS



Book Review from the Senior Serpent

The complete book on OVERCALLS

A Mike Lawrence Bridge Classic

Master Point Press

Toronto, Ontario, CAN

2009 revised and updated version

Introducing the first edition of this book in 1979, Alfred Sheinwold wrote, "... like introducing a horn solo by the Angel Gabriel ... I do so only to please the author and the publisher ...". Your correspondent is in that vein in a much humbler way but with a more serious need to play "catch-up footy" with the tireless editors of *Focus*.

Michael Lawrence is a legend of the story of Bridge; prodigal with a huge list of credits before turning 30 (that is just a while ago now). He is possibly judged at times to be phlegmatic rather than flamboyant. But do look out for those little surprise humorous touches.

To highlight some points from the near-to-infinite list of topics is the work on 4card suit overcalls at the one- level. This is one to look at seriously and studiously. The chapter rounds out with Lawrence's "four rules ... Most players tend to forget at least one of these rules".

Drawing a long bow on the 4c suit overcalls, it is not until P296 (yes – a lot of pages in this book!) that we pick up on the subject of overcalling after opponents' 1NT opening. Respectfully, we suggest that this notion receives passing analysis; "... My advice? Pick a popular convention, get your partner to agree to it, and play it." (Quote).

"... with shape you should bid and without shape you should pass, or perhaps make a penalty double should that that be one of your alternatives."

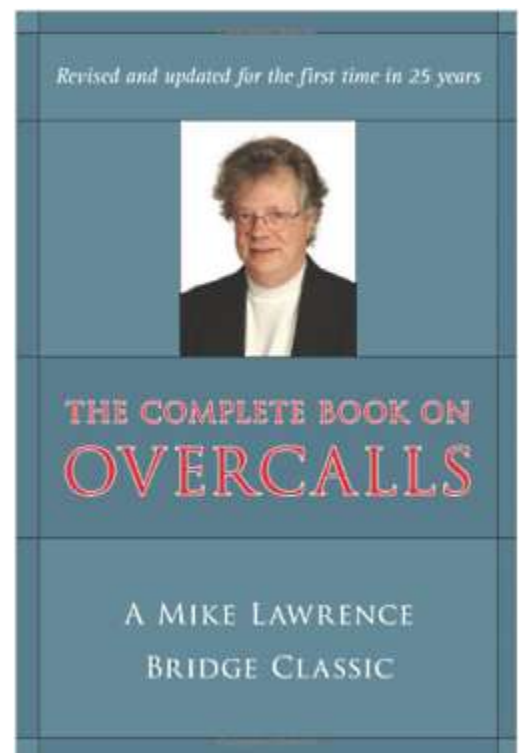
High on the list of alternatives is Cappelletti, for instance. This actually permits overcalling 4card Majors at the 2 level. Does that fit easily with the rules on 4 card suit overcalls?

On 2 level overcalls; "comparing one-level with two-level overcalls is like comparing night and

day". Above all, as quickly noted in the book, your opponents are much quicker to double your two-level contract. The simple rule seems to be, "good suits, good hands". On the 5-3-3-2 hand with 14 points; "This hand is a disaster. It is not worth a bid anywhere anytime. Vulnerable bidding (2H) is just awful. Words fail me."

A most precious rule is invoked here. Etch it into your soul, but above all, your brain. This is truly a piece of real Bridge; "When overcalling, part of the value of your bid is how difficult it is for the opponents to overcome it. **If your bid does not take up some useful space, then your hand must be correspondingly better in terms of suit and quality.**" (Bold type is your correspondent's contribution).

The final chapter (17) is titled "Modern Methods". Are you familiar with "Snapdragon Doubles"? (They do not arise often). There are nine alternatives listed for action after Partner's one-level overcall and RHO passes. You need these for *Post Mortems*. Read it. Linda might offer a deal you cannot refuse; proceeds to Youth Bridge.





THE ROVING RHODES

Darwin Misdemeanours



by Maura Rhodes
rhodesfamily@westnet.com.au

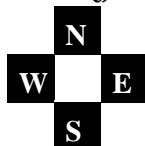
The Territory Gold Festival of Bridge is one we particularly enjoy. It alternates between Darwin and Alice Springs and this year, Darwin was the host city. Darwin is a delightful place to visit in early September- the weather is fabulous and it has a great “buzz” so, with no night play, the evenings are always pleasurable, with many al-fresco dining options. There are few things I enjoy more than sitting outside eating a pleasant meal, sipping a drink with pleasant company and people-watching!

Fifteen Eastern States professionals, plus partners, attended this event and we were fortunate enough (or otherwise!) to play against most of them. One who shall be nameless, distinguished himself by spending a night in the lock-up, following an evening of excessive merry-making, yet he still appeared at 9.30 the following morning and his Bridge ability was clearly not affected, judging by the results!

At every tournament, there is at least one very interesting board which becomes the topic of much controversy and Board 22 of the Swiss Pairs was an example from this event:

Brd 22
Dlr E
Vul EW

♠	KJ42
♥	A
♦	-
♣	AKQJ9753
♠	QT98
♥	J964
♦	Q9863
♣	-
♠	A763
♥	KQT873
♦	2
♣	T4



	18	
8		5
	9	

This hand lends itself to a myriad of questions. East passes, that is unanimous. What do you do

as South? I would have opened the hand with a 1H bid, considering it too strong to pre-empt with 9 quality points and ten cards in the Majors.

Some chose to open 2H or 2D if playing Multi-Twos, whereas others, who also considered it a weak hand, won't open a weak two with four cards in the other Major. There is no right or wrong answer. This is purely a matter of style and the important thing is that you agree with your partner.

Suppose South opens 2D, a Multi-Two, which is usually a weak two in a Major, but may also, have strong options. That is the second thing you need to agree with your partner. Can your multi 2D have a strong option? When Rick and I first started playing Multis, we played the 2D opening as being either a balanced strong hand (a traditional 2NT opening) or a weak Two in either Major. Later, we heard that Ron Klinger strongly recommended limiting it to a weak two in a Major. You may wonder why and the reason is simple. If it always a weak two in a Major, partner may raise immediately to the safest level with a Pass or Correct bid of Hearts to make life difficult for the opponents. A few years ago, in Canberra, I held a Yarborough with 5/5 in the Majors, so when Rick opened 2D, a weak Two in a Major, I knew the opponents had slam on. His left-hand opponent doubled and I immediately bid 4H, which is pass or correctible to Spades. The opponents had great difficulty as they had lost so much bidding space, so they settled in 5C which was a good score for us, as they missed their grand slam in either minor. If our Multi had a strong option, I couldn't have pre-empted.

Now we move to West's hand: do you overcall 3D? The rule is that you don't pre-empt over a pre-empt, but surely with such a strong trick-taking suit, you want to introduce it. OK, let's agree that West overcalls 3D, now we come to North. What does North do? Again, we get back to partnership agreements. What is double? Rick

and I play it as penalty. Some players play it asking Partner to bid their Major. Which is best? I wouldn't presume to judge that, simply to advise that you and your partner agree.

At our table (we were E/W) the auction was:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Rick</i>		<i>Maura</i>	
		Pass	2D
3D	X	5D	Pass
Pass	6C	All pass	

We lost 7 Imps on the board in the Swiss Pairs as our opponents were fearless in bidding their slam. Our team-mates, Liz Mc Neill and Dave Munro were even more bold and they had a different auction. Liz, as South, opened 2D, and after a 3D overcall by West, Dave doubled. After Liz bid her Hearts, he used Roman Keycard Blackwood and discovered Liz held two Keycards. As the opponents were bidding and supporting Diamonds, he correctly guessed that Liz held the King of hearts and the Ace of Spades, not the Ace of Diamonds, so he bid and made 7C. Incidentally, on this board, a sacrifice at any level of Diamonds (bidding 6D over 6C or even 7D over 7C) would have been successful. It is rare for a sacrifice to be advisable at adverse vulnerability, but on this occasion, it would have been successful.

I hope that regular partnerships will discuss the various issues raised by this remarkable board and ensure that their agreements are understood by both sides.

Congratulations to Ursula and Ross Harper who had a very successful Congress, playing with Stephen Burgess and Michael Courtney.

(Ed note: Apologies to Maura for this article not appearing in the October issue – zealous deleting had it disappear into the ether.)

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bedfords@bigpond.net.au



Weekend Congress

Sat 17th & Sun 18th March 2012

Limit of 22 Tables

BAWA Regulations Apply

SATURDAY:

Two session Pairs. **Start Time: 10 am**

Entry Fee: \$30/ per player

Includes Lunch at approx **1 pm**

- Complimentary Tea/Coffee/Biscuits Available throughout the Congress
- Presentation of Prizes after close of Session
- Complimentary Wine & Refreshments at close of day

SUNDAY:

Two session Swiss Teams. **Start Times: 10 am**

Entry Fee: \$40/ per player

Includes Lunch at approx **1 pm**

- Presentation of Prizes after close of Session
- Complimentary Wine & Refreshments at close of day
- No pair or team to win more than one prize per session.

Director: Bill Kemp

Venue: Kalamunda District Bridge Club
 56 Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill

Convenor: Denise Borger (08) 9293 2185
 Email: borgerdp@inet.net.au

Entries: BAWA website:
www.bawa.asn.au



THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB



CHRISTMAS CONGRESS 2011



At the WABC CLUB ROOMS, 7 ODERN CRESCENT SWANBOURNE

Fri 2nd, Sat 3rd, Sun 4th DECEMBER

Entries Via BAWA Website: www.bawa.asn.au
 WABC Website: www.wabridgeclub.com.au
Phone 9284 4144



FRIDAY PAIRS	1.00 pm	\$14 per person
SATURDAY PAIRS	1.30 pm	\$14 per person
SUNDAY TEAMS	10.00 am	\$28 per person
SUNDAY PRESIDENTS PAIRS	1.30 pm	*\$10 per person*



Presentation of prizes & supper after play on Sunday

CASH PRIZES and RED POINTS all events



2011

State Xmas Matchpoint Swiss Pairs



Runs like a normal swiss pairs but is scored by match pointing the boards (like a normal duplicate pairs) instead of producing datum and IMP's.

4 weeks event - starts Monday, 14th of November 2011

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: Nedlands Bridge Club
(14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands)

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

ENTRY FEE: \$40 per player

DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp - 94470534

2010 Winners:

Cynthia Belonogoff and Pauline Hammond

Check: Conditions of Entry     To BAWA Competitions



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

South Perth Bridge Club

from Cassie Morin

The club has had a busy spring with the Regional Masters and below event held on the 15th ...the result was tied with **Hiliary Stilling, Dennis Gimlett** and **Eric Walsh** and **Valerie Walsh** winning.

On the 25th September sponsored by Preston St Pharmacy, the Open red point event was won by life member **Pat Boys** and **Sue Lissiman** (North/South) and **Jean Muller** and **Judith Selleck** (/East West)



Barbaros Meats Open red point event held on October 7th was won by **Valerie Isle, Pam Smith** (North/ South) and **Cynthia Matthews** and **Ann Bussell**)East/ West.

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Galina Martyn also celebrated her 90th birthday and was presented with flowers and card signed by the members.



The BAWA Swiss Pairs hosted by SPBC will be held over 3 weeks in January Monday 9th, 16th and 23rd.

Kalamanda Bridge Club

from Andy Leal

At the recent club elections the following were elected:

President: Andy Leal

Vice president: Ann Boekelaar

Treasurer: Rob McMahon

Secretary: Julie Bechelli

A few weeks after the election the club celebrated its forty first birthday with a day's bridge and lunch. This was provided by outside caterers (usually it is bring a plate) at the club's cost as a thank you for the members support in the previous year. Gerry Daly, partnering the president, won both events which concluded a very successful month for him. Having won the Swan River Swiss pairs he was also in the successful GNOT team and then won the PQP event. The East coast will be seeing a lot of Gerry in coming months

Mandurah Bridge Club

from Val Bell and Neville Walker

The club will be holding the **Night Time Pairs Championship** – November (Thursdays) 3rd and 10th. This is a member's only event.

Special Teams Event – also open to visitors who care to make up a team. A Green Point Event. Wednesday 23 November 2011

Christmas Party, Awards and Prize giving – Open to all. Saturday 17th December 2011

The 2012 **Mandurah Bridge Club Annual Congress** will be held on the weekend of January 28th and 29th January 2012:

Swiss Pairs 09.30am Saturday 28 January

Swiss Teams 09.30am Sunday 29 January

Entries via the BAWA website and are \$30 per player per event, including lunch.

Fremantle Bridge Club

from Di Robinson

FBC is planning a Chicken and Champagne Melbourne Cup Luncheon on Tuesday 1st November. All are welcome to attend from 11am onward. All inclusive for \$20.00 Bookings are required.

Fremantle Bridge Club is currently offering Bridge Lessons for Beginners, Monday evenings 6 – 8.00pm from 3rd October 2011 and/or Thursday afternoons 2-4.00pm from 5th October. A fee of \$50 includes a one year membership of the club on completion of the lessons. Contact Jill on 9335 2624 or Richard on 9331 3221.

The Roy Hindmarsh Trophy directed by Austin Gillanders was played on Saturday 10th September. We congratulate **Germano Chiarle** and **Sam Zurub** on their win.

Undercroft Bridge Club

from Ann HopfmueLLer

The **Annual Undercroft Bridge Club Congress** was held on Saturday October 1st and Sunday October 2nd. The Saturday Pairs had 27 tables.

Congratulations to all of the winners!



Final winners **Christine Shawcross** - (Vice President Connie Coltrona) and **Alan Tolley**

with Marie Merven & Nigel Dutton 2nd and Frances Thompson & Ken Smith 3rd



Plate winners **Marie Sheridan (Val Fleay)**

with Thilak Ranasinghe and Eddy Mandavy 2nd and Janet Fisher & Maurie Colling 3rd



Consolation winners **Margaret Melsom** and **Judy Clear** with Philip Oldershaw and David Cowell 2nd and Armanda Torre and Vice President Connie Coltrona 3rd

The best Undercroft Pair (not winning a Major Prize) was **Lynette Jackson & Max Havercroft**.

The Sunday Teams had 20 tables.



Winning the Sunday Teams **Thilak Ranasinghe, Eddy Mandavy, Les Calcraft** and **Jill Courtney**.



2nd in the teams **Doreen Jones, Dave Munro, Elisabeth McNeill (Catherine Hood)**



3rd. **Brian Fensome, John Beyfus, Carol Fensome and Tuya Cooke**

The success of the Congress can only be attributed to the co convenors TonyMartin and Connie Coltrona, the hard working Committee, volunteers and the generosity of the Undercroft Bridge Club members. A special thank you to everyone involved!

The next monthly Fiske Warren lesson will be on Wednesday 16th November from 10am to 12 noon. The topic is "SLAM CUE BIDDING" and the cost is \$12.00. You are all welcome.

The recent GNRP State Final resulted in three Undercroft Pairs winning their way through to Canberra. Congratulations to -David Cowell & David Wormersley, Zbigniew Balicki & Tom Januszewski, Armanda Torre & Connie Coltrona. **We are proud of you all!**



Bridgetown Bridge Club

from Jan Burgess
Our Club likes to be involved in the wider bridge community, so as well as various Club

Congresses, we also participate in the Pennants, BAWA Simultaneous Pairs, Bridge for Brain Research and Australia Wide Pairs each year. When the results of the latter competition came out a few days ago, we were delighted to learn that one of our Bridgetown pairs, Heide Taylor and Mona Stockwell, had come 7th overall - a fantastic result and the Club's best result yet. Heide and Mona have played together for many years; they are always consistent and competitive and a force to be reckoned with at the table - but most of all, they play for fun. Well done, ladies."



Heide Taylor and Mona Stockwell

BAWA PROMOTIONS OFFICER POSITION

After nearly 5 years as the BAWA Promotions Officer, Di Brooks has reluctantly had to step down as she has relocated to the Bunbury Area.

Consequently BAWA is seeking to fill this role.

The Promotion Officer responsibilities are, as implied by the title, 'To Promote and Foster Bridge in WA.'

The Promotions Officer is given wide latitude to achieve this role and the position attracts an Honorarium.

Applications for this position should be sent to the Management Committee at P.O. Box 503 Nedlands 6909, or by email: bawaxo@q-net.net.au

BAWA



*Australian
Youth Bridge
Championships*

January 14-22, 2012, Canberra

Also January 21-22 for
pairs ranked 2nd to 5th in the Butler

Venue:

**RYDGES EAGLE HAWK
CANBERRA RESORT, ACT**

Convener: Griff Ware

Email: youthweek@abf.com.au

Mobile: 0435 368 343

Congratulations to Gerry Daly -
winner of the rename PQP event.

The new event will be called

**Spring Pairs
Championships**



CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB (INC) CONGRESS

10.00am Saturday **10th March, 2012** – Melville Congress Pairs

10.00am Sunday **11th March, 2012** – Melville Congress Swiss Teams

\$25.00 p.p. session

Light refreshments provided after play on Sunday

City of Melville Bridge Club (Inc)

Corner of Canning Highway and Simpson Street (enter off Simpson St)

Telephone/fax: 9364 9109

Convenor: Erica Augustson - 9457 5365 (home)

Director: Bill Kemp

Registrations via BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au

Results



GNRP Regional Finals

	N/S
1 st	David Cowell & David Womersley
2 nd	Tom Januszewski & Zbigniew Balicki
3 rd	Shirley Crawford & Miriam Winter
	E/W
1 st	Noel Daniel & Leon Randolph
2 nd	Jill Keshavjee & Sandy Sutton-Mattocks
3 rd	Armanda Torre & Connie Coltrona

Nedlands Bridge Club Congress

	Friday Pairs
	N/S
1 st	Leon Randolph and Alexandra Russell
2 nd	Ursula Harper and Ross Harper
3 rd	Charlie Lim and Lily Lim
	E/W
1 st	Dave Munro and Jeanne Hey
2 nd	Noel Daniels and Tony Stephens
3 rd	Pat King and Linda Watson
	Saturday Pairs
	N/S
1 st	Viv Zotti and Terri Garbutt
2 nd	Leon Randolph and Sandy Sutton -Mattocks
3 rd	Jill Courtney and Anisia Shami
	E/W
1 st	David Burn and Rica King
2 nd	Viv Wood and Gerry Daly
3 rd	Dave Parham and Tony Stephens
	Sunday Teams
1 st	Eddy Mandavy, Thilak Ranasinghe, Jill Courtney and Anisia Shami

2 nd	Pauline Hammond, Sathi Moses, Cynthia Belonogoff and Alexander Long
3 rd	Doreen Jones, David Schokman, Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll

Undercroft Congress

	Saturday Pairs
	Qualifying
	N/S
1 st	Peter Stephenson and Zbigniew Tuleja
2 nd	John Beyfus and Diane Tilvern
3 rd	Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski
	E/W
1 st	Alan Tolley and Christine Shawcross
2 nd	Judith Selleck and Jean Muller
3 rd	Ken Smith and Frances Thompson
	Final
1 st	Christine Shawcross and Alan Tolley
2 nd	Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton
3 rd	Ken Smith and Frances Thompson
	Plate
1 st	Val Fleay and Marie Sheridan
2 nd	Thilak Ranasinghe and Eddy Mandavy
3 rd	Janet Fisher and Maurice Colling
	Consolation
1 st	Judy Clear and Margaret Melsom
2 nd	Philip Oldershaw and David Cowell
3 rd	Connie Coltrona and Armand Torre
	Sunday Teams
1 st	Jill Courtney, Les Calcraft, Eddy Mandavy and Thilak Ranasinghe
2 nd	Doreen Jones, Catherine Hood, Elizabeth McNeill and Dave Munro
3 rd	Tuya Cook, Brian Fensome, Carol Fensome and John Beyfus

BAWA League Teams Results as at 19 October 2011

Team Name	Team	Played	Total
Johnnies Come Lately	D	6	77
Forever Young	C	7	62
S P Oilers	A	6	52
Newcomers	B	5	49



TEAMS OF FOUR

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
Taipans	8	7	168
Melville	8	4	115
Kalamunda	8	3	113
Maccabi	7	1	89
Undercroft Dom-In-Ators	7	2	81

The South Perth Taipans have won and will play Nedlands.

Melville is Runner Up and will play WABC.

GREEN TABLE POSITIONS

WABC	8	5	152
Nedlands	8	4	137
SPBC Cobras	8	2	106
West Coast	8	3	103
JayBees	8	3	101

WABC won division Green and will play Melville.

Nedlands is Runner Up and will play the Taipans

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Copperheads	10	6	170
WABC Red	10	5	168
West Coast	10	5	156
Nedlands	10	5	146
Undercroft Slammers	9	2	106
Maccabi	9	2	105

The South Perth Copperheads win and will play

the WABC Greenbacks.

WABC Red is Runner Up and will play the South Perth Bushmasters

GREEN TABLE POSITIONS

South Perth Bushmasters	8	4	134
WABC Greenbacks	8	5	133
Melville	8	4	123
Undercroft Acers	8	4	121
Undercroft Jacks	8	1	74

What a tight finish!

Merely 11 VPs between 1st and 4th.

The South Perth Bushmasters win and play WABC Red.

The WABC Greenbacks came second and play the South Perth Copperheads.

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
Nedlands	8	4	125
Kalamunda	8	4	124
Undercroft 'Up n Comers'	8	2	122
South Perth 'Mulgas'	8	4	120
WABC Red	8	3	119

What another tight finish. 6VPs between top and bottom!

Nedlands win and play WABC Green. Kalamunda play the Newbies.

GREEN TABLE POSITIONS

Undercroft Newbies	8	7	169
WABC Green	8	4	120
Melville	7	3	101
South Perth Gwardars	8	3	87
Swan Dists	7	1	85

The Newbies win and will play Kalamunda

No result has been received for the Melville/Swan outstanding match.

Therefore WABC Green will play Nedlands



2011 PENNANTS ROUND NINE

ALBANY	61.10	55.10	52.30	49.80			54.58	
BRIDGETOWN	59.00	44.50	44.10				49.20	
BUNBURY	59.10	54.90	53.20	52.90			55.03	
BUSSELTON	63.20	55.30	48.20	48.00			53.68	
ESPERANCE	64.90	57.60	53.80	53.00			57.33	6 VPs
GERALDTON	58.00	55.80	50.40	41.30	40.00		49.10	
KALAMUNDA	59.30	51.70	49.50	45.00			51.38	
KALGOORLIE	59.00	56.30	53.00				56.10	
MACCABI	59.90	55.20	55.00	50.80	50.10		54.20	
MELVILLE	65.70	59.50	54.80	54.20	53.20	53.10	56.75	4 VPs
NEDLANDS	55.60	52.00	51.70	50.10			52.35	
ROCKINGHAM	67.80	55.10	52.30	49.80	47.90		54.58	
SOUTH PERTH	63.30	60.00	57.70	53.10	49.20		56.66	3 VPs
UNDERCROFT	60.20	58.40	56.90	56.60	56.10	50.40	56.43	



Summer Swiss Pairs

4 weeks event - starts Monday, 6th of February 2012

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: Nedlands Bridge Club
(14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands)

ENTRY FEE: \$40 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website www.bawa.asn.au



2011 Winners:

Andrew Swider and Eddy Mandavy



Check: Conditions of Entry to BAWA Competitions



Interstate Women's Selection Butler

Starts Monday, 6th of February 2012

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: Nedlands Bridge Club
(14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands)

ENTRY FEE: \$60 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website www.bawa.asn.au



2011 Winners:

Lauren Shiels and Annabel Booth



Check: Conditions of Entry to BAWA Competitions



Interstate Open Selection Butler

6 weeks event - starts Thursday, 2nd of February 2012

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: Nedlands Bridge Club
(14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands)

ENTRY FEE: \$60 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website www.bawa.asn.au



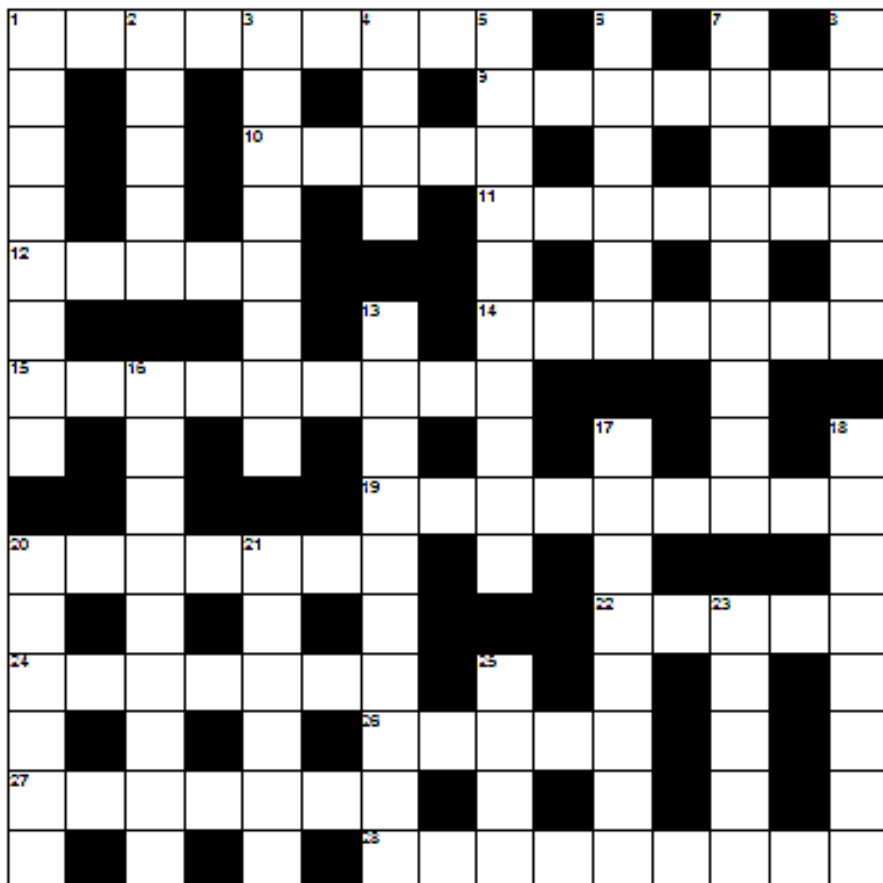
2011 Winners:

David Schokman and Thilak Ranasinghe



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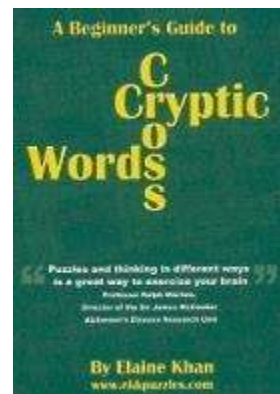
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ACROSS

- 1 Otherwise turned and German with short blue pencil man flying to be herded.(7, 2)
- 9 Mr Shenkar has nothing with the Italian back for a meal.(7)
- 10 Cowboy show right poem to nothing.(5)
- 11 Didn't go well when loudly cut.(7)
- 12 Fundamental alkaline.(5)
- 14 Type of lettuce sounds like a real sinker.(7)
- 15 Satchel for a horse bend and confuse old woman in derogatory way!(6, 3)
- 19 Relating to toothed wheel in coming back to South East can identify...(9)
- 20Kidney stones that are worked out?(7)
- 22 Relating to mornings for more than 1000 sheets of paper.(5)
- 24 Single loud train I finish for one from Kabul.(7)
- 26 The good French is a mess, but stately.(5)
- 27 Large country in the morning with a girl.(7)
- 28 Roof overhang is devoured by hoon and misses.(6, 3)

DOWN

- 1 Flower producer is colour of ex president's relative, so it would seem.(8)
- 2 Yearnings for endless Burgess.(5)
- 3 With no interference, cry, 'Tiled' strangely.(8)
- 4 Pops top date before short advertisements.(4)
- 5 Expert with loud student returning soldier has one hundred starting youthful wastefulness.(10)
- 6 Elite Greek infantry member is part of the Bev Z. Oneria's retinue.(6)
- 7 Dried flowers & spices mixture for an eclectic mix.(3, 6)
- 8 St Bernard for instance takes a blood group back to a soldier with a backward deity.(3, 3)
- 13 First in a place rare blood group or single soldier never a leper for starters.(10) blood group adds to real thing for the first Antipodean inhabitant.(10)
- 16 When dual I go Soth East oddly to get conversations.(9)
- 17 Aggravate a string with Scottish farm manager. (8) Upset one Governor General at Rhode Island the day before...(8)
- 18 Declare anew about idiot queen & model.(8)
- 20 Neckwear that councillor has with a duty.(6)
- 21 Old City articlewhen first rate becomes Venus.(6)
- 23 Aggressive feelings makes bag grow apart.(5)
- 25 Churchman showing a degree either way!(4)



Solution to Puzzle 1111

ACROSS: (1)DEMENTIA, (5)THWART, (10)CANVASSER, (11)AMOUR, (12)EASY, (13)LENGTHENED, (15)SOONER, (16)CYCLADES, (19)ABDUCTOR, (20)AFRICA, (23)ANGUISHING, (25)GALA, (27)MIAMI, (28)DUPLICATE, (29)AVENGE, (30)OPULENCE;

DOWN: (1)DECREES, (2)MONKSHOOD, (3)NEAR, (4)INSTEP, (6)HEATHCLIFF, (7)ACORN, (8)TIRADES, (9)FROGEYE, (14)DESCRIBING, (17)DOITAGAIN, (18)COWHIDE, (19)ANAEMIA, (21)ACADEME, (22)SNAPUP, (24)GRATE, (26)VIOL

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events – 2011/2012

2011	NOV	Mon 14 th	BAWA Xmas MP Swiss Pairs 1st of 4	
		Sat 12 th –Sun 13 th	Weekend Seminar for Bridge Teachers	
		Fri 18 th	Golden West Welcome Pairs being held at Mandurah Bridge Club	
		Sat 19 th –Sun 20 th	BAWA Golden West Congress – see flyer	
		Fri 25 th Sun 27 th	GNOT National Finals Tweed Heads	
		DEC	Fri 2 nd –Sun 4 th	WABC Xmas Congress
		Thu 15 th	BAWA Christmas Party and Awards night 6.30pm Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club	
2012	JAN	Jan 5 th	BAWA New Year Pairs 1st of 3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm	
		Mon 9 th	South Perth Bridge Club Swiss Pairs 1st of 3	
		Jan 16 th -29 th	Summer Festival of Bridge Canberra	
		Sat 28 th -29 th	Mandurah Bridge Club Congress- see flyer	
		FEB	Thu 2 nd	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Butler Qualifying Pairs 1st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
			Mon 6 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler Pairs 1st Round Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm **See BAWA Calendar for details of other rounds held on nights and weekends**
			Mon 6 th	Summer Swiss Pairs 1st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
			Sun 12 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Birthday Congress
		Sat 18 th – Sun 19 th	Rockingham 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.			
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Nedlands 3 Day Congress

Saturday Pairs Cont'd...

E/W



1st: David Burn and Rica King



2nd: Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



3rd: Dave Parham and Tony Stevens

Best Nedlands Pair



Sue Pynt and Heather Williams

Sunday Teams



1st: Thilak Ranasinghe, Eddy Mandavy, Jill Courtney and Anisia Shami



2nd: Cynthia Belonogoff, Sathi Moses, Alexander Long and Pauline Hammond



3rd: Doreen Jones, David Schokman, Shizue Futaesaku (Wendy Driscoll)

Best Nedlands Team

Ken Todd, Robin Todd, Christine Ross and Peter Gill

HGR Women's Teams



Winners:

K Power, A Bates, J McLarty and D Brooks

HGR Restricted Pairs



Winners:

Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt



2nd:

J Touyz, C Belonogoff, P Hammond and V Wood



2nd:

John Rigg and Chris Bagley



New Year Pairs 2012

3 weeks event - starts Thursday, 4th of January 2012

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: South Perth Bridge Club

(corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como)

ENTRY FEE: \$30 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website www.bawa.asn.au



2011 Winners:

Helen Turner and Geoff Yeo

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