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Fostering Bridge in Western Australia

Busselton Congress

The tireless organisation of President **Margaret Nixon**, the Committee and a band of hard working helpers resulted, for yet another year, in a marvellous Congress for locals and the many visitors. Players were regaled with continuous offerings of sumptuous snacks and lunches with delicious pizzas before prize giving on Sunday. Director Bill Kemp handled all before him with his usual aplomb.



Organisers of excellence **Patrick Ayers**, all round Mr Paraphernalia and **Margaret Greville** (aka the food Lady)

The Presidential Suite



The **Red Cross Committee** provided daily lunches



Has there ever been a Congress with so many club Presidents in attendance: **Margaret River** Mavis Greig, **WABC** Gwen Wiles, **Bunbury** Jim Offer, **BAWA** President Nigel Dutton, **Augusta** Lyn Leonard, **Busselton** Margaret Nixon, **South Perth** Corrie Morin and **NBC** Linda Bedford-Brown and just missing the group shot – **Bridgetown** Eric Wheatley (right)



Kalgoorlie Bridge Congress 2012

From Sue Lia

Once again a successful congress was held in Kalgoorlie over the long weekend in September.

Welcome Pairs – Friday evening
Sponsored by First National Real Estate – Kalgoorlie



1st Dave Munro and Elizabeth McNeil
2nd Christine Ross and Gail Fogelman
3rd Noelene Law and Doreen Jones

Plate Pairs – played Saturday



1st Carol Emerson and Joan Rickers
2nd Sue Lia and Michael Fisher
3rd Gilda Rowland and Marcey Spilsbury

Best Kalgoorlie Pair



Left to right **Janet Kuhle, Geza Sulykos** with Mary Williams (Vice President) and Sue Lia (Secretary)

Final Pairs – played Saturday



1st Dave Sloan and Richard Fox
2nd Rezaul Karim and Hasan Hazara
3rd Corrine Monteath and Joan Davies

Teams Event – played Sunday



1st Elizabeth McNeill, Dave Munro, Noelene Law and Doreen Jones
2nd Gwen Wiles, Deb Greenaway, Gilda Rowland and Marcey Spilsbury
3rd Chris Knight, Maureen Knight, Sandy Sutton-Mattocks and Don Sutton-Mattocks



Special thanks to **John** and **Geza** for driving the bus, **Peter Holloway** for directing and a very special thanks to **Val Norman** – for the decorated cake masterpiece.



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

At the recent and well attended AGM our member clubs, in recognition of BAWA's financial woes, voted unanimously to increase annual capitation fees by \$3.00. These fees had not been increased for quite some years and so the whilst the increase seems large it is reflective of inflation and cost increases over the past 7 or 8 years. Furthermore, the AGM recommend that BAWA consider a CPI based formula to increase fees on an annual basis. This we will certainly do. The capitation fee increase along with around \$15 000 worth of savings found by the Management Committee will bring BAWA back into the black for the next financial year. One of the main savings for 2013 will be a reduction in the subsidy for players representing WA at the ANC from \$1000 to \$750 per player. This unfortunate, but necessary reduction will save \$7000. The only plus in the decision is that the 2013 ANC is in Adelaide where accommodation and flight expenses are the lowest of all interstate destinations.

The Committee has also made a decision to significantly reduce the subsidy for the annual Xmas Party and Prize Giving function. So whilst the function format will remain the same, a large percentage of attendees, who were previously invited, will now be asked to contribute to the cost. Details on the BAWA web site.

Also at the AGM a number of new members were elected to the Management Committee. I would like to welcome to the committee Peter Garcia-Web from West Coast, Cassie Morin from South Perth and Kitty George from WABC. I am also

delighted to let you know that Kitty has agreed to convene the Western Senior Pairs for 2013. I am less delighted to let you know that I will be eligible to play.

As I type, the **Super Vets Congress** has just reached 22 tables which is an outstanding result 3 weeks out. As you read this it may not be too late to enter. BAWA would dearly love to reach 25 tables – 100 80+ year old participants. I am sure the day will be a great success.

Lii Soots, who has worked tirelessly for BAWA for nearly 40 years, has decided it's time to let others take up the reins and at the AGM announced her retirement as the BAWA State Masterpoint Secretary and from the Management Committee. I can only express, on behalf of **ALL** WA bridge players, our appreciation of Lii's efforts over the years. Bill Kemp has agreed to step into the role of Masterpoint Secretary.

Finally, the Golden West Congress – spring time in Mandurah - is happening very soon but I fear you may be too late if your entry is not in yet – 48 tables is the limit this year and a month out we have 44 tables entered. If you have missed out and still wish to enter keep a daily eye on the web site as withdrawals will re-open the entry form.

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Competition Winners

Very Novice Pairs Event

Congratulations to Jennifer Cormack and Rosie Elphick, the winners of our first Very Novice Pairs competition. Very close runners up were Corrie Davis and Don Weir. Mike Smith and Margaret Brimblecombe came third.

Jack Rouse Novice Pairs Event

Congratulations to Elsa Rouse and Denise Sampson who won this year's event. Runners up were Ivan Lewis and Elizabeth Blow. Jim McNamara and Jenny McNamara were third.



Winners: Elsa Rouse & Denise Sampson

Open Pairs Championship

Congratulations to Liz Vince and Jo Evans for winning this year's event.

Alan Wardroper and Tom Stack were runners up.

Upcoming Events

December 2012

- Jackpot Finals – w/c Monday 3rd December
- Christmas Party & Prize Giving – Saturday 15th December, starts 5.00pm after bridge

January 2013

- Anniversary Charity Day - Tuesday 22nd January

February 2013

- Mandurah Summer Congress - 2nd & 3rd February
 - Swiss Pairs - Saturday 2nd February
 - Swiss Teams - Sunday 3rd February
- Tuesday best 'Three out of Four' event – 5th, 12th, 19th & 26 February
- Special Teams Event - Wednesday 20th February

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Margarete Scouse

With thanks to new student teachers Raewyn Lewer and June Scott our membership numbers are steadily increasing.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of past member **Eileen Lekich**.



The Champion Pairs run over two weeks concluded on Monday 15th October with overall winners **Betty Philpot** and **Ron Philpot**.



2nd Sandra Sandilands and Marjorie James.



Best under State Masters **Eunice Howard** and **Rita Hood**.

Forthcoming events are:

- Monday 5th November - AGM
- Tuesday evening November 13th - Scorpio pairs
- Saturday November 17th Nedra Arnott pairs. Nedra was a much loved member and her family have donated an annual trophy in her memory.
- Sunday 25th November - Interclub pairs match versus Mandurah
- Wednesday 5th December - Xmas pairs
- Monday 10th December - Xmas party and awards presentation



Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

Our Spring Congress - held on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th October and the first time Melville Bridge Club has organised two congresses in one year – was great success.

Once again Bill Kemp did a wonderful job directing on both days and a good time was had by all.

Beginners and intermediate players were encouraged to participate and experience the challenge of Competition Bridge.

Participants enjoyed a delicious selection of food and socialising during the game breaks with an informal meal of fish and chips with salad after play on Sunday evening.

It was especially nice to have so many visitors from other bridge clubs. We hope to see them all back again soon.

RESULTS:

Pairs – Thursday 4th Oct



Qualifying Round First Prize:

Ravi Soin and Duddow Kopinah with President Dorothy Stevenson



Best Best Melville Pair in the Final:

Anne Banks and Joyce Sullivan.

Best Melville Pair in Qualifying Round:

Bill Maley and Jenny Maley

Best Qualifier below 50 MP:

Marilyn West and Brenda Goodreid

Best Qualifier below 25 MP:

Bill Maley and Jenny Maley

FINALS:



1st Prize: **Dave Parham and Tony Stevens**

2nd Prize: Dave Munro and Elizabeth McNeill

3rd Prize: Leon Randolph and Alexandra Russell

PLATE:



1st Prize: **Graham and Margaret Williams**

Equal 2nd Prize: Doreen Jones and Jan Blight

Equal 2nd Prize: Phillip Moog and Ameer Ali

CONSOLATION:



1st Prize : **Leon Ref and Bill Symons**

2nd Prize: Douglas Hardman and Vera Hardman

3rd Prize : Valerie Isle and Salim Songerwala

Teams: Friday 5th Oct



1st Prize: **Gerald .Merven, Jan Blight, Dorothy Jones and Viv Wood**

2nd Prize: Dave Munro, Jeanne Hey, Elizabeth McNeill and Noriko Sakashita

3rd Prize : Carol Netscher, Hilary Stilling, Denis Gimblett and Edith Moens



Best Melville Team:

Valerie Isle, Salim Songerwala, Martin Goodall and Suzanne Goodall.

Italian Bridge Club



The Spring Red Point Event held at the W.A. Italian Bridge Club in September was won by **David Schokman and Pauline Hammond.**



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Our annual West Coast Congress was held on Sunday September 23. It was a very well organised and most enjoyable occasion. Our President, Peter Garcia-Webb, assisted by a team of behind the scenes workers made sure that the occasion ran smoothly and Bill Kemp, as always, directed the event very efficiently. The event concluded with our usual drinks and tasty refreshments.

We welcomed a large and enthusiastic contingent from the Undercroft Bridge Club but, overall, our numbers were lower than in previous years and several top players who have been regular participants over the years were not present this year. Perhaps there is too much Sunday competitive bridge being organised in WA now and events such as ours are suffering?

The winners of the Final event were Helen Hellsten and Ravi Soin.



Helen Hellsten with Club President **Peter Garcia-Webb**

In second place were John and Pam Beddow and third were Dave Parham and Frank Fikke.



John and Pam Beddow with **Peter Garcia-Webb**

The winners of the Consolation Event were Viv Wood and Cynthia Belonogoff.



Cynthia Belonogoff with **Peter Garcia-Webb**

In second place were Peter Gill and Pauline Hammond and third were West Coast Bridge Club members, Judy and Max Havercroft.



Judy and Max Havercroft with **Peter Garcia-Webb**

The winners of the Consolation event were Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood. In second place were Marion Jefferson and Malcolm Dick. Third were Ann Hopfmüller and Edward Roscoe.

Other awards presented by Peter were for the pairs who achieved highest in the Qualifying round who did not go on to win a prize. This was awarded to two young men from Nedlands Bridge Club, Tim Knowles and Rhys Cooper.

The prize for Best performance by a West Coast pair went to Deborah and Maurice Frankel who came fifth in the Final round.



Peter Garcia-Webb with **Tim Knowles** and **Rhys Cooper**.



Peter with **Maurice** and **Deborah Frankel**

The winners of our Wednesday Pairs Competition were Shirley Drage and Maurice Herman, second were Peter Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis, third Shirley Bloch and Wilhelmina Piller.

Our Melbourne Cup Bridge lunch will be held on Tuesday November 6 and our Christmas party with awards presentations on Saturday December 8 at 1.00pm.



West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

WABC held the AGM on October 9th. Our President Dr Chris Bagley who has been part of the Management Committee, Building Sub-committee, Finance Sub-committee and Tournament Sub-committee for the past 10 years stepped down from the Chair. Mrs. Gwen Wiles was elected President, Mrs. Dee Sinton, Secretary, and Mrs. Kitty George will continue as Treasurer.



The Club expressed their gratitude to Chris. In his many capacities he has provided great leadership and a wealth of experience to the management of the Club and it is our hope that he will always be

available with an appropriate anecdote to guide us along.

In addition to the above office bearers the new committee will comprise Jo Sklarz, Kate Pinniger, Dymphna Elsey Ursula Maitland, Faye Cullen, Peta Fuhrman and Karen Wallwork. Retiring members who were given a resounding ovation for their work on the previous Management Committee were Jenny Bosich, who will continue as Bar Manager, Jean Field, David Burn and Alan Dundas.

The AGM was also the occasion to announce the winner of the Patron's Cup for most green points won during the past year. Our congratulations once again to **Mrs. Bobbie Mitchell** who now shares with Mrs. June Browne the honour of winning the Cup three times. Well done Bobbie – it is always such a pleasure to come to your table.



Patrons John Ashworth, Helen George and Patron's Cup recipient **Bobbie Mitchell**.

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Maureen Knight

Introducing new committee members:

President:	John Darnley
Secretary:	Jeanette Day
Treasurer:	Wayne Cupitt
Directors Rep:	Maureen Knight
House Manager:	Barbara Allen

General Committee members:	Elaine Cook Judy Brown Bryan Baldock Jean Culloton Pat Mclean.
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We recently held a farewell party for three of our retiring members:



Front row, Ella Murphy, Val Pepper, Lorna Willock. Pictured in the back row are three life members who worked hard establishing the building of our club rooms, Jean Culloton, Barbara Allen and Yvonne Dymond.

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

Thank you to everyone who played and assisted in our recent Congress. Details of winners and photos are in this issue.

Sadly we report the passing of two of our esteemed members.



John Williams was a founding member of the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club.



Fay Taylor was the longest financial member of the club.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The Committee and members ensured another successful Congress with their attention to detail and fine fare. As has become tradition players arriving for the Congress Teams on Sunday are greeted with hot cheese scones and an array of gourmet cakes.

Friday Pairs



1st **Noel Daniel** and **Tony Stevens** with President Linda Bedford-Brown



2nd Kitty George and Linda Bedford-Brown

3rd Linda Watson and Pat King

**Blennerhassett Fine Jewellers
Saturday Pairs**



1st Maura Rhodes and Fiske Warren



2nd Gail Fogelman and Shira Shilbury



3rd David Matthews and Cynthia Belonogoff

Sunday Teams



1st Alan Harrop, Beata Bieganski Roz Trend and Tad Bieganski

2nd Sue Grenside, Richard Grenside, Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes

3rd Linda Bedford-Brown, Jan Blight, Bridget Cook and Florence Maltby

The Fiske Warren Lectures will be held November 14th and November 28th. 10.00am to noon.

Everyone is welcome to our Christmas Party and Awards Presentation being held on December 8th.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Sunday, 23rd September 2012, Bunbury Bridge Club held its annual Pairs. Championships directed by Peter Holloway. Eight and half tables vied for the "Championship Pairs" as well as an incorporated Handicap event.



Winners of the Pairs: Monica and Jim Offer.

Runners Up: Di Brooks and Colin Bell.

3rd: Kate Boston & Murray Webber



Winners of the Handicap Pairs: **Val Knott and Nils Andersson**

Runners Up: Judy Clarke & Fay Wood.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmueller

The Undercroft Bridge Club was very fortunate to have DAVE PARHAM directing the SPRING PAIRS that was run over three evenings in September/October. He did a wonderful job.

Thirty pairs took part in the event with the winner's being -



1st President **Ann Hopfmueller** and **David Cowell**



In second place was Frances Thompson and Ken Smith (sub Win Nordstrand),with Zbigniew

Baliki and Tom Januszewski coming third. **Congratulations!**

The competition concluded with a sumptuous supper prepared by Armanda Torre and Jennifer Bandy. Thank you ladies!

We are running a SWISS PAIRS open event on Monday evenings for three weeks, commencing on November 12th. Please enter on the Web. Everyone is welcome.

The next Fiske Warren lesson is on Wednesday 21st November from 10.00am to 12 noon, at a cost of \$12.00. The subject for this is the JACOBY 2NT bid. This will be the last session for 2012 and a partner is not needed, so please just come along. You will not be disappointed.



THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB

CHRISTMAS CONGRESS 2012



At the WABC CLUB ROOMS

7 ODERN CRESCENT SWANBOURNE

Fri 30th Nov, Sat 1st & Sun 2nd Dec

Tournament Organiser:

KITTY GEORGE 9447 5303

Tournament Director:

BILL KEMP 9447 0534

Entries Via BAWA Website www.bawa.asn.au

Ph: 9284 4144

FRIDAY PAIRS 1.00pm \$14 per person

SATURDAY PAIRS 1.30pm \$14 per person

SUNDAY TEAMS 10.00am \$28 per person

CASH PRIZES and RED POINTS all events



Capel Life



By Di Brooks

Thursday mornings are set in concrete, where I do a few hours volunteering for the Uniting Church Op Shop. The small band of volunteers work happily together, sharing our experiences in life, laughing where once we perhaps shed a tear over something trivial.

Shire residents are very generous with their donations of household items and clothing, which are sorted and sold, with the proceeds going to the Church. Not everything is in good condition, but nothing is wasted, as there are other industries that will use items and for that privilege, make a donation back to the Op Shop.....all excepting electrical equipment.

Recently, we were given a bread maker, so I volunteered to take the appliance home to try it out. After calling into our local supermarket, I purchased a 4 sachet packet for bread making and off I went to try the maker out. It took a few minutes to give the machine a good wipe over and then it was roll up the sleeves, here we come! Five hours of humming and rumbling, we were the proud owners of a loaf of Multi Grain bread... sitting pride of place on a cooling rack, ready for the next morning's breakfast.

The breadknife in hand, I made the first cut. Well, tried to. After several hacks and a few words muttered under my breath, I sliced off what was needed for our toast. Not bad for the first effort.

Three attempts later, with each loaf getting crustier and harder to slice, the economics of the 'bargain' were wearing a bit thin. The inedible parts went out on to the bird table. Alan swore that the poor creatures would have to walk out of the garden as they would be too heavy to fly after gorging on the leftovers!

The old saying, better than sliced bread..... it's true. The \$3 Multi Grain loaf from IGA was now tastier and far easier on our jaw bones. My wish to make homemade bread had been granted. This goes to prove you have to be careful what you wish for, as you might get it!!!!!

The bread maker is back in the Op Shop, with a warning that the resulting produce may be injurious to your health!.....back to Bridge -

The Power of Weak Jump Overcalls

Weak Jump Overcalls are never meant as a weapon to shoot you in the foot, especially when playing teams, as this can be a disaster.

Round 4 of the Teams at Busselton Congress, we got badly stung by Vera Hardman, who made an opening bid of 2H, showing a weak hand, with a long heart suit plus a long minor. Our team mates pushed to 4S, going one down on a diamond lead.

At our table, we didn't open on:

South Dealer E/W Vul

- ♠ 92
- ♥ J8432
- ♦ AQ52
- ♣ 83

I'm at a loss on a lead, holding:
K5, AQ75, J76, 7652.

Going through elimination, I can't lead a spade, a club lead looked lousy and the lead of a small diamond promising an honour didn't look too thrilling either. So I made the AH lead and gave declarer the contract. Well done, Vera, on her "Brave" opening.

Then in Round 5, (remembering Vera's 'sting'), West opened 1C and I bid 2H on AJ1062, Non Vul. East made a negative double, with partner Jean McLarty raising to 3H. West closed out the bidding with 3NT.

I lead out the JH, Jean playing the 8. Dummy tracked with-

East:

- ♠ A9654
- ♥ 743
- ♦ Q9
- ♣ Q86

West: unseen

Declarer played me for a lot of the missing card which unfortunately were in Jean's hand.

Brd	♠	103			
Dlr	♥	AJ1062			
Vul	♦	102			
	♣	J1052			
	♠	KJ7		♠	A9654
	♥	K5		♥	743
	♦	A874		♦	Q9
	♣	AK93		♣	Q86

This resulted in a +200, with 3NT down by 2 tricks. Team mates, Kathy and Phil Power bid to 3S, making 10 tricks, giving our team +9 IMP's.


So if you decide to make weak Jump Overcalls, make sure of favourable vulnerability. A doubled contract, down 2 tricks, vulnerable is 500. So bidders BEWARE!!!

Happy bridging.

NEDLANDS


BIRTHDAY CONGRESS

Sunday, February 10th, 2013 at 10am



GENEROUS PRIZE MONEY
70% OF NET TAKINGS RETURNED AS PRIZE MONEY.

Sunday: 10.00 am and 2 pm.
 Open to ALL players
 Red Master Points
 Directed: Peter Holloway
 Convenor: Robin Burton
 \$30 INC lunch


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 or phone Director on 0411870931
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Annual Prize Giving Ceremony & Christmas Party



The event will be hosted and compèred by our President Mr Nigel Dutton. Guests will be provided with a sit down meal in the traditional fashion and a welcome drink on arrival. Additional drinks can be purchased from the bar.

Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
14 Melvista Avenue,
NEDLANDS

Date: Thursday, 13 December
at 6.30pm

Cost: \$25.00 per head

To make a booking please contact
John Aquino
 by email: rsvp.bawa@gmail.com
 or
 mail: P.O. Box 503, Nedlands, WA 6909

Seating is limited and will be allocated in the order bookings are received until the venue reaches its capacity.





Ross Harper on Hoffman

After more than two years in Perth, enjoying the company and weather, I had a business opportunity to visit the UK. I was able to wangle the dates to enable me to take advantage of a week's time share fishing for salmon on the River Tay in Scotland. We stayed at Stanley and if I met a stranger in the bar, in response to the question of where I lived, I blithely said Perth.....the inevitable reply was: You only have a dozen or so miles to travel to the fishing. Quite, I had to explain that there are two Perth's, separated by half the globe.

Anyway, moderate but most enjoyable fishing, our group of 6 had over thirty salmon – mostly returned. After Perth, it was Glasgow and then London, where I managed three games with the redoubtable bridge author and genius Martin Hoffman. When thinking of the title for this article I thought of entitling it "The Tales of Hoffman" but Offenbach has beaten me to the punch.

In the meantime, where was wife Ursula?- SWMBO (She Who Must Be Obeyed). Well, she was in our South African Safari Lodge which has hosted Mrs Laura Bush and family and also Michele Obama and her family. And now hosted Susan Clements, Sue Broad and Vivienne Goldberg – and after viewing elephants galore, wild dogs, lion, rhinos, hippos, giraffes etc; etc; they played bridge. Bridge is not on the website (Makanyane.com).

Back to London. As is our habit, Martin and I met for a Chinese meal before the bridge and, before I had looked at the menu, the first hand was thrust in front of my face. Before I could think of the appropriate line, I was given the solution and the next hand was produced. Then, of course, another one during the soup and so on and so on. There is no stopping Hoffman in full flow.

In the last article that I completed on Hoffman, there appeared not a single hand. A unique event? Well, time is a great remedy and I append a number, all from him. If you play the dummy like Hoffman, you have quite a future. Yet, when you see the answer, resist the temptation to think "that was obvious, I could have done that".

Hand A

Brd	♠	7654	♠	T
Dlr	♥	A	♥	86543
Vul	♦	T76	♦	9854
	♣	AKJ98	♣	642
	♠	J982		
	♥	KQJ9		
	♦	KJ3		
	♣	75		

12	0
11	17

6S is the contract with the King of Hearts lead. The diamond finesse is wrong and the spades break 4/1. You do not need to do anything but duck a spade at trick 2. Obvious? - Not at the table, unless you are Hoffman. Of course, you may not be in 6S. Same play in 4S with the expectation of a high score when you make 12 tricks.

Hand B

Brd	♠	42	♠	9876
Dlr	♥	76	♥	Q9432
Vul	♦	85	♦	QJ62
	♣	AKJ8765	♣	-
	♠	QT3		
	♥	J85		
	♦	T94		
	♣	QT92		

8	5
5	22

Easy? Simple souls will reason.....nearly 50% (48%) that clubs will break 2/2 and take all tricks. (Odds increased because of possibility that if 3/1, the Q might drop. More cautious and expert will reason that they can afford a club loser and simply finesse the J of clubs. Hoffman will duck a club completely, catering for the above layout:

Hand C

Brd	♠ 765		♠ Q8432
Dlr	♥ A54		♥ 9873
Vul	♦ AQ543		♦ -
	♣ Q2		♣ J543
		♠ N	
		♥ W	♥ E
		♠	♠
		♣ S	
	♠ AK		
	♥ KQJ6		
	♦ K987		
	♣ AK6		

12	
2	3
23	

Simpler, but one can easily go wrong. You are in 6NT on a Heart lead.

The next hand (D) is tricky and I did not get it within the allocated 5 seconds. There is no harm in looking at all 4 hands. Contract 3NT. Lead 6H

Hand D

Brd	♠ AQJ		♠ 98765
Dlr	♥ K8		♥ 92
Vul	♦ 87		♦ T5432
	♣ QT9876		♣ K
		♠ N	
		♥ W	♥ E
		♠	♠
		♣ S	
	♠ KT2		
	♥ QJ43		
	♦ AKQ		
	♣ J54		

12	
9	3
16	

Simple duck the heart. Geddit? Yes, but not at the table!

Bridge is a fascinating game - it puts many interesting years onto our life.

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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2013 Annual Summer Congress

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

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of February

Our first Summer Congress in our new club rooms was an outstanding success. Don't miss out on next year's event which has been scheduled one week later to enable players participating in the Canberra Festival to play.

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 min of 45% of Entry Fees

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On Alerting

By Bill Jacobs



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Test your knowledge of the rules on alerts by answering the following quiz.

1. Partner opens 1♦ Precision, could be as few as 1 card in diamonds. Do you alert?
2. You play Standard. Partner opens 1♣, which could be on a three-card suit. Do you alert? Do you alert if 1♣ could be opened on a doubleton (4=4=3=2 shape)?
3. You open 2♦, multi, LHO bids 3♣. Partner bids 3♥ - pass or correct. Do you alert? What if partner had bid 4♥ (also pass or correct)?
4. Partner opens 1♠, you respond 3♦, showing a mini-splinter (short diamonds, spade support). Partner alerts and when asked, explains it as “fit-showing”. What do you do?
5. You hold: ♠ 7432 ♥ AKQ105 ♦ 65 ♣ A3. RHO deals and opens 2♥. You pass, and LHO then says: “sorry I should have alerted that”. What do you do?
6. Partner opens 1NT. You bid 2♣, Stayman. Partner alerts – is that correct? Partner now responds 2♠, showing 4 spades, and denying 4 hearts. Do you alert?
7. You open 1NT (12-14). LHO doubles and partner bids 2♣. That’s natural, but you know from experience he might do it with short clubs and support for the other suits, intending to redouble if 2♣ gets doubled. Do you alert?
8. In the auction above, RHO asks you about 2♣. Do you say:
 - a. Natural.
 - b. Ostensibly natural, but might be the start of a rescue operation

Solutions:

Alerts are designed to make your opponents aware of unusual system understandings. You alert partner’s bid if it’s artificial in some way or carries a meaning that your opponents might not be expected to know.

Unfortunately, that sentence is heavily open to interpretation, so however detailed the regulations are, ultimately, it all comes down to common sense. A real problem!

The ABF alert regulations say: do not alert

- doubles or redoubles
- cue-bids of an opponent’s suit
- artificial 2♣ response to a 1NT opening in an uncontested auction
- bids above 3NT (apart from artificial openings, such as Namyats)

You alert partner’s bid by audibly saying “alert” and either circling partner’s bid (written bidding), or displaying the alert card (bidding boxes).

Do not include an explanation with the alert. Just say “Alert”. Wait for an opponent to ask before you actually explain the bid.

On to the quiz

1. 1♦ Precision.

Alert it: it’s artificial. Openings that systemically can have fewer than 3 cards in the suit bid should be alerted.

2. Short 1♣ opening.

See above. There is no need to alert if 1♣ could be on a 3-card suit (eg “better minor”), but alert if it could be a doubleton.

3. “Pass or correct” bids.

Pass or correct bids are artificial: they don’t show genuine length in the suit. Don’t alert such bids at the 4-level because it is above the level of 3NT.(*)

4. The jump-shift misunderstanding.

The first thing to do is to try to keep a straight face. The second is to continue bidding as if you have made a splinter bid: you are not allowed to change your bidding based on partner’s alert, failure to alert, or explanation: it is unauthorized information to you. This might result in a ridiculous final contract, but so be it.

At the end of the auction, if your side declares, you should fully explain the misunderstanding. If your side is defending, then you can say nothing until the end of the deal.

5. Opponent alerts after you have bid.

You should call the director. This is the default advice when an infraction is known to have occurred. Law 9B ensures that you never suffer damage from calling the director because of an infraction – in this case, the failure to make a timely alert. The director will allow you to retract your pass and you can now bid 3♥ if desired.

6. Partner opens 1NT. You bid 2♣, Stayman. Partner alerts – is that correct? Partner now responds 2♠, showing 4 spades, and denying 4 hearts. Do you alert?

Under current ABF regulations, artificial 2♣ responses to 1NT, including Stayman, are not alertable.

Don't alert the 2♠ bid because of the inference about hearts. If you were to alert bids that carry negative inferences like that, then just about every bid in the world would be alerted, and the alert mechanism would cease to have any meaning.

7. The possibly fake 2♣ rescue.

Don't alert 2♣. It's not an artificial bid and not an unexpected meaning for the opponents, and presumably if RHO passes, you will pass also.

8. Explaining the possibly fake 2♣ rescue.

Give a full statement of your partnership understanding, including the possibility that partner might make a rescue redouble with short clubs

()Why this exception of bids above 3NT? Perhaps because these bids are often in uncontested auctions where the opponents have long finished bidding, and therefore the alert can only serve as a reminder to the bidders*



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The NEW event to run alongside the Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs is the Tasmanian National Restricted Pairs, for players with less than 300 master points.

The event has moved from October, where it so often clashed with the NZ event to March, which is a great time weatherwise to visit Tasmania. Apart from the usual tourist places to visit in March the Forth Valley Blues Festival and the Bothwell Spin In are two must visit attractions.



Minor Dilemma

By Ron Klinger



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PROBLEM

West dealer; NS vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2S	?	

What would you do as East with

♠	-
♥	Q9
♦	AKQ103
♣	J98732

From the final stages of a national teams event:

Brd	♠ KJ98543		
Dlr W	♥ 865		
Vul NS	♦ -		
	♣ Q64		
		♠ -	
♠ A10		♥ Q9	
♥ 1074		♦ AKQ103	
♦ J98754		♣ J98732	
♣ A10			
	♠ Q762		
	♥ AKJ32		
	♦ 62		
	♣ K5		

	6	
9		12
	13	

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

Lead: HK

Declarer had to lose two hearts and a club for 300 to North-South. At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	2S	3D	4S
Pass	Pass	4NT	X
5D	Pass	Pass	X
All Pass			

North led a spade and away went a heart loser. East-West +550 and +13 Imps. In another match North opened a bold 3S as North, 4NT by East, pass by South and West bid 5D. Unwilling to lead from his spade holding North led a heart and took the contract one down.

Answer to the problem:

What should East do over 2S? The idea behind the 3C bid, followed by 4NT (as opposed to 4NT at once), is to try for the right trump suit. A 5-3 trump fit can suffer greatly if trumps are 4-1 and the long trump hand is forced to ruff too often. A 6-2 has less exposure to that risk.



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ROVING RHODES

Nedlands Congress



By Maura Rhodes
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The Nedlands Congress was really fantastic and I would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation. I am always reluctant to name people for fear of missing someone out, but I cannot resist mentioning Robin Burton's famous scones. They are a feature of the Friday Congress and in fact, I heard someone say that the scones were the only reason she comes. I relate to this. We had arrived home from a 5 week holiday on Thursday, so I wasn't at my best on Friday and my rusty Bridge performance wasn't anything to write home about.

However, I did appreciate the beautiful scones, also the gorgeous flowers which decorated the room!

Saturday found me able to focus and Fiske and I managed to win the Pairs. I asked him which hand he thought I should write up and he replied, "Well, we didn't do anything special, we just didn't make many mistakes." That caused me to reflect that often the winners at Bridge are those who make the fewest mistakes, rather than the players who have isolated flashes of brilliance.

A sumptuous afternoon tea was provided by the members on Saturday and I couldn't resist some of the tasty goodies on offer. Then Sunday arrived and Rick and I teamed with Richard and Sue Grenside. I must mention the beautiful lunch which was included in the table money. We were

treated to a lovely roast beef lunch with rolls and salads, followed by fresh fruit and meringues. Real knives and forks were provided, not plastic cutlery. There were some really interesting hands which I could write a book about! Here are two from Round Five:

Brd 14	♠ AQ875										
Dlr E	♥ AQ6										
Vul Nil	♦ AKQ85										
	♣ -										
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♣ -		♣ AQJ98765									
	♠ KJ										
	♥ K842										
	♦ 72										
	♣ KT432										

	21	
1		8
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Maura		Rick
		4C	Pass
Pass	X	All Pass	

When I picked up this beautiful hand as North, I smelt a slam and was very upset when East thwarted my 2C opening by pre-empting 4C! What would you do as North? As you can see N/S can make a number of slams. I doubled and when Partner passed my take-out double, converting it to penalties, I was worried that our score of 800 for taking 4C doubled off 4 would be a bad result as I thought the other table would find the slam. I asked Ron Klinger if I should have looked for slam and here is his illuminating reply: "I would double and be very satisfied with +800. There is no guarantee of a slam and if partner passes with club length and strength, then slam might well not be a possibility, especially given the prospects of bad breaks after the pre-empt."

My fears were unfounded as at the other table, the auction was somewhat different:

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Sue</i>		<i>Richard</i>	
		1C	Pass
2S (*)	Pass	3C	Pass
Pass	3D	All Pass	

(*)weak Jump Shift

Richard's 1C opening proved more pre-emptive than the standard opening of 4 or even 5C. It prevented the opponents from reaching even a game, let alone a slam. The score of 170 was not enough to compensate the opponents for the loss of 800 which 4C doubled incurred.

Take a look at the hand below, then, before you read on, decide upon your opening bid as North if you play Standard American with a 1NT opening of 15-17.

Brd 16	♠ AKT8	♠ 9732
Dlr W	♥ J9	♥ 73
Vul EW	♦ AQ432	♦ JT86
	♣ T8	♣ J93
♠ Q5		
♥ T8654		
♦ K975		
♣ 52		

14	
5	2
19	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Maura</i>		<i>Rick</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	4C (*)
Pass	4S (**)	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

(*) Gerber

(**) 2 Aces

After my upgrade of my slightly off-shape hand, it was easy for Rick to visualise 13 tricks. Gerber is a convention that we rarely use- maybe once in five years! We play it exclusively after a 1NT opening, but Rick just wanted to be reassured that we weren't missing an Ace which was just about possible adding his 19 HCP to my 15 -17. Once he confirmed that the partnership held all four Aces, then he bid the Grand Slam, which was worth 11 Imps, as our opponents stopped in a small slam.

Unfortunately, we wore ourselves out in Round 5 and fell apart in the final round, coming in

second. Congratulations to Beata and Tad Bieganski, Ros Trend and Alan Harrop who had a convincing win. Third place went to Linda Bedford-Brown, Jan Blight, Florence Maltby and Bridget Cooke- well done, ladies!

SuperVets* Pairs

*Restricted to Players Over 80 Years of Age

This is a Gold Point Event

Sunday, 11 November 2012

This event is part of Seniors Week and will be held at

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Results

TEAMS OF 4 – as at 19th Oct

From John Beddow

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
SPBC Taipans	6	5	110
U'croft Red	6	3	93
Melville	6	2	89
Maccabi	6	2	65
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
Nedlands	6	3	111
SPBC Cobras	6	1	95
WABC	6	3	86
U'croft Green	6	4	66

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
WABC Red	8	4	141
U'croft Red	8	4	124
Maccabi	8	4	120
SPBC Copperheads	8	3	120
U'croft Gold	8	3	91
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
WABC Green	10	9	207
SPBC Bushmasters	10	8	176
Undercroft Green	10	5	154
Nedlands	10	4	132
Melville	10	2	123
Undercroft Blue	10	1	98

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
WABC Red	6	4	107
South Perth 'Mulgas'	6	4	101
Nedlands	6	2	69
Kalamunda	6	1	57
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Gwardars	8	6	140
Undercroft Green	8	5	131
WABC Green	8	3	109
Melville	8	4	105
Swan Dists	8	1	101

Teams of 4 QUALIFYING FINALS

8 Oct – 11 Nov

OPEN Red

- The Taipans are at home to WABC
- Undercroft Reds are away to Nedlands

OPEN Green

- Nedlands are at home to Undercroft Red
- WABC are away to the Taipans

INTERMEDIATE Red

- WABC Reds are at home to the Bushmasters
- Undercroft Reds are away to WABC Green

INTERMEDIATE Green

- WABC Green are at home to Undercroft Red
- The Bushmasters are away to WABC Red

RESTRICTED Red

- WABC Reds are at home to Undercroft Green
- The Mulgas are away to the Gwarders

RESTRICTED Green

- The Gwarders are home to the Mulgas
- Undercroft Green is away to WABC Red

GGRP - Grand National Restricted Pairs Final

1st JOHN CLARKE & GORDON DUNLOP

2nd Susan Evans and Marcey Spilsbury

3rd Steven Pynt and John Aquino

4th Marie Sheridan and Christin Jenkins

5th Graeme Esson and Jacek Majewski

6th Kazuko Nakafuji and Sue Gammon

7th Ian Rowlands and John Reid

8th Noel Daniel and Leon Ref

9th Pater Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis

10th Sandy Sutton-Mattocks and Jill Keshavjee

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		Sun 11 th	BAWA State Open Teams Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10 am
		Mon 12 th	BAWA Match Point Swiss Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 16 th	Golden West Welcome Pairs
		Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th	BAWA Golden West Congress
GNOT Finals		Nov 30th – Dec 3rd	Tweed Heads
		Fri 31 st – Mon Dec 3 rd	West Australian Bridge Club Christmas Congress
	Dec	Thu 13th	BAWA Award Presentation Night 6.30pm Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
2013	Jan	Jan 2 nd	South Perth Bridge Swiss Pairs 1 st of 3 - 7.30pm - see flyer
	Feb	Sat 2 nd - Sun 3 rd	Mandurah Congress – see flyer
		Sun 10 th	Nedlands Birthday Congress – see flyer
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South Perth Swiss Pairs 2013

Director: Bill Kemp

Convenor: Darrell Williams
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Busselton Congress Results

Friday Welcome Pairs



1st Elizabeth McNeill and Dave Munro
2nd Bente Hansen and Madge Myburgh



3rd Chris Munro and Carole Munro

The Saturday Busselton Toyota Pairs

Qualifying session

- 1st Ken Smith and Vina Maia**
- 2nd Danny Ravn and Jeannie Ravn
- 3rd Louis Klein and Luba Klein



Final 1st Ken Smith and Vina Maia
Final 2nd Ravi Soin and Duddow Kohpina



Final 3rd Linda Bedford-Brown and Robin Paterson



Plate 1st Elizabeth McNeill and Dave Munro



Plate 2nd Lauren Shiels and Annabel Booth



Plate 3rd Ken Else and Alison Mettam

Consolation 1



1st Corinne Monteath and Joan Davies
2nd Margaret Nixon and Lloyd Nixon
3rd Anne Lowe and Sue Broad

Consolation 2



1st Sarah Innes and Bruce Fraser
2nd Roz Trend and Russell Milburn
3rd Eileen Trigwell and Audrey Keough

Sunday Teams



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



2nd Dave Munro, Elizabeth McNeill, Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes

3rd Alida Clark, Peter Rogers, Nick Cantatore and Marnie Leybourne