

wa bridge



Congratulations!

HGR Women's Teams Winners



Gold Winners Viv Wood, Alida Clark,
Jane Reynolds and Renee Cooper



Tournament Organiser Sheenagh Young with
Silver Winners Jill Del Piccolo, Shizue
Futaesaku and Kate Smith (Wendy Driscoll)

HGR Restricted Pairs Winners



Trophy Sponsor Di Brooks with Gold Winners
Sue Shadbolt and Dennis Gimblett



Silver Winners Rez Karim and Hasan Hazra



Grand National Open Teams Heading for Tweed Heads

Country Chris Knight, Patricia Anderson, Gerald Merven and Maureen Knight

Restricted Mimi Packer, Rose Moore, Virginia Seward and Linda Coli

Metro 1 Viv Wood, Gerry Daly, Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton

Metro 2 Francesca McGrath, Rhys Cooper, Simon Brayshaw and Chris Mulley

Metro 3 Trevor Fuller, Marnie Leybourne, Sharon Evans and Leonie Fuller

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CHRISTMAS CONGRESS 2015



At the WABC CLUB ROOMS

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Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December

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SATURDAY PAIRS	1.30pm	\$15 per person
SUNDAY TEAMS	10.00am	\$30 per person
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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Just so everybody is clear BAWA is the sponsoring organisation for Bridge in WA. This means all Red and Green Point events must be run according to the appropriate regulations. BAWA happily delegates the responsibility of running Green Point events to our affiliate clubs. However, we have a set of regulations regarding the running of **ALL** Red Point events that must be followed so as not to put at risk the Red Point status of the event. One of the reasons BAWA requires Open Red Point events to have a convenor is so that there is somebody, identifiable, who is responsible for reading and making sure these regulations are followed. I would urge the organisers of these events to ensure that the regulations are read and followed. One in particular requires the publication at the event of an appeals committee. I mention this one specifically as I have heard of a few instances recently which are of concern.

One aspect of the law that many players seem unsure of is their right to appeal any decision of the director, other than decisions of law or disciplinary penalties. Furthermore, it is the duty of the director when making such a decision to inform the players of their right to appeal. Directors are often busy and occasionally forget this requirement. Nevertheless, now you know. Whilst not yet a regulation I would advise congress convenors to appoint an appeals advisor, usually a senior and experienced player, to assist players in assessing the wisdom of


starting an appeal process. The appointment should be listed with the appeals committee and announced at the start of the event.

The **Golden West Congress** has been full for quite some time but we are now running a reserve list so if you wish to play get your name on that list. You will find the entry facility in the normal spot on our website. If you are no longer able to play you **MUST** contact Allison Stralow, Bill Kemp or Neville Walker and let them know.

I hope clubs are busily planning their heat for the **Restricted Butler Selection** which will send 4 players to Queensland next year to play in the Restricted Butler at the ANC with each pair receiving a \$2500 subsidy. Full details will be sent to clubs and published on our website very soon.

There will still be time to enter the **Grand Master Restricted Pairs** event – full details on our web site.

Good luck to all of the teams travelling to Tweed Heads for the GNOT National Finals.



BAWA Xmas Function and Price Giving

Thursday 10th December

Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club @ 6.30pm

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Bunbury Bridge Club held its Championship Teams event in September with Neville Walker as Director.



1st Colleen Long, President John Ferguson, Kate Boston, Murray Webber and Colleen Skipsey



2nd Robyn Howe, Jan Morgan, Jane Moulden and Peter Morgan

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Di Schupp

Our Winter Congress became a Spring Congress held on Sunday 4 October. We ended up with 64 pairs – the best so far for our mid-year event.

Given that we had to reduce it to a one-day event this was an excellent turnout.



Clear winners were James Steer and Stella Steer with President Ann Shalders.



2nd Peter Gill and Bill Symons



3rd Dave Munro and Pauline Hammond



4th Viv Wood and Jane Reynolds



Most successful Mandurah players Doug Hardman and Roman Gdowski.

The Restricted Pairs (>300 points) Red Point event held on 20 and 27 July was keenly contested with 32 pairs participating.

Winners were **Liz Vince** and **Bill Web** followed by Denise Sampson playing with Elsa Rouse.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

We wish our members heading off to Tweed Heads the best of time and cards – Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Viv Wood, Chris Mulley, Simon Brayshaw, Rhys Cooper, Francesca McGrath, Mimi Packer, Rose Moore, Linda Coli and Virginia Seward.

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 12th. Bridge at 1.30pm and light snacks before 5pm prize giving. All are welcome.

Saturday December 19th is an Open Red Point afternoon. No need to book, just come along and enjoy.

Undercroft Bridge Club

From David Cowell

Undercroft recently held its individual championship, over three Monday evenings. Twenty Eight contestants paired with someone different every round.



The winner was **Nerilyn Mack** pictured with President David Cowell



A close second was Ann de Souza



Tony Martin 3rd

Thanks go to our ladies for supplying a lovely supper on the final evening

I hope those of you entering our Annual Congress on Saturday and Sunday 24/25th of October have an enjoyable time.

Again this year we are having an Open Swiss Pairs on Tuesday evenings 17/24 November and 1st December, our last red point event before Christmas. Everyone is most welcome just get your entry in on the BAWA website.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

Saturday, 17 October saw the Club hold the red point trophy event The Spring Pairs. While the red point event was won by **Do Dean** and **Suzu Szabo**, the Spring Pairs for club members was won by **Janice Winsor** and **Angela van Beem**.



2nd Martin Jones and Sam Zurub.

3rd were Audrey Patterson and Doreen Sinclair
Seats

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

The annual Bayswater Bridge Club journey overseas was exciting this year as the group travelled to Singapore to find them in the midst of the 50th Anniversary of Singapore's independence. Although many of the usual activities were closed, including the Singapore Bridge Club where some of our members had hoped to attend, there was an excitement and vibrancy to this phenomenal city that added to the fun. Lesley Hardingham and I went along to a smaller club, the Kembangan Bridge Club which was just a short train ride on the state of the art transport system. It was a delightful and successful evening and we made some lovely friends. It was great to see the happy mix of very young players being mentored and encouraged so well by the senior and more experienced members of the club. Our thanks go to Ron Savage for organizing our outing.

After being caught up in the powerful display of military might through the centre of the city on the way to the stadium for the Independence festival, our group managed to get to the next rendezvous, a birthday party for Daphne Outred at the classy St Regis Hotel. The French style afternoon tea was too delicious for any diets to apply that day and was a memorable experience especially after the piano player by the pool found out we were Australian and from his old home town of Bayswater. So he rather adopted us and played some stirring songs including Peter Allen's I Still Call Australia Home.

COTA Seniors Week

Although unsuccessful obtaining a grant for this year's Senior's Week Event, our club has decided to go ahead with the Bridge in a Day and Luncheon on Wednesday 11th of November starting at 10.00am with Mini Bridge, great for showing the logic of bridge, moving on to opening bids and then Luncheon with the members of the club. Cost \$10.

Please let anyone you know who might like to have a go at bridge in a very friendly and supportive environment.

Trinity College for Seniors

It was great to see Edward Reeves come along to the Bayswater Bridge Club during the holidays from the Trinity College for Seniors where he has

been learning bridge for two terms. He brought along his computer and showed Jack to the Baysie members who played it during their sit-out. Edward found himself in the winners circle and thoroughly enjoyed the day so much he became a member straight way. Edward is a very welcome asset to our club.

Other students from Trinity College for Seniors will be aiming at trying out in a club near them in the not too distant future.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Wednesday Pairs Competition were



1st **Harold McKnight** and **Patrick Garnett**



2nd **Helen Baker** and **Jean Calder**



3rd **Marleen Medhat** and **Donald Whooley**



West Australian Bridge Club

From Deborah Greenway

The Club evening pairs were held on the 14th and 20th October. Eighteen pairs competed.



Winners: **John Rigg** and **Alison Rigg**, 2nd Ann Youngs (Vinod Nasta) 3rd Deana Wilson and Jonathan Free. Congratulations to you all.

The New Zealand National Bridge Congress was held in Hamilton. I went over to play in a couple of events with Gilda my WA Bridge partner who now lives in New Zealand. The congress was extremely well run and organised and I found the Kiwis very welcoming and hospitable. Some of the events were somewhat different, and there was not a bidding box in sight. I had to play with some poor unsuspecting fella who only played Acol and I only play Standard, so I thought I would just have to wing it and play Acol. Thank

goodness he was a pretty good player and we didn't embarrass ourselves.



Gilda and I got our act together after a very shaky start in a couple of events, and managed to win the Intermediate Swiss pairs. Well you can imagine how excited we were. We then travelled around the North Island for a couple of weeks. New Zealand is a stunning place and I was very lucky to have superb weather the whole 3 weeks I was there. There were a few familiar faces from Perth but I would really encourage other Bridge nuts to go over next year, I know I will be.



South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker

The October Restricted event attracted 14 pairs. Congratulations to:



Restricted Pairs Winners with a grand score of 68.5% **Ingrid Gilfillan** and **Brian Steggall**.



2nd Jackin Clare and Thea Marsh

3rd Chris England and Julie Crewe

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

The Club's Championship Pairs held over two sessions was a great success.



We congratulate **Hilary Hall** and **Walter Hall** on gaining top position and becoming our new Club Champions.



Congratulations also to our Under State Masters Winners **Rita Hood** and **Janet McKay**.

SPRING PAIRS



Winners - **Hilary Tunnard** and **Yvonne Mathews** with Director Sandy Sandilands



Under State Masters Winners- **Margaret Upton** and **Joe Satterthwaite**

COMING UP

October Tuesday 27th: Scorpio Pairs

November Monday 9th: AGM at 11 am

November Saturday 14th: Nedra Arnott Pairs

Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

Our newly elected committee is now up and running well under the guidance of our President Noel Daniel. We have some great opportunities ahead of us, and with the help of our members, we intend to make the most of them.

DORA WILSON TROPHY

Our Dora Wilson Trophy event attracted a good number top players making for a great competition and day.



Winners: **Noel Daniel** and **Tony Stevens**, 2nd Bill Symons and Suzanne Goodall, 3rd Salim Songerwala and Barbara Frost.

NOVICE PAIRS

The Novice Pairs Competition was very successful also and is a great opportunity for new and not so new members, to experience 'Competition Bridge' often for the first time. It was a great day enjoyed by all who attended.



Winners: 1st **Peggy Stacy** and **Tom Stacy**, 2nd Mark Hughes and Kathleen Thomson, 3rd Helen Cunningham and Phil Cunningham

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

2015 CONGRESS

Our congress for 2015 was not as well patronised as other years, but what a friendly and fun crowd we had. It was great to see lots of new attendees and fortunately some of them ended up in the winners circle.

Thanks to Val who once again decorated the cake – this year the cake looked like an open book, very clever. Thanks to Peter Holloway (Director) for making the trek once again to Kalgoorlie

Winners for the weekend:

WELCOME PAIRS

Sponsored by Fist National Real Estate – Wades



1st Madge Myburgh and Wendy Harman with Mary Williams Vice President and President Sue Lia

2nd Deborah Frankel and Deidre Greenfield

3rd Stella Steer and Beata Bieganski

KALGOORLIE OPEN PAIRS QUALIFYING



1st Beata Bieganski and Stella Steer

2nd Wendy Harman and Madge Myburgh

3rd Rez Karim and Geza Sulykos

KALGOORLIE PAIRS FINAL



1st Jean Field and Carole Hazelden

2nd Jeanette Gale and July Clarke

3rd Jan Burgess and Piroska Kacso

KALGOORLIE PAIRS PLATE



1st Frances Price and Barbara Guelfi - (Barbara has been coming to the Congress for many years and this was her first win and naturally she was very excited)

2nd Barry Aslett and Fae Hughes

3rd Mikie Fisher and Chris Shotter

KALGOORLIE TEAMS



1st Dadie Greenfeld, Deb Frankel, Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes



2nd Jean Field, Monica Offer, Jim Offer and Carol Hazelden

3rd Jan Burgess, Chris Knight, Piri Kacso and Maureen Knight

BEST NOVICE PAIR

Sponsored by Brahma Wealth Team



Di Alabach and Janet Kuhle

BEST UNPLACED KALGOORLIE PAIR

Sponsored by Kalaire



Rez Karim and Geza Sulykos

Thanks all for playing and for your good sportsmanship and fun company - spread the word if you enjoyed yourself and we'll see you all again in 2016.

Celebration!



Kalgoorlie Bridge Club member Anne Swinden recently celebrated her 85th birthday. Complete with birthday cake and roses, Anne was joined by Mary Williams standing, Yvonne Hefron sitting and Liela Worth.

Denmark Bridge Club

From Philip Powell

INAUGURAL CONGRESS



Denmark Bridge Club marked a milestone on the weekend of October 16-18 when it held its inaugural Congress at the picturesquely situated Denmark Sea Rescue Function Centre.

The club became an incorporated body and affiliated with BAWA and ABF just two years ago following a decision by a growing membership to formalise its structure and be involved with the wider bridge-playing community.

Thanks to grants from Lotterywest and the Shire of Denmark, the club was able to buy a computer and associated bridge-playing equipment, bringing it in line with established bridge clubs.

The club started as a small social group in the mid-70s. In recent years players have been meeting at the Denmark St John Ambulance headquarters, but they had to move this winter as St John's needed the space.

The community centre at the Amaroo Retirement Village in Denmark is currently the temporary base until the move into a permanent home at the Morgan Richards Community Centre (aka the old Denmark hospital) around mid-November.

Club President John Elliot said: "We were a small but dedicated group of players for several years, with player numbers swelling in summer months with Perth residents escaping the heat.

"We expect numbers to continue to grow as more people choose Denmark as a retirement and holiday location.

"We are also fortunate in having experienced bridge players to coach and mentor new players, which will add to our membership pool.

“Currently we meet on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings and will soon be trialling a third session on Friday afternoons.

“We were excited to secure the sea rescue centre as the venue for our first congress, as the spectacular setting will have added to the overall ‘Denmark experience’ for players from Perth and other WA locations.”

Award winners were as follows:



Winners Congress Pairs Final: Pam Minchin and Anne Lowe (pictured with Denmark Bridge Club President John Elliott)



Winners Welcome Pairs: Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside



Winners Swiss Teams: Kathy Power, Dave Munro, Phil Power and Pim Birss



Complimentary Award: Elizabeth McNeill and Cassie Morin



Best Denmark Novice Pair Wendy Livesey and Owen Stokes-Hughes



RESULTS

FRIDAY WELCOME PAIRS (40)

1 st	Grenside Richard and Sue Grenside
2 nd	Sybil Davies and Rita Leeming
3 rd	David Dale and Rob Houlding

SATURDAY PAIRS FINAL:

1 st	Anne Lowe and Pam Minchin
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PAIRS PLATE:

1 st	Bente Hansen and Madge Myburgh
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2 nd	Cassie Morin and Elizabeth McNeill
3 rd	Walter Hall and Hilary Hall

CONSOLATION:

1 st	Jean McLarty and Robina McConnell
2 nd	Jackie Williams and Darrell Williams
3 rd	Judy Havercroft and Max Havercroft

SUNDAY TEAMS:

1 st	Dave Munro, Kathy Power, Phil Power and Pim Birss
2 nd	James Steer, Stella Steer, Robert Steer and John Ewing
3 rd	Carole Munro, Chris Munro, Alison Gunton and Ted North



Kalgoorlie Congress

By Maura Rhodes

Rick and I went to Kalgoorlie for their annual Congress and were disappointed to see fewer contestants than previous years. We think that Kalgoorlie was unfortunate in that the date clashed with the footy!

It was a lovely weekend and we had a great time. Sue Lia and her helpers put an enormous amount of work into arranging everything, so I really hope that next year, attendance will be back to normal.

Here is an interesting hand from the Teams:

Brd	♠ K		♠ AT52
Dlr	♥ T7		♥ K98654
Vul	♦ JT985		♦ Q3
	♣ QJT85		♣ 3
		♠ N	
♠ Q9864		W	
♥ AQ32			
♦ A74		E	
♣ A			
		S	
	♠ J73		
7	♥ J		
16	♦ K62		
8	♣ K97642		

I was very worried about this hand as Rick and I missed slam. This is how the bidding went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Maura</i>		<i>Rick</i>	
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1S	2C	4S	All Pass

I made 13 tricks when the King of Spades dropped singleton and was sure it would be a bad board, plus 510 instead of my imagined plus 1030 for a small slam with one overtrick.

I was amazed when we returned to the table for the scoring up to find that our team-mates, Debbie Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld scored minus 50. At their table the bidding was somewhat different:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Debbie</i>		<i>Dadie</i>
	2NT (*)	Pass	5C

All Pass

(*) 2NT=both minors

Some may ask why neither Easts opened the hands. Lots of people would open the East hand and I don't think there is a right or wrong answer- it's just a matter of partnership style. Rick and I don't open a weak two if we have four of the other Major, unless Partner is a passed hand. Why didn't I continue after Rick raised me to 4S after North had overcalled 2Clubs? The reason is that I took Rick's bid as very weak showing 4+ Spades, but not enough points to cue raise.

I am always interested in other people's bidding styles and our team-mates play that opening 2NT shows at least five cards in both minors with a weak hand. Rick and I play 2NT as 20-21 balanced. On this board, our team-mates bid was hugely successful. Well done, Deb for opening and Dadie for immediately raising to the five level.

Thank you Kalgoorlie Bridge Club for the great Congress and Peter Holloway for directing us. We'll be back!





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"Home of Youth Bridge"

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1.30PM
19TH DECEMBER

NORMAL TABLE MONEY



Grand Masters - Restricted Pairs



**2 weeks event starts Thursday
November 12th, 2015**

Event commences at 7.30pm

VENUE: South Perth Bridge Club

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website

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**NEDLANDS
BIRTHDAY
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Swiss Pairs**

SUNDAY
7th FEBRUARY 2016

Two sessions
10.00am and 2.00pm

RED MASTER POINTS
DIRECTED BY PETER HOLLOWAY
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LUNCH PROVIDED
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Let's talk about it ... some more

From Matt McManus

Continuing on the theme from a couple of articles ago, here are a few more situations in which you and your partner need to make sure you are on the same wavelength. Otherwise, you may find yourself playing some rather strange contracts or maybe having the director called to the table by some unhappy opponents.

1. What's trumps?

Do you play splinters? If so, what does this sequence mean: 1S - (P) - 4H? Is it really a splinter - or is it a weak hand with hearts? Make sure you know. It's probably easiest to remember if you decide it's a splinter: then you have the simple rule, "all double jumps are splinters". But as long as you agree, then you will hopefully avoid finding yourself playing 4H in a three card fit!

There are other situations where it is also important to understand which suit is agreed as trumps, particularly when you are about to start a cue bidding sequence or when you are about to launch off into Blackwood. Not knowing what is trumps can be disastrous. It can even happen to the best players in the land. At the recent playoffs to decide the team to represent Australia at this year's World Championships, the following hand came up:

Dealer: East | Vul: All

♠ 9	N	♠ AKJ1065
♥ AQ8	W	♥ KJ43
♦ AQJ108	E	♦ 962
♣ A862	S	♣ -

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

* 2/1 game force

The problem seems to have arisen after 3D. West thought that diamonds were now agreed as

trumps and so his subsequent bids were cue-bids. On the other hand East thought that 3H and 3S were still looking for the best denomination in which to play the hand. That meant that when West bid 4C, that was the first cue-bid with the last suit - spades - agreed as trumps.

The consequence of this was that there was confusion in response to 4NT Keycard Blackwood. Because East thought spades were trumps, 5H was intended to show 2 keycards (ace and king of spades) without the queen of spades. On the other side of the table, from West's perspective, the two keycards had to be SA and DK, without the queen of diamonds. It all made perfect sense to both players.

You'll see that this is not a good contract. For a start the king of trumps needs to be onside. And even if it is, if the trumps break 4-1, a lot of other good things have to happen. On the actual hand, justice was out to lunch. South had the doubleton king of diamonds and the grand slam rolled in. Good results are sometimes tempered by an element of embarrassment.

2. Have you got a stopper?

Look at this sequence:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1D	1S	2C	2S
3C	Pass	3S	

What does East's bid of 3S mean? Here are some possibilities:

- do you have a spade stopper? If so, please bid 3NT
- I have a spade stopper, but I think 3NT will be best played from your side, please bid it
- I have a very good hand with a spade shortage, we might have slam on
- I have more than a maximum 2C bid; if you've got better than a absolute minimum, we might have game on, but I am not sure where - maybe 3NT, maybe 5C, perhaps even 5D.

And there could be more. Either of the first two options is probably the most useful, since 3NT is the most common and easiest game to make

when you have minors. The important thing is to have an agreement with your partner. If not, you could get into trouble. For instance, say you bid this way as East and you think that you are asking for a spade stopper. Assume the opponents ask what 3S is and your partner says it shows a stopper and asks him to bid 3NT. When he does bid 3NT, it must be tempting to run away to a safer place in a minor. After all, you do not have the spade stopper which he thinks you have. However, to bid on would be unethical. When you bid 3S, you were hoping that partner had a stopper so you could play 3NT. If there had been no questions, you would have been content when he showed one. You have to take your medicine in 3NT, no matter how badly this might turn out. And before the opponents lead, you also have to tell them that you believe that your partner has misexplained your agreement.

..... and while you're at it What about if the opponents have bid two different suits? Do you have the same agreements? Even if you normally have an agreement that a bid of the opponents' suit asks for a stopper, many pairs have the understanding that when two suits have been bid against you, then bidding one of the suits shows a stopper and asks partner to consider 3NT if they can stop the other one. As with all these cases, there is no absolute wrong or right answer. The correct answer is the one that you and your partner agree on.



2016 Albany Congress

Friday March 4 – Monday 7 March

(Maximum 24 tables)



Entry Fee: \$95.00

Welcome Pairs: \$20:00

Congress Pairs: \$35:00

Congress Swiss Teams: \$35:00

Friday 4 March:

Welcome Pairs 7:00 pm

Saturday 5 March:

Pairs 9:30 am & 1:00 pm

Sunday 6 March:

Pairs: 9:30 am

Sunday 6 March:

Swiss Teams: 1:00 pm

Monday 7 March:

Swiss Team: 9:00 am

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Gaining Points at the NZ Nationals

From Marnie Leybourne

New Zealand holds its national championships over one week late each September. There is a whole mish-mash of events for players of all levels, so it is really like a large congress.

Nick Cantatore and I were invited to play by some New Zealand friends, Evelyn and Bob Hurley. Ev is actually responsible for my playing bridge as she introduced me to the game when I worked with her at Massey University many years ago. We played in the "point a board" teams event, which comprised six matches of 12 boards. It was a Swiss movement, with scoring being "point a board", where instead of imps, your team scores two points if your result is better than the other table, one point if it is the same, and zero if your result is worse.

This form of scoring can lead to some odd contracts. We picked up two points playing in 3NT rather than 4H, holding:

♠ K J 8 4 ♥ J 6 ♦ A T 6 3 ♣ A J 5 opposite
♠ Q 9 2 ♥ A T 9 7 5 2 ♦ K J 5 ♣ Q.

Four hearts is much the safer contract, but not worth those two points.

For each match, there were 24 points to distribute (two per board). Anyway, we managed to win all of our matches and emerged the victors with a final score of 93, nine points ahead of second.

Try making decisions on the following hands:

1) You are sitting West. What do you lead from the following hand?

♠ A Q T 8 6
♥ K 9 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ T

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1NT (1)	2C (2)	2NT (3)
Pass	3C (4)	Pass	Pass
X	All pass		

- 12-14
- Both majors
- Lebensohl
- Forced

- 2) What do you do with the following hand when your RHO opens 4S (all vulnerable) in front of you? ♠ Q 3 ♥ J ♦ A K 8 5 4 2 ♣ A Q 8 4
- 3) Sitting East, what do you do with the following hand with the following bidding (East-West vulnerable)?

♠ A J 4 2
♥ A K
♦ K
♣ A Q 8 7 5 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	1C	1S	2D
4S	?		

WIELDING THE AXE

Brd		♠ 7	
Dlr	E	♥ QJ8	
Vul	EW	♦ 9643	
		♣ AJ843	
		♠ AQT86	♠ 932
		♥ K964	♥ 32
		♦ K72	♦ QJ85
		♣ T	♣ KQ92
		♠ KJ54	
	8	♥ AT75	
12	8	♦ AT	
	12	♣ 765	

I led the singleton trump, covered in dummy with the Jack and won by Nick with the Queen. The heart three was returned, finessed to my King and I played a second heart, won in dummy with the Jack. The spade seven was led from dummy, nine, jack and my Queen.

I played a third heart, ruffed by Nick and he returned a diamond to my King. I played my last heart which Nick ruffed and he exited with a

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trump. Declarer had only one trump left in her hand, so had to lose a second diamond in the end. Down three for +500 and two points to us. Our team-mates were in 2NT at the other table, making only four tricks undoubled.

RULE, WHAT RULE?

Rightly or wrongly, Nick opted to bid 4NT (showing two places to play – the rule being at least 5/5 in two suits). I bid 6C, and he visibly squirmed for a bit before passing, worrying that I may have bid with the expectation that he had at least five clubs. Well, it was close enough – and he did have 10 cards in the two suits. The full hand:

Brd		♠ Q3			
Dlr	N	♥ J			
Vul	EW	♦ AK8542			
		♣ AQ84			
			♠ T8		
		♠ AJ976542	♥ Q65432		
		♥ 98	♦ T6		
		♦ Q3	♣ J32		
		♣ 6			
			♠ K		
	16		♥ AKT7		
			♦ J97		
7		3	♣ KT975		
	14				

The spade Ace was led and 12 tricks were easy. This was a pickup – they were in five diamonds at the other table when North bid 5D over the opening 4S. South was incredibly wimpy, passing 5D.

SACKING AGAINST THE GRAND

This was the most amusing hand of the competition. I doubled and Nick led C4 to my Ace. Dummy came down with six spades to the Queen! So, I placed Nick with no spades and proceeded to

cash my hearts and the diamond King, followed by the club Queen which, after some thought, Nick overtook with the club King. Nick then cashed the diamond Ace and heart Queen. We had taken the first seven tricks, leaving just trumps in dummy. I over-ruffed the diamond continuation with the Jack and we then took a further three tricks on a cross-ruff, as declarer turned up with a singleton trump! The full hand:

Brd		♠ Q87653			
Dlr	N	♥ J92			
Vul	EW	♦ 65			
		♣ JT			
		♠ KT		♠ AJ42	
		♥ Q63		♥ AK	
		♦ AJT94		♦ K	
		♣ K64		♣ AQ8753	
			♠ 9		
	4		♥ T8754		
13		21	♦ Q8732		
	2		♣ 92		

Declarer made only two tricks (the spade 9 and Queen). Minus eight doubled was worth 2000 to us. This looks like a terrible score (for them), however the psyche by South did prevent us from finding our cold grand slam (in clubs or no trump) which would have scored better, so we could have lost our two points had their team mates bid the grand at the other table! And given the point a board scoring method, -2000 translated into only a zero rather than a two. It was a very inexpensive psyche.

This hand also provided me with an amusing recollection. My first experience of a psyche was playing against our teammates years ago in New Zealand. Ev, as dealer, was to my left and Bob opened 1S in third position in front of me. I doubled with my 22-count, Ev bid 4S and my partner doubled. This contract went six light for +1400 to us, however we got a bottom as every other pair got +1430 for the making heart slam our way.



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2016 Summer Congress

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st January

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

PROGRAM

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\$35 per player – includes lunch

Sunday 9.30 am Swiss Teams

\$35 per player – includes lunch

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Capel Life

Spring is Sprung

By Di Brooks

After quite a cold wet winter it brightens one's day when the sun is shining and the birds are a'twittering. In our little corner of the World, the native shrubs that we planted four years ago are now in their glory. The Grevilleas, Bottlebrushes and other flowering bushes are full of wildlife. Our garden bustles with Honeyeaters, Silvereyes and Fairy Wrens, along with the regular visits from Corellas, Galahs and Red Cap parrots.

Our house faces and on cold winter days any sunshine helps warm the front living areas. One day last week, the sun shone and the birds were singing. The front door was wide open and the birdsong was so near. I sidled up to the flyscreen and peered out, trying to espy the identity of the vocalist. As my Mother would say, 'If it had teeth, it would bite you.' There, perched on the Cane Begonia, was one of our favourites: a Willy Wagtail, singing and prancing for all his worth. This was his performance and he staged a brilliant solo just for me.

Yesterday, I heard another bird calling with a constant shrill whistle. This time, I spotted the singer - a New Holland Honeyeater. Usually when we get near to them as they spend time foraging in our Honeysuckle, they move away. This one didn't. He insisted on sitting on the guttering of the patio, shouting for all he was worth. My presence made no difference. As I ventured into the garden I looked beyond the Honeyeater to the television aerial. Sitting on the highest wire was a Falcon. No wonder the Honeyeater was on high alert. This predator would make easy pickings of the smaller birds. Yet this messenger did not hesitate. He was the herald giving the Danger Warning! His trills worked. The budgies sat silent. They knew and so did every other creature in and around our garden. Nature's own Neighbourhood Watch. Something we can admire and maybe use the example ... looking out for each other.

Have a Happy Day 😊

Opening Weak Twos

From Di Brooks

West held

- ♠ J653
- ♥ KQJ643
- ♦ 98
- ♣ Q

As Dealer, this hand MUST not be opened. The criteria for a Weak Opening Two is to hold a six card major, but with no four card holding in the other major.

Bidding was passed around to East, who opened a Standard American 2C, showing a very strong hand, not necessarily Clubs. West responded with 2H, showing a heart suit and a positive hand. When East bid 2S, West bid 6S. Not a great bid, but as an ace less hand, with trump support, a small slam looked like the final contract.

South lead the AH, with was promptly trumped by East and thirteen tricks rolled in.

Deep Finesse records 7H was to be bid and made. As it was a Teams event, it was quite a surprise when the opposing team member sitting West opened with a weak 2H bid. The chance to find the fit in spades was lost and their team settled for game in hearts.

So if you are tempted to open a weak two, holding both majors, don't. You may be pleasantly rewarded with a better contract.

Happy Bridging 😊

BAWA EVENT ENTRY

Closing Times

Current BAWA policy is that events close Midnight on the Sunday immediately prior to the Thursday event.

This is to allow movements and boards to be organised. BAWA is undertaking a discussion regarding the use of Barometer Scoring which will allow events to remain open for entry until the day of competition.

As always your views are welcome.

SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB



**BALMY EVENING OPEN PAIRS
TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30 PM**

RED POINT EVENT

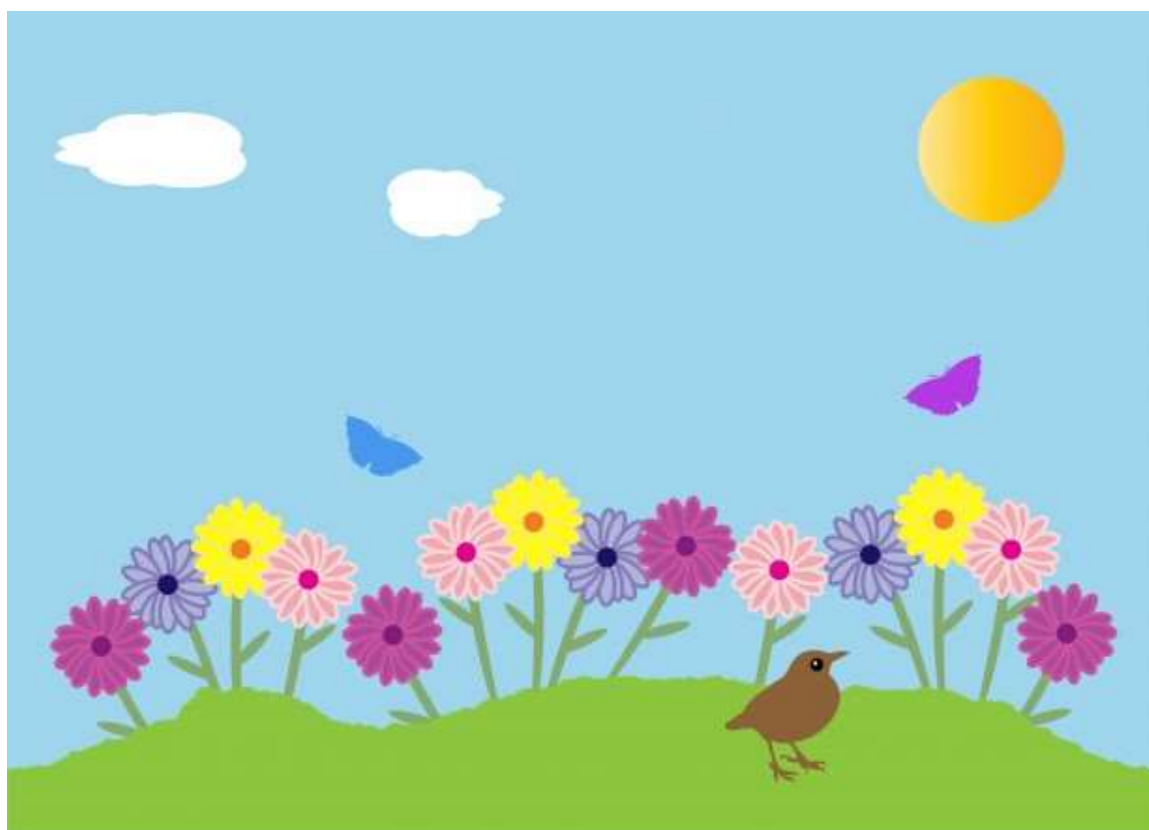
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NORMAL TABLES MONEY APPLIES

\$7.00 MEMBERS

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FESTIVE OPEN PAIRS

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH AT 12.30 PM

RED POINT EVENT

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NORMAL TABLE MONEY

\$7.00 MEMBERS

\$9.00 GUESTS

RESULTS

TEAMS of FOUR

From John Beddow

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
Nedlands	4	2	45.59
SPBC	4	2	40.00
Undercroft	4	2	34.33
Maccabi	3	2	30.97
WABC B	3	1	27.20
WABC A	2	1	21.91

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC Spades	9	8	129.65
SPBC A	9	6	123.92
West Coast	9	6	108.22
SPBC B	9	6	106.31
Maccabi	9	5	92.78
WABC Hearts	9	6	88.21
Nedlands	9	3	72.84
Kalamunda	9	2	69.97
Undercroft B	9	2	63.16
Undercroft A	9	1	44.94

Qualifying Finals

- The Team finishing first in the Division will host and play the team finishing fourth.
- The Team finishing second in the Division will host and play the team finishing third.

WABC Spades v SPBC B

SPBC A v West Coast

NOVICE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC A	6	4	64.34
Swan Dists	6	4	60.66
Kalamunda	6	3	58.48
WABC B	6	2	56.73
SPBC B	5	4	55.24
Undercroft	4	2	45.17
SPBC A	5	0	32.38

NB If you think you cannot find your red points for 2014, be advised that they are not called T of 4, they are entered on your personal MP web page as: Jan 2015 6751 BAWA.

The MPs earned for the first half of 2015 have been sent to the BAWA MP sec. You will probably see them as: Oct 2015 6751 BAWA.

If you dispute the number of points you have been allocated, contact: John Beddow.

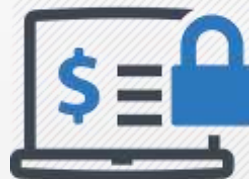
HGR Restricted Pairs (28)

1 st	Sue Shadbolt and Dennis Gimblett
2 nd	Rez Karim and Hasan Hazra
3 rd	Stephen Thyer and Peter Clarke
4 th	Bob Fergie and Heather Fergie
5 th	Marcey Spilsbury and Meredith Goodlet
6 th	Clyde England and Alan Dundas
7 th	Beatrice McCarthy and Pete Fuhrmann
8 th	Dave Sloan and Gary Frampton
9 th	Michael Turner and Lyndall Steed
10 th	Ian Rowlands and John Reid
11 th	Susan Evans and Barbara Riddle
12 th	Jill Keshavjee and Shelly Alan
13 th	Jane Moulden and Robyn Howe
14 th	Do Dean and Jenny Bowler

HGR Women's Teams (10)

1 st	Viv Wood, Alida Clark, Renee Cooper and Jane Reynolds
2 nd	Wendy Driscoll, Shizue Futaesaku, Jill Del Piccolo and Kate Smith
3 rd	Deb Frankel, Dadie Greenfeld, Joan Prince and Pauline Collett
4 th	Jo Sklarz, Pauline Hammond, Anne Lowe and Pattie McNamara
5 th	Doreen Jones, Catherine Hood, Heather Williams and Jan Blight

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	Nov 2015	Sun 1 st	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
		Sat 7 th	<i>Kendenup Bridge Club Restricted Pairs-see flyer</i>
		Sun 8 th	BAWA SuperVets Congress Venue: West Australian Bridge Club
		Sun 8 th	BAWA State Open Teams Championship Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Thu 12 th	BAWA Grand Masters Pairs 1/2 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 14 th –Sun 15 th	BAWA Golden West <i>Gold Points</i>
	Dec 2015	Fri 4 th –Sun 6 th	West Australian Bridge Club Congress
BAWA AWARDS		Thu 10 th	Held at Nedlands Bridge Club 6.30pm
	Jan 2016	Mon 4 th	<i>South Perth Bridge Club Swiss Pairs 1/3 7.30pm</i> <i>See flyer</i>
		Sat 30 th – Sun 31 st	<i>Mandurah Summer Congress – see flyer</i>
	Feb 2016	Sun 7 th	<i>Nedlands Bridge Club Birthday Congress –see flyer</i>
	Mar 2016	Fri 4 th – Mon 7 th	<i>Albany Bridge Club Congress – see flyer</i>
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website. VENUES AND STARTING TIMES Unless otherwise advertised all BAWA daytime and weekend events are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands, All Thursday evening events are held at the South Perth Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Commencing 7.30 pm.		
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PLAY COMMENCES AT 7.30PM SHARP

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Run by Mandurah Bridge Club

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