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4th Asia Cup Bridge Championship

Congratulations!

Marnie Leybourne and Viv Wood winning



in the Women's Pairs



Grand National Open TeamsYour fellow players wish you well!



Perth 1

Mimi Packer, Jonathan Free, Linda Coli, Vinod Nasta, Alan Harrop and Cynthia Belonogoff

Perth 2

Gwyneira Brahma, Val Biltoft, Deana Wilson, Dave Munro

Perth 3

Geoff Holman, Chris Ingham, Jessica Chew, David Matthews

WA Provincial

Chris Bacon, Helen Rogoysky, Ian Clark, Robert Kirberger



WA CountryKate Boston, Colleen Long,
Murray Webber and Colleen Skipsey



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2023 SUMMER CONGRESS

Friday 27 January to Sunday 29 January

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

PROGRAMME

Friday: Welcome Pairs (1:00pm start)

\$30 per pair

Saturday: Duplicate Pairs 2 Sessions Qualifying & Finals

Be seated by 9:45am for 10:00 am start

\$70 per pair

Sunday: Swiss Teams VP scoring.

Be seated by 9:15am for 9:30am start

\$140 per team.

Payments may be made with Bridge Credits or direct deposit to:

Westpac Bank Mandurah Bridge Club BSB 036-157 Acc: 440148

Lunch is not provided but can be ordered on arrival.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of entry fees.

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President's Report

From Nigel Dutton

Is it just me, or do you think that congresses are becoming too expensive? Checking through the archives I note that many congresses have increased by more than 10 per cent over the last year or so. This is double the annual CPI and, due to COVID, many clubs no longer provide lunch but have maintained or even increased congress fees. I emphasise the completely personal aspect of my comments, BAWA has no control or, indeed influence, over the monetary aspects of our affiliate clubs. I mention that because I have recently received correspondence from players regarding increased table monies at club sessions. I would urge clubs to consider the demographic of their members, many of whom may play three or four times a week. I understand that in the modern bridge club Bridgemates, bidding boxes and computers are required and need periodic updating. However, I remind you that the Lotteries Commission of WA is a great source of support for clubs. I have been pleased, on many occasions, to receive a call from the Commission allowing me to add my support to the application.

Just to clear up any confusion and put to rest the rumour that the BAWA website entry facility for club congresses is closing. Many clubs have moved to use MyABF as the vehicle to manage their congress entries, this is great, I think MyABF, whilst not yet perfect, will continue to improve and eventually be able to manage all club administration. If your club committee wishes, at this stage, to continue to use the BAWA website entry facility then BAWA will continue to offer this service.

Would you like to contribute? BAWA runs six major Gold Point events each year, each event has a modestly renumerated organiser. We may be looking for extra players to become Tournament Organisers in 2023. If you are interested or would like more information, send me an email, give me a ring or catch me at the next congress.









SATURDAY BRIDGE West Australian Newspaper

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

ABF Daily Bridge Column

Courtesy of Ron Klinger www.abfevents.com.au
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Australian Emerald Grand Master, WBF
International Master, competed in 24 World
Championships and Asia Pacific Zonal
Championships and Commonwealth Nations
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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Betty Roberts
Results of Recent Club Events
OPEN PAIRS (28 Sep/5 Oct 2022)
20 pairs competed in the 2-session event.
Winners



Bente Hansen & Wendy Harman Runners up



Kit & Tom Lemann
MIX-N-MATCH (8 Oct 2022)

Another successful Mix-N-Match session was held on Saturday 8 October. This is a popular event where more experienced players are paired with newer players.

Results:

Winners North South



Ronnie Malthouse & Margaret McRobbie

Winners East West



Kaye Prance & Robert McMahon



Cherry Zamudio & Helen Ottosson



Lynne Roberts & Jim Steel

Albany Bridge Club

From John McBeath

On October 1, 2022 Albany Bridge Club held its annual red point Club Championships. There were 14 pairs, mainly our senior players, who were vying for the 2022 title of Club Champions and of course have their names on the Honour board at the Club.

The Event consisted of two sessions and the aggregate of both for determination which pair would be winners.

In Session 1, the winners were Kate Boston and Murray Webber with a score of 60.90%. In Session 2, the winners were Kay Thompson and Rita Leeming with a score of 61.54%.



However, the overall winners and therefore Club Champions were Bob Fergie and Sybil Davies with an aggregate of 117.31%. Second were Kay and Rita with 116.35% and third place were Jo White and Ken Else with 114.42%.

The Championship win was the first for Bob Fergie, who is a member of Albany and Kendenup Bridge Clubs. He also plays in Congresses and other events in Perth and Regional areas. For Sybil Davies, this win is her fourth. The first in 2003 was with her partner Ann Hawkins and in 2013-14 she won the event twice with partner Rita Leeming. I understand that Sybil is now in her late 80's but has no intention of retiring from Bridge. She has told me that there are many years left for her and more Championships to win. Sybil and Bob often play together and today they came first in our Tuesday green point game with 64.93%. What a pair of great local players. Bridge certainly keeps you young and alert, so we should all keep playing.'

From Adrienne North Photos courtesy John McBeath



A special afternoon tea was held on Thursday 20th October to celebrate Shirley Anderson's 95th birthday! Shirley has been a very popular and active Club member since 1993 when she and her late husband Ross moved to Albany. Shirley was a Committee Member for many years before

becoming Club President. She was made a Life Member for her devotion to the Club.

Shirley and Club President Claire James. (In the background a hall-stand donated to the Club by Shirley, with flowers from Claire James and Adrienne North.)

Shirley was also a Club Director and directed on Thursday afternoons for years, a very popular session, the scones or cake she supplied for the tea break were a real incentive to come along, not to mention her friendly and helpful manner as a playing Director.



The birthday cake was made by Kay Thompson and decorated by Pam Bazley, a Club tradition when every member turning 80 gets a beautiful fruit cake made by these two ladies. Shirley was asked to make a wish when she cut the cake, and her wish was that she'll be here next year!

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The Graham Lee Red Point was held on Monday 12 September 2022 with eleven full tables. Winners N/S were John and Susan Sharland with 61.34% and E/W Merle Howden and Sue Cunliffe with 66.90%. Well done!



Wendy Baillie, Sue Cunliffe. Steen Hank Van Der and Elizabeth Martineng

The Spring Pairs Red Point was held on Thursday13 October 2022. Winners E/W were Wendy Baillie and Sue Cunliffe with 62.30% and Steen Hank Van Der and Elizabeth Martineng N/S with 64.59%. Congratulations to all who participated.

Special thanks to all those who contribute so much to these events by their generous help and contributions to afternoon tea. Always delicious and much appreciated by all members.

We also celebrated two more eighth birthdays. Congratulations to Jackie McCormick and Margaret Genoni.

Visitors are welcome. Please check out our website www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org which has all the latest information.

Busselton Bridge Club

From Ruth Willers

We are happy to report that our table numbers at the Monday sessions at Dunsborough have started to improve. Hopefully with the arrival of spring and warmer weather we will see this trend continue to improve.

In August the Club hosted the annual Geograph Cup Teams event which we play against Bunbury and once again we had a good turnout. Rivalry is always good and sadly, we relinquished the cup to the better side on the day. Our members really look forward to this annual event.



President Alf Valentine relinquishing the cup.

The Club Championships were held in September and we were very pleased with the attendance considering the drop in numbers at both our bridge playing days. It was fitting that Barry and Pip Witham were the victors on the day and as they will be relocating to Brisbane in November. So well done Pip and Barry.



Barry and Pip Witham with Alf Valentine

Just a reminder that there are still places available for the Busselton Congress on the 26th and 27th November at the Naturaliste Community Centre Dunsborough with Match Point Pairs on the Saturday and Swiss Teams on the Sunday.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From Jenny Langridge

Following an excellent turn-out, congratulations go to Carmel O'Neill and Sharon Scott for winning the Fremantle Bridge Club 2022 Spring Pairs followed, in a very close second place, by Se-Moi Loh and Laurel Lander with Sara Franklyn and Meghan Lagdon in third.



1st Carmel O'Neill and Sharon Scott



2nd Se Moi Loh and Laurel Lander



3rd Sara Franklyn and Meghan Lagdon

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Debra Wann



"The cogs in the machine..."

Endlessly whirring and producing our boards 3 times a week, every week. With thanks and great appreciation to our members: Lesley Watson, Gay Criddle and Yvonne Marsh.

Maccabi Bridge Club

From Luba Klein



Debbie Frankel, Freda Gunzberg, Debbie Majteles and Rifka Gabbay

Maccabi has introduced this year birthday wishes on the first Monday of the month for those celebrating birthdays. It has been successful and this month we enjoyed colourful cupcakes. The Millie Wolinski Memorial Trophy will be held on Monday 14th November. We be holding our break-up party on Monday 19th December.

As the end of the year draw near, and with summer approaching, we hope that Covid will diminish. Many bridge players did catch COVID and some continue to have long COVID – So we can blame fogginess in the head, tiredness and coughing that lingers on to the errors that we make playing bridge on COVID. Well, that's my excuse!!!!!!!

Our long standing members. Debbie Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld were 2nd in the Women's Pairs Hans G Rosendorff Memorial Weekend. Well done Girls.



Judy Havas, President Denise Sharbarnee and Chris Ross



Joan Touyz and Barbara Gold



Louis Klein and Luba Klein at their red point trophy event - won by Denise Sharbarnee and Dadie Greenfeld

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Congratulations to Rockingham Bridge Club, winners of the annual Mandurah vs Rockingham Challenge held in Rockingham. Thanks to the club for their hospitality in hosting the event.

The winners of the Saturday Best 3 out of 4 were Lesley Nicol and Alison Cullen.



Runners up were Di Moorhouse and Edna Mason.

Maylands Bridge Club

From Rosemary Fauntleroy

After a difficult start, with finding enough people to play in the team event, and suffering defeats at all our earlier events, the Team of Ross Cant with Ann Semaan, and Rosemary Cant playing with Joyce Archibald won by a huge margin against the Novice Undercroft team on Monday 26 September. Undercroft provided a very delicious late afternoon tea, so it was a great way to end the season.

Playing in teams gives us a wonderful opportunity to see other clubs and also introduce people from other clubs to our great club. For Maylands to enter next year we really need to have a minimum of 8 people signing up, preferably more. You don't have to have a regular partner but if you do have a regular partner, it is great for both of you to sign up as it is good to understand how your partner bids and plays. You must have less than 150 Master points to be part of the Novice Team.

Our team this year has been Ilda Martin and Cathy Broadbent, Ross Cant and Peter Gazzard, Ann Semaan and Fran Carter, and Rosemary Cant and Joyce Archibald. I think all of us who were able to play, win or lose, found it lots of fun.

2022 SPRING PAIRS



Winners:
Bernie Smith and
Colleen Prosser



Second: Graeme Wright and Murray Gatti



Third: Joanna Ellisona and Peter Bekink

Vince Menezes

Member of the 1,000 Masterpoints Club



Vince was born in India in 1934 and spent time both in Goa and Lahore (now part of Pakistan). He attended an English school, but before completing his degree, his father died and he had to join the workforce. Initially,

he worked as an accountant eventually earning a Diploma of Commerce.

Vince's capabilities were recognised by the British High Commission who offered him employment. Ultimately, he became the manager of all intralocal staff within the High Commission. One of Vince's responsibilities was the coordination of the security during the Queen's official visit to Pakistan as Head of the Commonwealth in 1961).

Whilst working at the High Commission in India, he met and married Gillian, the daughter of a diplomat. Vince migrated to Australia in 1969 and worked as an accountant in many accounting

offices. In recognition of his professional and personal skills, he was made Commercial Manager for a large Perth firm.

Apart from Vince's professional life, he was a skilled sportsman who was ranked second in badminton and eighth in table tennis within the state of Punjab. Vince has also a great love of music and plays three musical instruments. He has provided the musical performances for the Maylands Bridge Club on many occasions and continues to play music at home.

He took up bridge in 1986 at both the Undercroft and Maylands Bridge Clubs. He assumed an active role in the administration at Maylands and was President of the Club for six years and a committee member for many more years. His knowledge of the game also led to his being a respected Director at the Club.

Vince has won a number of Bridge Congresses, including being placed third in the State Men's Doubles Pairs. Vince now plays three times per week with his equally skilled partners, Norma Pears and Anne De Souza.

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Spring Teams Competition were



1st Joy Jones, Chieh Goodlet, Coleen Stone, Robin Rose (sub) Pat Scotford,

2nd Shirley Bloch, Wence Vahalla, Marlene Medhat, Ray Wood

3rd Max Havercroft, Brian Kay, Nerilyn Mack, Joanna Tennyson

Sunday Bridge

For many years West Coast Bridge Club has held a Sunday afternoon bridge session but sadly, due to lack of numbers, these sessions have now been discontinued. Thank you to Sara Westergren and Christina Wu for the contribution they have made in organising these sessions over the years.

We would encourage people to come along to our Tuesday night sessions, which are held from 7.30 – 10.30. They are very pleasant, enjoyable evenings.

Christmas Party

This will be held on Wednesday December 7 at the conclusion of the afternoon bridge session at 4.30pm. Club trophies will be presented then, and we will enjoy festive refreshments.

Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

Vale Sheila Cooksey

Members were saddened to learn that Sheila Cooksey passed away suddenly early in October. Sheila had just taken up the positions of Club Masterpoint Secretary and member of the Management Committee. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

Butler Pairs

Our Butler Pairs Championship was played in September with a field of only 16 pairs. Ian Clark and Robert Kirberger won with a comfortable margin in front of Steven Rogoysky and Eugene Wichems, who in turn finished comfortably ahead of Sarita Singh and Lyn Toft. Congratulations to the placegetters and thanks to all who participated in the event.



Winners: Robert Kirberger and Ian Clark



2nd Steven Rogoysky and Eugene Wichems



3rd Lyn Toft and Sarita Singh

BAWA Teams of 4

Our Intermediate Team came first in their division with 4 wins and 2 losses. This was our best performance in this event for many years. Our novice team won 3 of their 5 matches but finished in fifth place behind a team that won only one match. A victim of the vagaries of Victory Point scoring!

Birthday Congress

Our Birthday Congress was held on the first weekend of October, and 30 pairs competed in the Swiss event. Don Allen and David Matthews won, just slightly ahead of Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel. In third place were Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro. Congratulations to these place getters.

COMING EVENTS

We invite you to the following special events:

- Open Red Point Walk-in Charity Event: Saturday 10th December at 1.00pm.
- Boxing Day Red Point Walk-in: Monday 26th December at 12.30pm.

More information about these events is on our website.

South Perth Bridge Club

From Marnie Leybourne

SPBC held its AGM in September. Outgoing President Danny Ravn was unable to attend due to Covid. On behalf of all club members, I would like to thank Danny for all the work he has done while President, as it was a particularly trying time as Covid upped its ante during the past year. Tony McKinnon is the new President.

New Committee

The club has a new management committee following the club's AGM in September:

President:
Vice President:
Treasurer:
Assistant Treasurer:
Secretary:
House Manager:
Committee:

Tony McKinnon
Garth Scotford
Shane Brown
Marie Singleton
Jane Walker
Rachel McRae
Gabrielle Bastow,
Laura Breen,
Jan Howell,
Marnie Leybourne

SPBC Mixed Pairs



The club mixed pairs event held mid October was won by Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma.



Val Biltoft and Trevor Fuller were second.



Mark Goddard and Angeline Christie (pictured with President Tony McKinnon) came third.

The World Bridge Series

The World Bridge Series in Wroclaw, Poland, attracted over 1000 players and was held in the

huge Centennial Hall. There were three Western Australians: Viv Wood and I played in the women's team and pairs events, while Renee Cooper played in the open events. Our teammates for the women's teams were Jenny Thompson and Eva Caplan.

The 4th Asia Cup Bridge Championship was then held in Jakarta, 20-25 October. Jenny and Eva were unable to play, so Pele Rankin/Paula McLeish (Queensland) and Sheila Bird/Felicity Smyth (South Australia) were added to the team. At the end of the second-round robin, we placed 7th (out of eight), however there were less than seven VPs between 4th and 7th, so any one of the four teams could have made the semi-finals.

In the women's pairs event, Viv Wood/Marnie Leybourne picked up the silver medal.



Playing against Scotland in Poland.

Improving your bridge

These two hands were the first two we played in Poland and were notable for two reasons. First, the use of exclusion keycard and second, we picked up 24 imps from these first two boards! (we still lost the match....)

How often, in reality, does one get to use exclusion keycard? It is unlikely to come up more than once a year, so it was highly amusing that exclusion keycard was used on the first two boards we played at the World Bridge Series.

Exclusion keycard is used once a trump suit is known and the person wanting to ask about keycards (the Aces and the trump King) has a void. Asking for Aces doesn't always work when you have a void. Most partners will unkindly hold the precise Ace that you don't want (at least, my partners tend to do this!) So, exclusion keycard asks partner to state the number of keycards they hold, OTHER THAN the one in the suit being bid.

Dlr Vul	N Nil	97432▼ 864▼ T962	
	♣ A6♥ 753◆ QJ84♣ T762	 5 N ♥ W E • S 	KQJ5 AKQJ2 - KQ94
7	0 21 12	★ T8★ T9♦ AK753★ AJ83	

At our table, the bidding was:

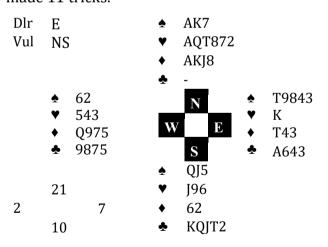
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	(Marnie)		(Viv)
	Pass	1♥	2♦
2♥	Pass	5♦ (*)	Pass
5♠ (**)	Pass	6♥	All Pass

(*) exclusion keycard

(**) one

While declarer could dispose of two clubs on the spades, she couldn't manage this, and ruff the two losing clubs, without giving us a trick, so she went one off.

Our teammates at the other table also used exclusion keycard, however the response in their system was 5H, so they stayed out of the slam and made 11 tricks.



EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
	(Viv)		(Marnie)
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2 (1)	Pass	2 (2)
Pass	3♥ (3)	Pass	3 ♠ (cue)
Pass	4 ♣ (cue)	Pass	4♦ (cue)
Pass	4♥ (4)	Pass	5 ♣ (5)
Pass	5 ♥ (6)	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- 1) 2C Invit+
- 2) Good hand
- 3) 10-12 with 3H
- 4) nothing more
- 5) exclusion keycard
- 6) none

After finding our heart fit, I used exclusion keycard (by bidding 5C). When Viv showed none, I just bid 6H. My plan was to bid 7H if she showed one (which would have to be the heart King).

At the other table, our opponents stopped in 5H, for a 13 imp swing in Australia's favour.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Pat Ditchfield



A Seniors' Expo was held 7th October. Here is Paul Papalia CSC MLA with Hilary Tunnard enjoying a game of bridge. Seven prospective members have been welcomed to the club from the day.



Nicky O'Connell with Rockingham Mayor Debbie Hamblin at the Rockingham Bridge Club Gala Day which raised just over \$4,000 for Silver Chain which is a provider of complete in-home care in WA. Rockingham Bridge Club has supported Silver Chain for numerous years and each September holds their Gala Day Fund Raising event, which is bigger and better every year.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown



Congratulations to the Winners of the Novice Pairs
- Mary – Jane Whitehead and Ann Goode

2nd Yoko Kobayashi and Mario Rossi

3rd Mona Ketelsen and Diane Pope

The Spring Congress

Friday Welcome Pairs



1st Roz Trend and Ron Cooper with the President Alan Harrop



2nd Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro



3rd Faye Shelton (David Croft)
Saturday Pairs - Qualifying
1st N/S Noriko Sakashita and Kaiping Chen



 1^{st} E/W Cynthia Belonogoff and Vinod Nasta Final



1st Chris Ingham and Geoff Holman



2nd Noriko Sakashita and Kaiping Chen



3rd Rohan Bandarage and Mark Goddard Plate



1st Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



2nd Val Biltoft and Karol Miller



3rd David Matthews and Jessica Chew

Consolation 1st Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven



2nd Phil Bapty and Tim Wright



3rd Marion Bogue (Kate Nadebaum) Teams



1st Andrew Swider, Chris Bagley, John Beddow and Tad Bieganski

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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2nd Terry Collins, Louise Collins, Phil Power and Kathy Power



3rd Bob Prince, Ros Trend, Patricia Anderson and Mark Goddard



4th Deana Wilson, Dave Munro, Gwyneira Brahma (Val Biltoft)



5th Cynthia Belonogoff, Noelene Law (David Schokman/Vinod Nasta)

Christmas party and prizegiving Saturday 10th December

The normal Saturday afternoon bridge session will be followed by the presentation of trophies and prizes on Saturday December 10. Drinks and light refreshments will be served.

Blennerhassett Open Red Point Pairs Saturday December 17th

This is the final red point session for the year. Everybody is welcome – no need to register, just roll up. Normal table money applies.

West Australian Bridge Club

From Carla Sullivan and Sheenagh Young

Retirement of Sheenagh Young

Most players in the WA bridge community will know that our EO Sheenagh Young is retiring after 20 years of amazing work, contribution and service to WABC.

Sylvia Bray, President elect: "Sheenagh has undoubtedly been the backbone of our club - the unbroken link over the past 20 years or so. This has meant that through Sheenagh, with her determination and management skills, a wealth of knowledge and expertise has been accumulated, giving the club a solid foundation to work on. Add to that a fashion flair that I would call 'polished goth' Sheenagh has been the perfect Executive Extraordinaire. Her influence on the club will not be forgotten."

The club has arranged the "Sheenagh Young Tribute Pairs" a special event to be held on Saturday 19 November and a large turnout is expected to honour and thank Sheenagh for her contribution to WABC and the wider West Australian bridge community.

You can read Sheenagh's story in her own words by visiting the WABC website and reading the latest edition of our Trumps Plus newsletter.

Appointment of Martin Doran

From John Nelson, editor Trumps Plus

"Martin Doran has been appointed to the position of Executive Officer at our club, taking on the role from Sheenagh Young. Martin has an impressive background in senior positions in human resources and production management. His specialisation has been in health and safety,

quality management and auditing, preventative maintenance systems and problem solving.

He also knows his way around the bridge table, representing WA, Queensland, Victoria, and Tasmania in ANC teams as well as Australia in the 1994 World Mixed Pairs Championship.

Martin also helped Joan Butts run her bridge club in Brisbane as well as playing a role in the creation of an online bridge school – creating appropriate hands, video editing and maintaining web pages. Martin is a keen bushwalker and photographer and enjoys discovering the wildflower of WA.

Oh, and by the way, for those of you who misbehave at the bridge table, Martin has a black belt in karate!".

After a handover period with Sheenagh, Martin will take over the reins on Tuesday 13 December, the date of the club's annual Christmas Party and prize-giving.

AGM

The club's AGM was held after a red point session on Tuesday 18 November.



Kate North has retired as President but will remain on the committee for another year and will also take on the role of Chairman of our Tournament Committee.

Treasurer Richard Basham has retired after a stellar 6 years of service in the role.



The Patron's Cup, also known as the Mabs McCulloch Trophy, was again won by Kate North for the sixth successive year.

The Management Committee for 2022-2023

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Committee Members

Sylvia Bray Prue Hart Shirley Lays

Shirley Lavarack Bernard Yates Eve Clarkson,

Sandy Veling, Jacqui Ecclestone, Kate North, Brian Embleton, Carla Sullivan

New Website

WABC launched its fabulous new website at the AGM on Tuesday. The idea to upgrade the website was initially suggested by Richard Basham in December last year. A committee was formed and with the assistance and advice of Richard's son Peter, the club appointed Laura Coutts from Hatch Labs as our web designer. Many hours of work rewriting existing documents, writing new documents, photography, designing layouts and editing by Eve Clarkson and Carla Sullivan has resulted in a website that we feel is fresh, informative, welcoming and easy to navigate.

Results



The Evenings Pairs championship was held over two weeks in late September with a convincing win recorded for Pim Birss and Deana Wilson



Runners up were Ann Youngs and Vinod Nasta.

Club Teams Championships



1st Ann Youngs, Deana Wilson, Sue Gammon, (Vinod Nasta)



2nd Jonathon Free, Linda Coli, Mimi Packer, (Director David Burn) Virginia Seward

Christmas Congress

This year we welcome back TBIB as sponsors and their sponsorship will be used specifically for prizes for players with less than 100mps and 50mps in both the Friday am and pm pairs events and the Saturday afternoon pairs event. Please see the flyer for details. We look forward to seeing you all at our tables for the last congress of 2022.

NZ Congress



Club Professional, Andy Hung attended the NZ National Congress and enjoyed success winning the Open Pairs with partner Shane Harrison.

Andy and Shane also achieved second place in the open teams together with Glenn Coutts and James Coutts.

Great to see our Aussies doing well across the channel.

Willetton Bridge Club

From Richard Harris
A HEADY COCKTAIL

Willetton has survived the co-vid pandemic quite well and now that warmer weather has arrived, a lot of aches and pains seem to have evaporated.

We are back to nine to ten tables per session and our extra-mural social program has re-started.

Some members have set aside their walking sticks. President Noel Daniel has opted for physiotherapy, exercise and a better diet rather than surgery. Ex-fighter pilot Vijay Ahooja, one of our directors, is using breathing techniques and meditation for pain control but backs it up with a glass of water and Panadol. Other members are doing leg strengthening exercises to lower the risk of falls.



Treasurer Terry Owen, also known for his square dancing and wife Shirley

Being a small club, some 60 members, Willetton offers a heady cocktail of good bridge, a social life, and a sense of family.



Fund-raiser Phillip Harrison with his bridge partner, Philomena Whitton. (Philomena is from a family famous for producing beautiful girls. Her sister is a former Miss World.)

The committee organises quarterly functions – a weeknight dinner, or lunch, sometimes carrying a small subsidy from the club. This is financed by a regular lottery organised by Philip Harrison, which raises about \$2500 a year for discretionary spending, including cash prizes at bridge events and wine and chocolates at functions.



Committee member Neil Rankine, who turned 65 two days earlier.

Earlier in the year, members attended a banquet at Malaysian Delights, Parkwood, walking past tanks of live fish, lobsters and crabs to their own room of circular dining tables.

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Charles Westcott (possibly our tallest member!) and wife Sue



Dammika Gunasekera aka Dee with husband Uday

Christmas in July was lunch at Market City Tavern, with turkey, ham, roasted vegetables, and bread and butter pudding. One member brought his social partner and her mother.

People won bottles of wine, a hand-made doona, and bars of chocolate in the seat draw.



Stephen Ha, wife Vicky and Dorothy Cahill

The October function was a banquet at the Bateman Chinese Malaysian Eating House in Parry Avenue.



Martin Jones and wife Mary



Sandwich-maker Colleen Oehme with her husband, Michael.

Members respond well to calls to bring a plate at special bridge events. If ever you attend one of these, be sure to try one of Colleen Oehme's egg sandwiches. They look deceptively simple but are quite delicious. No, she doesn't add curry - no to grated tasty cheese or salad cream.

Colleen's magic is to add dijon mustard to her chopped egg, a simple tactic which lifts these sandwiches to another level.

There's certainly more than meets the eye at Willetton. At \$5 per session, members are getting a bargain.

December Deadline

November 20th is the deadline for inclusion in the December Focus.

Kalgoorlie Congress

From Sue Lia

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress was held long weekend in September. A much smaller group than in previous years but all enjoyed themselves. Big thanks to Director David Burn (first time directing in Kalgoorlie), he must have enjoyed the weekend as he accepted the offer to return in 2023.

Kalgoorlie Welcome Pairs - Friday evening



1st Richard Grenside (Treasurer Leanne Lapworth, President Sue Lia) and Sue Grenside



2nd Dave Munro and Bruce Fraser



3rd Joe Louis and Wendy Harman

Qualifying Pairs - Saturday MorningNorth/South



1st Cassie Morin and Helen Arendts 2nd Phil Power and Kathy Power 3rd Rosemary Enright and Rosemary Rear East/West

 1^{st} Wendy Harman and Joe Louis 2^{nd} Beata Bieganski and Carol Fensome 3^{rd} Corinne Monteath and Shelly James

Kalgoorlie Pairs Final - Saturday afternoon



 1^{st} David Dale and Ian Bailey 2^{nd} Wendy Harman and Joe Louis



3rd Jan Burgess and Jana Mayhew **Kalgoorlie Pairs Plate – Saturday afternoon**1st Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside



2nd Tad Bieganski and James Steer



3rd Esther Saunders and Colin Saunders

Best Unplaced Kalgoorlie Pair

Michael Fisher and Ronnie Rogers

Best Pair with less than 100 Masterpoints

Di Alabach and Irina Cuomo

Kalgoorlie Teams - Sunday



 1^{st} Gwyneira Brahma, Cassie Morin, Helen Arendts and Stella Steer



 2^{nd} Pam Minchin, Ros Enright, Rosemary Rear and Anne Lowe



3rd Joe Louis, David Dale, Wendy Harman and Ian Bailey

Thanks to all - hope to you all again in 2023









BUSSELTON BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

26 – 27 November 2022



Naturaliste Community Centre, Dunsborough Saturday 9.30am - Match Point Pairs

\$40.00 per player Sunday 9.30am - Swiss Teams \$40.00 per player

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4th Asia Cup Bridge Championship

From Marnie Leybourne

The 4th Asia Cup Bridge Championship was held in Jakarta in late October, with countries from three World Bridge Federation zones (Asia Pacific, Asia and the Middle East, and the South Pacific, which includes Australia) invited to participate.

Australia sent two teams:

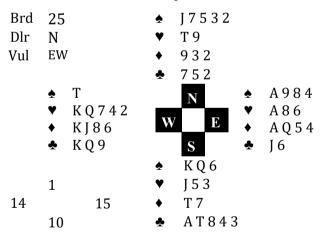
Senior (Stephen Weisz, Robert Gallus, Geoffrey Johnson, Alan Race, Dee Harley and Philip Fent)

Women (Viv Wood, Marnie Leybourne, Paula McLeish, Pele Rankin, Felicity Smyth and Sheila Bird)

The event incorporated both a teams event and a pairs event, with Western Australians Viv Wood and Marnie Leybourne winning the silver in the women's pairs.

Accurate bidding

Round 6 of the second-round robin in the teams event saw the Australian women pitted against Korea. Some aggressive and accurate bidding netted the Aussie's 24 imp win over Korea:

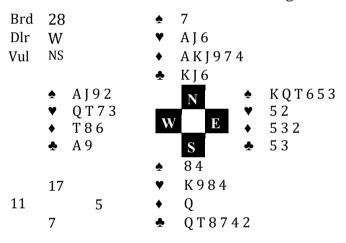


SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	(Viv)		(Marnie)
		Pass	1NT (14/15-17)
Pass	2♦ (transfer)	Pass	2♥ (denies 4♥)
Pass	3♦ (nat GF, slam try)	Pass	3♥ (3♥, good hand)
Pass	3 ♠ (cue)	Pass	4♦ (cue, denies 1st or 2nd round club control)

	4NT (RKCB)	Pass	5♦ (0 or 3)
Pass	6♥	All pass	

The key to this hand was the 3H bid. Even though East held only 15 points, West's bid of 3D improved East's hand enormously, with the AQ and four card fit. Viv knew I would have bid 4H with a hand not suitable for a slam try, so pushed on, earning 13 imps when Korea stopped in 4H.

The final hand of the round had Viv aggressively open with a flat 11-count, while her counterpart at the other table opted to pass. This gave Felicity and Sheila room to find their fit and their game.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
(Viv)		(Marnie)	
1 ♣ (2+)	X	1♥ (4+♠)	Pass
2♠ (4♠)	3♦	3♠	All Pass

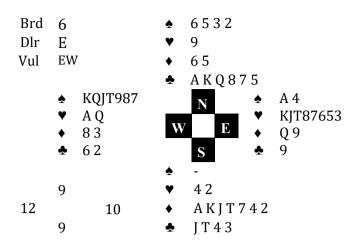
At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	(Felicity)		(Sheila)
Pass	1♦	2♠	X (takeout)
3♠	X (values)	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All pass	

3S went two light for -100, while 5C made for +600, an 11 imp gain.

Bidding slams

There were a few slams hanging around the first session of the pairs event:

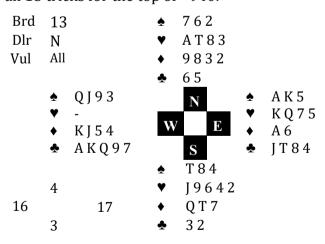


EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
	(Viv)		(Marnie)
4♥	5 ♦	5♥	6♦
All Pass			

After the Japanese player sitting East opened an aggressive 4H, Viv overcalled 5D. West needs to pass this, however she was, understandably, influenced by her heart and spade holdings, so pushed to 5H. Sitting North, I had no idea who had what and who was sacrificing so, rather than introduce my clubs, I bid 6D.

On the heart Ace lead, East played her King and West switched to a spade that, fortunately for us, was ruffed and 6D made, for +920, rather than the +420 we would have got had West just passed 5D.

However, it wasn't even a top for us! (This event was match-pointed). One pair managed to bid 6C played by North, and on the spade Ace lead made all 13 tricks for the top of +940.



NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	(Marnie)		(Viv)
Pass	1NT (14/15- 17)	Pass	2C (5 card ask)
Pass	2NT (16-17, no 5 Major)	Pass	3C (4 card ask)

Pass	3H (4H, <4D)	Pass	6NT
			(dramatic)

This was an equal top for us, as many pairs opted to bid 6C rather than 6NT. One West player was heading towards a contract of 7C (which would have been a top), however her partner was not on the same page and they subsided in 5C for a bottom instead.





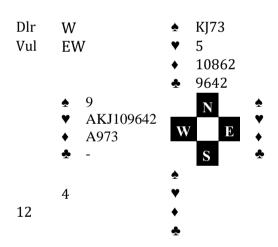




The Long and the short of it



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



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥ (1)	Pass	1NT (2)	2♠
4♥s	4♠	X	All Pass

- (1) 5+ hearts
- (2) Not forcing

You, West, lead the HA: 5 - 3 - 7. What do you play at trick 2?

There was scope for neat defence on this deal from a weekday NSWBA duplicate:

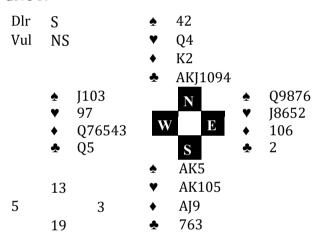
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GNOT

By David Schokman

There cannot be a bridge player who is not excited by bidding a grand slam and when the opportunity presents itself some of us fall short in our bidding techniques. The sad part of seeing a Grand Slam being bid is when you are the only pair in the room who has it bid against them, and then find that half the field has stopped in 3NT; five pairs bid to 6NT and two pairs stopped in 6C. This was not played at an afternoon club session but at the final of the GNOT.



If we are going to be perfectly fair to those who did not bid the Grand Slam we will have to invoke the strict instructions that the late Hans Rosendorff gave to the many National Women's teams that he captained in the late sixties and early seventies. To see whether these instructions were followed you will have to speak to some of the ladies who played in those teams but I wont name anyone of them as it would give their ages away!

However, I would like to offer you a sequence and am willing to be shot down by the experts. What would you open as south? You could cheat and bid 2NT, but almost everyone has their 2NT opening showing 20-22. So unless you are playing Acol everyone is likely to open 1C, and you will hear Alert – at least two cards. That does not deter you and you feel your excitement level heighted and blood pressure rising. However, you stay calm. Many players play inverted minors so a bid of 2C is forcing, and your partners bid is 3NT. Now that cannot show 12-14 points and has to be a big hand.

Will you believe me if I tell you that many of the top pairs passed the 3NT bid? In fact, as mentioned earlier, it was exactly half the field that played in this contract. I wish that our opponents had!

Should north go on? Certainly yes. You could use Roman Key card Blackwood, or for those who use Minor Suit keycard will get you the same answers. So 4C will elicit a response of 4D, certainly confirming the possession of three key cards. Now would your bid of 4H asks whether partner has the queen of clubs? 4S says No. Is this a problem? Not really. Partner does not have a five card suit, but it does not mean that the shape of the hand is definitely a 4 -4 - 3- 2. Now a bid of 5NT will ask for kings and partner will show two of them. The last point will be a knave. You have a minimum of a 9 card club fit and have all the aces and kings, just missing two queens. The lead will be coming up to your partner, and the only question is who has the queen of clubs. So put your fears and doubts aside and bid 7NT boldly and go where no man/or woman has ever been before, - into space, - with unbridled joy and optimism! I believe that the odds favour you but just ask the experts about odds as I am like Shultz when it comes to statistics - I know nothing!

Our opponents bid it like this. 1C - 2C- 3NT- 4C- 4S - 7C - 7NT. I led the knave of spades and the rest is history. So now I have got my grumble off my chest, I can tell you the good news and that was that we still won the match! ●



Test Your Bidding



By Bill Jacobs bill.jacobs55@gmail.com

The Balancing Seat

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	Pass	Pass	?

The rules are changed when in the balancing position, in particular after LHO's opening bid is passed around to you.

Partner might have had to pass with quite a good hand, potentially up to as many as 15 HCP. With no 5-card suit, nor the appropriate distribution for a takeout double, he is forced to pass, and it is your job to "protect" his position, by making a bid on possibly less than the normal strength.

The normal guideline is to *mentally add 3 HCP*. This affects the ranges for your notrump bids. It also means that overcalls at the 1-level might be on as few as 5 or 6 HCP, and overcalls at the 2-level can be made on about 8 HCP as a minimum.

Takeout doubles can be shaded in both strength and distribution. With the right shape, you only need about 9 HCP. And if you have an opening hand, without a stopper in their suit, you might have to double even though you don't have the right shape.

Finally, *jump* overcalls are no longer weak: there's little point in pre-empting when the opponents have already settled at the 1-level. Instead, jumps show intermediate strength: about 13-16 HCP and a good 6-card suit.

How do you balance with each of the following hands?

- (a) ♠ Q943 ♥ Q102 ♦ 85 ♣ AJ105
- (b) ♠ Q3 ♡ AJ32 ♦ AQ6 ♣ 10864
- (c) ★ K10543 ♥ 72 ♦ A65 ♣ 763
- (d) 72 ♥♦Q9865 ♦ K43 J86
- (e) **▲** 104 ♡ A9 ♦ K42 **♣** AQJ976
- (f) ★ 4 ♥ Q3 ♦ KQ1065 ♣ K10942

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70% Results (Random search)

Albany

79.9 Kate Boston and Murray Webber

Bayswater

70.0 Christine Bacon and Tomoko Nakamatsu

Busselton

70.0 Jackin Clare and John Whiting

Denmark

71.0 Colin Payne and Robert Stick

Fremantle

80.0 Barbara Dickinson and Malcolm Dick

Joondalup

77.9 Harry Crosby and Rick Morris

70.0 Ann Burr and Trevor Burr

73.6 James Fitzgerald and Rita Buzzard

Kalamunda

71.0 Kit Lemann and Ton Lemann

70.5 David Harris and Gordon brown

Kalgoorlie

70.8 Karen Ellis and Val Norman

Mandurah

70.8 Mike Mulholland and June Mulholland

70.5 Nigel Dutton and Kimberley Zhao

Maylands

72.9 Vincent Menezes and Anne De Souza

Melville

76.9 Alan MacDougall and Hilary MacDougall

70.8 Merwyn Menezes and Hilda Remedios

Nedlands

70.8 Tom Wheatley and Elizabeth Ross

Northern Districts

70.8 Robyn Strom and Anita Johnson

South Perth

74.0 Shane Brown and Gabrielle Bastow

71.5 Ros Warnock and Tony Stevens

Swan Districts

71.0 Sue Hillan and Bob Steer

Undercroft

71.8 John De Raad and Brian Fensome

70.8 Yulia Koh and Tad Bieganski

73.8 Louise Collins and Terry Collins

73.0 Helen Hyland and Christine Smitham

70.5 Christine Smitham and Helen Hyland

Kalgoorlie

From Philip Power

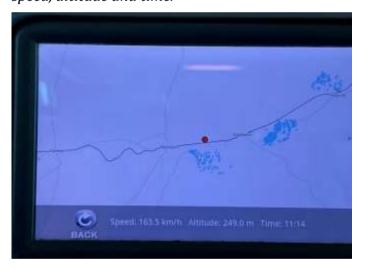
Kathy and my trip to Kalgoorlie for the annual Kalgoorlie Bridge Club's congress commenced at 5.10am at the Mandurah Train Station. The hour long trip to the Perth Underground was followed by a 200 metre walk to the Perth Terminal and then a 4 minute train journey along the Midland line to the East Perth Terminal where the Prospector Train was waiting for us. The Prospector heads out toward Midland then through Toodyay, Northam etc when it arrives at Merredin approx 3 hours later and awaits for another Prospector Train coming in from Kalgoorlie heading towards Perth.

It is here where the train crews swap over. We had a 15 minute wait as the Perth bound train was a little behind schedule. Good time for stretching the legs, fresh air and some photos.



Here we can see Stella Steer trying hard to get run over whilst Bruce Fraser and Kathy Power discussed Bruce's refusal to have a shave that morning.

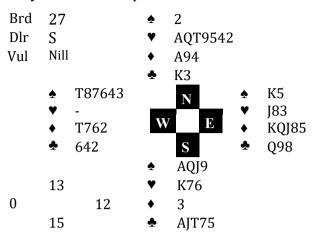
"Did you know that when the original Prospector commenced in 1971 it was Australia's fastest rail service with an average speed of 85km/h. It cut the old overnight Kalgoorlie to Perth sleeper service from a 14 hour trip to just 8 hours. Upgraded in 2004 the trip was further reduced to a 6.45hr service with the new railcars capable of achieving 200km/h. Track conditions, however, keep the top speed limited to 160km/h...although someone forget to tell this fact to our train driver on the way home....Let me explain....The train seats are very comfortable with twice the leg room one gets on a plane trip and on the rear of each seat is a small touchscreen entertainment system where you can select movies, tv shows, music etc. One of the selections brings up a mobile map showing train speed, altitude and time."



This photo shows our train exceeding the 160km/h limit. Luckily there were no radar traps around otherwise our train driver might lose some demerit points. ©

Upon arriving into Kalgoorlie we had a 3 hour rest period (approx) before the Welcome Pairs commenced. The bridge as held at the Railway Motel across the road from the Kalgoorlie Train station. I thought it was a very nice venue with ample room for everyone. Kathy and I did not light up the results board but our teammates Richard and Sue Grenside did, winning the Welcome Pairs and the Saturday Pairs Plate. Richard and Sue also shone on Board 27 of the last match bidding to a very nice 6H. The only other pair finding this Slam was Wendy Harman and her partner Joe Louis. Well done Wendy and Joe. After the event finished

Sunday night a number of Perth players got together for wine and pizza where this board was discussed at length. Have a look and see how you and your favourite pard would bid this slam.



At Richard and Sue's table, Sue sitting South opened the bidding with 1C. West passed, Richard sitting North bid 1H and East overcalled 2D. Sue now showed her Spades. A fearless west came into the action with a bid of 3D in support of their partner. I must admit I've never thought of bidding at the 3 level with zero points, mind you, West does have 2 Ten's and a void in Hearts......Richard now Cue bid 4D. East passed and Sue now bid 4H which was all Richard needed to bid 6H. Whilst 7H's is on Richard took a safety play to ensure his contract made.



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(Bridge) Crime and Penance

From Lilia Male

After my recent woeful performance at bridge I decided to take some time out and take a good look at myself as a bridge player. I needed to heal my bridge soul, I needed to get away as far as possible to lick my wounds and recuperate. So, where to go? Where to go? Arctic Circle, of course!

On seeing my inner bridge turmoil, my husband, Nick, decided to come with me. Just in case if I decided to do away with myself. We decided on the start date, places to visit and made preparations for our expedition. In my case, preparations were buying a pair of nice boots and borrowing my mother's gorgeous fur jacket. After all, it's cold in the Arctic Circle.

Which car to take? As it was early September, there might be snow already. Car had to be reliable enough to cover around 3.5 thousand kilometres in uncertain terrain. We decided on Corolla hybrid, of course.

We set out on a beautiful summer day towards the Cold. Our trip took us alongside Baltic Sea on the drive called Swedish High Coast. Apparently, it's



one of Europe's most famous drives. Motorheads really love this road. Hang on, what was Nick's real motive for coming? After all, he insists on driving all the time. Hmm...

The views of sea, lakes, valleys are amazing. After a while you become a bit blasé about them. I would point out a magnificent view on my side and Nick would say 'Yeah, my side pretty too'. We since found out that the High Coast is on the UNESCO Heritage list.

After several days we got to Kiruna which is an iron ore mining town and the place with the famous Ice Hotel. We were hoping to see the Northern Lights there - even though the locals were saying that it was too early in the season. Our app for spotting Northern Lights told us we had 34% of seeing them that night. So, braving the cold we went out and waited – my mum's fur got an outing, finally! And we did see them. We had to wait for about for 5 minutes and then there they were in all their glory. We were the only ones outside the hotel to see them – it was breathtaking.

From Kiruna we went to Norway, drove alongside the lakes and fjords, through snow-capped mountain ranges and saw glimpses of the Northern Lights. Pretty again. And again.

We decided that Swedish Lapland and Arctic Circle have similarities with the Australian Outback. Both sparsely populated with magnificent nature. One is hot one is cold. In Australia, the dangerous fauna are mostly spiders, maybe crocodiles and roos when you're driving. Here, wild boar is the most dangerous animal with elk taking second spot. The latter likes to appear suddenly in front of a moving car and it's a beast.

In retrospect, I don't think that this trip helped me hone my bridge skills but so what. It was an amazing experience, saw beautiful nature, Northern Lights, got to wear my new boots and mum's fur. Corolla did really well – although all Nick's mates laughed when he told them what car we're travelling in. We were the fastest car on the road, in Sweden and Norway.

Bridge, ready or not, here I come! ●



Leads
By Di Brooks

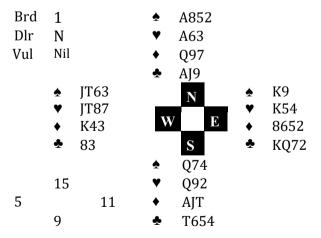
The lead should be made after assessing the final contract. Defender needs to look at the sequence very carefully and take in all the bidding. Some leads selections are easy; Top of a Sequence, Singleton, 4th highest. This varies whether the contract is to be played in No Trumps or a Suit. If partner has indicated a suit, then you really are duty bound to lead that suit. (Many years ago, in fact, way last century, the Italian Blue Team were extremely successfully, excepting when their captain overcalled a suit. The contract was won by the opponents. Captain was very disappointed when partner lead an off suit. The response: "But I had a Void". The "Back at You" was, 'Don't care if you have a void... go find one"!!!!!

Board 1

North opened 1NT. Opponents never entered the bidding, but South, with a 9 count, raised to 2NT. Florence Maltby on lead, assessed the bidding, looked at her own hand of -

S; K9, H: K54, D: 8652, C: K072

Not wanting to compromise her Honours, Ms M decided on Middle, Up, Down in the diamonds.



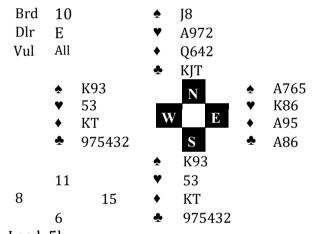
Declarer tried the D10, taken by West's K. A small diamond was returned, giving Declarer 2 tricks in that suit. It didn't matter what suit was now played, Declarer had to lose 2 clubs, 2 diamonds, 1 heart and a spade. Just to give credit to the declarer, Deep Finesse says 1NT is the best

contract. Looking at the points, 15 + 9 should add up to 8 tricks, but this was not to be. Maybe there was not enough 'Meat' in the sandwich.

The overall session result showed that half the room defended poorly and the Declaring sides made 8 or 9 tricks. The rest N/S's who went to 2 of something recorded 1 down.

Another hand; Board 10, East, Dealer, opened 1NT, 15 – 18. All passed.

Opening Lead, 5H from Florence. The 4 hands were -



Lead: 5h

Play: HQ covered the 5 and won the trick. Declarer continued with a small heart to her K. Now came a small spade to Dummy's Q1042 and the S10 was inserted. North played the C, pinning the bare CQ on table, with Florence signaling with a small club. This was very encouraging. We got to clear my CJ and 10 so that when Florence gained entry, her 975 took Declarer 3 down.

Who would have thought the clubs would be so vital in Defence.

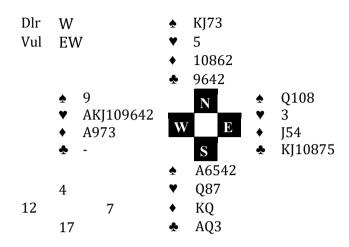
Happy bridging [©]



The long and the short of it

By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♠
4♥	4♠	X	All Pass

Lead: HA

West has done well by not bidding on to 5H (expectation is two down doubled for –500) and by not leading a low heart at trick 1 in the hope that East might win and return a club. East plays the H3 on the HA and South the H7. How should West continue?

When dummy turns up with a singleton, it is a common approach that third player should give a suit-preference signal. If the H3 is asking for a club switch, West cannot oblige. Of course, there is another possibility. Maybe East's H3 is a singleton.

What should West make of the heart position? East will not have three hearts, given the 1NT response. On the bidding partner will not have three hearts. West should continue with a low heart at trick 2. If East does have a singleton heart, East might be able to over-ruff dummy. If the hearts happen to be 2-2 and declarer ducks the low heart to the queen, one discard from dummy is hardly likely to help declarer.

As the cards lie, if declarer ruffs the heart with the SK, East has two trump tricks. If declarer discards from dummy or ruffs low, East scores a cheap trump trick. The CJ switch will give West a ruff and now another heart, preferably the HK, will promote a trump winner for East.

'Bad break': When partner ends up playing the hand.

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Test Your Bidding

By Bill Jacobs

SOLUTION

(a) ★ Q943 ♥ Q102 ♦ 85 ♣ AJ105

D'ble. Balancing bids are rarely things of beauty. This one is no exception – you make this double mentally holding your nose. But do you think you will get a good score by letting them play $1 \diamondsuit$? Adding 3 points gets you to 12, and the shape is right for double.

1NT. 13+"3" = 16: check. Balanced: check. Diamond stopper: check. This is a clear 1NT balance. As long as partner is singing from the same hymn-sheet, all will be well.

1. Another uninspiring hand that nevertheless doesn't want to sell out to $1 \diamondsuit$. As you've doubtless gathered, this balancing thing only works out if your favourite partner is operating by the same set of rules.

Pass. There are limits to balancing, and this one has crossed them. The strength is truly marginal, and you have every right to fear that the opponents might just switch successfully into spades, should you keep the auction open.

3. A prototype for the intermediate jump overcall: good 6-card suit and around 13-16 HCP. If you catch partner with decent values, he may be able to bid $3\diamondsuit$, asking for a diamond stopper – and you will be happy to oblige.

Pass. It's a decent hand, but you need to let sleeping dogs lie here. Where are the majors? Partner didn't bid one, so it's a fair bet that the opponents have a fine fit in at least one of them. Let LHO enjoy his time playing 1◊.



Results

TEAMS OF 4 - 24 Oct 2022

From John Beddow

OPEN

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC-A	4	3	52.62
NEDLANDS	5	3	52.34
UNDERCROFT-B	4	3	51.26
UNDERCROFT-A	4	3	39.87
WABC-B	5	-	32.54
SPBC	4	1	24.50

Still too close to call.

INTERMEDIATE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
MELVILLE	6	4	78.17
UNDERCROFT	6	4	67.37
WEST COAST B	6	3	66.84
NEDLANDS	6	3	61.33
WEST COAST A	6	2	51.32
WABC	6	2	49.78
SPBC	6	2	45.19
MELVILLE	6	4	78.17

All matches played. Well done. Congratulations to Melville on winning the 2022 Intermediate T of 4

NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	5	4	69.29
WEST COAST	5	3	67.00
SPBC	5	4	64.55
MAYLANDS	5	1	38.78
MELVILLE	5	3	35.46
UNDERCROFT	5	-	24.92

All matches played. Well done. Congratulations to WABC on winning the 2022 Novice T of 4.

70% Results (Random search)

Westcoast

70.8 Betty Anderson and Faye Agnello

70.0 Judy Grace and Sara Westergren

71.0 Maureen Phillips and Harold McKnight

70.7 Wence Vahala and Marleen Medhat

WABC

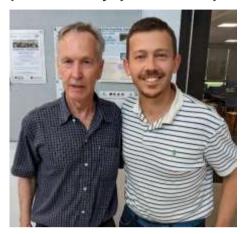
73.0 Prue Hart and Margie Tulloch

72.0 Robin Paterson and Marie Musitano

72.0 Maxine Yelverton and Elissa Karlson

BAWA Grand Master Restricted Pairs (27)

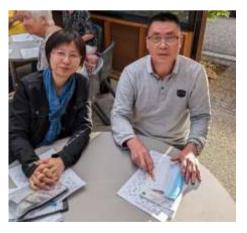
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1st Trevor Fuller and Andrea Peretti



2nd Deana Wilson and Hamish McCracken



3rd Kaiping Chen and Tomoko Nakamatsu 4th Nick Cantatore and Shane Brown 5th Cassie Morin and Faye Shelton 6th Di Brooks and Helen Rogoysky 7th Beata Bieganski and Lilia Male

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		Upcoming B	AWA & Club Events
	Oct	Fri 7 th – Sun 9 th	Nedlands Congress
		Sun 16 th	Grandmaster Restricted Pairs 10.00 am start
		Sat 22 nd – Sun 23 rd	Undercroft Congress
		Fri 28 th	Maylands Novice Congress
		Sun 30 th	Super Vets Congress (venue WABC)
	Nov	Wed 9th	WABC Open Red Point Swiss Pairs 1 of 3
		Fri 11 th	Golden West Welcome Pairs Mandurah BC (Red Points)
		Sat 12th - Sun13th	Golden West
		Sun 20 th	Undercroft Open Swiss Pairs
GNOT Finals Tweed Heads		Sat 26 th – Sun 27 th	Busselton Congress
	Dec	Fri 2nd -Sun 4th	WABC Christmas Congress
		Sat 10th	Melville Red Point Charity Day
		Sat 17th	Nedlands Blennerhassett Red Point
DRAFT	Jan	Sun 8 th	South Perth Swiss Pairs
CALENDAR		Thu 12 th	BAWA New Year IMP (Swiss) Pairs 1 of 3
		Sat 28th – Sun 29th	Mandurah Congress
	Feb	Wed 1st	WABC Open Red Point Swiss Pairs 1 of 3
		Sat 4 th	WABC Open Red Point Anniversary Pairs
		Sun 5 th	Nedlands Congress
		Thu 9th	BAWA Autumn Swiss Pairs 1 of 3
		Sat 11 th – Sun 12 th	Rockingham Congress
Gold Coast		Sat 18 th	Joondalup Congress
17 th -25th		Sun 19 th	WABC Novice/Super Novice Congress
	Mar	Thu 2 nd	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Butler Qual. Pairs 1 of 4
		Fri 3 rd -Mon 6 th	Albany Congress (Monday is Labour Day)
		Sat 11 th – Sun 12 th	Kalamunda Congress
		Sat 18 th	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Final 1 & 2 of 4
		Sun 19 th	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Final 3 & 4 of 4
		Sun 19 th	WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs
Mon 20 th 6pm BAWA AGM		Thu 23 rd	BAWA Interstate Women's Selection 1 of 6
		Fri 24 th – Sun 26 th	Melville Congress
NOTE		nd venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read as of entry for the event on the BAWA website.	





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