

wa bridge focus

FOSTERING BRIDGE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A MISSISSIPPI HEART HAND

The **Mississippi Heart Hand** is a famous hand, prepared by professional cheats. They used it to swindle their victims, gamblers on the Mississippi steamboats in time of the American Civil War, out of large amounts of dollars. The most common is the hand shown here. North has a powerhouse hand and is willing to bet his last dollar.

When things look too good to be true, they usually are. If you ever pick up a hand like that, you should probably be very suspicious... Still, if you were dealt this hand, you'd probably expect to take all the tricks with hearts as the trump suit, even if partner has nothing...

HAND 16

SUGGESTED BIDDING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	7♥	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

DECLARER: NORTH
OPENING LEAD: ♦ A by East

DLR: WEST

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
♠ J 9 8 7 6	♠ A K Q	♠ —	♠ 10 5 4 3 2
♥ —	♥ A K Q J 10 9	♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	♥ —
♦ 8 7 6	♦ —	♦ A K Q J 10 9	♦ 5 4 3 2
♣ 10 9 8 7 6	♣ A K Q J	♣ —	♣ 5 4 3 2



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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Congratulations to Sheenagh Young and her team for the recent Hans Rosendorff Memorial Congress. At one stage the Women's Teams had 20 entries but unfortunately the flu season caused a couple of teams to withdraw. Nevertheless, 18 teams was a great result. Special congratulations to the winners Di Brooks, Kathy Power, Ann Bate and Jean McLarty. Sheenagh and I had hoped for a larger number of Restricted Pairs although we both consider 26 pairs as a "good start" and therefore there is every intention of continuing with this format next year. So if you were playing in the Restricted Event and you had a good time (as well as winning some gold points) let your club mates know and urge them to have a go next year. Well done Clive and Inga Hunt the winners of the inaugural event. Full details of results and pictures from the weekend can be found on the BAWA web site.


Talking about our ABF/BAWA events reminds me that I am definitely over this winter and I am looking forward to some spring sunshine. With that in mind I would commend to you the Golden West Swiss pairs in Mandurah this popular event in November is already half full -

don't miss out - get your entry in soon.

I am pleased to let you know that the global coverage for management and professional liability insurance negotiated by the ABF has received overwhelming support from all across the country. Consequently the policy has been finalised and coverage will start for participating clubs from October 1 2011. At this stage BAWA is assuming that all of our clubs will wish to be involved and will be advocating a small increase in capitation fees at the upcoming AGM to cover the modest cost. As I mentioned in my last column the total cost of the policy is around \$46 000 of which the ABF is paying the first \$20 000. This is such a good deal I don't expect any club will not wish to be involved. Full details of the policy will available to clubs via the ABF website very soon.

I don't know if it is because we are all getting older and there is less inclination to travel at night but BAWA night time tables numbers have fallen slightly for the last couple of years. Overall our table numbers are excellent but the night sessions are causing us some concern. Sometime ago I floated the idea of moving

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"Articles always welcome"

Monday night sessions to Tuesday night. There was sufficient anecdotal evidence that busy weekends, bridge or otherwise made Monday evening less attractive. The BAWA management committee has wrestled with this issue and has decided that in 2012 the status quo will remain and a full trial of Tuesday evening events is most likely to commence in 2013.

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Capel Capers Continued...



By Di Brooks
BAWA South West Promotions Officer

Well! The sun shone on the 29th August, promising an easy move to our new home. Who ever said the sun shines on the righteous... they lied.

Alan and I had an 8.00am appointment to get the keys from the builder. As the staff arrived for their day shift, we were informed that the policy was an inspection at the house, in Capel, forms signed later on and then we would get the keys if all was well. Not to panic, just because everything was arranged for us to move in... Why should the lack of house keys stop us!!!! We quickly drove to our new home, met the site manager, (Alan and I had pre agreed to find no fault. I was moving in come what may!). Now the builder's representative had to drive to Dunsborough then into Bunbury to lodge his report. What more could go wrong, you could ask?????

The removalist, due at 11.30am, turned up an hour early, threw a wobbly because he felt the 8 seater spa bath was too large for him to move, (even tho he was informed of the size of the spa, well before hand). Alan and I were still in the throes of packing up the bedding. The unfolded blankets sent the removalist into total melt down and he walked out on us. So much for a father and son run business, serving the community!!

Thank goodness that my mother reared a managing woman! After a few hasty phone calls, a removal business in Dardanup came to the rescue. The knights in charge of a huge furniture transporter arrived at 2pm, as promised. The two fellows met me on the driveway and greeted me with, "Well, where's this damn great spa bath then?" David and Greg were my heroes. Nothing fazed them. They certainly restored my faith in my fellow man. Thank you, Guys. Much appreciated.

A call to the builders, informing them of the cause for our stress, quickly they came to our aid. At noon, the liaison officer arrived at the new abode, keys in tow, plus a huge basket of goodies... champagne and gourmet cheese, chocolates and chips, to appease any woman's heart.

We were also visited by an angel of mercy. Our friendly neighbours arrived with a cottage pie, as well as a citrus cake, for our evening meal. (We hadn't thought of food). It was so very welcome.

We finally got in, at 6.30pm, boxes and furniture stashed all around us. We couldn't find our way around, let alone find dishes and utensils. Luckily, I found 2 plastic containers and a few spoons, so at 6.45pm, Alan and I sat like Royalty and enjoyed our banquet.

Exhausted but very happy, we weren't worried that there were no curtains..... A sheet on a rail served as our drapes and we retired to dream of our wonderful future, in our lovely new house.

That was at the end of August. We have since sorted out the boxes, found stuff we forgot we owned. I purchased curtains, which were too long for the windows. I found the sewing machine, but couldn't find the 'pedal', so did the whole lot by hand. When I started going through the boxes for the office, guess what we found!!!! Yep, first out, the 'pedal'.

We've now started on the front garden. Things are looking great. We are almost ready for visitors, so if you are around this way, drop in, but please make sure you bring a spade!

Happy bridging.

Bunbury Congress

from Di Brooks and Nils Andersson
A lot of water under the Bridge!

The Congress was held at a great venue, Koombaya Sailing Club. Catering was by Subway... delicious rolls, oodles of fruit and sumptuous cakes, with the latter made by the members of Bunbury Bridge Club. Don't miss out in 2012.

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The Ghost of Hans Rosendorff



By Jill Courtney

Hans Rosendorff is probably turning in his grave as we speak. In the tournament dedicated to his memory he would have disapproved of virtually every bid made. But his bete noir was Grand Slams.

He felt that bidding any seven contract at teams was an anti-percentage play. In fact I believe a long time before we were born, or at least bridge players, he, as Captain, banned the Australian Women's team from venturing to the seven level on any pre-text whatsoever. As tunnel-visioned as this sounds, after watching varying non-making sevens going my way on the weekend, I am beginning to get his point. If you are incapable of counting to thirteen or ascertaining how many controls you have, why are you randomly bidding a bad six or seven? Apparently because the rest of the room is equally incompetent. I know of one pair that bid a making seven diamonds but otherwise most forays to the seven level and there were many were lemming-like acts that, unfortunately may have been saved by the same mentality in the closed room. In fact the HGR players bid more hopeless and consequently failing slams than your average expert does in a lifetime. And all in the space of one weekend. That must be some record.

Anyway, lets look at three hands from the event: one of those great sevens; an inspired double and finally an excellent case for sacrificing.

Oh What a Loverly Slam!!

Round 3

Brd 3
Dlr W
Vul NS

♠ AQ76
♥ J5
♦ 7
♣ AQJ753

♠ 853
♥ T93
♦ T4
♣ KT982

♠ T2
♥ AK742
♦ J953
♣ 64

♠ KJ94
♥ Q86
♦ AKQ862
♣ -

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Bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1C	Pass	2D
Pass	2S	Pass	4NT
Pass	5S	Pass	5NT
Pass	6C	Pass	7S
All Pass			

With east on lead there was no difficulty for the defence. None of those fatuous trump leads against seven. Here it is obvious. But if the heart honours had been split imagine those who failed by leading a trump. When the opponents bid a Grand without any knowledge of controls in one suit it is incumbent on you to lead that suit. You know there are good diamonds and that spades and clubs are controlled but no-one knows a thing about hearts. A more enlightening auction would have, via a cuebid or splinter sequence, have set up such an auction and allowed N-S to sign off in four or five spades. Unfortunately at our tables their seven spades was matched by our partners' six spades which was equally hopeless for a pickup of only 2 imps.

This all seems like basic stuff – cuebidding to look for stoppers and so forth and yet the HGR players ploughed on regardless. What do they put in the water at WABC? Little blue pills??

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Bidder Beware

This is an interesting play hand because, despite Deep Finesse opining that four no trumps is cold most pairs were going off in 3NT. At our table it was made courtesy of a triple squeeze of sorts on East (Boards re-arranged for convenience so the dealer and vulnerability actually apply to E-W).

Brd 22	♠ AQ752		
Dlr S	♥ J43		
Vul NS	♦ JT86		
	♣ Q		
♠ 963		N	♠ KJ84
♥ T7		W	♥ Q852
♦ Q532		E	♦ A
♣ 9765		S	♣ JT82
	♠ T		
	♥ AK96		
	♦ K974		
	♣ AK43		

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2		11
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Bidding:

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

Before we look at the play of the hand let's look at the auction. East has chosen to enter the auction opposite a partner who cant overcall, with eleven points all three of which (count'em) are in her two avowed suits. Why would you do that? How can this bid possibly be beneficial to your side? E-W are never going to be playing this hand (undoubled). In the meantime what information have you given the potential declarer? Answer: the lie of the cards and the placement of the honours is the answer. Great information to have if you are playing a tricky hand.

But, back to the play. An amorphous club lead goes to the queen. The Jack of diamonds is lost, perforce to the Ace. And a club is returned won by the Ace. As declarer you must assume that the Ace of diamonds may have been played because they also have the queen so you play, and this is important, a spade to the Ace. You can be virtually sure the King is offside on the bidding but if not the King is still onside. Hoping the diamonds work you play the 8D off the board and

east throws a spade. You win the King of diamonds and play a third as west wins and east now throws a heart. A third club allows you to win with the king and a diamond to dummy forces another discard from east who must choose between a club and a spade (the heart gives up all of the hearts). In practice east chose to throw the jack of spades. A low spade from dummy endplays east. She can cash the 10 of clubs but now must play a heart round to the jack for ten tricks for declarer. Note that unblocking clubs will not help. With Tx of hearts they are equally endplayed and must play a spade of a heart.

My point, however, is don't make bids just because it is your turn and you have something vaguely resembling a bid. Think of the consequences of any bid you make and what message it may be suggesting to partner. This bid served one purpose only. It guided the declarer to the line to make 3NT. I may well always have succeeded but, after the double, you don't only have the right destination but you've also got the road map.

The Sacrificial Lamb

Given the affinity of the HGR players for the six level, it is no surprise that this hand generally resulted in an excellent sacrifice. (Board 10 Round 7 All vul East dealer)

Brd 10	♠ QT3		
Dlr E	♥ -		
Vul All	♦ KJT6		
	♣ Q98765		
♠ -		N	♠ 642
♥ AQJT8753		W	♥ K9642
♦ A974		E	♦ Q85
♣ 3		S	♣ AK
	♠ AKJ9875		
8	♥ -		
11	♦ 32		
9	♣ JT42		

Bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1H	3S
6H	6S	X	All Pass

This was a fairly common auction, although personally I would have bid four spades since, if

they bid four hearts against me I would still want to sacrifice in four spades. You should always get to your sacrificing position as quickly as possible. In any event four spades could well be making (as indeed it is). In any event you will never play there but it may reinforce your partner's view that sacrificing against six hearts is the way to go. In any event our opposition had no problems finding the sacrifice over the three spade bid and duly picked up 13 tricks when the sacrifice was not taken on the same auction in the other room. There are two reasons why the sacrifice should be taken: firstly it looks good with your heart void and a confident six hearts from west; and secondly even if 6H is going off (which seems unlikely) you may well still have a good sacrifice against five, albeit at the six level.

Summary

The weekend demonstrated to me a number of things. Firstly, I was bemused by the curious

desire of players to enter the auction when it can only help the opposition. What was equally clear, however, was the inability of many pairs to punish such action or, indeed, to take advantage of it, in terms of their defence or their play of the hand. In fact, the declarer play on the weekend was sadly poor. If we are to maintain a national event standard I am afraid we shall all have to lift our games somewhat. Me, of course, included. But let me remind you of what Hans used to whisper to the Australian women's team. "No Grand Slams!" or at least unless you can count 13 tricks.

Congratulations though to Di Brooks , Kathy Power, Jean McLarty and An Bates who were consistent throughout and had a well deserved win. Thanks also to the excellent direction, organisation and management by the tournament team.

Subsidised Travel to the National Finals Jan 2012

Sunday 9th October Time: 10.00 a.m.

GNRP REGIONAL FINALS

The top six pairs qualify to play in the National Finals to be held in Canberra



NO NIGHT BRIDGE

VENUE: West Australian Bridge Club
Odern Crescent Swanbourne

DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per PLAYER



Become a Declarer that Defenders Hate



By Chris Mulley

What makes a good declarer? Certainly there is a lot of technique involved and the odd piece of bitter experience doesn't hurt matters either. However, a hugely under-rated aspect is the ability to put defenders under pressure. If you play a match against a good declarer, you feel as though you have been put through the wringer.

Question: You are in 3NT, with plenty of entries. How do you play AQxx (dummy) opposite KJxx (closed hand)?

For most people, the answer is "Who cares?" A handful of others might add some expletives for colour and intensity.

I believe that there is a clearly correct answer to the question. This was something that was first brought to my attention by Michael Courtney in a Youth training session many years ago and ever since then; I have always played suits like this in exactly the same way.

Firstly, you cash the Ace in dummy. Then you lead to the King in hand. Let's presume that both opponents follow to both rounds of the suit. Now comes the key play: **you lead the Jack from hand**. If LHO shows out, you duck in dummy and

lead the fourth round from your hand. If LHO follows to the third round, you overtake with the Queen in dummy and play the fourth round of the suit from dummy.

You might be wondering what this achieves. By playing the suit in this way, you force one of the defenders to make two discards before their partner makes a discard to provide them with additional information about the defence. A reasonable proportion of the time, the defender will have one easy discard but will struggle to make the second discard in the absence of any help from their partner.

Of course, if the suit breaks 4 – 1, all declarers are in the happy position of forcing one player to make three blind discards. I'm always disappointed by that, as the people who have played semi-random cards get the same advantages as those who have thought their way through things.

It costs you absolutely nothing to play the suit in the way that I recommend, but when the suit breaks, defenders will hate you for it. It's just a little bit more pressure that you are applying that most other people are not.



16th to 29th January 2012

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

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

For full details check flyer on the BAWA website: <http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

Bunbury Congress cont'd



Club President Jim Offer with the Saturday Pairs Winners
Bill Maley and Jenny Maley



Ann Wardle and Joy Gibson 3rd in the Welcome
Pairs N/S



June Fiergert and Jenny Golding winners E/W
Welcome Pairs



2nd in the Teams Dennis Lawrence, Chris Lawrence,
Margaret Blagg and Mary Firth



Having such a good time!



Colin Bell and Kate Boston





Melbourne - ANC 2011.



A personal view with David Schokman

In 2010 we played in the Australian National Championships held in Hobart and having had the honour, and pleasure, of representing the state in all of the others I have to give Hobart first place for the most beautiful city that we have played in, and the Wrest Point casino, possibly, the best venue. Although, Perth in 2007 at the Esplanade and 1999, at the Rendezvous, in Scarborough, were also top of the range. In fact, I cannot recall a Perth venue for an ANC which was not pretty good, and well organised. The King's Hotel was not as flash but was centrally located.

So how was Melbourne in 2011?

For a start all the teams were spread around and there did not seem to be a large, visual, concentration of West Australians at the hotel where we stayed. All our team, the Open, was on the spot, just a 60 second walk to the venue across the road. But we spent many minutes at the traffic lights as every vehicle in Melbourne seems to want to be on St Kilda road!

But at the venue you would always see members of other West Australian teams fraternising with other and always savouring any team success. In 2011, it was our women's team who reached the final, a great achievement as two of the pairs were new combinations, even though five out of the six players were seasoned veterans, with Viv Wood the only new face on the block.

Before we left, I believed that the youth team, and the women's would give a good account of themselves, and that the senior's team would hold their own. They were very consistent and lying third most of the way, but the two top senior's teams from NSW and S.A. were stacked with international players and would have held their own, or even won the open.

The youth team had five members who played with each other. This meant that there were six pairings. With the best will in the world this is certainly not the best way to play in a major team event. Chris Mulley expressed his views before the team left and his concerns were justified. WA got off to a terrible start, lying last after the first four rounds. They then started playing to their true potential, as these five youngsters are

dedicated bridge players, but are also students who are working very hard at their future. When they lifted their game they moved up to 2nd spot, but, with three rounds to go, unfortunately against the three top teams, they slipped to fourth, missing out on the final. The winners were an awesome young team, but if WA got there I have no doubt that they would have given them a run for their money. I find that playing against these five players in Perth is always a pleasure as their table manners are impeccable.

So we always ask, what went wrong? Our open team had experience but we played well below par. Not that we could have reached a final but a fourth place, rather than sixth, would have made us feel much better. But we were experts at beating ourselves.

Western Australia has a wealth of bridge talent, but for one reason or another we do not see all of them in play as often as we would like to at local competition and at the selection trials. In 2011, BAWA tried a new innovation, WAP points to allow players to form their own teams, and then challenge the winners of the Butler trials. Getting six WAP points is relatively easy for the experienced.

This new plan turned out to be an unmitigated disaster. But it certainly has merit, because it gives players a chance to form a team of compatible individuals. This did not happen.

If Western Australia can send the best team over for the ANC I have no doubt that we would be finalists every year. The problem is how to get a team like this together.

Look at our talent.

Henry Christie and Alida Clark are both regular Australian representatives. Then alphabetically-First, the evergreen John Ashworth; Don Allen; Paul Brayshaw; Ron Cooper; Jill Courtney; Chris Mulley; Trevor Fuller; Karol Miller; Geoff Pocock; Thilak Ranasinghe; Peter Rogers; Peter Smith; Fiske Warren; Paul Yovich.

There is also a second tier who could hold their own in most company, but we need to have more tough bridge, which we do not have. One way

would be to have more 20 board team matches. Our 64 board matches are confined to the play-offs only.

Then there is the tyranny of distance as we do not have the opportunity to attend the major events held all over Australia, as often as we would like to.

So there must be something right in Western Australia with so much talent available. How can

it be harnessed? It is not easy as many of the talented are young, some with families who are just building their careers. So we must appreciate that they do not have as much time available that they would like to give to bridge. The good thing is that we have seen more of them at the table in 2011.



In conjunction with the



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19, 20 November 2011

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

Mississippi



By Michael Stewart

My mate Ray Martin (a state player, from Swan Districts) shared a couple of really unusual hands with me last time I was up at his place in Wallaston. The following is the (im) famous Mississippi Delta hand, notoriously used to scam wealthy punters on the river boats, where a hand that tempts declarer to bid a seemingly solid slam in hearts can make only 6 tricks because of the distribution!

And the answer to the title question is? - Unbelievably - only 5!

HAND 16		SUGGESTED BIDDING			
DLR: WEST		WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
NORTH		Pass	7♥	Double	Pass
▲ AKQ		Pass	Pass		
♥ AKQJ109					
♦ —					
♣ AKQJ					
WEST	N	EAST			
▲ J9876	W	▲ —	♥ 8765432		
♥ —	E	♥ 8765432	♦ AKQJ109		
♦ 876	S	♦ AKQJ109	♣ —		
♣ 109876		♣ —			
SOUTH		DECLARER: NORTH			
▲ 105432		OPENING LEAD: ♦A by East			
♥ —					
♦ 5432					
♣ 5432					

Suggested Auction
When things look too good to be true, they usually are. If you ever pick up a hand like that held by North, you should probably be suspicious...especially after you have read the story about the hand. Still, if you were dealt this hand, you'd probably expect to take all the tricks with hearts as the trump suit, even if partner has nothing. Open with what you think you can make, a grand slam in hearts. If you are a duplicate player, you might want to take your time and open with a strong two-bid. If partner has the ♦A, you would want to reach the slightly higher-scoring contract of 7NT. As North, you might be surprised to hear East double your 7♥ contract. Perhaps East has the ♦A and is expecting to take a trick with it. You might even redouble.

East will be quite surprised to hear North bid a grand slam in hearts. The astonishment shouldn't prevent East from making a penalty double, since East knows the heart suit is breaking badly for declarer . . . very badly. If that wasn't the case, of course, there would be no story behind the hand.

Suggested Opening Lead
East has an easy choice of leads against a heart contract. East would start with the ♦A, not caring too much whether or not it wins a trick.

Play of the Hand
As you are likely to have discovered by now, if you have played the hand, it is a disaster for North-South. In a

heart contract, North can take no more than six tricks. East keeps leading diamonds at every opportunity and North never gets a trick with any of the high cards in spades or clubs. In fact, North-South can't make even a game contract. Seeing all the hands, the best the partnership can do is make a contract of 3♣ or 4♣. Not what one would expect with all those high cards.

Defense
There's nothing that needs to be said on the defenders' behalf. Before congratulating each other on the large penalty they are likely to collect, perhaps it's time for the complete story . . .

The Story Behind the Hand
This is the notorious 'Mississippi Heart Hand' and it dates from the days of whist. An equivalent version was published by Edmond Hoyle — of 'According to Hoyle' fame—in 1747, and the modern version was published in 1804 by Thomas Matthews. The hand was well known among Mississippi river boat gamblers during the Civil War period. They would try to convince an unsuspecting North to make a heavy bet on taking at least seven tricks with hearts as trumps. Of course, the hand is specially set up so that North can never make more than six tricks with hearts as trumps. The hand was also popular with the professional cheaters in the days of bridge whist when there was no limit to the number of times a player could double or redouble. Even in a low-stake game, the doubling and redoubling could lead to an enormous sum being wagered on whether North could take a seventh trick. It's rumored that Charles Schwab, a wealthy financier and the president of the New York Whist Club, was duped out of \$10,000 on this hand. The hand is another illustration of the tremendous effect that distribution can play in the outcome of a hand (see also Hand #5). When you are looking at a good hand and everyone else at the table is bidding up a storm, it's probably because the distribution is wild. Don't be too shy about bidding more when you hold a very distributional hand, and don't be too quick to double the opponents on high cards alone. Most importantly, be cautious when you are offered that 'sure' bet . . . especially if you're on a river boat steaming along the Mississippi!

See deal below and 7H by NS should not be defeated, unless declarer makes a silly mistake, or there's a really terrible diamond split!

Declarer ruffs whatever the lead, draws one round of trumps, dropping both missing honours, then - as long as diamonds are not split 5/1 - trumps diamonds in the N hand, until the sixth and seventh ones come good! Awesome or what?

Brd	♠ 6432			
Dlr	♥ J10982			
Vul	♦ -			
	♣ 6432			
	♠ Q975	N		♠ AKJ108
	♥ K	W	E	♥ Q
	♦ AKQJ	S		♦ 109
	♣ Q975			♣ AKJ108
	♠ -			
	♥ A76543			
	♦ 8765432			
	♣ -			

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ABF Recorder

Call for Expressions of Interest

The ABF is seeking a volunteer to act as National Recorder to replace Neville Moses who has provided many years of service to the ABF in this capacity. The National Recorder advises the General Counsel as to appropriate action to be taken on matters that are reported from ABF events, keeps the records of incidents of concern whether or not immediate action is taken, and may be asked to serve on the Ethics Committee and/or the National Authority.

Qualifications: The candidate must have a keen understanding of the requirements of natural justice and of the requirements of confidentiality. The candidate must be able to work as a member of a team. The candidate must have the ability to maintain records. The candidate should have legal training and experience but would not need a practicing certificate.

Closing Date: 30 October 2011

Please direct all enquiries to:

secretary@abf.com.au

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3 DAY CONGRESS
14th, 15th, 16th of October

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 10 AM AND 2PM \$30
 (Sunday Teams -LUNCH PROVIDED)
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 Cnr Melvista and Archdeacon Sts
 Nedlands WA 6009
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Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

2011 Congress

Due to the long weekend being changed in 2011 to the end of October
 (to coincide with CHOGM in Perth)
 The Kalgoorlie Bridge Club will hold their
 2011 Congress

Friday	28 th October (evening)	Welcome Pairs
Saturday	29 th October (day)	Pairs Event
Sunday	30 th October (day)	Teams Event

Venue: Kalgoorlie Golf Club, Killarney St, Kalgoorlie
 For more details/registration pl ph: Secretary Sue Lia
 Home: 90214707 Mobile: 0418 215308



Masters in Teams of 3



1st **Derek Pocock** (Master) with Peter Sumner, Alan Dundas and Jo Dundas



2nd **Pauline Collett** (Master) with Moira Gaff, Barbara Lockyer and Jill Keshavjee



3rd **Doreen Jones** (Master) with Robin Lacey, Valerie Keevil and Marion Bogue

From the BAWA Archives:

Masters In Teams of 3

Year	Master	Team
1988	B O'Hara	J Black, T Hunter, P Royle
1989	V Goldberg	D Pocock, C Pocock, R Duberal
1990	T Fuller	P Royle, J Black, S Rogers
1991	S Chait	I Mendelawitz, V Holman, V Menezes
1992	TM Chin	G McBride, M Sunderman, M. Braithwaite
1993	P Yovich	D Bonnett, J Ophorst, N Marwick
1994	V Vahala	S Goodall, M Goodall, W Jagisma
1995	P Reynolds	C Minchin, J Browne, G Gavshon
1996	S Shilbury	P Forrest, J Howell, M de Kluiver
1997	M Miller	B Finch, J Howell, J Williams
1998	P Hooykaas	C Matthews, S Thomas, R Ellis
1999	S Evans	A Cull, D Cull, J Browne, R Fornaro
2000	D Greenfeld	V Fleay, J Mowson, L Tanner
2001	Not Played	
2002	M Abrahams	J Mulholland, M Mulholland, M Barr
2003	D Jones	S Rogoysky, J Khan, K Ward
2004	S Moses	M Rhodes, R Rhodes, A Youngs
2005	T Piper	C Lawrence, J Muller, P Smith
2006	N Law	L Milne, G Johnson, R Todd
2007	N Dutton	S Collinson, S Sutton-Maddocks, D. Sutton-Maddock
2008	M Leybourne	S Vertannes, J Andrews, N Daniel
2009	Not Played	
2010	H Williams	J Tennyson, A Newton, J Bandy



Thank you to all the Masters for kindly playing on the day:

Derek Pocock, Pauline Collett, Noelene Law, Linda Bedford-Brown, Nick Cantatore, Marie France Merven, Nigel Dutton, Marnie Leybourne, John Beddow, Chris Mulley, John Ashworth Terry Piper and Trevor Fuller.



To see more photos go to **Focus Online** on the BAWA website: <http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

You can count on Defence



By Gerry Daly

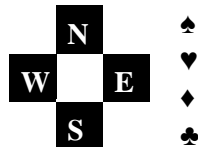
Like most bridge players after playing 140 and 112 boards over two consecutive weekends I have quite a few “missed opportunities” to ponder. There are probably also some bright moments in there too. There is little opportunity during such a full on event to analyse these as you go. Successful pairs will try not to discuss these at the table or in the breaks preferring to save their energy and focus for the next match. Despite playing less than perfect bridge both campaigns were successful. It would be beneficial to understand the reasons. I believe minimising “missed opportunities” in defence is a key reason. If we could all focus on this aspect our games would improve greatly.

The following are some defensive examples from The GNOT city final where the defenders did not miss their opportunities.

Round 2

Brd 16
Dlr W
Vul EW

♠ T
♥ K986
♦ 984
♣ QT874



♠ Q2
♥ 7542
♦ KT3
♣ AJ63

5
10

Bidding has gone pass, pass, pass, 4S. You, as south lead the H5 to partners 10 and declarers Ace. Declarer draws 2 rounds of trumps dropping partners J5. Declarer now plays KC. Do you take this or duck? Hopefully you paused to ask yourself this question before doing either.

Recently a partner commented that he loves it when I start to think. There are two key inferences here. Having a positive outlook on life I accepted the compliment that my play improves when my brain is engaged☺ The other inference is that like most other defenders I have frequent

moments of laziness where I have not been doing the “homework” at the table.

In this example the required homework was to count to 10. It does not take much thought to infer that declarer has 8 trump tricks and the ace of hearts. Oops, in that case we better not let him have the K of clubs. Partner took the ace and promptly switches to a diamond for down 1. This netted 13 imps with our team mates making 11 tricks in 4S at the other table. In retrospect the defence seems very straightforward but nonetheless at 7 out of 17 tables 4S was allowed to make. Well done partner.

The full hand was.

Brd 16	♠ J5		♠ AK987643
Dlr W	♥ QJT3		♥ A
Vul EW	♦ AQ75		♦ J62
	♣ 952		♣ K
	♠ T		
	♥ K986		
	♦ 984		
	♣ QT874		

10
5 15
10

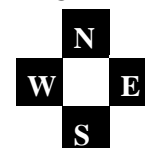
♠ Q2	♠
♥ 7542	♥
♦ KT3	♦
♣ AJ63	♣

It's the second last board of the match and most other tables have finished when the auction goes. 2C-2D-3C-3H-4H. You lead the singleton club and this monster lands on the table.

Round 5

Brd 2
Dlr E
Vul NS

♠
♥
♦
♣



♠ J
♥ AK10
♦ AK87
♣ AKJ107

4
23

Your first thoughts are to conceded 11 or 12 tricks and get on with the next one. However there is no sign of a claim from declarer who after some thought plays the J and overtakes it with the Q. Next comes the losing heart finesse and a club ruff. Your side has now taken two unexpected tricks. You will also score the ace of spades. Can this contract be beaten? There is only one way to find out. Shut your eyes and under lead your Ace of spades. Most players should find this defence but nonetheless beating contracts by under leading Aces gives satisfaction greatly disproportional to the imps saved. Full hand was:

Brd 2	♠ A108763		♠ J
Dlr E	♥ 862		♥ AK10
Vul NS	♦ 632		♦ AK87
	♣ 3		♣ AKJ107
	♠ 52		
	♥ J754		
	♦ JT5		
	♣ Q964		

	♠ KQ94		
	♥ Q93		
	♦ Q94		
	♣ 852		

	4	
4		23
	9	

In the final example our defender still needs to think and count but finding the killing defence is a little more difficult.

After the auction 2NT-3H (transfer)-3S-3NT-P your Club 6 lead is sadly taken by the stiff 10 in dummy. Declarer plays a diamond to King and your Ace. What now?

Round 6

Brd 1	♠		♠ -
Dlr N	♥		♥ KJ95
Vul Nil	♦		♦ AJ3
	♣		♣ J98642
	♠		
	♥		
	♦		
	♣		

	♠ T9653		
	♥ A8		
	♦ T9754		
	♣ T		

		10
4		

Having been asked the question most should find the solution. However it's much harder at the table when there is nobody to tap you on the

shoulder and tell you it's "thinking time". At my table East "safely" exited a club. Moments later the diamonds were established and accessed via the HA. Well done to our teammate Nick on finding the switch to KH at trick three. This prematurely removes dummy's only entry and while Declarer scores a bonus heart trick he only enjoys one diamond. Full hand was

Brd 1	♠ A2		♠ -
Dlr N	♥ Q72		♥ KJ95
Vul Nil	♦ KQ8		♦ AJ3
	♣ AKQ73		♣ J98642
	♠ KQJ874		
	♥ T643		
	♦ 62		
	♣ 5		

	♠ T9653		
	♥ A8		
	♦ T9754		
	♣ T		

	20	
6		10
	4	

So the core message is that bridge really is a simple game. You only need to count, think and then act. The hard part is remembering to do this. Happy defending.

BAWA PROMOTIONS OFFICER POSITION

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

Consequently BAWA is seeking to fill this role.

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

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

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

BAWA



Every so often an opponent commits a blunder...

by Ron Klinger



<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

Improve Your Bridge Online

PROBLEM

Teams: North dealer :EW vulnerable

NORTH
 ♠ QJ1076
 ♥ 10
 ♦ 75
 ♣ AK1082

EAST
 ♠ 5
 ♥ AJ98763
 ♦ KQ9
 ♣ 94

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1H	2D
Pass	2S	3H	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads the C3: 2-9 6.

What should East play next?

Every so often an opponent commits a blunder and you have to be ready to make the most of such opportunities. East did so on this deal:

Teams

Brd
 Dlr N
 Vul EW

♠ 98432
 ♥ 2
 ♦ 864
 ♣ QJ53

♠ QJ1076
 ♥ 10
 ♦ 75
 ♣ AK1082

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5
 ♥ AJ98763
 ♦ KQ9
 ♣ 94

♠ AK
 ♥ KQ54
 ♦ AJ1032
 ♣ 76

10	
3	10
17	

Lead: C3

North's initial pass was very timid. Most top players would open such a shapely hand even though it has only 10 HCP. Counting 10 HCP plus 10 (cards in two longest suits) plus 2 (quick tricks for the CA-K) plus ½ for the concentrated spade values makes a total of 22½, which is above the 22 opening points needed for a respectable opening bid.

While it is normal to lead partner's suit, it is not de rigueur. To insist on a heart lead, East could have doubled 3NT. Judging that declarer had the hearts well held, West led the C3.

Declarer has an easy route to at least nine tricks. Take the CA, unblock the SA, SK, cross to the CA and cash the spades, followed by a heart. You could also play a top heart after the SA-K to ensure nine tricks.

Perhaps South had a blind spot when he played low from dummy or perhaps he was hoping East would produce an honour, allowing South to finesse against West later. The usual reason for a mechanical second-hand-low play is failure to count one's tricks.

When he won with the C9, East considered the probable layout. After East had rebid 3H, West would have led a heart if holding HQ or HK. Therefore South held both honours. The C3 fourth-highest lead marked West with CQ-J-x-x.

North's 2S promised at least five spades. Since South did not raise spades, South would have two spades at most. South was likely to have a 2-4-5-2 or 2-3-6-2 pattern. As South was missing so much in diamonds, South would have a very strong hand to venture 3NT over 3H. With at most 10 HCP in the red suits, South would have one or both spade honours.

East therefore returned a club at trick two before declarer could unblock the spades. This would nullify the value of dummy's spades, whether South held SA-K, SA-x or SK-x.

Declarer captured West's jack and led a diamond. That was fatal. East put up the queen and South took the ace. The SA, SK were played, followed by the DJ. East won this and exited with the D9. Declarer could cash his diamonds but was left with HK-Q-5-4. No matter how he wriggled, he had to lose three heart tricks to East. One down.

After the club return, declarer could have succeeded by cashing the CK before leading a diamond. He would discard a heart on that and score two spades, two clubs, four diamonds and a heart.

Almost all bridge players are generous to a fault – when the fault is their own.

2011 Bridge Holidays with Ron Klinger

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**From Sunday, 4th December
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2012 Annual Congress

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

28th and 29th January

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

ENTRIES via BAWA WEBSITE

www.bawa.asn.au

PROGRAM

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

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

Prizes will be a minimum of 45% of Entry Fees

Convener & Tournament Director
Neville Walker - 9581 6422
nevillewalker1@bigpond.com

Rockingham Bridge Club Inc

CONGRESS 2012

February 18-19th 2012

Saturday 18th February 2012 10am Congress Pairs

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

Sunday 19th February 2012 10am Congress Teams

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

BYO Lunch – Maximum 20 Tables

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

Tournament Director: Bill Kemp

Venue: Rockingham Bridge Club, Watts Road, Shoalwater

Telephone: 9591 3444

e-mail: rockbrig@bigpond.com

Webpage: www.rockingham.bridge-club.org

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



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A Weekend Seminar for Bridge Teachers

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

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13st November 2011



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

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

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The ABF Management Committee is seeking applications from suitably qualified candidates to be considered for the position of **NATIONAL TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR**.

The successful candidate will be awarded a contract to the value of \$10,000 per annum.

Could interest parties please send their application to the Secretary at secretary@abf.com.au to arrive no later than close of business Western Standard Time

28th October 2011.

For full details go to **Focus Online** on the BAWA website:
<http://www.bawa.asn.au>



The Great Claim Robbery (Part Two)

By Ian Bailey

In the previous issue of this esteemed journal I recounted the sad tale of a great claim robbery. The point came out that when we make a claim, we must make a full explanation of how the hand is to be played. Most importantly, a statement must be made about any outstanding trumps. This leads me on to another issue that causes me to have hot flushes and other unsavoury symptoms.

The laws say that if the declarer can see the rest of the tricks are there, then a claim must be made, or words to that effect. In consequence, if you continue to play then you are actually contravening the laws. The laws go so far as saying that protracting the play unnecessarily is particularly scandalous. However, experience tells me that it is difficult to make an explanation of the play that will satisfy all bush lawyers. I have seen instances where players have made a small slip in their explanation and opponents have issued a vigorous challenge to the claim. This discourages players from making claims. I am of the opinion that directors should be prepared to be a little generous in allowing claims. Some may disagree, but I am not known for adhering to any majority opinions. I even have doubts about the necessity of a carbon tax.

The problem with giving an explanation of the method of play was emphasized to me some time ago in a hand I was playing in a major State event. The hands in the case are given here :

Brd	♠ J104		♠ Q982
Dlr N	♥ A732		♥ K8
Vul All	♦ J10986		♦ A7
	♣ 4		♣ 109763
	♠ K7653	♠ N	
	♥ QJ10954	♥ W	♥ E
	♦ 2	♦ S	
	♣ 8		
	♠ A		
	♥ 6		
	♦ KQ543		
	♣ AKQJ52		

6		
6		9
	19	

The actual bidding sequence has disappeared into the mists of antiquity, but that is not what concerns us at the moment. Suffice it to say that the contract was six diamonds, played by south.

West led the queen of hearts, and it did not take a great deal of effort to decide that this should be taken with the ace. A low diamond was played by dummy, ducked by east, so the king won. A process of skilful deduction led me to the belief that there was just one trump outstanding, and that this was the ace. Therefore I put my hand on the table and said I would run the clubs and cross trump the hearts and spades, conceding a trick to the ace of diamonds.

Now you will be able to discern that although I had a very nice club suit, the distribution was unbalanced and east had a master club after the fourth round. I protest that that I would have noticed this and trumped the fifth club in dummy. Undoubtedly you will agree with me. Nonetheless, east doubted my ability to carry out this task and called the director. After some contemplation, probably involving calling upon the spirit of Perry Mason, the director ruled one down. Call me a dissident, but I thought this decision harsh. I was also put out by the fact that I had been classified with a skill level equivalent to that of Donald Duck.

When this hand was discussed by a number of national directors, it turns out that opinion was divided. You can make your own mind up on the case, but if you do not agree with me I will have to take up quacking. Since result on the hand would not have affected the outcome of the match, I didn't bother to appeal. But it does illustrate the point that it is very hard to give an explanation that the bush lawyers can't tear to pieces.

Quite possibly, you have your own tales of great claim robberies. You can come sobbing to me about your unjust treatment, and in the light of my experience, you can be sure of obtaining sympathy for your tale of woe.



THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB



CHRISTMAS CONGRESS 2011



At the WABC CLUB ROOMS, 7 ODERN CRESCENT SWANBOURNE

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

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



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



Presentation of prizes & supper after play on Sunday

CASH PRIZES and RED POINTS all events



2011

State Xmas Matchpoint Swiss Pairs



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

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

Event commences at 7.30 pm

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

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

ENTRY FEE: \$40 per player

DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp - 94470534

2010 Winners:

Cynthia Belonogoff and Pauline Hammond

Check: Conditions of Entry     To BAWA Competitions



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Fremantle Bridge Club

from Di Robinson

The Club held it's AGM on Saturday 27th August, 2011; this event was well attended as a number of places were eagerly contended. Congratulations to John Penman for stepping up as President and to Marion Jefferson newly elected as Vice President, Dave Parham as Secretary, Irene Percy as Treasurer along with a wonderful committee of seven. These are Angela Van Beem, Chris Wells, Diane Robinson, Kaye Egan, Mary McNelly, Pat Wells and Peta Kiernan.

The meeting was followed by a sumptuous luncheon provided by members before settling in for an afternoon of Bridge.



Fremantle Bridge Club President – John Penman & Vice President Marion Jefferson

On Wednesday 7th September, Ron Klinger joined the Club for a well presented and very informative Bridge Workshop on “When to Bid and When to Pass” This workshop was well supported by members who were most appreciative of Ron’s up to date expert techniques and amusing teaching banter.

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Jean Culloton

The Geraldton Bridge Club is proud to announce that two of our players **Piri Kacso** and **Karen**

Weeks attained first place in W.A and eighth place in Australia in the annual Bridge for Brain Research event, which was played earlier this year.

The Club has introduced a night session which it is hoped will enable working people to enjoy a game at our club.

Bridge is played on Monday Thursday and Saturday at 1.00 p.m. and now Tuesday evening at 7.15 p.m.

All visitors are made very welcome. For further information please phone: (08) 99 214174

Rockingham Bridge Club

from Ian Oldham

To all Rockingham Bridge Club Members, Mandurah Bridge Club, Mah Jong and our new friends, thank you for coming along and making our Silver Chain Gala day a great success.

This is the 11th year that we have supported Silver Chain and our total donations amount to well over \$36,000 which includes fund raised in 2011. Some of our members have been very grateful for the help they have received from Silver Chain over the years.

Once again 4 of the Silver Chain ladies gave of their time and ran the kitchen to prepare lunches, teas and coffees.

On Monday 19th September Silver Chain was invited to come to the club and receive our cheque of the Day's proceeds of over \$3300. Thank you everybody.



Spring Pairs Best Under State Masters Eunice Howard and Rita Hood with President Joan Rickers



Keith Fulker and Bill Harrison, winners of the Spring Pairs

The AGM will be held on Monday 7th November.
Dates for your diary:

- Mon 10th and 17th October Championship Pairs
- Sat 12th Nov the Nedra Arnott Pairs
- Tues 22nd Nov at 6-45 pm the Scorpio Pairs
- Wed 7th Dec Christmas Pairs
- Mon 12th Dec Christmas Party

“Bridge players get a lot of exercise by jumping to conclusions, leaping to the wrong contract and skipping a few levels of bidding”

South Perth Bridge Club

from Darrell Williams

The inaugural **Club Novice Pairs** was keenly contested by 12 pairs. The winners were **Ian Howell** and **Merwyn Menezes**. Suzanne Yates and Sue Shadbolt were second. Third place was tied by Jean Westle & Teresa Campillos and Jennifer Simpson & Julie Crewe.



1st: Ian Howell & Merwyn Menezes



2nd: Suzanne Yates & Sue Shadbolt



Equal 3rd: Teresa Campillos



Equal 3rd: Julie Crewe & Jennifer Simpson

A large group listened with great interest to **Ron Klinger** talking about the “power of shape” and advising how best to take advantage of these type of hands at the bridge table.



West Australian Bridge Club

from Kitty George

As I write, the equinoxial storms are raging but nevertheless the gardens at WABC announce that spring is in the air. The displays of native flowers have been spectacular for the past few weeks and are a credit to Mike George and his team.

WABC hosted the Hans Rosendorff Memorial Congress over the mid September weekend. It was a wonderful event and superbly convened by

Sheenagh Young (BAWA Committee) who is also the club Executive Officer. The Women's Teams were well patronized as usual and in the Restricted Event WABC results were a little mixed. However the club performed very well in the Inaugural Restricted Pairs with members winning 4 of the 5 top places. Congratulations to Clive and Inga Hunt (photo in this issue) John Rigg and Chris Bagley (photo in this issue)



Jill Keshavjee and Sue Gammon who were 4th to



Joanne Tennyson and Jennifer Bandy from Undercroft



and Pepe Schwegler and Peter Hicks.

Following the state trend, 75% of WABC members have less than 300 MPs and thus

restricted events are very welcome. The “babies” who attended the Congress had a very enjoyable weekend and I am sure even more of us will join in next year.

Our AGM will be held this month and we will be sad to acknowledge the retirement of 3 long standing Management Committee members. Alison Rigg will complete her 3 year term as President – and what an amazing job she has done. Rhona Barton has been on committee for 3 years and has been a tireless bar manager and contributor to the catering teams. Laurie Bonadeo has kept us all in order at our MC meetings and has worked very hard as our Maintenance Man.



Laurie Bonadeo



Rhona Barton and outgoing President Alison Rigg

Busselton Bridge Club

from Jane Moulden

Farewell to Life Members

It was with a lot of sadness that we learnt of the passing of **Sue Crocker**, one of our Life Members. We do not know how to contact Sue's family and

hope this vale will be a way to pass on our condolences.

Along with Di Goyder, Sue was instrumental in expanding Busselton Bridge Club. They gave lessons and established a Wednesday session for learners at the CWA hall in Busselton. Every week they came prepared to direct, share a partner or play as a pair and give over the shoulder advice.

As a result Sue and Di created the most stable of our club's sessions.

Di, also a Life Member, passed away in 2010 and is also fondly remembered by Bridgetown Bridge Club.

Mandurah Bridge Club

from Ian Jones

Competition Winners.

Congratulations to Joe Taylor and Valerie Taylor, the winners of the Jack Rowse Novice Pairs competition held on 15 September.

Upcoming Events.

2011

- ✓ Open Pairs Championship on Saturday 15th October.
- ✓ Cabaret Entertainment Night on Friday 21st October.

2012

- ✓ The 2012 Mandurah Bridge Club Annual Congress will be held on the weekend of 28th and 29th January 2012:
- ✓ Swiss Pairs 09.30am Saturday 28 January
- ✓ Swiss Teams 09.30am Sunday 29 January

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

Mandurah Bridge Club will hold its 2012 Congress early in the New Year - Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January.

Full details to follow.

Undercroft Bridge Club

from Ann HopfmueLLer

We had one red-point event at the Undercroft Bridge Club during August. The "Kath Brosnan

Winter Pairs" was held over three Thursdays, with thirty two pairs taking part.

The winners were Jim Pinnington and Allan Doig. Domenico Degasperis and Christine Jenkins were second with Connie Coltrona and Armanda Torre third.



Christine Jenkins, Domenico Degasperis and Ann HopfmueLLer



Allan Doig and Ann HopfmueLLer



Ron Klinger was welcomed at our club in September with two workshops on "Improving Your Bidding and Play". There were forty two and

thirty two participants respectively. Everything is so obvious once you're shown how!!!

Fiske Warren's August lesson was about "Fourth Suit Forcing". He showed us ways we had never thought of to use this bid to our advantage. The topic for his next lesson is "Covering Honours in Defence".

Nedlands Bridge Club

from Ann Ashman

We congratulate the winners of the Hans Rosendorff Memorial Swiss Pairs Championship held in August



1st Club President Linda Bedford-Brown and Heather Williams with Director Peter Holloway



2nd were Gail Fogelman and Morrie Herman with Shizue Futaesaku and Jill Courtney 3rd.

Our next Mentor evening is Wednesday October 5th at 7.00pm. Come along without a partner as an experienced player will be assigned to you. Reservations for the Melbourne Cup, Tuesday November 1st are now being taken – Sweeps, Spot Prizes, champagne and lunch starting at 11.00am. We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces attending our October congress held on Friday 14th at 1.00pm, Saturday 15th at 1.30pm and Sunday 16th are the Teams starting at 10.0am and the Walk in Pairs starts at 1.30pm.

The club congratulates members Ross Harper and Ursula Harper on their outstanding success in the recent Northern Territory Gold Festival

Match point Pairs

1st: Ursula Harper - Stephen Burgess

2nd: Michael Courtney - Ross Harper

Teams

1st: Michael Courtney - Ursula Harper - Stephen Burgess - Ross Harper

Swiss Pairs

=**1st:** Michael Courtney - Ross Harper

Maylands Bridge Club

30 years

The Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation on 28 July was also a special occasion as members celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Maylands Bridge Club.

Present as special guest representing the Mayor of the City of Bayswater was Councillor Graham Pittaway O.A.M. who together with Club President Jean Martin presented trophies to the various competition winners.



Also present was Mrs **Jean Lilleyman**, at **103** years of age still an active club member, and closely involved in starting the Maylands Bridge Club back in 1981. After lunch, the Club President extended special thanks to Jean, and presented her with a gift of flowers.

The occasion was then used to launch "On the Move", a light-hearted history of the Maylands

Bridge Club, the result of much research and hard work by Alan Baldock, also a member since 1981. The book title derives in part from the number of moves made by the club in its endeavours to find a permanent home. It also symbolises an active and forward looking club, not content to rest on its laurels, always looking for ways to improve facilities and expand membership.

The Club commenced with its first bridge session at the then new Alma Venville Centre in Maylands, on 3rd January 1981. Membership was \$5.00 each and table money 60cents per session, for the 36 intending players. Problems with tenancy at this centre led to a move to the I.O.O.F. Hall in Caledonian Avenue, in August 1981. This remained 'home' for 21 years, with congresses, competitions, Melbourne Cup luncheons etc. Sale of the Hall unfortunately necessitated another move, back to the Venville Centre in 2002.

Impending demolition of this venue meant relocation to temporary premises at the Maylands Bowling Club in July 2009. This was not successful, and after a lot of looking, better accommodation was finally found in the newly opened R.A. Cook Pavilion in Morley.

This became 'home' while awaiting the construction of the new Multipurpose Centre (The Rise) on the site of the old Venville building. However, lack of suitable bridge facilities in the new building has led to a decision by members to remain at R.A. Cook Pavilion, and negotiations are now in-hand for long term tenancy.

Our 2 years at this venue has seen the return of some old, and the recruiting of additional new members, bringing the total membership back to around 100. It is hoped to run classes again, and the very good location and facilities will enable this figure to increase even more.

Melville Bridge Club

from Lyndie Trevean

The Dora Wilson Trophy was held on August 28th and congratulations to **Mary Johnston** and **Christa Nimmo** who were the winners of this event, held after the AGM. Ros Warnock and Salim Songerwala, and Melanie and Larry Szalay came in second and third places respectively and 35 pairs participated.

Melville Mayor's Trophy is an annual handicapped event and was won by **Erica**

Augustson and **Betty Carter**. In second place were Noel Daniel and Ailsa Stokeld, and third place, Brenda Goodreid and Miriam Winter. Congratulations!

The Evening Pairs Championship held over two consecutive evenings in September was won by **Mary Firth** and **Noel Daniel**. In second place were Salim Songerwala and Barbara Frost with third place to Leon Randolph and Sandy Sutton-Mattocks.



Erica Augustson, Noel Daniel and Mary Firth with President Danny Mistry



President Danny Mistry presenting the Mayoral Trophy to Erica Augustson and Betty Carter

Life Membership for Miriam



Congratulations to Miriam Winter who, this year, was granted life membership at Melville Bridge Club's AGM. She joins esteemed members Jean Dawkins, Mary Firth and Bert Ten Haaf.

Results



Nedlands Bridge Club – Hans Rosendorff Memorial Swiss Pairs

1 st	Linda Bedford-Brown and Heather Williams
2 nd	Gail Fogelman and Morrie Herman
3 rd	Jill Courtney and Shizue Futaesaku

Bunbury Congress

Welcome Pairs

1 st	June Fiegert and Jenny Golding
2 nd	Mary Firth and Margaret Blagg
3 rd	Joy Gibson and Rose Wardle

Swiss Pairs

Qualifying

1 st	Delia Adams and Henk Cransberg
2 nd	Ann Bate and Jean McLarty
3 rd	Nigel Dutton and Marie France Merven

Final

1 st	Bill Maley and Jenny Maley
2 nd	Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton
3 rd	Colin Bell and Kate Boston

Plate

1 st	Phyl Barnes and Joy Gibson
2 nd	Judy Clarke and Jeanette Gale
3 rd	Brian Mee and Thanga Prathalingan

Teams

1 st	Marie France Merven, Nigel Dutton, Val Biltoft and Phil Tearne
2 nd	Mary Firth, Margaret Blagg, Dennis Lawrence and Chris Lawrence
3 rd	Jan Burgess, Jana Mayhew, Anthony Warburton and Ruth Warburton

West Coast Congress

Qualifying

1 st	Wendy Jacobs and Noriko Sakashita
2 nd	Heather Williams and Jan Blight
3 rd	Verna Holman and Ivy Mendelawitz

Final

1 st	Jan Blight and Heather Willi
2 nd	Marnie Leybourne and Jill Del Piccolo
3 rd	Kate Boston and Murray Webber

Plate

1 st	Thilak Ranasinghe and Eddy Mandavy
2 nd	Noel Daniels and Tony Stevens
3 rd	Joan Barnett and Mary Johnson

Country GNR P

1 st	James Offer and Jeanette Gale
2 nd	Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders
3 rd	Christian Mahl and Sheila Mahl

State Men's/Women's Pairs

Men's

1 st	David Schokman and Thilak Ranasinghe
2 nd	Chris Mulley and Jonathan Pynt
3 rd	Matthew Raisin and Paul Brayshaw

Women's

1 st	Pattie McNamara and Christine Boylson
2 nd	Val Biltoft and Hilary Yovich
3 rd	Allison Stralow and Noelene Law



PQP Butler Pairs - Open

1 st	Gerry Daly and Karol Miller
2 nd	Nigel Dutton and Marie France Merven
3 rd	Anton Pol and Jan Kochmanski

PQP Butler Pairs – Women’s

1 st	Alida Clark and Marnie Leybourne
2 nd	Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll
3 rd	Leone Fuller and Val Biltoft

HGR Memorial Congress – Women’s Teams

1 st	Di Brooks, Kathy Power, Ann Bates and Jean McLarty
3 rd	Viv Wood, Joan Touyz, Cynthia Belonogoff and Pauline Hammond
2 nd	Noelene Law, Allison Stralow, Leone Fuller, Marnie Leybourne, Hilary Yovich and Val Biltoft

HGR Memorial Congress – Restricted Swiss Pairs

1 st	Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt
3 rd	John Rigg and Chris Bagley
2 nd	Jennifer Bandy and Joanna Tennyson

BAWA League Teams Results as at 20 September 2011

Team Name	Team	Played	Total
Johnnies Come Lately	D	5	77
S P Oilers	A	6	52
Newcomers	B	5	49
Forever Young	C	6	42

WAP Standings as at 14 Aug

Eligible players with a minimum of 6 WAPs will be invited to form a team to enter the WAP playoffs to select the 2012 State Open Team (see format for details).

Player	Total WAPs	Player	Total WAPs
<i>These players have qualified for the WAP Playoffs</i>		<i>These players have yet to qualify for the WAP Playoffs</i>	
Gerry Daly	44	Leone Fuller	5
Karol Miller	36	P Anderson	4
Nigel Dutton	32	John Beddow	4
MF Merven	32	Michael Berk	4
Nick Cantatore	29	Di Brooks	4
T Ranasinghe	18	Egmont Melton	4
David Schokman	18	Tony Stevens	4
Viv Wood	18	Annabel Booth	3
Peter Rogers	17	Jill Del Picollo	3
Jan Kochmanski	13	Lauren Shiels	3
Anton Pol	13	Joan Touyz	3
Michael Bausor	12	Ann Bate	2
Jonathon Free	12	John Beyfus	2
Suzi Futaesaku	12	Kate Boston	2
Richard Grenside	12	Bridget Cooke	2
Sue Grenside	12	Gill Dolling	2
Rita Leeming	12	Mark Dolling	2
Kay Thompson	12	Brian Fensome	2
Eddy Mandavy	12	Carol Fensome	2
Andrew Swider	12	Alan Harrop	2
Pauline Collett	10	Jean McLarty	2
Joan Prince	10	Tony Menezes	2
John Ashworth	8	Kathy Power	2
Fiske Warren	8	Phillip Power	2
Val Biltoft	7	Ros Trend	2
Alida Clark	7	Murray Webber	2
M Leybourne	7	Dennis Yovich	2
Catherine Hood	6	Hilary Yovich	2
Doreen Jones	6	Bob Prince	1
James Offer	6	Morrie Herman	1
Monica Offer	6		
Sue Pynt	6		
Heather Williams	6		

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2011 PENNANTS ROUND EIGHT

ALBANY	58.70	53.00	51.80	47.80			52.83	
BRIDGETOWN	62.00	59.20	57.60				59.60	4 VPs
BUNBURY	59.10	58.80	57.40	55.50			57.70	
BUSSELTON	58.80	57.20	56.20	48.30			55.13	
ESPERANCE	57.00	53.60	52.30				54.30	
GERALDTON	63.60	55.10	52.70	49.90	48.00		53.86	
KALAMUNDA	61.60	60.10	56.30	53.10	53.10		56.84	
KALGOORLIE	50.00						50.00	
MACCABI	63.90	59.20	57.10	56.10	55.10		58.28	2VPs
MELVILLE	58.80	57.20	56.20	48.30	47.20		53.54	
NEDLANDS	57.00	52.80	51.40	43.00			51.05	
ROCKINGHAM	58.70	53.00	51.80	48.80			53.08	
SOUTH PERTH	61.40	60.20	55.20	51.00	45.00		54.56	
UNDERCROFT	64.20	63.10	59.70	57.50	57.30	56.60	59.73	6 VPs

MARGARET RIVER CONGRESS



Friday, Saturday, Sunday October 21st, 22nd, 23rd

RED POINT EVENT

GENEROUS PRIZES

Venue: Australis Hotel, 78 Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River

Friday Evening:	Vasse Felix Welcome Pairs	\$20 per player 7pm start	6:15pm wine & nibbles
Saturday:	Pairs	\$40 per player 10:30am start	includes morning tea & lunch
Sunday:	Teams	\$160 per team 9:30am start	includes morning tea & lunch & pizza with results

Tables limited to 32

Convenor:	Bob Taylor	Ph 0409576417 email:bobtayl@highway1.com.au
Director:	Bill Kemp	Ph 9447 0534 email: diggadog@inet.net.au
Registration:	Through BAWA website only. Payment collected on the day	

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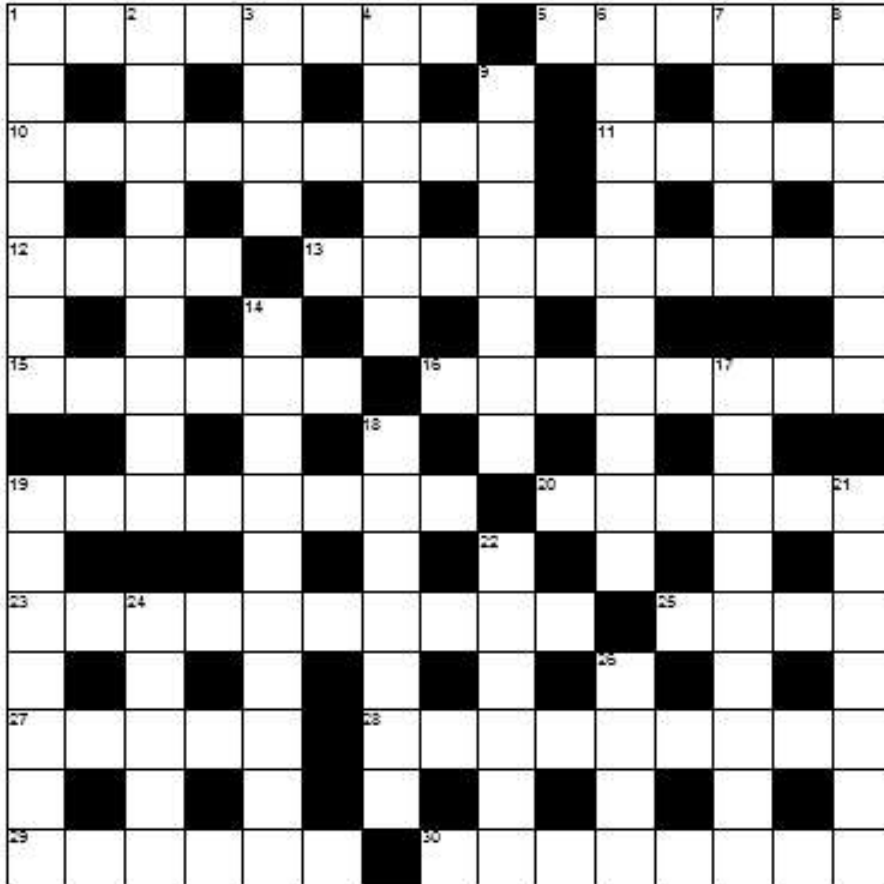
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PUZZLE 1111

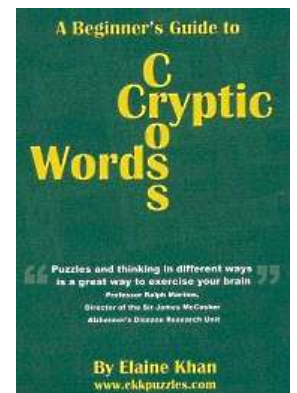


DOWN

- 1 South Eastern creed makes edicts.(7)
- 2 Aconite is made from Friar's head cover.(9)
- 3 Close to head numbing organ.(4)
- 4 Part of the foot keeping pace?(6)
- 6 Novel character from moor with steep rock face.(10)
- 7 Oak seed that makes a sore point for the foot.(5)
- 8 Trade is wild scoldings.(7)
- 9 On top of an amphibian's head makes for messy string with organ of sight.(7)
- 14 Depicting or un-writing, so to speak?(10)
- 17 Repeat action with sex appeal once more.(2, 2, 5)
- 18 Bovine den gives leather.(7)
- 19 Showing a lack of iron, Maine joins two singles madly.(7)
- 21 A hand reared yours truly is another name for college!(7)
- 22 Grab some cookware back from flying.(4, 2)
- 24 Solid meshwork leads to string speed.(5)
- 26 Taste returns to a flying insect.(4)

ACROSS

- 1 Forgetfulness from French males with Italian aunt.(8)
- 5 Spoil the wart with no ease, so I hear.(6)
- 10 One who garners opinions in a tent with some extra rugs for starters.(9)
- 11 Before noon with our Italian love.(5)
- 12 Soft & simple.(4)
- 13 Extended Glen then Ed differently.(10)
- 15 Thus on queen makes it earlier.(6)
- 16 Rides a bike to include Greek islands.(8)
- 19 Bad cut or crazy kidnapper?(8)
- 20 Large land mass afar I see strange continent.(6)
- 23 I hang guns with 1 for tormenting.(10)
- 25 add a string to a military wing for a swimming carnival.(4)
- 27 I am coming back to a French friend in a state.(5)
- 28 Copy 500 when flying the Italian returning to Aussie actress.(9)
- 29 Get your own back with mega star enfolding bridge opponents.(6)
- 30 Open clue is mangled when needing extravagant finery.(8)



Solution to Puzzle 1110

ACROSS: (1)CREASED, (5)ALFALFA, (8)RACER, (9)GODPARENT, (11)IMPRACTICABLE, (13)CASABA, (16)DOORKNOB, (18)DISALLOW, (19)PARSEC, (24)GOWITHTHEFLOW, (26)ADVANTAGE, (27)ABACK, (28)ATROPHY, (29)TOLKEIN;

DOWN: (10)CARDIAC, (2)ESCAPES, (3)SYRIA, (4)DIGITS, (5)ABDUCTOR, (6)LIEGE, (7)AZTEC, (10)ALBERTA, (12)CODE, (14)ADIT, (15)BALDWIN, (17)CONTRARY, (20)SALVAGE, (21)COWSKIN, (22)ATTEST, (23)PLAZA, (24)GIVER, (25)EMAIL



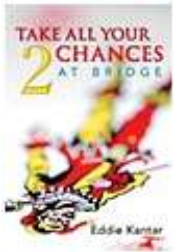
New Reading



The Rodwell Files

Eric Rodwell
\$34.95

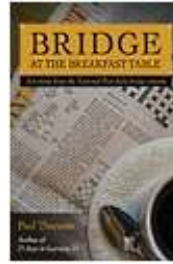
This is the most important technical bridge book published since Larry Cohen's To Bid or Not to Bid (60,000 copies in English alone), and may well reach an even bigger audience. There are several aspects to this book, all unique. First, Rodwell describes and explains how to analyse a bridge hand: the building blocks of analysis, the thought process, and how to 'defog' when you get bogged down. Then he describes a host of innovative ideas in card play, stratagems that can be used as declarer or defender. While top experts will be familiar with some of these, almost all will be new to anyone below the bridge stratosphere. Finally, under the heading 'The Do's and Don'ts of Bridge', Rodwell talks about the mental side of the game: areas where every player often goes wrong in his approach to the problem at hand, areas that mark the key differences between an average player and a successful one. The first draft of this book has been in existence for more than twenty years, but it is only now that Rodwell is prepared to allow his 'secrets' to become public knowledge. Already, the Rodwell book is being touted as the 2011 book of the year.



Take All Your Chances at Bridge 2

Eddie Kantar
\$29.95

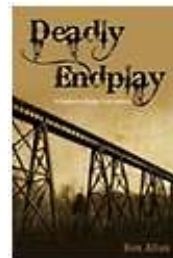
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2011	Oct	Fri 14 th – Sun 16 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Weekend Congress	
		Fri 21 st - Sun 23 rd	Margaret River Congress	
Nov		Mon 14 th	BAWA Xmas MP Swiss Pairs 1st of 4	
		Sat 12 th –Sun 13 th	Weekend Seminar for Bridge Teachers	
		Fri 18 th	Golden West Welcome Pairs being held at Mandurah Bridge Club	
		Sat 19 th –Sun 20 th	BAWA Golden West Congress – see flyer	
		Fri 25 th Sun 27 th	GNOT National Finals Tweed Heads	
Dec		Fri 2 nd –Sun 4 th	WABC Xmas Congress	
		Thu 15 th	BAWA Christmas Party and Awards night 6.30pm Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club	
2012	Jan	Jan 5 th	BAWA New Year Pairs 1st of 3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm	
		Mon 9 th	South Perth Bridge Club Swiss Pairs 1st of 3	
		Jan 16 th -29 th	Summer Festival of Bridge Canberra	
		Sat 28 th -29 th	Mandurah Bridge Club Congress- see flyer	
	Feb		Thu 2 nd	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Butler Qualifying Pairs 1st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
			Mon 6 th	Interstate Women’s Selection Butler Pairs 1st Round Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm **See BAWA Calendar for details of other rounds held on nights and weekends**
			Mon 6 th	Summer Swiss Pairs 1st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
			Sun 12 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Birthday Congress
		Sat 18 th – Sun 19 th	Rockingham Bridge Club Congress	
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