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Fostering Bridge in Western Australia

Congratulations

HGR Women's Teams



Gold Winners:

Viv Wood, Jill Del Piccolo, Cynthia Belonogoff and
Kate Smith

HGR Restricted



Gold Winners:

Inga Hunt, Di Brooks presenting her Trophy,
Clive Hunt



Silver Winners:

Leone Fuller, Sharon Evans, Joan Touyz, (Val Biltott)
with Convener Sheenagh Young



Silver Winners:

Kris Hughes and John Hughes

HGR Women's Teams



3rd Noelene Law, Lauren Shiels,
Julia Hoffman (Canberra) and Annabel Booth

HGR Restricted



3rd Helen Larsen and Jenny Dawson



in conjunction with the
Welcomes you to the



Golden West

16 and 17 November 2013

**Gold Point Event (A2)
Swiss Pairs**

**Mandurah Bridge Club
Corner Murdoch & Bortolo Drives,
Mandurah**

\$\$\$\$ Generous Cash Prizes \$\$\$\$ \$1000 First

Friday Night 15 November 7.30pm

Welcome Pairs **Red Point** event

Run by Mandurah Bridge Club

*Corner Murdoch & Bortolo Drives, Mandurah
9583 7448*

Swiss Pairs

Saturday and Sunday 10am and 2pm

No play Saturday Night

Prize Giving at approximately 5.30pm, Sunday

Swiss Pairs, 2 sessions Saturday/Sunday \$80 per player

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

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

Tournament Organiser: **Allison Stralow** 0403153823

Allison_Stralow@yahoo.com

Tournament Unit: **Bill Kemp** and **Neville Walker**

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



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Three events coming up soon are worthy of your attention if, of course, you qualify.

Firstly the **Gold Point Super Vets Congress**, the inaugural event last year was such a success that BAWA determined that it should become an annual competition. Anybody can play as long as you are over 80 years old. – OK if it's your 80th birthday on the day then you can play as well. A great trophy is presented to the overall winners and there are prize categories for 90+ and 100+ year old players. One of the great features of the event last year was the effort a number of clubs went to so as to allow their Super Vet members to attend; particularly organising transport to the venue, I hope similar efforts can be made this year. Once again the venue is the WABC, special thanks to them for again donating their premises for the day. Noel Daniel is convening this year and will be happy to take your queries.

Secondly, the popular **Masters in Teams of 3**. You organise a team of 3 players each with less than 300 master points as of January 1 2013 and I will find you a Grand Master to be the 4th member of the team. The all-day Sunday event, at the Nedlands Bridge Club, consists of 6 x 8 board rounds and each player will play with their master for 2 rounds. It's a great day enjoyed by all. A reminder that there is a special prize for the master, nominated by their team, for doing something completely off the planet. Anybody wishing to be a Master for the day let me know 😊.

Finally an open event; the **Golden West Congress**, a gold point event in Mandurah designed to celebrate the arrival of spring. Which I sincerely hope has arrived by November. As I type this on September 19 it is still pouring with rain. I am really over this winter. The Golden West is an event with serious cash prizes for lots of categories of players. Not the least of which is \$1000 for the winners.

Full details and entry facility for all events can be found on the BAWA web site.

By the time you read this the HGR Memorial Weekend will have reached its successful conclusion. Congratulations to the winners and to Sheenagh Young and her team. Well done all of the 0-300 players who turned out this year in very pleasing numbers.



Coming up Events:

- **State Men's/Women's Pairs**

4-weeks event

starts Monday, **7th of October 2013**

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Congratulations to the following winners:

❖ Very Novice Pairs:



Judith Kelly and Jeannie Savage, pictured with President Jim McNamara

❖ Special Teams Event on Wed 18th September:

Colin and Rose Hunter, Ian Wake and Merle Proudfoot

❖ Jack Rowse Novice Pairs:

David Brimblecombe and Mike Smith

Upcoming Events

October 2013

- Restricted Red Point Pairs – Wednesday 9th & 16th October (open to members with less than 300 Masterpoints)
- Open Pairs Championship – Saturday 19th October (all day)
- Thursday Afternoon best 'Three out of Four' event – 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th October

November 2013

- Night Time Pairs Championship – Thursday 7th & 14th November
- Special Teams Event – Wednesday 27th November

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

As reported last month, Fremantle Bridge Club held its Annual General Meeting on 24 August, 2013 and the following Management Committee was elected:

President	Richard Cooke
Vice President	Josie Khan
Hon Treasurer	Irene Percy
Hon. Secretary	John Penman
Committee Members	Chris Wells Rosalie Raine Else Mikkelsen Geraldine Pragnell Martin Jones

❖ **Roy Hindmarsh Trophy**

On Saturday, 14 September the Club held its competition for the Roy Hindmarsh Trophy. This was named after the Club's first Director and is for players below the rank of State Master. All Club players present competed in the red point event, but only those below State Master were in the running for the trophy.



The winners were **Maureen Bellett and Rosalie Raine**.

Runners up were Helen Black and Udo D'Avignon with Wilhelmina Keisler and Jane Walters third.

Maylands Bridge Club

From Fran Carter



Vale **Jean Lilleyman**, Founder and Life Member of Maylands Bridge Club.

Jean had been an active member of the club until earlier this year, when her increasing frailty made attendance at the club too difficult. She was almost 105 when she passed away recently and was 73 when she founded the Maylands Bridge Club in 1981, affiliating it soon after with BAWA.

Such energy and drive! We will remember her fondly and have renamed the November Spring Pairs 'the Jean Lilleyman Cup'.

Sadly, our 8 month trial of a new session on Tuesday mornings has proved to be non viable and will most likely discontinue after our AGM in November.

On the positive side we have had a steady increase in new members and are endeavouring to ensure a good retention rate by promoting a friendly, welcoming club atmosphere at all times and discouraging partner bickering.

Winners of the Winter Pairs Red Point event held in August were **Avril Pears and Charlie Pears**. Runners up were Colleen Prosser and Murray Gatti and third place went to Jill Keshavjee and Russel Lloyd. Congratulations to all.

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Maureen Heslop

We had a good turn out of 9½ tables for the August Red Point Event so we played a Mitchell Movement.

Winners: N/S Ken & Barbara Partridge

Winners: E/W Neale Consigliere & Sue Richards.

Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Garth Scotford

The Club has just finished its year of activities and a new Committee has been appointed at the August AGM. I am delighted to be continuing for another year as President but even more pleased that there were more applications for places on our Management Committee than there were vacancies.



The retiring Vice President, **Ann Boekelaar**, has served the Club in many capacities over the years and this was recognised by her elevation to Life Member

The Club had a lot of assistance during the year from Lotterywest, enabling us to refurbish our kitchen and update our bidding and scoring systems; having said that, the highlight of the year was a very significant increase in playing numbers, 1750 over last year, which amounts to nearly 9 tables a week. Bearing in mind that our total membership is about 130 and only about two thirds of those are regularly active as players, that is an enormous commitment from those players, many of whom are now playing 4 or 5 times a week.

We are also bucking the trend as regards evening play. In addition to running the vast majority of our competitions on Wednesday evenings, our regular Thursday evening slot continues in popularity, with 8 or 9 tables being the norm. We do often get visitors from other Perth clubs who are having a break in the Hills and staying at local B&B's, and we very much welcome that. It's

particularly nice in the summer months so give it some thought and we will always try and find a partner for you if you need it.

The new Committee is (from left to right)



Back row:

Bert Littlechild, Jenny Tedeschi, Julie Bechelli,
Carole McMahon, Gordon Brown (Vice Pres.)
Garth Scotford (Pres.), Anita Davis

Front row:

Carole Littlechild, Rob McMahon (Treas.),
Cherry Zamudio (Sec.)

Come up and see us sometime!



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown



Winning the Club Mixed Pairs Championship
Terri Garbutt and Jonathan Pynt

2nd Linda Bedford-Brown and Phil Powers

3rd Gill Dolling and Chris Cullen

Booking for The Melbourne Cup are open - \$30 per head for lunch and bridge.

The successful Fiske Warren Lectures continue:

- Wednesday 9th October (10.00 am to 12.00 noon): **Lebensohl**. A useful convention in competitive bidding
- Wednesday 23rd October (10.00 am to 12.00 noon): **Opening Leads and Switches**. Should we defend actively or passively?
- Tuesday 29th October (12.45 pm to 2.45 pm): **[Suitable for inexperienced players] A refresher lesson on Suit Opening Bids and Rebids**

Each lesson costs \$12, payable on the day. No need to be a club member. No need to pre-book.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our October Congress Friday 11th to Sunday 13th. Prizes will be given after each session.

The club has stock of acrylic card holders available to all. 0893868166



Rockingham Bridge Club

From Ian Oldham

Congratulations to Miriam Garbutt and her team for a wonderfully happy and successful **Gala Day**, also to Janice Hawker our auctioneer who did a great job. There have been many complimentary remarks made from visitors and also our members. Well done all.

Once again our lovely lady helpers from Silver Chain, Ruth Hill, Glad Squance, Helen Conti and Pat Thompson arrived (2 at 9am, 2 at 10-30) so morning tea and lunches all appeared on time. These ladies have been helping since we started in 2000. To all our members who provided sandwiches, scones, slices and cakes – just magnificent.

Some \$2500 was raised on the day. As well as this Moira Hickenbotham has worked hard on the Trading Table all year to produce a further \$3000. Thank you to all members who contributed goods for the Trading Table. All told, on Friday 20th September we will be able to present the local branch of the Silver Chain a cheque for \$5508.40. Our total donation over the 13 years is now approximately \$50,000.

Gala Day Winners:



E/W: **Audrey Pitman and Cliff Overheu**



N/S **Ian Oldham and Val Oldham**



Mandurah President **Jim McNamara** and Club President **Jill Dawson**

Diary Dates:

- Mon 7th Oct and Mon 14th Oct Championship Pairs
- Tues 29th Oct Scorpio Pairs
- Mon 4th Nov AGM 11am
- Sat 16th Nov Nedra Arnott Pairs
- Wed 4th Dec Christmas Pairs
- Mon 9th Dec Christmas Party



Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmueeller

Kath Brosnan, a past President and Life Member of our club, was recently welcomed back to present the prizes for the **KATH BROSAN WINTER PAIRS**.



Thirty six pairs took part in this 3 week event in August. A delicious afternoon tea was provided at the last session and Kath was able to catch up with many members who haven't seen her for a long time. She is well remembered at our club for her many years of service.



Congratulations to the winners, **Russell McCann** and **Tony Martin**. Russell is one of the oldest members at Undercroft and still plays a fantastic game of bridge!



Second place went to Carole Fensome and Chris Jenkins



Stella Steer and Beata Bieganski were third.



Kath Brosnan enjoying afternoon tea with David Giddy and John Lees.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Our annual **West Coast Congress** was held on Sunday September 15. It was a very well

organised and most enjoyable occasion. Our President, Patrick Garnett, assisted by a team of behind the scenes workers made sure that the occasion ran smoothly and Bill Kemp, as always, directed the event very efficiently. The event concluded with drinks and delicious refreshments.

We were very pleased that our numbers were considerably up on last year.

The results in the **Final** Section were:

1 st	Joan Prince and Beata Bieganski
2 nd	Rhys Cooper and Tim Knowles
3 rd	Noel Daniel and Merwyn Menezes



Joan Prince with President Patrick Garnett



Rhys Cooper and Tim Knowles



Merwyn Menezes and Noel Daniels

The results in the **Plate** Section were:

1 st	Bruce Maguire and Tirza Cohen
2 nd	Jo Sklarz and Deana Wilson
3 rd	Trish Anderson and Gerald Merven



Deana Wilson and Jo Sklarz



Trish Anderson and Gerald Merven

In the **Consolation** event the winners were

NS	Iris Dick and Helen Baker
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EW	Jennifer Bandy and Angela Newton
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Awards were also presented to those pairs who achieved highest in the **Qualifying** round but did not go on to win a prize. These were:

NS	David Cowell and Peter McCann
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EW	Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes
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The **Elizabeth Constable Trophy** for the highest achieving West Coast pair went to Mark Siford and Richard Collister.



Richard Collister with Patrick Garnett (the hard working Bill Kemp in the background!)

The results of our **Club Championship Teams** competition were:

1 st	Iris Dick, Lee Fordham, Max Rowan-Robinson, Ivan Pummer
2 nd	Verna Holman, Nerilyn Mack, Leone Lorian, Richard Pianta
3 rd	Peter Garcia-Webb, Pech Partis, Joy Jones, Pat Scotford



Max Rowan-Robinson, Iris Dick, Lee Fordham and Ivan Pummer

Our **Melbourne Cup Bridge** lunch will be held on Tuesday November 5.

*(ed note:- For readers who played in this event and stayed for the wonderful supper, which included a most delicious hot meal of Rendang made by **Ying Goodlet**, I have the recipe! Thank you Ying)*



West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George



WABC recently said farewell to our much loved director and former committee member **Jean Field**. Jean has moved to a beautiful country retreat (with room for at least 2 ponies!). We will greatly miss her cheery face although she has promised to visit when she hears we have been misbehaving.

The past few weeks have been busy with club championships and post finals celebrations.



Winners of the Charles Pearce Cup were **Marilyn** and **Ted van Heemst**



Peter Jewell and **Joanne Ellison** placing first in the under regional master division.



The Daytime Pairs Championship was won by **Nerilyn Mack** and **Verna Holman**.



Jonathan Free and **Mimi Packer** were victorious in the Mixed Pairs.



Narrowly beaten were **Geoff Yeo** and **Anne Youngs**. Geoff and Anne together with **Helene Kolosz** and **Jenny Fairweather** made up the winning team taking out the Open Teams Championship.



South Perth Bridge Club

From Cassie Morin

Recent Club Result

Novice Pairs Championship – 25th August



1st: Elsie Chua and Jackin Claire with VP Bob Mitchell



2nd: Trish Hollow & Mardi Gooding with Bob & Jan

Restricted Pairs – 14th September



1st: Bill Bradshaw & Geoff Dullard with Life Member and Trophy Donor Pat Boys and Vice President Bob Mitchell

2nd: Grace McQuade & Rose Symonds

3rd: Paulette Johnston & Jan Taylor

View detailed results and details of events on our web site:

Click on this URL or paste it into your browser
<http://www.south-perth.bridge-club.org>

FUTURE EVENTS

- Spring Open Pairs - 12.30pm Fri 4th October
- Tenderfoot Day - 1.30pm Sun 27th October
- John Coleman Trophy (Melbourne Cup) - 10 am Tue 5th November
- Jackpot Final Week - Monday to Friday 11th – 15th November
- Christmas Party - 1.30pm Sun 8th December
- Festive Open Pairs - 12.30pm Fri 20th December



Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

August and September have been very busy months for us at the City of Melville Bridge Club.

Our recent AGM was well attended – a really ‘feel good’ meeting with several special guests: Director of Community Development, Christine Young, and Manager Neighbourhood Development, Leanne Hartill from the City of Melville Council and the President of BAWA, Nigel Dutton. It has been thirty years since our current building opened and so the club put on a special

free lunch for those attending the AGM and staying for the Dora Wilson Trophy.



Congratulations to the winners: **Melanie Szalay and Larry Szalay 1st**, Margaret Newton 3rd, Merwyn Menezes 2nd, Chris Lawrence 3rd and Noel Daniel 2nd, President Dorothy Stevenson - foreground.

Several important awards were also presented on the day.



Noel Daniel and the Bob Simpson Shield.

A recipient of the Bob Simpson Award must demonstrate, over a significant period of time, an outstanding dedication to our club, combined with a strong sense of caring and leading by example. Noel Daniel puts his whole heart and soul into our club and is a most deserving recipient of this award.



President Dorothy Stevenson presents Lise Bank with her Life Membership.

Life membership is a great honour bestowed upon only a handful of our members. At our club's AGM this year, Lise Bank joined this most elite group, highlighting the wonderful contributions she has made to our club over many years.

John Down celebrates his 98th birthday in the club.



Few people at our club are as well liked, admired, and respected as our most recently named Honorary Member, **John Down**. At 98, John is a competitive Bridge player, a true gentleman and an inspiration to us all.

September 7th our **Mayor's Trophy** was played and it was a pleasure to have Mayor Russell Aubrey, who attended with his lovely wife Glenys, present the trophy on the day.



Left to right: President Dorothy Stevenson 2nd place, Mayor Russell Aubrey, Manuel Campillos and Joan Barnett - 1st place, Jill Byrne and Mary

Johnston (absent) 3rd place, and Des Platell 2nd place.

Other events were:

Butler Scored Pairs:



Noel Daniel 2nd, Mary Johnston 1st, Bill Symonds (Suzanne Goodall) 3rd, Christa Nimmo 1st, Tony Stevens, 2nd with President Dorothy Stevenson and Director Dave Parham

Club Team Championship:



1st: Tony Stevens, Bill Symons, Marty Goodall, (Suzanne Goodall)



2nd: Leon Ref, Carol Netscher, Denis Gimblett and Larry Szalay



3rd: Bhavna Patel, Director Dave Parham, Salim Songerwala, Ewa Lipnicki and Valerie Isle.

On the social side, on the 1st of August more than 30 members enjoyed a tasty take-away meal of fish and chips but the best part was surely – no washing up!



Members enjoying fish and chips

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

New Venue

There has been a lot happening at the Bayswater Bridge Club. With a tinge of sadness we have had to move from our first home base in the heritage-listed Old Peninsula Hotel, now the home of Dome Australia. The place was amazing and the staff made us extremely welcome with free coffee and tea on tap and a wonderful large “ballroom” complete with chandeliers and red velvet drapes. However, as our club grew we knew we would have to look for a new venue especially because of the mood lighting and also because the lack of parking on a Wednesday (refuse collection day in Bayswater) made it especially difficult.

However, the move to the Bedford Bowling Club at 145 Grand Promenade, Bedford, has been a great success. Although in Bedford, the region is still in the Bayswater council region. The place is light and bright with lovely views to the grounds. As well we are able to have many more tables so there is room to grow. There are facilities for both whiteboard and power point lessons. Staff at the bowling club has been very welcoming and some members have even become social members of the bowling club and many bowlers have expressed an interest in joining with one, Ramon Eksanow, winning regularly at bridge.

The session time is still weekly on Wednesdays starting at 12.30. There is generally a lesson at the 11.00 time slot. During September Leon Randolph taught four lessons on Declarer Play in both No Trump and Suit Contracts to an inspired group who have practised putting their Declarer Plan into action at the following sessions.

Bendigo Bank Seniors Week Free Lesson and Luncheon

The Bendigo Bank Seniors Week sponsored by COTA will be held at our club on the Wednesday 13th November. There will be a Free Introductory Bridge Lesson at 11.00am followed by a Luncheon at noon with our regular players and a chance to watch a few games of bridge when the session starts at 12.30. Then in the weeks following Sandy will teach 4 free lessons at the Wednesday 11.00am time slot. It is envisaged that from this new intake we may be able to hold a supervised and mentored session for new players on Wednesday mornings

Trinity College for Seniors

We have several players from the Trinity College for Seniors coming to play at the BBC. They have been taught by Susan Levy and now feel confident to come and play at a friendly club which offers affiliation to BAWA and the ABF. Next year Sue will continue to teach the more advanced level at Trinity and Sandy has been approached to teach a Beginner's class at Trinity next year. As well as the Trinity players coming to Bayswater, several from the club have gone along to Trinity for tuition so there is a real friendship happening between the two groups.

Bali to be revisited in 2014

Friendship has been a real focus all along with another "Bridge and Fun" trip to Bali taking shape for June next year, this time with 10 ladies

going along from our club to enjoy the warmth; to swim, shop, tour, feast and to play Bridge and Shanghai Rummy and to just relax and have fun.

Trip to the Sea Scouts at Pelican Point

Fay and Barry Etherington; tireless supporters of the Pelican Point Sea Scouts. have invited the members of the bridge club to go either for a traditional Aussie breakfast at Pelican Point followed by bridge, or bridge followed by an evening barbeque when the weather warms up. Some members are going for a reconnaissance to Pelican Point in the holidays and will announce the "Bridge and Nosh-up" in the November Focus.

BAWA Simultaneous Pairs

The BBC held its first Red Point Session last week; the BAWA Simultaneous Pairs. It was a great experience for those who participated in the event which gave them the chance to play challenging hands from the recent Bermuda Bowl in Bali and then to compare how they did against world champions, all still playing in the comfort of one's own club. The brave players will no doubt pave the way for others to join in the competition next time when we will also provide a side movement for those who prefer to play bridge in a more relaxed zone. The event entry fee was paid for by the club in keeping with our ethos of equity and to encourage and promote our players to reach their potential in bridge.

Duty Dummy

For any questions on lessons or sessions ring Sandy on 9495 1864 or 0448 005 967 or just come along with or without a partner for coffee at noon on Wednesdays or come along to be seated at 12.20 for a 12.30 start. There is a duty dummy so you will always get a game.

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

Focus will print details of your congress or red point events. All you have to do is email the full details before the **20th** of each month to be included in the following month's issue.

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown

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Ethical Dilemmas (Part 1)

Multiple choice - What should you do when your partner gives an explanation of your bid that doesn't match your hand?

1. Nothing
2. Call the Director
3. Go and talk to the Director away from the table
4. Tell your opponents
5. Sigh/Roll your eyes
6. Leave

While #6 may be an attractive alternative, the correct answer is actually #1. Option #3 is obviously the one that feels right, because when I'm directing that's what most people seem to do. While I am sure that most players think that they are trying to be "ethical", the Laws specifically require that, at least for the time being, you should do nothing.

So, when do you say that something has gone wrong? Well, that depends....

Case 1: Your partner has described your agreement correctly, but you don't have that hand - for instance, you forgot the system, you missorted your hand, or you miscounted your points. In this case, you have no responsibility to tell your opponents and, in fact, you shouldn't say anything. (BUT you must be absolutely sure that your partner has described your agreement correctly.)

Case 2: Your partner has misdescribed your agreement, and you become declarer or dummy. In this case, you should call the director and tell the opponents after the auction is finished and before the opening lead is made. The reason for calling the director is that he may be able to take some action which could reduce the problems caused by the misexplanation.

Case 3: Your partner has misdescribed your agreement, and you become a defender. In this case, you must not say anything until the play of the hand is completely finished. Now fess up. If the opponents ended up with a poor score and may have done something different with the right information, the director may adjust the score.

(Note that just because the opponents got the wrong explanation, that doesn't mean that the director will improve their score. Each situation is considered on a case by case basis.) The reason you don't do anything until the end of the hand is that as a defender, your partner is still very much involved in the hand. You cannot "wake him up" that you don't have the hand he thinks you have by pointing out his error.

The absolute worst thing that you can do is say nothing when you know that partner has - however innocently - misled the opponents. That is unethical.

This article looks at the player's responsibility in relation to what the opponents need to be told. There are further issues relating to what action you might take in the auction when you know because of the explanation that you and partner are not on the same wavelength. I will consider those in the next issue.

Nedlands Bridge Club
3 DAY SPRING CONGRESS
11th, 12th and 13th of October



FRI PAIRS: 1 session 1pm \$15
SAT PAIRS: 1 session 1.30 pm \$15
SUN TEAMS: 2 sessions 10 am and 2pm \$30
(lunch provided)

DIRECTOR: PETER HOLLOWAY
Convenor: **Robin Burton**
ENTRY VIA BAWA WEBSITE
OR EMAIL: OFFICENBC@WESTNET.COM.AU



Awkward (Part 1)

From Jonathan Free

Playing a club duplicate with a regular and favourite partner, ♠KQ54 ♥854 ♦A4 ♣AQJ2 appears in my hand. West opens 2♠, weak, in front of me and I make a routine 2NT overcall. Perhaps not so routine, because partner alerts. That's **awkward!** Now I know that we are very probably (a) not on the same page (b) headed for trouble. Worse, an explanation is asked for and I discover that partner believes that I have shown minors. That's **awkward!** Now I have even more unwanted unauthorised information to ignore. I must think quickly, and at the same time avoid tipping partner off to my difficulties. One thing I cannot do is (after alerting) volunteer an explanation of partner's response without being asked. That would be contrary to both Law and Regulation.

Now that I think of it, should I alert at all? That would certainly share the burden with partner – that's what they are for, right? – but I'd like to avoid putting both of us under the constraint of law. As it happens, I am certain that 2NT is not for minors because I would never agree to that arrangement. Equally, I may have just assumed that we had conversation or of notes that agreed on 2NT as a natural overcall, so I feel uncertain that we have any systemic agreement here at all. Right or wrong, I will use that as reason for not alerting partner's response, which now appears on the table: 3D.

Now, I try to blank out what I know – partner is giving preference – and I decide what my next call will be. If I imagine a screen across the table, so that all I see is the 3D bid, and didn't hear the alert or the explanation maybe that will help. It does, and quickly, too, so that I am still bidding in tempo. We do have a clear agreement that transfers and Stayman apply whenever NT is a natural call, even in competition.

So, bidding 3NT is not an option, although I have seen it done in an attempt to escape just such a quagmire. That would also be contrary to Law. I bid 3H and await fate (and hopefully miracles). Partner understandably gives this a long, long

hard look and after contemplation raises to 4H (my telepathic screams for 3NT notwithstanding). That settles the bidding. Nothing that I am allowed to know tells me other than that partner has 5+ hearts and game values, so law and ethics compels me to pass. Still hoping for salvation, I await dummy after ♠8 lead. Partner tables ♠J6 ♥AK2 ♦JT93 ♣8653. Despite a game struggle the 5-2 break holds me to 8 tricks, surely as good a score as we would have received if my bidding had been of the sort to require a directorial ruling. West graciously accepts on the bridgemate and 'innocently' teases me with "forgot to double".

[P.S. The relevant Laws are 16A 16B 20F5 73A 73B 73C 75A 75B. Law 12 & Law 21B(2) are also pertinent. See also the Alert Regulations]

Online references for laws of bridge:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/duplicate-bridge.aspx>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/laws/2007lawscomplete.pdf>

Australian Alert regulations:

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFAAlertRegs13.pdf>

South West Friendly Teams

Saturday October 26th 2013



9.30 to 5.00

Naturaliste Community Centre,

Dunsborough

Cost \$25

Entries via BAWA website

Director: **Peter Holloway**

Convener: **Jane Moulden**

9756 7752 or janemoulden@westnet.com.au

Lunch provided



Capel Life



By Di Brooks

As usual, it's all go here. I don't know how we ever had time for work, 'cos I certainly have a busy time table for a retiree; with new projects on the back burner for both home and the community. I have now taken up fundraising for the Primary School. Capel has a very active C.W.A. group, small in numbers, but big of heart. Recently I was asked to be a demonstrator at their Craft Fayre in Dunsborough. Friend, Pat, was my chauffeuse and we happily had two days with Pat enjoying the classes on offer and me with my Bling! Each participant took something to help supplement the morning and afternoon teas, plus two wrapped items to go into the daily raffles. My contribution was a Weight watchers fruit cake. Approximately forty ladies attended the workshops, shared recipes, skills and friendship - truly great way to spend time in the country. As I watched each craftswoman share her skills, I was filled with admiration. Not just the art of quilting, knitting, but card making, glass painting to name but a few. Hopefully, because of the commitment of the C.W.A across Australia, these skills will never die out.

The local C.W.A branch has also taken up a project for fundraising for the primary school. On a very blustery Saturday morning, the volunteers set up a stall in town, selling their homemade wares. Delicious cakes, jams and biscuits were sold as soon as they hit the table. The morning raffle was a feat in itself. A small Willy Willy went through and it was all hands to the stall, to hold on to anything light in weight. (I'm sure my raffle tickets were blown out of reach!) The ladies were well rugged up for the winter. Undeterred by the elements, the C.W.A. faced the weather, determined to make the day a success and they did. The community, as usual, did Capel proud. The ladies recorded over \$600 in takings. Well done, girls.

The Farmers' Markets are on this coming Sunday and I am preparing a raffle, to raise monies for the Primary School. Unlike the Saturday volunteers, I shall be indoors, out of the winds

and rain, unlike my Darling, who volunteers as a Marshall in the car park.

On the home front, our "Wish List" is reduced down to almost nothing now. We are now enclosing the patio. We, (the Royal "WE"), measured up the area and took all the information to the dealer. I don't know where it is recorded that two brains are better than one, but the two men..... the salesman and the prospective builder assessed the measurements, the order was placed, delivery organised and the account paid for, without either double-checking that they had everything that was needed. One week later, the materials arrived and Alan set about checking the order against the receipt. Now the missing parts were noted and with great disappointment, my Bob the Builder couldn't start his project because the uprights were downright unavailable. Ah well, what's another week of waiting. Like the weather, silence reigned and we both got wet!

Back to bridge.....

Bridge Tools

I think the experts will agree that the No 1. Tip for any bridge player is KNOW YOUR SYSTEM. So I wonder how many club players just turn up for a session without giving any thought to their partnership agreements. When it comes to fledgling partnerships, you can expect a glitch, but when the long time players reply to the question, "What are your discards" and we get the answer.... "We don't have one", almost borders on the unbelievable. My recommendation to everyone is to make full use of their System Card. Sit quietly either at home, enjoy a cuppa or before the bridge session, swat up on the finer details. If both players make this part of their regular routine, it would certainly iron out a lot of wrinkles.

Another good tool to use is the Deep Finesse hand record sheet we receive at the end of a bridge session. Players wanting to improve on their

bidding can take time out at the end of play, to discuss a better way to get to the final contract. So don't just ignore this opportunity. Make time to take time to discuss your bidding. The end result will be worth the effort.

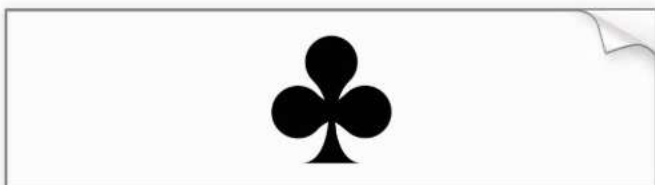
What else can we do to improve our bridge? How about asking a more experienced player? Most people are more than ready to help up and coming bridge students. What can you lose? Very little I suggest and lots to gain. So be brave, go ask an expert. You can always say.... "Diane said" (I've got broad shoulders.)

Keeping Faith with Your System

We all have our glitches especially when we take up a new convention. Things go wrong quite easily. Opponents stick in their bid and throw a spanner in the works. This is when you must agree that SYSTEMS are ON or OFF. The best method is the simplest method. The KISS System. Keep It Simple, Sweetie. The less you have to remember is the easiest way to go. Ensure you both have a good handle on the new convention, before deciding to add another into the system.

Lastly, treasure your partner. Believe it or not, they are on your side.

Happy Bridging ☺



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Season's Greetings



Bridge Against the Magoos

By Bill Jacobs



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Mr. Magoo was a cartoon character from the 1950s whose extreme near-sightedness would accidentally be of benefit in the various situations in which he found himself.

If he, and his equally sight-challenged wife Mrs. Magoo, played bridge ...



I always have trouble against this husband-wife partnership. They have no idea what good bridge is, but it seems not to matter: again and again, they stitch me right up – the worse they play, the better their results.

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	♣ AQ9											
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Mrs Magoo</i>		<i>Mr Magoo</i>	<i>Me</i>
	1H	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Our auction was normal but unfortunate, exposing North's ♠AQ to the lead. A spade was indeed led, but when Mr. Magoo played the *jack* on dummy's queen, it seemed that there was no harm done in wrong-siding 3NT. I suppose jacks and kings must look alike to Mr. Magoo.

Now I just needed to find the diamond queen onside, and got a second piece of good news when Mrs. Magoo took the diamond jack with the ace.

I happily won the second spade and repeated the diamond finesse, nearly falling off my chair when Mrs. Magoo found her queen. Three more spade tricks put paid to 3NT.

At the end of the deal, I peered into Mrs. Magoo's hand (my eyesight is perfect) and saw the ♥KJ8. It was as I feared. If either Mr. Magoo had played ♠K on ♠Q, or Mrs. Magoo had played ♦Q on ♦J, I would have been left with no option other than to hope for the heart miracle that was there in the cards - taking one spade, three clubs and five heart tricks.

Only the combined Magoo myopia could beat me in 3NT.

I thought that never ever could I be fixed like that again, when on the very next deal ...

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	♠ 107											
	♥ AKQJ103											
	♦ 4											
	♣ AJ98											

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I declared 6♥ and Mrs. Magoo led ♥9. I won that, led a diamond up, and after some thought, decided to play the ♦K.

Mr. Magoo smoothly followed with ♦Q!!

Do you blame me for deducing that diamonds must be breaking 4-1, and therefore I lacked the entries to dummy to establish the suit?

Of course you don't, and so you also don't blame me for switching to clubs, hoping that I could take three tricks in that suit (easy enough if East has ♣10 and at least one of the higher honours).

The rest was just too predictable. When I played a club to the nine, Mrs. Magoo won with the king, and she also took the club ten later. If she had won the first club with the ten, I would have had no option but to revert to diamonds, ruffing out the ♦A and claiming my contract.

I need to find an easier game.

Awkward (Part 2)

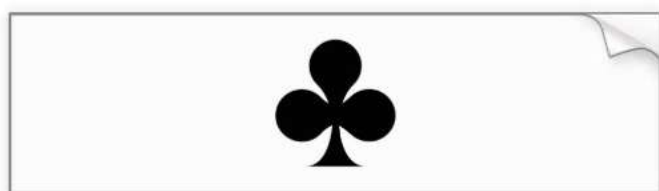
From Jonathan Free

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Partner tables ♠Q5 ♥JT9863 ♦K432 ♣7 and the play is quickly over – 9 tricks when Diamonds split 4/1. We would beat 3S by a trick, because clubs are 3/3. I resort my hand and place it on the table for inspection. Righty nods decisively, and pulls her hand from the next board. The speedy claim means there are 6 minutes left in the round. Ample time for one more board! [Law 16B1 (a) and (b)]



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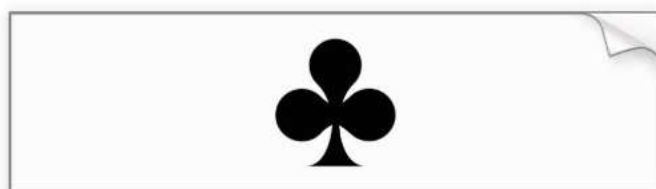
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Director: Jonathan Free

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“Playing Against the Big Boys” at the GNOT Playoffs

From Ian Rowlands

Last year, one of the best events in which our team took part, was the Restricted final of the GNOT. There were 10 teams in the competition, all good players but you never felt you were outclassed at any time. However if you played badly at any time, you generally got defeated - if you played really well, you generally won. What else could you ask for? We had some wins and some losses across 9 matches of 12 boards each, and we had a great time. Very tired at the end of it, but very pleased with the weekend of bridge.

This year, this event was one of the first we marked off in the calendar to play. So it was a little disappointing to find that only a couple of teams had entered and the event was subsequently cancelled. The two Restricted teams were however offered the chance to play in the Open final along with the ‘big boys’. We all felt that it would be a bit of an adventure, so we had no hesitation in accepting the invitation.

Two things were different about the format for us from the previous year:

- 6 x 20-board matches over the weekend, rather than 9 x 12 board matches. We had never played 20 board matches before, so the length was a little intimidating.
- The quality of the opposition. Two of us had played in the GNOT qualifying rounds and did not qualify because the best players at the club had played and qualified ahead of us. And that’s just our own club! We recognised many of the players – you see them in the photographs in the BAWA *Focus* magazine as congress winners, BAWA state event winners and as directors of state events. Obviously really good players who will be playing at their best to beat us – just a little bit scary.

However every adventure starts at the beginning and all we could do was the best we could do and we would just see what happened.

A couple of things we learned from playing the event:

- It is tiring to concentrate at 100% for 20 boards in a row, particularly the last twenty at the end of each day. We realised however that our opponents were also likely to be

feeling tired in varying degrees. So, it was imperative to try and maintain our usually high concentration levels a little longer.

- If you have a bidding misunderstanding or are irritated with your partner’s play, you have a long time before you can discuss the issue fully. It’s also a long time before you get a break if you need to re-focus. You have to learn to ignore these things as best you can, as there is another board coming straight after it. If your opponents want to discuss their results on a hand, let them. If you are disappointed with your play, forget it until later – if you don’t, it will affect your next board. If you are annoyed with your partner, they are probably annoyed at themselves – concentrate on the next board and allow them to do the same.
- Play your system and your cards and don’t be intimidated by your opponents. If you think you can make the game, bid it and make it. Play like a normal club game.

I find it a little daunting to bid grand slams, especially in teams matches, as you question whether you are being “greedy” by not taking the confident small slam. But if it’s there, you need to bid it – what’s the worst that can happen? If it’s there, it is likely that your opponents on the other table will probably bid it. So don’t be afraid to bid them.

We had 2 grand slam opportunities. It is a great feeling to both bid and make them, and to find that they were not bid by our opponents at the other table is even better!

In the second round, still relatively early in the competition, at the other table our team partners were sitting North-South and were faced with the very question of whether to settle in the easier small slam or go for the grand slam on the hand

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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below:

Brd 16	♠ 72	♠ 864									
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Vul EW	♦ QT65	♦ 832									
	♣ AKJ9	♣ T85									
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With no bidding from our opponents, North-South bidding went like this:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1C	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT	Pass	4C
Pass	4NT	Pass	5C
Pass	5H	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

Having established that all aces and kings were held by them, South had to decide on whether to go to 6NT or 7NT. He knew that they had 34-35 HCP, a bit short of the usual 37 required for this bid. However, South's hand had potential of extra tricks if the spades broke evenly and if so, the contract was solid. After a few moments of thought and a deep breath, South courageously bid the big one and was subsequently rewarded as the spades dropped according to plan and North said with a relieved smile 'Well bid partner' after successfully making the contract. A risky club finesse would have also brought home the bacon but was unnecessary.

Out of the 18 pairs playing this hand, only 7 pairs bid 7NT. Most other pairs settled in 6NT and there were a couple of suit contracts bid also, everyone making 13 tricks.

In the final round of the competition, I had the following hand:

♠	QJT
♥	AKQ73
♦	A5
♣	AK5

I was already planning my bidding sequence to open 2♣ as that's how we show our strong hands. I had to wait as it was my partner's turn to bid. I got the shock of my life as my partner opened the

bidding with 1♠! I knew that we almost certainly had a slam but I didn't know which one.

I decided to see what type of hand he had – so I started slowly with 2♥. 2♠ was the reply so I hoped partner had 6 spades for that bid. All I needed was for partner to have the 2 top spades and I think we had the grand slam.

The bidding went as follows (no opposition bidding, not that I was surprised!):

1♠ – 2♥
 2♠ – 4NT
 5♥* – 7♠

(* two key cards, no queen of trumps).

I thought that even if we were missing a King, AKQ in hearts would cover it. Besides, my partner had to have some points somewhere apart from AK in spades. I was also feeling a little better, as I wouldn't have to play the hand!

My thoughts to my partner were "win the lead, hope there is no void with the opponents, draw the trumps, and hopefully claim". That's what he did, although I felt a little bit sick when he drew the first round of trumps and one opponent showed out! Thankfully it didn't matter. The full layout was:

Brd 18	♠ 9653	♠ AK8742									
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Vul NS	♦ T982	♦ K									
	♣ Q83	♣ J9762									
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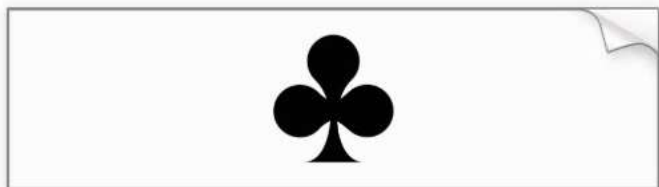
Well bid and well played partner!

You just can't be too afraid to bid them – and it feels great when they come off!

Overall, it was a great experience to play at this event. We played some good players (I think we ended up playing the teams who finished 2nd and 3rd among others), had a lot of fun in the process and learned a lot simply by playing and observing the other teams.

To all of the players with 0-300 MPs, I encourage all of you to play in this event next year – if you

do, there will be enough for a separate restricted event. But even if there isn't, enter anyway – it is a great and challenging event. You will be tired at the end of it and severely question many of your bids, especially in the last match on Sunday afternoon, but it is a great feeling to play and have fun playing the game we all love. Qualifying to go to the Gold Coast for the final was just an added bonus - we are all looking forward to that, and to next year.



Awkward (Part 3)

From Jonathan Free

After a succession of moderate hands, I am dealt ♠K7 ♥4 ♦AJ54 ♣AKQJT7 and, O joy, am first to speak. Lefty passes and partner responds in my singleton. This all seems very familiar! I check that we haven't kept the board from the previous round, but no the number is correct. When righty introduces spades, I decide that bidding 2♦ will give the best chance of reaching slam if that is where we belong. I can keep 3NT up my sleeve for now, since that is sure to be a reasonable contract. Lefty jumps to 3♠, no doubt hoping to jam the auction.

That seems to give partner a problem. A surreal fog envelops me. After prolonged thought the red card makes an appearance (I must say partner seems much happier about doubling this time, perhaps because of the practice). That's **awkward!** There are people who bruit it about that a pass follows lengthy consideration as night follows day. It is a strange delusion and I hope that our opponents are not among the believers, for then we may have the director at the table mollifying aggrieved persons, leaving us little time for our last board.

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bid without demur. The director is called, consistent with law, to establish the fact of partner's break in tempo. No problem with agreeing to that.

My sense of déjà vu is shattered when partner tables ♠AJT5 ♥KQJT3 ♦Q2 ♣97 and the play is quickly over – 12 tricks are easy. If I had passed the double we would still be taking tricks at 300 a pop, for this time they are vulnerable (and we are not). I am so bemused that I failed to count how many jokers are at the table. Lefty says to me "I thought you had to pass when partner takes so long to call?" Sadly I inform him that any director would rule a score adjustment since my hand clearly should bid over the double, and passing was not a logical alternative. I wonder to myself if he wanted to discover what -2000 feels like. [Law 16B1 (a) and (b)]



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High as a Kite

By Ron Klinger

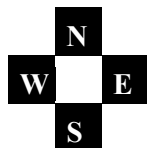


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PROBLEM

East dealer; NS vulnerable

♠ A72
♥ Q9
♦ J873
♣ 10985



♠ -
♥ AJ1032
♦ AQ954
♣ A74

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1C (1)	Pass
1D (2)	Pass	4S	4NT (3)
5S	5NT (4)	Pass	6D
Pass	Pass	X	All Pass

- (1) Artificial, 15+ points, any shape
(2) Artificial, negative
(3) Two-suited takeout
(4) Pick a suit

West leads the S9. Plan the play.

From the final of a national team selection:

Brd		♠ A72	
Dlr	E	♥ Q9	
Vul	NS	♦ J873	
		♣ 10985	
		♠ 985	♠ KQJT643
		♥ K87654	♥ -
		♦ T6	♦ K2
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			♦ AQ954
			♣ A74

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With the hopeless entry position to dummy, a club or a heart lead would always defeat 6D. The spade lead gave declarer a chance. In practice South took the SA and discarded the C4. Expecting East to have both red kings, he played the HQ next. East discarded a spade and in the fullness of time, declarer lost a heart, a diamond and a club for -500. To make 6D South needed to play a diamond at trick 2. East plays low and the DQ wins. The DA draws trumps and now a low heart towards dummy's queen leaves the defence defenceless.

At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1S	2H
Pass	Pass	X	3D
Pass	3S (*)	4S	5D
Pass	Pass	5S	All Pass

(*) Good diamond raise

Lead: DA

Declarer had to lose to the three aces for -100 and twelve Imps away.

Nobody is perfect. Partner is a nobody. Therefore partner is perfect.

Forum-online

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Letters to the Editor are always welcomed

RESULTS

TEAMS OF 4

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
WABC Red	5	5	107
South Perth Red	7	3	106
Melville Spades	5	5	92
Kalamunda	6	1	71
Maccabi	5	0	41
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
Nedlands	8	6	150
South Perth Green	8	2	92
WABC Green	6	4	91
Undercroft Green	6	2	88
Melville	6	2	86

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
Maccabi	12	9	232
WABC Finesse	10	8	201
South Perth Red	11	4	162
Undercroft Red	11	5	141
Maylands	12	2	132
Melville Hearts	11	3	119
WABC Blue	7	3	119
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
WABC Green	10	7	166
West Coast	10	6	161
South Perth Green	10	4	150
Undercroft Green	9	5	140
Melville Diamonds	10	4	135
Nedlands	9	3	109

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Red	9	7	173
Undercroft Red	10	6	167
Kalamunda	9	3	124
WABC Red	8	3	102
WABC Blue	7	2	98
Swan Dists	5	0	44
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth Green	7	4	118
WABC Green	7	3	109
Kalamunda	7	2	95
WABC Gold	6	4	91
Nedlands	7	3	89

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Join Ron and Suzie Klinger



on Silver Whisper
Stockholm, Sweden to
Southampton, England



August 28 – September 9 2014

The Silver Whisper is a luxury 6-star ship with a maximum of 382 passengers. The fare is 'all-inclusive', with all suites ocean-view, butler service, open-seating dining, in-suite dining, complimentary beverages, plus all gratuities and 24-hour room service.

Ron Klinger will conduct bridge workshops in the mornings and the afternoons while the Silver Shadow is at sea, plus afternoons by arrangement when in port. The Improve-Your-Bridge Group will proceed with 10 passengers or more in the group. To take part in the workshops it is essential that you join the I-Y-B Group and make your booking through Ron Klinger. No one outside our Group will be entitled to participate in the workshops. Maximum Number: 40.

For further details and how to join the group, please contact Ron Klinger

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2013

	Oct	Thu 3 rd – Fri 4 th	Melville Spring Congress-
		Mon 7 th	BAWA State Men's/Women's Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 11 th – Sun 13 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress
		Sat 26 th – Sun 27 th	Undercroft Bridge Club Congress
		Sat 26 th	South West Friendly Teams –see flyer
	Nov	Sun 3 rd	BWA Masters in Teams of 3 Venue; Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Mon 4 th	BAWA Xmas MP Swiss Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 10 th	BAWA State Open Teams Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Sun 10 th	Super Vets Congress Venue to be advised
		Fri 15 th	Mandurah Bridge Club Golden West Welcome Pairs
		Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th	BAWA Golden West
		Thu 21 st	BAWA Novelty Night – Speedball Pairs
GNOT Finals		Fri 29 th – Dec 2 nd	WABC Congress
	Dec	Thu 12 th	BAWA AWARD NIGHT Venue; Nedlands Bridge Club
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	

September Pennants

ALBANY	51.3	61.8	54	48.7				215.8	53.95	
BRIDGETOWN	51.5	62.3	59.5	44.2				217.5	54.38	
BUNBURY	59.5	53.5	47	54.4	51.7			266.1	53.22	
BUSSELTON	59	58.4	66.7	53.5	56			293.6	58.72	6 PTS
ESPERENCE	56.4	49.7	50.7	53				209.8	52.45	
GERALDTON	51.9	49.8	49.5	55.2	54.2			260.6	52.12	
KALGOORLIE	50							50	50	
MELVILLE	48.6	51.1	57.6	54.3	47.8	41.3	52.3	353	50.43	
NEDLANDS	55.8	49.3	57.3	51.4				213.8	53.45	
ROCKINGHAM	59.3	56.3	55.6	51.3	54.4			276.9	55.38	2 PTS
UNDERCROFT	51.1	60.4	60.1	63	52.4	50		337	56.17	4 PTS

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Focus can be seen in full colour on the BAWA website:

<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>





SuperVets*Pairs

*Restricted to Players over 80 years of age

This is a Gold Point Event

10 November 2013

This event is part of Seniors Week

This prestige event will be held at
WA Bridge Club, 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne
Plenty of Car Parking is Available. Play Starts at 10.00am

There will be awards for

- ❖ The best performer over 80 years of age
- ❖ The best performer over 90 years of age
- ❖ The Best performer over 100!

Entries: Via the BAWA Website:

www.bawa.asn.au

Entry Fee: \$15 Per Player

Tournament Director: Bill Kemp

Convenor: Noel Daniel

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A light lunch will be provided to players at around 12.30pm.

Afternoon Tea and Presentations at 3pm after play to recognise the incredible contribution that older players have made to the game.