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Bridge, an Olympic Mind Sport



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2014 HGR Women's Teams Winners

CONGRATULATIONS!



 $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$: Leone Fuller, Val Biltoft , Alida Clark and Viv Wood with Convener Sheenagh Young



2nd: Lauren Shiels, Marnie Leybourne, Annabel Booth and Noelene Law

2014 HGR Restricted Pairs Winners



1st: Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt with Trophy Donor Di Brooks



2nd: Peter McCann and Ian Rowlands

2014 HRG Weekend





















President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

As foreshadowed in last month's column BAWA has determined than in 2015

State events will be played primarily on Thursday evenings – most likely at a number of venues. There is no doubt that, whilst across the board table numbers are healthy, evening events are suffering. Whatever the reasons, and there are a number, players are opting to play during the day. Naturally, BAWA will be continuing to hold major state championships at an evening session to allow working players the opportunity to play high quality competitive bridge.

The 2015 draft calendar has been published on our website and you will notice not only a number of daytime events but an increased number of Restricted Events. Over 80% of players have less than 300 master points and are therefore eligible to play. Sandy Sutton-Mattocks has taken over the role of promoting these events and will be busy next year encouraging YOU to play.

There are, of course, two "restricted style" events left for this year. The **Masters in Teams of 3** where 3 players with less than 300 master points (as of January 1 2014) enter as a team and I will find you a Grand Master to join your team for the day. The other event is the **Grand Master-Restricted Pairs** where you find a partner of the appropriate ranking and enter the 2 week event in November. Incidentally, I am pleased to see table numbers for both events looking healthy even though they are a few weeks away. Full details can be found on the BAWA web site.

Not so healthy are the table numbers for the **Super Vets Congress** which is in danger of being

SPECIAL FEATURES:

cancelled – so if you have an intention to enter – be quick. I would hope that clubs are helping their Super Vets to play.

Congratulations to the winners and to Sheenagh Young and her team for a great **HGR Memorial Weekend**. Well done all of the 0-300 players who played – 17 tables was a great turnout.

Very exciting news from the Melville City Council and the Melville Bridge Club, the latest meeting saw the approval of final plans for the new centre and a strong commitment from the Mayor to have the project finished within his term of office. This, incidentally, is 2 years.

BAWA wishes to welcome the Denmark Bridge Club to the family – more later.

ANC 2015



Saturday 11th July to Thursday 23rd July 2015

Venue: The Rydges Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Sunday, 14th September was Bunbury's Championship Pairs. Director, Peter Holloway ran the two session event.

1st Session Winners:

1 st	Robyn Howe & Jane Moulden
2 nd	Marianne Viebke & Nils Andersson

2nd Session Winners:

1 st	Di Brooks & Colin Bell
2 nd	Jeanette Gale & Judy Clarke

Overall Results Winners:

1 st	Di Brooks & Colin Bell		
2 nd	Liz Norton & Kathleen Phillip		
	(also Best Improved on average)		
3 rd	Esther & Colin Saunders		

Morning and Afternoon teas were provided. Members also contributed to a light lunch. The event was well run. Everyone enjoyed the competition, the company and the great food. Congratulations to all participants for making the day a great event.

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Maureen Heslop

The results of our RED POINT EVENT played on 11th September are as follows:

1 st	Barbara Hendrie and Neale Consigliere with 59.20%
2 nd	Irene Faulkner and Eddie Pozarowszczyk with 56.70%.

Our catering manager Gisela Leonhardt gave us a very nice afternoon tea.

Our club plays at the Seacrest Community Centre, Seacrest Drive, Sorrento on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. We ask you to be at the centre by 12.15 pm so that the director can sort

out the movement. The cost is \$4 for a visitor which includes a cuppa and biscuits.

Please contact

Maureen on 08 9309 4963 or Reg on 08 9409 4534

Mandurah Bridge Club

Form Wal Aldridge



The Spring competition season has started with a win to **Diana Moorhouse** and **Beryl Ellis** in the Very Novice Pairs (under 15 M pts); Erica Lobl and Sue Turner were runners-up in a tight tussle of up and coming Bridge players.

Congratulations to the September Teams Event which was won by **Doug Hardman-Vera Hardman-Jenny Maley and Jean McLarty**

The Jack Rowse Novice Pairs (under 50 M pts) are under way and the Restricted Pairs (under 300 M pts) begin next month; as does the Club Open Pairs.

Congratulations also go to Robina McConnell and Jean McLarty for achieving an 11th place in Australia Wide Pairs

Partner Free Days are proving to be successful with a stand-by member for each day, thus allowing those, yet without a regular partner, or those whose partner is away or unavailable, to play.



We often get a roasting at Bridge but on Saturday - Eugene Wichems aided by Robina, cooked up a succulent roast after the game which boosted Saturday's bridge attendance to great proportions. This was a prelude to Grand Final day where pies and hot dogs will be on the menu.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Our annual **West Coast Congress** was held on Sunday September 14. Despite a slow start caused by no shows and computer problems, it turned out to be a most enjoyable occasion. Our President, Patrick Garnett, assisted by a team of behind the scenes workers including Chieh Goodlet and Colleen Stone in the kitchen, made sure that the event ran smoothly. Thanks once again to Bill Kemp for his calm and efficient direction. The event concluded with drinks and delicious refreshments, once again featuring Chieh's very popular Rendang Curry!

The results in the **Final** Section were



Final 1st Tim Munro and Dave Munro



Final 2nd Anton Pol and Heather Williams



Final 3rd (Rhys Cooper) and Matt Smith



Plate 1st Ann Youngs and Dave Sloan



Plate 2nd Elizabeth McNeill and Cassie Morin Plate 3rd Lynne Errington and Joanna Tennyson



Consolation 1st N/S
Dominique Rallier and Beatrice McCarthy



Consolation 1 E/W Tony Stevens and Bill Symons

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:



N/S Joan Valentine and Helen Arendts



E/W David Burn and Lynne Milne

The winners of the Elizabeth Constable Trophy awarded to the best performing pair from West Coast Bridge Club were **Judy** and **Max Havercroft** who came 6th in the Final Section.

Our Melbourne Cup Bridge lunch will be held on Tuesday November 4 and all are welcome!

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks



There are usually lots of happy times to report on for the Bayswater Bridge Club but there is a great sense of sadness and loss with the recent death of Martin Rosenberg. Martin first came to our club as a beginner when the venue was still at the Dome at the Old Esplanade Hotel in Maylands. He came equipped with the most wonderful sense of humour, great courage and an oxygen bottle to help him breathe. For Martin life had become a constant battle with a lung disease. The burden was however made easier by his own support group of family and friends as well as by playing bridge and meeting new friends. He enjoyed learning new things and practising hard to become a better player.

When we moved from the Dome to our new premises at the Bedford Bowling Club we had to choose a North point, and even though the North and South is usually reserved for the long end of the room, we chose North on the only side where it was convenient for Martin's power point for his oxygen and we all soon got used to playing across the room.

Martin joined in all the social outings as long as there was access and a power point, and he even came along to the Sea Scouts at Pelican Point.

Our members all treasured the time we played bridge with Martin either as a partner or in opposition. We knew, as he did, that time was limited so we relished every minute with this gentle, positive and compassion man. He was one of the most inspiring people one could wish to meet.

The first time back at bridge it was hard to see North at Table One empty. We all wondered whether for convenience we should change the North to the other direction but there was a very resounding, yet almost inaudible, NO. We didn't have to discuss any further. We knew that one day there may be someone else needing to sit north near the power point but overwhelmingly we knew that this would always be Martin's table and this would be always North in his honour.

Vacating our Premises for a day

We recently had to vacate our premises at the Bedford Bowling Club just for a day when the Bayswater City Council, which owns the premises, came to sand and polish the wooden floors. Luckily Jean McSkimming came to the rescue and invited us all back to her residence opposite Langley Park.

Session Times and Lesson Times

It is Bridge as usual at the Bedford Bowling Club now though with the regular session on Wednesdays at 12.30 and Beginners Lessons just started up again at 10.00am Wednesday mornings. The lessons are open-ended so feel free to come along at any stage although you may like to ring first just in case there is anything untoward like the floor polishing etc. Ring Sandy on 9495 1864.

Bridge in a Day

We are holding our first "Bridge in a Day", a la those in the Eastern States run by Hugh Grosvenor. This is part of the Bendigo Bank Seniors Week in November. The name Bridge in a Day hopes to counteract the notion that bridge is too hard to learn. We will be easing the learners into mini bridge before our free luncheon and then getting them to play real bridge in the afternoon. Main strategies include concentrating on play; a very logical way of teaching bidding and lots of help from our wonderfully supportive club members.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From David Cowell

For the first three Mondays in September the Undercroft bridge club held its 'John Beyfus' Spring Pairs competition.



The successful pair and winners were **Ann Hopfmueller** and **David Cowell** pictured with John Beyfus.



In second place were Christine Smetham and Christine Shawcross



(Brian Fensome) and Trevor Burr were third.

Our many thanks go to the ladies who provided a lovely afternoon tea at the end of the final session. Thanks also to David Burn who came along and did an excellent job as director for the tournament.



Melville Bridge Club

From Noel Daniel

Our Club held its AGM in August 2014.

Following committee members were elected:

President	Dorothy Stevenson
Vice President	Erica Augustson
Secretary	Di Nelson
Treasurer	Noelene Smith
House Manager	Lyndie Trevean
Tournament Manager	Noel Daniel
Marketing Manager	Mark Hughes
Committee Members	Salim Songerwala Nicole Bertinshaw Claire Weston

Our negotiations with the City of Melville Council are going very well for our new club house.

We have installed a new scoring program 'Compuscore2'. It is very good.

Our new website is www.melvillebc.org and our new email address is: melvillebc@iinet.net.au.

Our Phone number remains the same 9364 9109.

Grand Master



Congratulations to **Erica Augustson** (Vice President) who has attained the status of Grand Master

Evening Bridge

We realise night time Bridge is a problem for some. We would like to increase participation of

our Monday evening sessions, and so as of Monday 6th October our evening session will start at 7 pm instead of 7.30 pm for a trial period of three months.

We are also commencing an intermediate session on Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 12 noon.

This will start on Saturday 4th October 2014 along with the supervised session.

We welcome visitors and members from other clubs for our Monday evening session.

Special AGM

At our Special General Meeting last month there were several amendments to our constitution. Our club has an annual subscription of \$30 and a nomination fee of \$20. Our home club members only will pay the additional BAWA/ABF fees.

We extend an open invitation to all bridge players to visit our club and become members.

Congratulations to our winners:

Mayor's Trophy

1 st	=Allan Mudford and Bhavna Patel =Judith Murrie and Bill Malley
2 nd	Merwyn Menezes and Nicole Bertinshaw



Above left to right: President Dorothy Stevenson, Mayor Russell Aubrey, Merwyn Menezes, and Nicole Bertinshaw.

Melville Teams Championship

1 st	Marty Goodall, Suzanne Goodall, Tony Stevens, and Bill Symons
2 nd	Bridget Cooke, Rachel Shave, Elizabeth Cook, and Ayesha Ghose
3rd	Erica Augustson, Peter Gill, Joan Barnett, and Noel Daniel.



Left to right Marty Goodall, Tony Stevens, Bill Symons and President Dorothy Stevenson (front).



Left to right Noel Daniel, Joan Barnett, President Dorothy Stevenson, Peter Gill and Erica Augustson.

Butler Pairs Championship

1 st	Marty and Suzanne Goodall
2 nd	Noel Daniel and David Gallaghar
3 rd	Erica Augustson and Des Platell

Dora Wilson Trophy

1 st	Marty and Suzanne Goodall
2 nd	Joan Barnett and Se-Moi Loh
3 rd	Noel Daniel and Leon Randolph

Bob Simpson Award for Excellence



Winner of the Bob Simpson Award Lyndie Trevean (left) with Club President Dorothy Stevenson and Mayor Russel Aubrey.

This year's Bob Simpson Award when to Lyndie Trevean for her continuous and excellent service. She has provided to the club over so many years, and has served as Secretary for about 4 years, then as House Manager and is our Editor of our newsletter. Her dedication and commitment for the club is par excellence. Congratulations Lyndie - on a job well done!

Congratulations to our Winners of the Director Special Tournament

From Lyndie Trevean



(*Left to right*) Christine Dunlop and Rose Humphreys (N/S) David Lobo and Joyce Pereira (E/W) with Director Noel Daniel.

At our club we have 80% of our membership below 50 MP. We encourage and assist our members to play better bridge and we conduct intermediate sessions on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings – preparing players for competition. The 'Director's Special Tournament, initiated by Director Noel Daniel is our club's newest event and has been introduced to give novice players experience with 'system cards' and playing competitive bridge. This inaugural event attracted around 17 tables and, judging by the feedback, it was a huge success. Thanks to Noel Daniel for this super idea and generous donation of the trophies.

Armadale Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Congratulations to a Life Member

It was great celebration last month when Beryl Reason was awarded with Life Membership of the Armadale Bridge Club. Beryl has been a member of our club for more than 20 years and in that time has been a loyal member, often on the committee and for many years has been the Club Treasurer. The Club thanks Beryl for all the hard work she has put in over the years.

Welcome Joyce Carbone

The members of the Armadale Bridge Club are coming to terms with some big changes in the last few months. Our wonderful bridge mentor, Sandra Russell, went back to New Zealand earlier in the year and we all miss her bright inspiration, none more so than her partner, Jacqueline Tiley, who seemed quite lost for a while. Happily, Jacqueline has found a wonderful partner in Joyce Carbone who has recently joined our club. Joyce is a very positive, happy person and is a very good bridge player. Jacqueline and Joyce are sometimes the only ones to bid and make a slam. Welcome, Joyce.

Vale Bob Burrows and Bob Gilmore

There have been some sad and difficult times too, with the deaths of two of our dear members and close friends in Bob Burrows and Bob Gilmore. We are very glad that Bob Burrow's wife, Margaret and Bob Gilmore's sister-in-law and bridge partner, Sheila Liddell, are now both coming back to the club to play. Difficult times but made easier to bear in the company of bridge friends.

Possible demise of the Tuesday Evening Bridge Session

The Tuesday evening Bridge Session in currently in jeopardy as like many other clubs who have had to cancel night Bridge we are experiencing very low participation rates. For several weeks there have been fewer than three tables, sometimes only enough for a team's match.

Some Tuesdays have been cancelled and a decision will be made at the end of the month as to how to keep the Tuesday night going or whether it will have to be cancelled permanently. The problem is that if the session is cancelled it will be very difficult to get it up and running again. One way to keep it going is to run lessons at this time to get new members but whether we can spare even one person away from the table to teach is debatable.

The Annual Spring Championship

Because there are not enough tables to run the Spring Championship on the scheduled three Tuesdays the tournament will now take place on the first three Fridays in October, to be directed by Chris Wells.

Bridge in a Day

We have applied to the Armadale City Council for funding to help in holding our first "Bridge in a

Day". We hope to hold the event at the Kelmscott Hall with catering by The Manse, from Armadale. The event will run from 10.00 am to 3.00 and will cover the mechanics, mini bridge and play with some bidding in a very logical easy method. Pre dealt boards and ACBL and Audrey Grant cards will help a lot.

Bendigo Bank Seniors Week

Armadale successfully applied for a Council of the Aging grant for funds to run an event during the Bendigo Bank Seniors Week. There will be a Free Morning Tea and Free Bridge Lesson at the club on Friday, 14th November starting at 10.00am. All welcome.

Welcome new members

The Armadale Bridge Club would also like to welcome new members Noel Mountain and Ken and Alison Brown who are graduating from the beginners classes. Your enthusiasm and vitality are just what our club needs and we look forward to many great games of bridge together. We hope soon to welcome Norma Archibald, Sue Rawlinson, Cynthia Graham and other new players who are completing another series of beginners lessons to increase their confidence before playing in the main session.

Beginners Lessons

The beginner's classes take place at 10.00 to 11.30 on Friday mornings at the Church Hall in St Mary's in the Valley, River Road, and Kelmscott. All welcome to attend. Ring Sandy on 9495 1864.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

September saw the Spring Pairs come around at Fremantle. This red point event was won by **Tom Wheatley** and **Marion Jefferson**





Second were Josie Khan and Irene Percy



and third were Julie Hayes and Anne Smithdale.

Like most bridge clubs we are looking forward to the Melbourne Cup lunch and bridge in November.





From Linda Bedford-Brown



Winners of the Saturday Club Pairs **Suzie Futaesaku** and **Wendy Driscoll**



1st in the second session and 2nd overall Pat King and Penny Styles

3rd Julia Odes and Barbara Kaye

Members enjoying Glasgow for the 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship



Rose Moore (right) of Black Swan Team (Virginia Seward, Phil Tearne and Jonathan Free) with England 2 players Paul Fegarty and Catherine Curtis (photo by Norma Bain).



Mimi Packer of Black Swan Team and David Kendrick of England 2 in the same match (*photo by Norma Bain*)

Melbourne Cup Day bookings are now open – so come along at 11.00am and enjoy The Cup, Lunch and Bridge - \$30

Supervised sessions continue on Tuesday mornings 9.30am – noon. You are welcome to come without a partner – advice on bidding and play given.

Friday mornings are a friendly, relaxing bridge event starting at 10.30 – 2.00. Bring along your lunch.

Please get your entries in soon for the October Congress 10th - 11th and 12th

Fiske Warren Lectures

Tuesday 28th October, 12.45 pm to 2.45 pm (Suitable for novice and supervised players)

BASIC DECLARER PLAY - SUIT CONTRACTS

Learn some of the important techniques you need to bring home more contracts

Wednesday 29th October, 10.00 am to 12 noon. (Suitable for intermediate players)

CUE BIDS IN COMPETITION

Learn when to bid the opponents' suits to improve the accuracy of your bidding



From Cassie Morin

September 17th was **777 Pharmacy** Red Point Open event.



Winners **Doreen Jones** and **Dave Munro** with sponsor Nigel Krummel of 777 Pharmacy.

This was a popular event with 17 tables. Many came from Undercroft Bridge Club as their club didn't have power that day.



The Mixed pairs were held over 2 Saturdays in August. The winners (**Tony Stevens**) and **Liz McNeill** and second Laurie Money and Mary Johnson.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance



Spring Pairs Understate Masters, **Eunice Howard** and **Rita Hood** with President, Jill Dawson.



Winners of the Spring Pairs, **Janice Hawker** and **(Cyril Edwards)**

GALA DAY

My congratulations to all the members of RBC, Mah-jong friends and our visitors from Mandurah BC who came and made this day so great.

Thank you to members who helped out on Tuesday afternoon. The Silver Chain ladies came along again and helped out with lunches which they have done since the beginning of this event in 2000.

The cakes were just so beautiful. Well done to the cooks.

Moira has worked so hard on the trading table raising approximately \$2700. Thank you.

Wednesday raised \$2614.00 with an overall total of \$5314. Well done to everyone.

We had 25 local traders donating goods, as well as donations of cash and goods from members.

Thank you all for your help and kindness





Norma Marwick celebrating her **90th** Birthday at the club.

The Bridge Association of WA in conjunction with the Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated

Welcomes you to the

GOLDEN WEST

Gold Point Event

Swiss Pairs

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November 2014

10am and 2pm

No play Saturday Night

Prize Giving at approximately 5.30pm Sunday

Venue: Mandurah Bridge Club

Corner Murdoch & Bortolo Drives Mandurah

Generous Cash Prizes

Friday Night 21st November

Welcome Pairs Red Point Event 7.30pm

Run by Mandurah Bridge Club

Tournament Organiser:

Allison Stralow (0403153823) Allison_Stralow@yahoo.com

Tournament Unit:

Bill Kemp, Neville Walker Entries: www.bawa.asn.au_or contact Allison or Bill

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

bedfords@bigpond.net.au



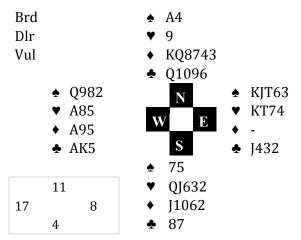
Things I have seen ... (1)

By Matt McManus

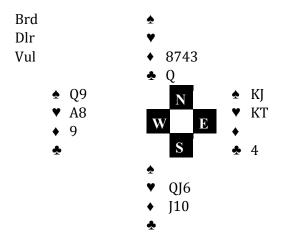
Being the director usually means that you often don't get to see what happens at

the table. Unless something significant has come up resulting in a director call, he will not normally know about any of the "interesting" hands that arise. Over the next few articles I will describe some of the more unusual scenarios which I have observed while directing. Next time, I will look at a couple of examples where the normal and correct application of the laws results in some extreme outcomes, but this time, here a few examples which were just plain "weird".

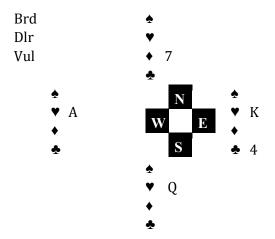
Expert Play at Trick 13



After an auction which probably doesn't bear repeating, West became the declarer in 3HX. Because of some infraction during the auction, I was called to the table and it was necessary for me to watch the play in case it was relevant to the eventual ruling. That's how I came to be able to report this hand. The opening lead was DK, taken by declarer's ace, who then probably did best by setting up his rather good spade side suit. North ducked his ace, so dummy's SJ won. Seeing it was South who had doubled, declarer now took the very deep, but maybe not unreasonable line, of running East's H7. From this point on, trumps were never led again. H7 lost to North's singleton 9 and now declarer was in big trouble. However, North let him off the hook by exiting with C10. Winning CI in dummy meant that there were no club losers. West now tried to cash his CAK, but South ruffed the second round. A spade to North's ace established the side suit. A diamond was led and ruffed in dummy to leave the following ending. At this point, the defence has won three tricks.



Declarer led a spade ruffed by South who exited with DJ. Declarer could see nothing better to do than ruffing this in dummy then ruffing a club in his hand. He then led another spade. South ruffed with HJ to leave this rather amazing suit combination at Trick 13.



Non-Expert Play at Trick 1

The next hand featured a very regular partnership, which have played together for a long time. Why that is the case is a bit of a mystery. The North player never seems to be happy and spends a lot of the time at the end of each hand/round/session berating his partner for some perceived deficit in her skill or execution. (Some less kind players have questioned whether they are – or should be – married!) South just sits back and accepts it. It also appears that North is the type who likes to hog the bidding. He is declarer a lot of the time. And I wonder whether they don't have some

"rules" to ensure that this is the case. One of these "rules" might be that if ever the opportunity arises, the "better" player, that is North, must be the declarer. A classic case where this could crop up is when there is an opening lead out of turn. And so I observed the following:

Brd **♠** 6 Dlr **¥** 4 Vul ♦ AKI108762 ♣ KQJ **◆** T875 A932 **185** 972 ♦ Q94 S **◆** 98753 **♣** T62 KQJ4 AKQ1063 14 3 4 19 A4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	1H
Pass	3D	Pass	4NT
Pass	6D	Pass	6NT
Pass	7D	X	7NT
Pass	Pass	X	All Pass

East was not a very experienced player and in his excitement at holding an ace against a grand slam, he led it. I was called to the table and explained the opening lead out of turn options to South:

- i. accept the lead, make themselves the dummy and let partner play the hand;
- ii. accept the lead, dummy comes down and they play next from their own hand;
- iii. demand a spade lead from West;
- iv. prohibit a spade lead from West;
- v. leave SA as a penalty card and allow West to lead what they like on a spade lead the ace would have to be played.

It can be seen that only option (iv) gives NS any chance in this contract. If declarer guesses to play diamonds correctly they can come to thirteen with seven diamonds, three hearts and three clubs. At the table, however, South, perhaps mindful of her partner's insistence that he was the better player and should always be declarer, accepted the lead and made herself dummy. It was one of the few times where I saw North unusually silent at the end of the hand!



THE WABC

Xmas CONGRESS

At the WABC CLUB ROOMS
7 ODERN CRESCENT SWANBOURNE

Fri 5th, Sat 6th, Sun 7th
DECEMBER



Tournament Organisers:

KITTY GEORGE 9447 5303 SHEENAGH YOUNG 9284 4144

Tournament Director:

BILL KEMP 9447 0534

Entries Via BAWA Website:

www.bawa.asn.au

FRIDAY PAIRS 1.00pm \$15 pp SATURDAY PAIRS 1.30pm \$15 pp SUNDAY TEAMS 10.00am \$30 pp



Presentation of prizes after play each day CASH PRIZES and RED POINTS all events



Marketing Officer Report

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks
BAWA Promotions Officer

It was a joy to attend the recent West Coast Bridge Club Congress. It was a delightful day despite a slow start due to a glitch with two or three people not turning up and gremlins in the bridge mates. It all took off again once the switch was made to the West Coast bridge mates. No one minded the wait as we all sunned ourselves or talked strategy. The bridge was good and the hospitality even better.

It has been a long time since I have been to play at West Coast, possibly twenty years. I could scarcely remember it as the same place. Of course it looked different on a sunny day rather than in the evening but now it is carpeted and has an office area behind glass where once was an open stage. It is still a very welcoming and warm club which has a vitality about it that comes from more than the sea air and I put it down to many people doing a lot of hard work which is paying off. There are rosters filled with names of helpers, there are media clippings on the notice board and a general sense of things happening.

The focus on education at the West Coast Club was possibly what struck me most. They have beginner's sessions and mentored sessions but they have also reached out beyond the norm to offer bridge to school students, giving lessons to PEAC groups on a Saturday morning. The photo of the table of beaming youngsters in the local newspaper is such a fabulous way to market Bridge to the wider community. Patrick Garnett and his merry helpers need to be congratulated.

The push for education continues at the club with the notice sent around to all clubs about the upcoming visit by David Beauchamp, an outstanding Australian bridge player and coach of many Australian teams. David will give two lessons at West Coast: Slam Bidding on Thursday evening November 13th at 7.30 and Card Reading on Saturday afternoon on November 15th starting at 1.30pm. Both lessons will be pitched at Intermediate level and members from all bridge clubs are invited to attend. The cost is only \$15.00. Contact patrick.garnett@bigpond.com.

Other clubs have lessons with David Beauchamp, including Nedlands Bridge Club, South Perth, Rockingham and Melville. Contact the clubs to find out more about the content and times. This is a great opportunity for us all to power up our game. I will place the lesson times on the Marketing Link on the BAWA website and send an email to all the clubs so look out for them.

Upcoming Bawa Events

There are other ways to the power up your bridge game too and no better than entering BAWA competitions. Players of all standards are welcome at BAWA events – they are not held just for a few but for all members. Taking a lesson from a master is wonderful; playing alongside a master is great but to actually experience playing with a master is an incredible and memorable experience. So why not sign up for the **Masters in Teams of Three** or the **Grand Master Pairs**, both restricted events to fewer than 300 points as at January 1st 2014. As with all BAWA events, they are worth double the red points of congresses.

I remember drawing Nigel Dutton when Don, I and Susan Collinson entered the Masters in teams of three a few years ago. It was nerve racking as we were in absolute awe of Nigel but it was a highlight of my bridge life. We won the event and were wined and dined at the trophy night and given bottles of wine with BAWA and the date. We drank the wine but I think Don has filled it up with water so he can keep it as a trophy.

One hand I remember. We were about fourth or fifth coming into the second last match. I opened up my hand and had 7 top hearts. Nigel opened 1D and I asked for Aces and then Kings and then I went 6H which he was playing because he had bid 4H in response to Gerber. I knew he probably had no hearts but to his credit he passed, saying something like you have to trust your partner and proceeded to make it with ease. We got 16 for that round but still coming about 3rd. everything hinged on the last match. It was so exhilarating to play with someone of that standard. I was on fire.

Everything seemed to go right and our partners at the other table did well too and we got 20 on that round and just managed to pip both the Booth and Law teams. I was chuffed when Nigel was giving a speech at the Awards night and he said it was one event he had never won and had always wanted to. I can't speak highly enough of the boost to your bridge and your bridge confidence by entering one of these events.

Enter on line at www.bawa.asn.au

Masters in Teams of Three

Nedlands Bridge Club, Sunday 2nd November starting at 10.00am. Cost \$10.00 per player

Grand Master Pairs

2 week event South Perth Bridge Club 13th and 20th November starting at 7.30 pm. Cost \$25.00

Super Vets Tournament

9th November, WABC Convenor Noel Daniels.

Another event to enter on line is the Super Vets this time restricted, not by points but by age. You need to be over 80 to enter. This is a Gold Point event and there will be prizes for over 80, over 90 and for 100s. The Super Vets has been a great success in the last two years and has been emulated by other states. It is being run as part of Seniors Week, supported by COTA

Please let everyone in your clubs know and if possible please arrange for lifts for our elderly members. When writing up the eulogy for Deidre Saunders, her daughter Imogen told me that Deirdre had been very proud of receiving a certificate from BAWA from the Super Vets, so much so that they framed it for her.

The Council of the Ageing gives grants to put back to all the seniors who have given to the community. Let's give back to our seniors at our clubs.

Other BAWA events

Some other BAWA events look like not going ahead due to lack of entries. The Monday evening events have been the hardest to fill this year, possibly because of the attendance at congresses or just because its Monday. The events in jeopardy are the Spring Open Pairs and the

Spring Women's Pairs which up until the time of writing, have only two or three pairs entered. The Management Committee is working on ways to cater for these events for next year.

Upcoming Congresses

Most of the congresses in the future are either filling up quickly or sell outs which are great to see. One congress that looks like being great fun is the **Kendenup Restricted Congress**, with fewer than 300 points at January 1st 2014. Saturday November 8th Kendenup Lodge Moorilup Road Kendenup. Starts at 9.30am for the Qualifying round followed by the Final and the Plate at 1.30pm.

Weekend Accommodation packages are available. Ring 985 14168 - anne.waters@skymesh.com.au Cost \$25.00

This is a great opportunity for newer players to experience a bridge holiday. There is some talk of a few clubs getting together to hire a bus and make a weekend of it. Swan Districts, Bayswater, Armadale and Gosnells all have members expressing interest in filling up the bus and the country congress. Look out Kendenup! Here we come!

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO BAWA COMPETITIONS

BAWA takes this opportunity to remind all players, new and established, of the attendance requirements when entering a BAWA event.

Attendance:

Entry to an event entails a commitment to play every session. Penalties may apply to pairs failing to arrive or failing to give 24 hours notice to the Tournament Director. Should unforeseen circumstances prevent attendance, it is the players' responsibility to arrange a suitable substitute.

Substitutes:

Proposed substitutions should be notified to the Director at least 24 hours prior to the session. Penalties apply to players who play with unapproved substitutes.

(See the BAWA regulations for full details)

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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Coming up Events:

Restricted Swiss Teams <300

Sunday, 5th of October

Open Spring Pairs

4 weeks event, starts Monday 6th October

Master in Teams of 3

Sunday, 2nd of November

Xmas MP Swiss Pairs

3 weeks event, starts 3rd of November

Grand Master-Restricted Pairs

2 weeks event, starts 13th of November

BAWA Events 2015

The BAWA Management Committee has determined that for 2015 BAWA Events will be held primarily on Thursday evenings. Should the calendar require some Monday evening may be utilized.

Falling attendance at evening events, particularly Monday evenings, was the most significant contributing factor.

BAWA is currently working with clubs to finalize venue arrangements.

As always your comments are welcome.

BAWA





South Perth Bridge Club

Monday 17th November, 2014

10 am Combining Chances as a Declarer

Have you ever landed in a contract that was 'ambitious'? Give yourself

a fighting chance!

The session has practice hands & analysis. Extensive notes are provided.

Cost: \$15/session



David Beauchamp

2014 Bridge Playing Achievements:

Finalist in National Open Teams
Semi-Finalist in Gold Coast Open Teams

2013 Bridge Playing Achievements:

Represented Australia in APBF in Hong Kong Winner - Dick Cummings Pairs

2012 Bridge Playing Achievements:

First place National Open Teams
First place ANC Open Butler
Second place in Australian Open Playoffs
Winner - McCutcheon Trophy



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2015 Summer Congress

Saturday 31st January & Sunday 1st February

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

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 50% of Entry Fees

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

Convenor & Tournament Director

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Capel Life

Capel: The Secret of a Happy Life

By Di Brooks

If you are retired and reading this and haven't found the secret to a happy life, friends, you have seriously missed out. So instead of writing a Bucket List or dwelling on "What Might Have Been", you might like to count your blessings. Having said this, there will still be some people who see their glass as half empty. A bit like bridge players who constantly mutter "I only had.......".

So here are some of the things that make me happy:

Having a letter from friends and family. Not returning the favour, but passing it on. Just by taking a moment to consider what makes another happy. For the female of the species, it might be a box of choccies, bottle of wine or a bouquet of flowers. None of these are on my favourites list, but give me a pot plant and it will give me such pleasure, for it is a living reminder of the person who gave the gift.

Every day is a Happy Day. This week has been no exception. My birthday! A once a year celebration for some, but I celebrate every day hence my happy life. On an "Unbirth day", I was given a flyswat. Not a treasure to most, but it is turquoise and joins the collection of the theme in my family room.

I asked my Darling what makes him happy and his reply.... "Being with you, I suppose". God love 'im.

Yesterday was Mentoring at the Primary School. We have a new project of a One on One English lesson, where words can be altered by changing one letter. This method is to enlarge the vocabulary and the meaning of the words. Not only that - it has to be FUN. I asked my young fellow what would make him happy. He couldn't think of anything so I said if I had a magic wand what would he like. He said "The Force" - the Force can do anything and he would use it to clear space junk out of the Universe. He's destined to do great things. You should have seen his face as he read out "The Force" to his class.

The applause and praise for his efforts brought a huge smile to him and us all. He worked hard without realising it, because we had FUN. So if you feel you are having a sad day take charge of your life and make every day a happier one.

Yours, ever smiling and back to bridge

The Mystery of the Orange, the Colonel and the Nine of Spades

The question is "What do the Orange, the Colonel and the Nine of Spades have in common? Well, you can stop racking your brains, it's "The PIPS".

You might ask yourself what is all this to do with bridge? The story goes like this:

Once upon a time, there was a bridge player from Mars. The little red man was on lead, defending the contract of 3NT, played by East. South's hand was atrocious. He held a five card spade suit, 9 high, with one side suit entry, so he decided to lead off with the S4. Dummy was laid bare, showing off her doubleton I10 of spades. North was very hopeful, sitting there with AQ8, the Venusian couldn't wait to unblock the spade suit for her partner. First the Ace, then the Queen. East's King took the second trick and then declarer proceeded to cash as many tricks as possible eventually losing to South - the danger hand. This is where the Martian had an outer space moment. Dummy's original holding of the J10 spade doubleton had been out of his orbit and so the S7 hit the table, throwing North in with their 8S, end playing North, who had no good exit card. The final result - 3NT making 10 tricks, instead of -1 and a top board for the Defence.

The moral to this story, whether you are an orange, a Colonel or a Bridge Player, watch out for the PIPS. If you have a momentary glitch, play your highest card. You might find that you will have landed yourself a great score.

Happy bridging, ©



Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs bill.jacobs55@gmail.com

to take the spade finesse. It's almost as if West wants you to take the spade finesse.

Take a peep at West. Does he or she look at all intelligent? If so, refuse the Greek gift of an entry to your hand, and bang down the ace and king of spades.

The moral: It pays to know your customer.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3D	Pass	3NT
Pass	6D	All Pass	

When you picked up this 2-pointer, you weren't exactly expecting to become declarer in a slam!

West leads CK, and switches to DJ. Both defenders will follow to a second round of trumps. Plan the play.

Solution:

- **♠** AKJ10
- **♥** AK
- ♦ AKQ643

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- N E S
- ♣ Q2♥ Q1082
 - 852
- **♣** J732
- **9**6
- **♦** 107
- **♣** Q9654

What's going on here? West, holding DJ, could have easily locked you in dummy by playing a heart. You would have had no entry to your hand

Busselton Bridge Club



Congress 2014

Naturaliste Community Centre, Dunsborough Lakes

October 18th and 19th

Saturday 9.30am Pairs \$35 pp Sunday 9.30am Teams \$35 pp Director – Peter Holloway Lunch provided Entries via BAWA website Convenor: Jane Moulden

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Cappelletti ... wonderful ...
Benjamin ... mmm
Stayman ... what a man!
Jacoby ... does it for me
And then there is my man
Michael ...

Kendenup One Day Bridge Congress

2014

Who did you say you were playing with last night?



Meet all these and many more at this year's Kendenup Bridge Congress ...



Venue: Kendenup Lodge, Moorilup Road, Kendenup

Light lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided

This is an official BAWA congress for players with less than 300 points

Weekend accommodation packages available

Saturday 8th November

Qualifying session 9.30am

Red point event with prize money

Plate and final 2pm

\$25.00 per player

Congress Enquiries: Bob 9851 4168

Email: anne.waters@skymesh.com.au

Register on the BAWA website, by phone or by email





Accommodation enquiries: Contact Linda on 9851 4223 Or visit www.kendenup.com



2013 Asia Pacific Junior Teams

By Ron Klinger

http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com

Improve Your Bridge Online

PROBLEM

East dealer | EW vulnerable

- Q1084
- AKQ1042

Q52

- 86
- - A93
 - 85
 - AQJ75

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1S	2C
2S	X (*)	3S	Pass
Pass	X (*)	Pass	5C
All Pass			

(*) For takeout

West leads the S3 to East's king, East switches to a low heart, which you duck to West's HK and West returns a heart. Plan the play.

Answer: From the 2013 Asia-Pacific Junior Teams, won by Australia:

Brd Dlr E Vul EW

- **♥** 01084
- ♦ AKQ1042
- **★** T83
- **♥** KJ75
- ♦ 976
- ◆ 943

11 12 13

- **\$** 86
- S
- **AKJ964** 62

KT2

- 13
- **◆** 052
- **♥** A93
- **♦** 85
- ♣ AQI75

After the S3 lead to the king, East switched to the H6: three - king - four. A second spade would now defeat 5C, but West returned the H5. If South had chosen 3NT, a brave move, it would have been successful. After West's heart return at trick 3 South can make 5C: win HQ, finesse CQ, D5 to dummy, finesse CJ, cash CA, and run the diamonds. South played the H8 from dummy and could have survived via HA and using diamonds as the entries to dummy for two club finesses.

When he won trick 3 with the H9, he was doomed. He ruffed a spade in dummy and played the H10, ruffed. The result was two down, -100.

At the other table:

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

Lead: S8. 12 tricks, +490, +11 Imps.

Optimal: Never reproach your partner if there is the slightest thing for which you can reproach yourself (Ely Culbertson) Reality: Never reproach yourself if there is the slightest thing for which you can reproach your partner.



Forum-online

If you have an interesting comment or observation to make Forum is the place to have your say.

You will find Forum on the Focus Online under Regular Features.

(All Forum discussions are deleted each month as and when the new Focus is uploaded)

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed.



Roving Rhodes

are on holiday ... no article this issue

By Maura Rhodes rhodesfamily@westnet.com.au



















David Beauchamp and Fiske Warren Workshop at Nedlands Bridge Club

Sunday November 16^{th} 10.00 am -3.30 pm

- Inspired Defence and Brilliant Switches
- Competitive Bidding Whose Hand is it? One more for the Road!
- Managing Entries in No Trump Play

The sessions will be aimed at intermediate level. Extensive notes will be provided for all topics and there will be set hands for participants to play.

Members from <u>all</u> bridge clubs are invited to attend.

Please make a booking with Nedlands Bridge Club (tel: 9386-8166) or contact Fiske (tel: 9402-4507 or email: fiskebridge@bigpond.com) The cost for the day is \$35. BYO lunch.

David Beauchamp

Full time bridge teacher from Sydney.

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- Semi-Finalist in Gold Coast Open Teams

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- Represented Australia, 2013 in APBF
- Winner Dick Cummings Pairs Spring Nationals



Results

BAWA Swiss Teams

1 st	Trevor Fuller, Leone Fuller, Val Biltoft and Don Allen
2 nd	Jonathan Free, Andrew Swider, Marie-France Merven, Nigel Dutton and Karol Miller
3 rd	Wendy Driscoll, Shizue Futaesaku, Hilary Yovich and Pauline Hammond

TEAMS of 4 as at 19th of Sep

From John Beddow

OPEN			
Club	Played	Won	VPs
Melville	6	3	96
Nedlands	6	4	87
Maccabi	4	4	71
SPBC B	5	1	59
Undercroft	3	1	50
SPBC A	3	2	48

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
West Coast	10	7	182
Melville	10	5	160
Maccabi	10	7	158
Kalamunda	10	6	150
SPBC A	8	5	143
SPBC B	9	5	138
WABC Sparkles	10	2	133
WABC Sharks	7	4	129
WABC Others	9	1	106
Nedlands	8	2	100
Undercroft	9	1	70

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
Kalamunda	8	6	156
SPBC A	8	4	134
WABC B	8	4	121
WABC Sandgropers	7	4	120
SPBC B	7	5	120
Swan Dists	8	3	113
Undercroft	8	4	106
WABC Silverfish	8	2	102
Melville	6	0	39

HGR Women's Teams (16)

1 st	Leone Fuller, Val Biltoft, Viv Wood and Alida Clark
2 nd	Noelene Law, Lauren Shiels, Annabel Booth and Marnie Leybourne
3 rd	Deb Frankel, Dadie Greenfeld, Joan Prince and Pauline Collett
4 th	Wendy Driscoll, Shizue Futaesaku, Shira Shilbury and Pauline Hammond
5 th	Helen Kemp, Gill Dolling, Ann Ohlsen and Barbara Smith

HGR Restricted Pairs (34)

1st	Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt
$2^{\rm nd}$	Peter McCann and Ian Rowlands
3^{rd}	Dave Sloan and Gary Frampton
4 th	Deana Wilson and Jo Sklarz
5^{th}	Jessica Chew and Gwyneira Brahma
6^{th}	Robyn Howe and Jane Moulden
7^{th}	Karen Wallwork and Jane Henderson
8^{th}	Denis Gimblett and Carol Netscher
9th	Martin Broome and Valerie Broome
10^{th}	Bob Fergie and Heather Fergie

State Mixed Pairs (18)

1 st	Viv Wood and Gerry Daly
2^{nd}	Doreen Jones and David Matthews
3^{rd}	Pauline Hammond and Dave Munro
4 th	Val Biltoft and Nick Cantatore
5^{th}	Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton
6^{th}	Alfred Dupont and Sheelagh Dupont
7^{th}	Wendy Driscoll and Eddy Mandavy
8 th	James Steer and Stella Steer
9 th	Sue Grenside and Richard Grenside

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Visit the BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au

Go to **Contacts** then BAWA **Email List** and email your details to Nigel Dutton

Don't forget to advise Nigel of your change of email address.

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2014 / 2015

	Oct	Sun 5 th	BAWA Restricted Swiss Teams < 300
			Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Mon 6 th	BAWA Open Spring Pairs 1st of 4
			Women's Spring Pairs 1st of 4
			Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 10 th – Sun 12 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress
		Fri 17 th – Sun 19 th	Busselton Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th	Undercroft Bridge Club Congress
	Nov	Sun 2 nd	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
			Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Mon 3 rd	BAWA Xmas Swiss Pairs 1st of 3
			Venue Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 8 th	Kendenup Bridge Club Congress
		Sun 9 th	BAWA State Open Teams Final
			Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
			BAWA Super Vets Congress
NEW		Thu 13 th	BAWA Grand Master RESTRICTED Pairs 1st of 2
			Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 21 st	Mandurah Bridge Club "Golden West" Welcome Pairs – Red Point Event
		Sat 22 nd –Sun 23 rd	BAWA Golden West Congress -GOLD POINTS
	Dec	Fri 5 th – Sun 7 th	WABC Xmas Congress
		Thu 11 th	BAWA Award Function 6.30pm
			Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
2015			
	Jan	Mon 5 th	South Perth Bridge Club Swiss Pairs 1st of 3
		Thu 8 th	BAWA New Year Pairs 1st of 3
			Venue to be advised
		Sat 31st – Sun Feb 1st	Mandurah Bridge Club Summer Congress – see flyer
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*****			vent on the BAWA website.
NOTE	BAWA/	Congress Events	Entries <u>www.bawa.asn.au</u> unless other specified.



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GNOT Results

GNOT Open Final (18 Teams)



1st Jan Blight, Doreen Jones, Catherine Hood and Heather Williams



2nd Viv Wood, Leone Fuller, Trevor Fuller and Gerry Daly



3rd Madge Myburgh, Joan Valentine, Wendy Harman and Carmen Jackson

4 th	4th Viv Zotti, Terri Garbutt, Mitch Garbutt, Chris Mulley, Jonathan Pynt and Nic Matich
5 th	5th Bob Prince, Joan Prince, John Beddow and Egmont Melton
6 th	6th Salim Songerwala, Jeanne Hey, Elizabeth McNeill and Cassie Morin
7 th	7th Dave Munro, Bruce Fraser, Pim Birss, Kathy Power and Phil Power
8 th	8th Vera Hardman, Doug Hardman, Eugene Wichems and Robina McConnell
9 th	9th Peach Partis, Peter Garcia-Webb,

GNOT Restricted (7 Teams)



1st Hasam Hazra, Resaul Karim, Gwyneria Brahma and Jessica Chew

2 nd	2 nd Mark Doust, Sue Gammon, Deana
	Wilson and Jo Sklarz
$3^{\rm rd}$	3 rd Ailsa Peacock, Cesca McGrath, Matt
	Smith and Tim Munro

GNOT Country Winners:

Eugene Wichems, Robina McConnell, Kate Boston and Murray Webber

















SuperVets*Pairs

*Restricted to Players over 80 years of age

This is a Gold Point Event

9 November 2014

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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Phone: 0418 910 255

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.