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## **Hans G Rosendorff Memorial Weekend Congress**

### **HGR Women's Pairs**



**1<sup>st</sup> Marnie LEYBOURNE and Leone FULLER**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Doreen JONES and Catherine HOOD**

### **HGR Restricted Pairs**



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3<sup>rd</sup> Stephen Thyer and Joanne Payne



4<sup>th</sup> Kate Pinniger and Carla Sullivan



5<sup>th</sup> Mei Huang and Sue Shadbolt



6<sup>th</sup> Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel



8<sup>th</sup> Mark Doust and Stephen Pynt







# President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

August to November are certainly busy months for WA bridge players with 104 pairs entering the **Swan River Open Swiss Pairs** in August and 82 pairs entering the **HGR Women's and Restricted Swiss** last month. **The Golden West** in November is currently full with a record 106 pairs entered. Congratulations to Lynne Milne and her team for a great HGR weekend and well done to the winners of the Women's Swiss Pairs and the Restricted Swiss Pairs. Well done to David Sloan, partnered by Gary Frampton, who won playing in his last restricted event. David had 299.43 points on the entry cut-off date for a restricted event. That was close. A full summary of results can be found on the BAWA web site. November also hosts the Gold Point **Super Vets Congress**; entries to date are disappointing and unless they substantially improve the event will be cancelled. That would be a shame.

The web based entry facility that BAWA offers for all of its affiliate club congress, and occasionally other open red point events, receives almost four thousand entries and withdrawals per annum. Whenever you use this facility you will receive,

within a few seconds, an email confirmation of your entry along with a randomly generated code which you will need to withdraw from the event. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation then you have entered your email address incorrectly – so please take care. **It is also very important that you retain the confirmation email which contains your entry code.** Failure to do simply makes a lot of unnecessary work for our directors – so please keep your entry code safe.

There seems to be in various forums and discussions a good deal of angst regarding web based TBA entries to congresses and other events. I fail to see why there should be as we have never had a TBA not turn up to an event. As you are no doubt aware, should that happen, the player entering the TBA is responsible for not only their own but also the entry fee of the unknown partner or team mates. Nevertheless, I have been asked to mention that it is polite and politic to update your entry as soon as possible. Even if the event is full you can safely withdraw and re-enter provided you do so immediately. If the event is closed as opposed to full you will need to contact the director.

For those of you with an interest the 2018 BAWA calendar has been posted on our website. Clubs particularly should check and let me know if there are any problems or issues that need addressing.

Immediately prior to the 2018 Gold Coast Congress there will be an international team event entitled the **Commonwealth Nations Bridge Competition**. A number of international teams have already entered along with an ABF team and a team from each state in Australia. BAWA will sponsor the entry fee of \$1,320 for the team (4 persons) to this event in Queensland. The selection event - entry fee yet to be announced - will take place at the West Australian Bridge Club on the weekend of December 9 & 10. A final timetable will be available closer to the date when the number of teams is known. Full details can be found on the BAWA web site. ■

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# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

## Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

We hold a party twice a year – once at Christmas, and once in the winter. Although we are not officially part of the three month long 'Bridgetown in the Winter Festival' –yet - we hold such great parties that they are bound to want to include us soon!!

On this occasion, which was magnificently put together by our Social Guru, Gillian Wheatley, assisted by her off-sider husband Eric, the theme was "Swagman's" so the food was based on outback fare ... members providing such delicacies as kangaroo stew, 'mock' witchetty grubs, blowfly rice, quandong crumble, chocolate pudding in orange cups, damper, etc. etc. A gourmet offering accompanied, of course, by some very acceptable wines. The long table, seating 14 of us, looked wonderful; it was laid with a Hessian cloth, and featured candles in Banksia gum nut holders, interspersed with colourful Banksia flowers along its length. As you can tell, Gillian and Eric live on 100 acres of beautiful bush.



After dinner, as is our wont, we drew twigs from a Billy-can to discover who we would then partner for bridge .... and if, amongst other 'rules', you were careful not to take a trick with an Ace, or perhaps to take a trick with a 2, you could win a chocolate!

The evening went with a swing; lots of fun and laughter, and another top party. We know how to

enjoy ourselves in Bridgetown! Thank you, Gillian, for all your efforts, and thank you to our members – we have some wonderful cooks in our club!

## Bunbury Bridge Club

From Jan Morgan

Congratulations to the winners of the Bunbury section of the Australia-wide pairs.



JUDY CLARKE and FAY WOOD

Judy and Fay are one of the oldest (longest i.e.) partnerships in our club-about 25 years.

Judy was Club President for a few years during the late noughties and husband – fearless FRED was our president for two years in the early noughties.

They have been stalwarts of the club for many years always ready willing and able in any capacity – both great hosts –and have turned many of our club parties and significant celebrations into nights/days to remember with the table settings food organisation and attention to detail.

Doctor Fay has been a thoughtful and quietly helpful club member for many years. A challenge to play against and a pleasure to play with Fay is an interesting conversationalist with a terrific sense of humour and a great asset to our club.

Continuing on with the 'unsung heroes' theme and even though we are nowhere near our annual congress at the moment featured here is-



### JOY GIBSON - RAFFLE QUEEN

Joy has for many years now, been the organiser of our beautifully presented annual congress raffle. Using her womanly wiles she has begged, cajoled and persuaded members into making generous and sometimes exotic and interesting contributions to the cause thus she produces an exciting and tempting array of raffle parcels encouraging players to try their luck! A handsome profit is always made for the club which helps with congress expenses.

As a footnote – Joy and her partner Phyl Barnes may rival Fay and Judy for the oldest (longest i.e.) partnership in the club. They will be well known by many of you who have attended the WA congresses over the years.

## Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

As the weather warms up we celebrated with the Spring Pairs Red Point Event on Monday 4 September 2017. Congratulations to the winners



NS winners were **Alf Surace** and **Astrid Piller** with Barbara Hendrie and Wendy Baillie 2nd.



EW winners were Lyn Fakira and Trevor Peters with Dick Sudweeks and Doreen McPherson 2nd.

Thanks to David Cowell for directing and to all who helped with the afternoon tea.

The winners of our free raffle this month were Sue Richards and Bill Summerville.

Visitors are most welcome. We play Monday and Thursday at 12.30pm. Please arrive early and be seated by 12.15 so the Director can select the movement.

You will find further details on our website [ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org](http://ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org)

## Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The Fremantle Bridge Club held its Annual General Meeting on 26 August 2017. The new President is Jenny Langridge, with Laurel Lander as Vice President and Irene Percy as Treasurer. A secretary is yet to be appointed. The committee members are Sue Simper, Jenny Grummet, Florence Slater, Sue Moonen, Josie Wilson and Paula Pritchard.



The Club's Pairs Championship was held over two Saturdays, the 9th and 16th September.





The winners were Marion Jefferson and Tom Wheatley with Jenny Langridge and Maureen Bellett second.

## Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Club Pairs Championship Congratulations –



1<sup>st</sup> Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Harrop and Jonathan Pynt  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Schonwolf and Frank O'Connor

Congratulations also go to 14 of our members who were in the top 10 Pairs of the recent ABF/BAWA HGR weekend Gold Point event :

2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Hood and Doreen Jones,  
4<sup>th</sup> Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll,  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan Blight , Mimi Packer and Virginia Seward,  
7<sup>th</sup> Jo Sklarz and Pauline Hammond,  
8<sup>th</sup> Viv Wood,  
9<sup>th</sup> Deana Wilson and Cynthia Belonogoff,  
10<sup>th</sup> Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld.

So very well done!

The beginner class is currently running, and our next beginner class will be starting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. Register interest by contacting us through the club website, where you will also find information regarding upcoming events and our monthly intermediate lesson series by Fiske Warren - [officenbc@westnet.com.au](mailto:officenbc@westnet.com.au)

We look forward to seeing everyone at our October Congress Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – please register on [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

The September Teams event, with 14 teams participating, was won by Graeme Perry, Carole Hazelden, Sheryl Coates and Jean Field.

Runners up were Gudrun Kemmer, Liz Vince, Brian Murphy and Sandy Anderson.

The Summer Congress in Mandurah will be held on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 January 2018.

## Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Julie Bechelli

At the recent AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> August, Rob McMahon was welcomed as the new President along with John Shinnick as Vice President and Dianne Barker as Treasurer. Carole McMahon had elected to stay on as Secretary, a position she has held for 2 years and Rob had previously been Treasurer for 6 years.



*L to R: Dianne Barker (Treasurer), John Shinnick (Vice President), Rob McMahon (President) and Carole McMahon (Secretary)*

## CLUB EVENTS



Christmas in July celebrations at KDBC are always looked forward to with great enthusiasm. The Social Committee decorate the Club and organise prizes for the many raffles. The food supplied by both the Club and members is simply delicious ... and then we play bridge!





L to R: Carolyn Dickie and Cliff Wells



L to R: Dan Cheyne-Johnstone, Sita Weggelaar, Pat Cheyne-Johnstone and Liz Houghton



L to R: Elizabeth Bazen, Valerie Parker, Denise Borger and Guy Gaudet



L to R: Dianne Barker, Kris Nunne, Rob McMahon, JP Tedeschi, Carole McMahon and Mike Barker



L to R: Janet Stirling, Joan Andrews, Murray Stirling and Julie Bechelli



L to R: Alan Harper, Jenny Tedeschi, Margaret McRobbie and Jackie Harper



Table laden with raffle prizes

**HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!**

Club members were delighted to share in the celebrations of Alan Harper's 80th birthday on 11th July. He has been an invaluable Club member for over 35 years, contributing in many positions such as President for 2 years, Secretary for 7 years, Head of the Directors Team, Director since 1985, Editor of BTG from 2004-2011 and bridge teacher for 10 plus years all of which has enabled our Club membership to grow and flourish. Alan continues to work tirelessly for the

Club and we wish him many more years of good health and bridge playing.



Happy Birthday to Kalamunda Districts Bridge Club on 30th September 2017

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Our first bridge session was played on Wednesday 30th September 1970 ... **47 years** ago in the Anglican Church Hall, Kalamunda. As we sit in our wholly-owned, air conditioned, well-lit premises, it is easy to forget the difficulties that our first ever committee had to overcome. Apparently, we rapidly outgrew the first hall and were thrown out of the next one ('Stop that nasty sinful card-playing at once') and many of the other premises proved unsuitable - six venues in the first six years and seven if we count the session in the Lesmurdie Agricultural Hall.

I have gleaned this information from previous club newsletter issues and in particular an article in the September 30, 1990 issue by Peter Hart, a Foundation member. Peter says, "Have bridge club will travel", but he admits to everyone having lots of frivolity at Christmas in the Lesmurdie Community Hall. Oh, to be a fly on the wall!

In some places our players had lots of space, but at the Walliston CWA Peter says, 'It was like playing bridge in a railway carriage'. Most of the halls they played in were cold and bare. They operated literally out of a large metal cabinet in which they were able to pack 'the club' and lug it around the shire.

KDBC eventually arrived at Kalamunda Senior High School with carpeted floors and heaters...pure Heaven! However, before play could take place all the school desks and chairs needed to be moved to one side and then, yes you guessed it, they then had to be dragged back into place afterwards. So, one could say that bridge players were improving both their brain and fitness levels!

After many frustrations and setbacks, the first concrete pour for the new clubrooms in Ledger Rd, Gooseberry Hill took place in early January 1981. The first bridge session was played on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1981. And one can only imagine the many hurdles and problems that accompanied

## K B C RESULTS

### Mixed Pairs

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bente Hanson and Joe Louis
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carmen Jackson and Mel Foster
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown

### Restricted Pairs

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert McMahon and Carole McMahon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judith Poole and Robin Ward
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eleanor Rowley and David Harris

### Men's Pairs

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Clarke and Joseph Gaudet (Guy)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gordon Brown and Brian Davidson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alan Harper and Stephen Thyer

### Women's Pairs

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sandra Hoffman and Jackie Harper
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sandy Sutton-Mattocks and Arfah Yusof
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marie-France Van Hall and Jane Pike

### Open teams

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bente Hansen, Madge Myburgh, Carmen Jackson and Wendy Harman
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown, Joe Louis and Nicolous Moniodis
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joanne Payne, Elizabeth McMilen, Guy Gaudet, Peter Clarke and Betty Roberts

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the construction of the clubrooms. By November, 1984, Monday, Wednesday and Friday sessions were happening and in November of that year they had 25 tables on a Wednesday.

Thirty-six years later, we can look back in awe at the tremendous effort, determination and pure physical effort that our past and present members contributed to ensure the success of our Club.

A very big thank you to all concerned.

## Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

Once again our annual Mayor's Trophy – sponsored by our club's patron Russell Aubrey – pairing one player over 50 mp and one <50, was a great fun day. Congratulations to winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	Phil Cunningham and Helen Cunningham,
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anne Mitchell and Rajee Gunawardena
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Julie Parsonage and Noel Daniel

Congratulations also to the winners of our club's Butler Pairs' Competition:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Laurel Lander and Se-Moi Loh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Johnston and Leon Ref
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joan Valentine and John Clarke

Special mention to Rachel Shave and Sarita Singh, and Errol Jacob and Alfred Leung who played very well against seasoned players to come in fourth and fifth.

## South Perth Bridge Club

From Dave Munro

### South Perth Club Restricted Pairs



Winners - Alfred Leung and Diane Smith



2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Walker and Kenneth Phillips

### Pharmacy 777



Winners - Kirstyn Fuller and Trevor Fuller

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rose Moore and Jonathan Free
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doreen Jones and Dave Munro

## Village Bridge Club

From Diane Beckingham

President: David Stevenson

Vice President: Lorna Ral

Secretary: Michael Dodds

Treasurer: Jane Yu



President David Stevenson, Jenny Shub, Treasurer Jane Yu, Les Shub

Our club met for many years in the Dalkeith Hall, now our members enjoy the comfortable facilities of the Nedlands Bridge Club where we meet on Saturdays from 1pm to 4.30pm in the east room.



*Jimmy van Dieren and Vice President Lorna Ral*

We welcome new players, either as regular members or as stand-ins for absent members who are globetrotting.



The atmosphere is congenial and supportive. You will be made most welcome.

Please contact Jane Yu on 9383 1150.

## Swan Districts Bridge Club

From David Kininmonth

Swan Districts held its Thursday morning completion over three weeks with five tables participating. Competitors are given handicaps based on their results over the previous 6 months. This was won by Margaret Giles and Anne Woodlands, with Kaye Woodward and Saskia Roosevelt as runner ups. This event is welcomed by the newer players, as they feel that

they are on a level playing field with the more experienced pairs.



*Kaye Woodlands, Saskia Roosevelt, Anne Woodlands and Margaret Giles*

David Kininmonth is running a training course for new players, who will start playing at the club during September. Initially they will be partnered with experienced players while they find their feet.

Swans ran a round of the Australia Wide Open Pairs. This event was followed by drinks, allowing the members to enjoy the occasion. The club is happy that Sue Hillan and Elizabeth McMillan are amongst the top twenty in this completion. Even the newer members from previous training courses achieved competitive results.



*Sue Hillan and Elizabeth McMillan*

## West Australian Bridge Club

From Margaret King

The WABC Mixed Pair Championship attracted 18 very keen participants who enjoyed a well run tournament and our congratulations go to the winners.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Marie Musitano and Jay Medhat
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steven Pynt and Audrey Stokes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Geoff Yeo and Jenny Fairweather
4 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Cook and Jonathan Free



**GENEROUS REWARD**



On Thursday 21st of September this pearl was lost at the West Australian Bridge Club or in the parking grounds of the club.

It is of immense sentimental value. Please keep a look out for it. Should you have found it or handed it in to a police station please contact the owner Deb 0417 790077

**West Coast Bridge Club**

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Club Championship Teams Competition were



1 <sup>st</sup>	Ray Wood, Marlene Medhat, Peach Partis and Patrick Garnett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maureen Phillips, Cathy Slaughter, Baboo Bhagat and Chootoo Bhagat
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Helen Baker, Jean Calder, Annette Newton and Michael Smith

**West Coast Congress**

This was held on Sunday September 10 and was a very enjoyable event, once again run very smoothly by director Bill Kemp. A lot of behind the scenes work by convener, Patrick Garnett,

and his team of helpers contributed to the success of the day.

Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to all participants for supporting our Congress and making it such a great day!

Our President, Maureen Phillips, presented the trophies to the winners of the various sections.

The results were as follows:-

**FINAL RESULTS**



Equal 1<sup>st</sup> Viv Woods and Gerry Daly with President Maureen Phillips (Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood)



Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Kaiping Chen, Deana Wilson, Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes

**PLATE RESULTS**



1<sup>st</sup> Tony Martin (and Christine Jenkins)



2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Hammond (and Jo Sklarz)



3<sup>rd</sup> Fusako Hashimoto and Noriko Sakashita

**CONSOLATION RESULTS**



1<sup>st</sup> Billie Skinner Anneta Doktorovich

2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Robertson and Maria Pirajno



3<sup>rd</sup> Lorraine Rea and Judy Clear

**QUALIFYING WINNERS**



North-South - Dave Sloan and Ann Youngs

East-West - Mimi Packer and Virginia Seward

**ELIZABETH CONSTABLE TROPHY**

This is awarded at the end of the year to the West Coast Bridge Club pair who performed best on the day. Winners this year were Maureen Phillips and Cathy Slaughter.



**SOUTH PERTH Bridge Club**

**SPRING OPEN PAIRS**

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2017

@12.30 PM



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**RED POINT EVENT**

\$7.00 MEMBERS \$9.00 VISITORS

**NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE DAY**



# The HGR Memorial Women's Swiss Pairs

By Marnie Leybourne

There were some wildly distributional hands at the Hans Rosendorff this year with a lot of high level decisions to make. I was playing with Leone Fuller and our first hand of the event seemed to set the tone of the weekend:

Dlr	E				
Vul	All	♠ AQ95			
		♥ 963			
		♦ 2			
		♣ AT642			
			♠ N		
♠	T2		W	E	♠ J8
♥	AT42				♥ KQJ875
♦	4				♦ AJ6
♣	KQJ975		♠ S		♣ 83
		♠ K7643			
	10	♥ -			
10		♦ KQT98753			
	8	♣ -			

How often do you pick up a hand with an eight/five distribution? The bidding at our table was fairly simple. East opened 1H, South bid 5D (intending to show spades if given another opportunity), West bid 5H and North doubled. South now felt obliged to pass and the contract went one off for +200 to N/S.

This was a popular result, replicated at five tables. Two pairs were in 5H undoubled making 10 tricks, one in 5Hx making only nine tricks and four in 4H, three making and one going one off. It is fairly extraordinary that South would let anyone play in 4H holding those eight diamonds!

At the remaining 7 tables, N/S played in 6Dx (-1), 5S (making 12 or 13 tricks), 5Sx (12 tricks) and 6Sx (making).

## ROUND TWO

One of the most interesting hands of the event came in round 2. We were the only pair to reach 6D and were the only pair in the women's field that made the 12 tricks that deep finesse says is there (Meredith Goodlet and Jennifer Andrews made 12 tricks in the restricted field). In fact, in the women's field of six pairs in 5D, only two made 11 tricks (the rest made 10). Two pairs were in 5Cx (off one or two). At the other tables, where all pairs made nine or 10 tricks, the contracts were 4H, 5H, 6Hx, 4S, and 5S. There was one pair in 3S and one in 3H. Again, how are

people letting pairs buy the hands at such a low level? The hand is shown below (rotated for convenience):

Dlr	E				
Vul	NS	♠ A			
		♥ 2			
		♦ 8632			
		♣ AJ87542			
			♠ N		♠ QT7
		♠ K98543	W	E	♥ KQ73
		♥ A9864			♦ J9
		♦ 7			♣ KT63
		♣ Q	♠ S		
					♠ J62
		9			♥ JT5
9		11			♦ AKQT54
	11				♣ 9

The bidding at our table:

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

- 1) 10-14, either single suited minor or both minors
- 2) both majors
- 3) pick a minor
- 4) pass or correct

The heart Ace was led, followed by the club Queen at trick two. The club Ace won the trick and another club was played, ruffed with the Ace of diamonds. The diamond King and Queen were played, removing trumps. Now, there were two trumps left in dummy and the spade Ace, giving three entries to dummy so that two more rounds of clubs could be ruffed, setting the suit up.

Granted, the double of 5C alerted us to the potential adverse club distribution, however this is a contract that the whole field should be making, particularly as the lead was generally either the heart Ace or the club Queen.

## BEING A WIMP

The next hand from round five had 16 different contracts/results in 20 tables. Only four results were replicated! There were three tables in 4 or 5H, three tables in 3 or 4S with the rest in

diamond contracts. Eight were in 5D and two in each of 4D, 3D and 2D (sometimes played by North and sometimes by South). This appears to be very wimpish bidding on the part of some pairs.

However, the real wimp I am discussing here is me. Holding the North cards, we pushed our opposition to 5H and I didn't double. It was politely suggested that I grow a pair when this contract went three light for +300 our way rather than +800.

Dlr	N	♠	AJ52	♠	8743
		♥	J765	♥	Q932
		♦	762	♦	983
		♣	J6	♣	T7
		♠	KQ96	♠	
		♥	AKT4	♥	
		♦	K	♦	
		♣	KQ83	♣	
		♠	T	♠	
		♥	8	♥	
		♦	AQJT54	♦	
		♣	A9542	♣	
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singleton heart (knowing a spade was useless) and 13 tricks rolled home.

### ROUND NINE

The final hand of the competition, board 12 of round nine, wasn't so distributional. However, I'm including it as I finally found that pair I had been lacking and sitting North managed to double West's 4D contract.

Dlr W	♠ T965		♠ KQ									
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1D	Pass	1H	1S
2H	3H (1)	Pass	3S
Pass	Pass	4D	Pass
Pass	X	All Pass	

1) cue raise

The double was a no brainer, as Leone could have at most two hearts given the bidding, so we were "sure" to take AK of hearts, a heart ruff and a diamond. This didn't even include what she should have for her 1S overcall and she duly contributed her two Aces, setting the contract by three for +500. This gave us nine imps, and we won that match by nine imps.

### 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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## Australia Day

Celebrate what's great!

NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB

AUSTRALIA DAY

RED POINT EVENT

FRIDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2018

12.30 PM

And a Lamington Afternoon Tea!

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146 MELVISTA AVENUE, NEDLANDS  
PHONE: 9386 8166  
EMAIL: OFFICE@NEDLANDSBRIDGECLUB.COM.AU  
WEBSITE: WWW.NEDLANDSBRIDGECLUB.COM.AU

## NEDLANDS

### BIRTHDAY CONGRESS

### SWISS PAIRS

Sunday, February 4th, 2018 at 10am

Sunday: 10.00 am and 2 pm.  
Open to ALL players  
Red Master Points  
Directed: Peter Holloway  
Convenor: Robin Burton  
\$35.00 Lunch supplied.

146 Melvista Avenue, Nedlands  
Phone 9386 8166  
Entries on BAWA Website

## Partnering Someone for the First Time



From Di Brooks

When partnering someone for the first time, it is better to keep everything simple. If there is to be a future in this bridge union, try to make a time away from the bridge table to discuss strategies. It's not a good idea to go in cold and iron out problems between boards.

The use of a System card has great advantages for both players. Again, have a quiet time to talk about the system, so both players can write up the system cards for reference at any time. Each person can sit at home, with a cup of coffee and revise the agreement, so when the next bridge session is on, both players are fully aware of the system.

Don't stray from the system as this causes confusion and distrust between the partners. When one person tends to be passive in their approach to the bidding, it can cause the other player to be more aggressive ... trying to overcompensate for the lack of constructive bidding from their partner.

Lastly, at the end of the session ask the Director for a Personal result.

With this and a hand record, both people can assess their bottom scores and try and discuss ways to improve.

And as a P.S., remember Partner is on your side!

Happy Bridging 😊



### COMMONWEALTH NATIONS BRIDGE COMPETITION

**Wednesday February 14 to  
Sunday February 18, 2018**

### BAWA Event December 9 & 10

The COMMONWEALTH NATIONS BRIDGE COMPETITION will be held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre from 14 to 18 February 2018.

The GOLD COAST CONGRESS will be held from 17 to 24 February 2018.

All Bridge Federations of the 52 Commonwealth Countries are invited to send Teams to this International Bridge Congress.

The Commonwealth Nations Championship will be a forerunner to the world renowned Gold Coast Bridge Congress.

The Championship will consist of a round robin of Teams Qualifying before two days of Finals to decide the new Commonwealth Nations Bridge Champions.

BAWA will be supporting a team to enter this event and consequently will be holding an event to qualify a team to win their entry fee (\$1,320). There will be no further subsidy.

The event to be held at the WABC clubrooms is scheduled for the weekend of December 9 -10. The exact format and timings to be decided when entry numbers are known.

- Entry Fee: \$240.00 per team

Regulations for the event will be BAWA's normal event regulations.

- Enter via the BAWA Web Site
- Director: Peter Holloway



# Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs  
[bill.jacobs55@gmail.com](mailto:bill.jacobs55@gmail.com)

Dlr S  
 Vul Nil

♠ AKQJ972

♥ 42

♦ 542

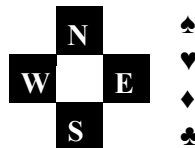
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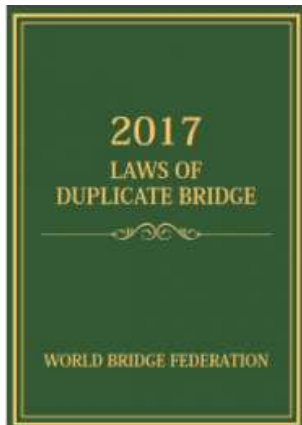
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1NT
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5H
Pass	6S	All Pass	

West leads a trump and East follows suit. How do you play it?

**SOLUTION on page 20**

## 2017 Laws of Bridge Book – available



If you would like a copy of the 2017 Laws of Bridge Book – **Dennis Yovich** has a few available for \$22.00 each.

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Nedlands Bridge Club  
**3 DAY SPRING CONGRESS**  
 Friday 13th,  
 Saturday 14th,  
 Sunday 15th October 2017

FRIDAY PAIRS: 1 SESSION 1PM \$15  
 SATURDAY PAIRS: 1 SESSION 1.30 PM \$15  
 SUNDAY TEAMS: 2 SESSIONS 10 AM AND 2PM  
 \$140 per teams (Sunday Lunch Provided)

DIRECTOR:  
 PETER HOLLOWAY  
 Convenor: Robyn Burton  
 ENTRY VIA BAWA WEBSITE  
 OR EMAIL:  
[office@nbc.com.au](mailto:office@nbc.com.au)

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WHICH HAT WILL YOU WEAR ???

Tuesday 7th November 2017  
 at 11.00 am

♥\$35 includes both lunch and bridge  
 ♥Bridge will commence after the Melbourne Cup  
 ♥Sweeps ♥ SPOT Prizes!

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# Strip Show



By Ron Klinger

<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>  
Improve Your Bridge Online

## PROBLEM

Dealer | SOUTH; NIL | Vulnerable

### NORTH

- ♠ Q854
- ♥ Q862
- ♦ QJ
- ♣ AK2

### SOUTH

- ♠ AK3
- ♥ J1094
- ♦ A1032
- ♣ 84

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1NT
Pass	2C	Pass	2H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

West leads the S10. Plan the play.

**SOLUTION on page 20**

## BRIDGE HOLIDAYS with Suzie and Ron Klinger in 2018



### Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort

(off Brisbane)

Sunday, 8th July – Sunday, 15th July



### Norfolk Island

Sunday, 7th October – Sunday, 14th October



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**HOLIDAY BRIDGE, P.O. BOX 140,  
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(02) 9958 5589 or 0411 229 705

email: [suzie@ronklingerbridge.com](mailto:suzie@ronklingerbridge.com)

## KENDENUP RESTRICTED CONGRESS

(under 300 pts)

### WHEN:

Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> on November @9.30 start

**WHERE:** Kendenup Town Hall

**DIRECTOR:** Neville Walker

**COST:** \$40 (lunch and afternoon tea)

**ACCOMODATION:** camping sites nearby

### CONVENOR:

Heather Fergie 98514168

[hjfergie@hotmail.com](mailto:hjfergie@hotmail.com)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bridge!



Haydn Lowe, Chris Ingham, Peter Smith and Les Calcraft before the start of a sunny balcony game of bridge.



# Just For Clubs - Setting up your Bridgemates

By Bill Jacobs - [bill.jacobs55@gmail.com](mailto:bill.jacobs55@gmail.com)

Does your club use bridgemates for scoring? Do you provide pre-dealt hands, hand records and a results website?

If you answered 'yes' to these questions, then this article is for you.

Bridgemates, particularly the hideously expensive Bridgemate II, provide a host of options for how they operate. I want to focus on just one of them: the display of what other tables did on a board.

At the clubs where I played and directed, the other table results were available for display. You would enter your result, the bridgemate would say: "View Results?", and you could then discover how well you scored.

Then I started directing at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, and they have set up their bridgemates *not* to display this data. I was shocked: wouldn't it vastly detract from the players' enjoyment not to see how good, or bad, each score was?

Surprisingly, they didn't seem to mind.

And then I started to notice that the game was a little bit quieter than normal. And quicker. No rising hubbub every 7 minutes as someone read out the other results, and the table discussed them.

And volume and speed are not the only benefits of being unable to view the other tables' results. No longer do the North-South pair have to peer over or ask, whilst the East or West player (the one who verified the score) looks at the results. No longer do players argue over why they got a bottom, and assign blame. No longer does one have to listen to an opponent say, nauseatingly: "it's a top for us, partner".

Such relaxation! And what do you lose? Nothing really. You have the hand record at the end of the game. You can go home and look at the web-site in privacy. That will have all the details you need. Whether your club uses Altosoft, or Bridgemaster, or Bridgewebs, the data is all there, pleasingly arranged for your viewing pleasure.

I decided to try switching off the display of results at my club, Northern Bridge Club in

Rosanna. I turned it off for a few sessions, and then polled the players on their opinions.

There was over 90% approval for not showing results. And trust me, just about everyone voted: this was no postal plebiscite! People have a real opinion on these matters. And the approval was forceful: "so much more pleasant" was a constant refrain. I hadn't realised how much rancour and discomfort this reviewing of other table results had been causing.

Of the few people who didn't like the change, a common reason was: "I want to know how I am going, during the game." There is a solution to this (with Bridgemate IIs). You can allow players to view their ranking *at the end of each round*. Essentially, this is barometer scoring. I switched that option on, and now players can optionally take a look at their rank at the end of each round.

Not too many pairs bother, and the feature is entirely non-intrusive, but it's there if players want to know their current position.

There are a couple of side effects of not displaying other table results. Players cannot pick up blatantly incorrect scores from other tables, although the best scoring programs do a decent job of this anyway. That's a small negative, but a big positive is that should a score get entered against the wrong board (usually the board the table is about to play), you no longer see *those* results. This of course is a Very Good Thing.

In summary, I recommend your club at least trial turning off the display of other table results. You might be surprised by the response.

*(Thank you Bill for your permission to reprint this article - VBA Bulletin Sept 2017)*



# Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

## SOLUTION

Dlr	S	♠	AKQJ972
Vul	Nil	♥	42
		♦	542
		♣	K
		♠	654
		♥	AJ75
		♦	K
		♣	97653
		♠	103
		♥	K1083
		♦	AJ43
		♣	AQJ
		♠	8
		♥	Q96
		♦	Q9875
		♣	10842
		♠	10
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		♣	QJ1096
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		♠	103
		♥	K1083
		♦	AJ43
		♣	AQJ

The main game is to hope the HA is onside.

You can give yourself a secondary chance by leading a low diamond from dummy, planning to play DA. Maybe someone has a singleton honour, or doubleton KQ. Or maybe East, holding some number of diamonds to the KQ, will split his honours – after all, on another layout that might be a necessary defence.

If nothing exciting happens, you take the DA, discard dummy's diamonds on your clubs, and later say a heartfelt prayer.

But if a diamond honour appears, you can discard hearts on the clubs, and build your twelfth trick in diamonds.

*The moral:* Having seen the main chance, take a moment or two to consider any secondary chance. ■



# Strip Show

By Ron Klinger

## SOLUTION

This deal comes from the Italy vs Netherlands match in the 1989 European Open Teams in Turku, Finland:

Dlr	S	♠	Q854
Vul	Nil	♥	Q862
		♦	QJ
		♣	AK2
		♠	10
		♥	K53
		♦	K654
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		♥	K1083
		♦	AJ43
		♣	AQJ

West leads the S10 against South's 4H. If you win and play a trump, East can win and give West a spade ruff. West plays the HK and exits with the CQ. South now has to rely on the diamond finesse and when that loses, the contract goes one down.

Before starting on trumps, South should strip the clubs. Take the SA, cash CA, CK and ruff a club. Now play a trump. East can win and give West a spade ruff, but West is left with only the minor suits. A club gives South a ruff-and-discard, while a diamond obviates the need for the diamond finesse. The winning play is not difficult, but it is not seen often at the bridge table.

*The hardest thing to explain is the glaringly evident which everybody has decided not to see.* (Ayn Rand, *The Fountainhead*) ■

## 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)



# RESULTS

## TEAMS of FOUR

From John Beddow

### OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
SOUTH PERTH	7	5	77.96
WABC A	5	3	58.52
MANDURAH	5	2	53.64
MACCABI	6	3	46.49
NEDLANDS	3	2	42.75
WABC B	4	1	38.77
UNDERCROFT	3	1	29.04
MELVILLE	3	1	12.83

### INTERMEDIATE BLUE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
KALAMUNDA	6	4	80.61
WEST COAST	6	4	77.24
MAYLANDS	6	4	72.27
SOUTH PERTH	6	4	72.25
MACCABI	6	2	51.11
UNDERCROFT	6	2	45.65

### INTERMEDIATE GOLD

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC B	5	4	64.92
NEDLANDS	5	3	56.06
MELVILLE	4	2	46.90
SOUTH PERTH	5	1	36.86
UNDERCROFT	4	2	33.68
WABC A	3	1	21.58

### NOVICE GOLD

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC B	4	4	70.23
SOUTH PERTH B	4	3	51.81
UNDERCROFT	4	1	30.91
KALAMUNDA B	4	2	28.17
MELVILLE	4	-	18.88

### NOVICE BLUE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
GOSNELLS	3	3	47.29
WABC A	4	2	37.75
SOUTH PERTH A	3	2	35.95
SWAN DISTS	2	1	20.00
KALAMUNDA A	4	-	19.01



## HGR Memorial Women's Pairs (40)

1	Leone Fuller and Marnie Leybourne
2	Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood
3	Lauren Shiels and Allison Stralow
4	Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku
5	Jan Blight and Joan Touyz
6	Mimi Packer and Virginia Seward
7	Jo Sklarz and Pauline Hammond
8	Viv Wood and Pele Rankin
9	Deana Wilson and Cynthia Belonogoff
10	Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld
11	Elizabeth Bennett and Peach Partis
12	Donna Crossan- Peacock and Liz Sylvester
13	Robina McConnell and Kathy Power
14	Penny Styles and Suzanne Atwell
15	Mary Johnston and Liz Toft

## HGR Restricted Pairs (42)

1	Dave Sloan and Gary Frampton
2	Meredith Goodlet and Jennifer Andrews
3	Stephen Thyer and Joanne Payne
4	Kate Pinniger and Carla Sullivan
5	Mei Huang and Sue Shadbolt
6	Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel
7	Debbie James and Mike Mahon
8	Mark Doust and Stephen Pynt
9	Phil Jacobsen and Julie Short
10	Susan Evans and Barbara Riddle
11	John Reid and Bruce Penhey
12	Arianna Yusof and Julie O'Donoghue
13	Do Dean and Jenny Bowler
=14	David Wheaton and Christine Bacon
=14	Heather Fergie and Bob Fergie

## BAWA Mixed Pairs (21)

1	Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton
2	Jonathan Free and Virginia Seward
3	Simon Brayshaw and Francesca McGrath
4	Val Biltoft and David Matthews
5	Viv Wood and Gerry Day



# Diarize Now



## Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	<b>Oct</b>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Nedlands Bridge Club Congress</i>
		Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Denmark Bridge Club Congress</i>
		Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Undercroft Bridge Club Congress</i>
	<b>Nov</b>	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Grand Master Restricted Pairs</i>
		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Kendenup Restricted Congress- see flyer</i>
		Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Open Championship Final Venue Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Super Vets Gold Point Event
		Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
		Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Golden West Gold Point Event - Mandurah
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> - Mon 27<sup>th</sup> GNOT finals</b>			
	<b>Dec</b>	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>WABC Xmas Congress</i>
		Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>BAWA AWARD NIGHT</i> Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
<b>2018</b>	<b>DRAFT ONLY</b>		
	Jan 2018	Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA New Year Pairs 1 of 3
		Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>South Perth Swiss Pairs 1 of 3</i>
<b>Summer Festival</b>		10 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	
		Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Nedlands Bridge Club AUSTRALIA DAY Open Red Point session-see flyer
		Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mandurah Bridge Club Summer Congress
	Feb 2018	Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	Interstate Open Selection Butler Qual. Pairs 1 of 6
		Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Nedlands Bridge Club Birthday Congress-see flyer</i>
		Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Rockingham Bridge Club Congress</i>
<b>Gold Coast Congress</b>		16 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>**NOTE**</b>	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. <b>VENUES AND STARTING TIMES</b> Unless otherwise advertised all BAWA daytime and weekend events are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands, All Thursday evening events are held at the South Perth Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Commencing 7.30 pm.		
<b>**NOTE**</b>	<b>BAWA/Congress Events</b>	Entries <a href="http://www.bawa.asn.au">www.bawa.asn.au</a> unless other specified.	



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# WABC CHRISTMAS CONGRESS 2017

Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday  
3rd December

<b>FRIDAY PAIRS</b>	<b>1.15pm</b>	<b>\$15 per person</b>
<b>SATURDAY PAIRS</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>\$15 per person</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
<b>TEAMS</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>\$30 per person</b>
<b>PRESIDENT'S PAIRS</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>\$15 per person</b>

**Tournament Organisers:** Val Fleay 0407 270 139

Pauline Kelly 0439 986 967

**Tournament Director:** Bill Kemp 0478 595 275

**Entries Via:** BAWA Website [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

At 7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne Ph: 9284 4144

**CASH PRIZES and RED POINTS all events**





# BAWA SuperVets\* Pairs

\*Restricted to Players over 80 years of age

**This is a Gold Point Event**

Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> November

Venue: WABC, 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Play starts at 10am



There will be awards for

- Winners and Runners-up
- The best performer over 80 years of age
- The best performer over 90 years of age
- The Best performer over 100!

Prizes Sponsored by TBIB insurance brokers

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Entries: Via the BAWA Website

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**Entry Fee is \$20 per Player**

A light lunch will be provided. Afternoon Tea and Presentations at 3pm will recognise the incredible contribution that older players have made to the game.

Tournament Director: Bill Kemp

Convenor: Jane Reynolds

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