

HGR Memorial Weekend

The 2023 HGR Memorial Weekend hosted two events, the Mixed Swiss Pairs and the Restricted Swiss Pairs. Both were hotly contested by all participants. Congratulations to all the winners and well done to all who participated.

Mixed Swiss Pairs



Winners: Kimberley Zhao & Alan Cransberg **Restricted Swiss Pairs**



2nd Place: Mimi Packer & Jonathon Free



3rd Place: Leonie & Trevor Fuller



Winners:



Runners Up: **Diane Smith & Alfred Leung** Anne-Louise Dubraski & Andy Cayley 1st place in the Restricted Swiss Pairs were also awarded the non-monetary prize as winners of the WA State Championship Event for Restricted Pairs – congratulations Diane and Alfred.

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





SuperVets* Swiss Pairs

*For Players Over 75 Years of Age

Sunday, 29 October 2023

This is a Gold Point Event

With Cash Prizes and Other Awards

Cost \$35 per player (Cash on the day is OK) Entries via MyABF Website If players find it difficult to lodge an entry please contact the Tournament Organiser for assistance.

This event will be held at WA Bridge Club, 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne Play Starts at 10.00am and should conclude at around 4.30pm Plenty of Car Parking is Available.

Tournament Organiser: Mr John Aquino Contact Johnleonaquino@gmail.com or Phone 0434 608 834

Tournament Director: Mr Neville Walker Phone 0418 944 077

Competitors should bring their own lunch. Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be available. To ensure the health of other attendees is not compromised, players and officials are asked not to attend this event if they are feeling unwell.





President's Report

From lan Clark

Since successfully hosting ANC in July, the BAWA Management Committee has been very busy developing and implementing improvements, designed to increase player participation and enjoyment at Congress and State Events. These include:

1. A financial support scheme for country clubs, to help ensure their club congresses remain viable.

2. Development of a new Code of Conduct that will apply to all club Congresses, State and Gold point events from 1 January 2024.

3. Creation of a new Behaviour and Ethic Committee, chaired by Garth Scotford, to administer the Code of Conduct and conduct any disciplinary hearings that may be required. You can find more details about the Behaviour and Ethic Committee on Page 20.

4. Ceasing use of the BAWA Congress entry system and providing a bureau service for smaller clubs (<100 members) to help them create their Congress events in MyABF.

5. Plans to undertake a BAWA website re-fresh from November 2023 until early 2024.

6. Commencing direct email communication with WA players interested in knowing more about BAWA's calendar of events. If you would like to join this group, please just email Robina McConnell (<u>bina360@hotmail.com</u>) with your contact details.

7. Reducing the number of BAWA State events in the 2024 Calendar by 33%, from 18 to 12 events.

8. Planning to have half of the 2024 State event program hosted by clubs other than Melville, subject to agreeing new host clubs for these events.

Melville has also recently advised some changes to their lease arrangements with the City of Melville. This has resulted in a loss of exclusive access to the small bridge room. As a result, the cost of BAWA's sub-lease will reduce by 25%. The rental will also no longer be linked to CPI and includes 9 room days of free room rental, which BAWA will use when running large events at Melville. BAWA would like to acknowledge and thank Melville for its continued strong support, close working relationship and for sharing the cost reductions it has achieved with the City of Melville.

GNOT Metro Winners

Cynthia Belonogoff, Mimi Packer,



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MyABF

The steady increase in My ABF users continues. At the time of writing there are now 15,383 users. Of those 9,173 have registered with their own account and 6,210 have been added as members by their clubs. All the upcoming national congresses (Canberra in Bloom, Spring Nationals, Golden West Swiss Pairs, GNOT National finals, Summer Festival 2024, Gold Coast 2024) are listed on My ABF and taking entries. There are also an increasing number of club and state events being listed. The long term aim remains that this page becomes the definitive listing for all major bridge events in Australia rather than having lots of disparate systems at state and club level all around the country, some of which only handle entries and not payment. There are other advantages to a single listing as well:

- As we build up records of events over several years that allows organisers to look at trends.
- It forms a basis for a future national results database.

Duplicate pairs results display

I have started to get some feedback from players and clubs about the pair's results display. This is great – the more people use and see something the more feedback we get; hence the more we can improve things for you!

When a club publishes results of a session you played in, you get an email notification (you can opt out of this if you wish on your Settings page) with a link to the results. You can also see them on your My ABF dashboard. Here's an example of what it looks like there:

Your Recent Results		
Date Partner/Team	Event	Result
18 Sep 2023 Adrienne	Monday Afternoon - Section A (18-Sep-23)	4th
16 Sep 2023 Adrienne	Saturday Afternoon - Section A (16-Sep-23)	1st
14 Sep 2023 Verna	Thursday Afternoon - Section A (14-Sep-23)	5th
11 Sep 2023 Adrienne	Monday Afternoon - Section A (11-Sep-23)	5th
7 Sep 2023 Verna	Thursday Afternoon - Section A (7-Sep-23)	9th

Each of these is a link direct to the session results where your own position is highlighted and from there you can, as usual, view your or any pair's scoresheet and every result on every board played. The box on your dashboard shows just your 5 most recent results. A more comprehensive view is available through the Results page on your main menu:



Results

That page contains sections showing all your own results, results for your teammates (i.e. people you have defined as teammates in your profile – usually those you play with regularly), all results for your club and all results for all clubs.

Of course you can only see results from your club if the club chooses to publish them in My ABF. If your club isn't yet publishing its duplicate results why not encourage them to do so?

Note at this stage results display is limited to duplicate pairs. Obviously in time the plan is to accommodate all the common tournament formats as well – swiss pairs, swiss teams, knockouts, etc.

How clubs become active in My ABF

Of course the starting point to any of this is for the club to become active in My ABF. All clubs have now been set up in My ABF but to become active a club needs to have an initial administrator who sees their Club Admin menu and can then control who else should have access. Just let us know who you want that to be and your club can be ready to go in a matter of seconds!

Club membership management

Let me next explain membership aspects a bit more. This is a list of the features around managing members, showing which ones are currently operational and which ones are still to be built.

Feature	Status in My ABF
Set up types of membership for your club.	Available and working
Upload a list of club members (from the	Available and working
masterpoint centre or external sources like	
Pianola, Compscore or a spreadsheet).	
Make changes to maintain that list as current.	Available and working
Download a report of members.	Available and working
Track home club members.	Built but deliberately not yet made visible
	so as not to conflict with the masterpoint
	centre
Send email communications to members or tagged	Available and working
subgroups of them.	
Use membership status to calculate different	Available and working
member and visitor table money rates for club	
sessions.	
Use membership status to calculate different	Not yet available
member and visitor entry fees for tournaments.	
Track dates for which players' membership is paid	Not yet available
up to.	
Facilitate payment for member annual renewals	Not yet available
(by bridge credits or other means).	

What this means is that clubs can maintain a list of their current members and use that list for communications and to calculate table money at club sessions. But they can't yet fully track the history of their members and process their annual renewals.

For a small to medium sized club where members don't change that much this probably isn't much of an issue. For a larger club that's using something like Pianola or Compscore to manage your members you will probably want to continue to use that for now.

Nevertheless, you can still use My ABF. Several larger clubs have uploaded their members, maintain the current list and use it for processing club sessions. Yes at this stage there is a small amount of extra handling to keep the member listing up to date in My ABF and another system. But the convenience (both for the club and the players) of running club sessions and accepting payment with bridge credits far outweighs that!

Recent work

In the last couple of months travel and absences by members of the My ABF project team, including myself, has resulted in limited progress on the platform. The Steering Committee is currently reviewing timelines and planned release schedules, such as the highly anticipated 'membership management' enhancements and the "masterpoint" rollout for clubs. Our ambition and hope were to deliver this functionality by the end of this year, but resourcing challenges - yes, this affects us too – are impacting our timelines. We will provide an updated schedule soonest. Stay tuned!

By the way, the My ABF project team is always seeking augmentation. If you know of any Python developers that might be able to lend a hand, please let us know. We are actively looking! Other skills we are always interested in are solution architecture, change management and communications.

If you want more information about the possibilities for clubs there are written and video guides here: <u>https://www.abf.com.au/member-services/my-abf-resources/clubs/</u>

Alternatively drop us a support request and we can talk to you individually. Help is available every step of the way to get going.

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Changes to Focus Magazine

After many years of enthusiastic and tireless support, the dynamic duo of Linda Bedford-Brown and Beata Bieganski have decided to retire from their roles as Editors of the Focus magazine. We would like to thank them both for the huge contribution they have made during their tenure. We are now pleased to announce that Helen Rogoysky has agreed to be the new Editor of Focus. As we move from two Editors to one, we have decided to published Focus six times a year to align the frequency with that of the ABF Newsletter and Australian Bridge. To ensure there is sufficient room for all club contributions, the page limit will be increased if required to 40 pages. From 2024, these magazines shall be produced "odd" months, however for the remainder of 2023 there will be two editions in the months of October and December.

Following feedback from clubs that there is significant wastage with the paper form of Focus, we have also decided to change the allocation model for printed copies. This will now be based on approximately 3 copies per 50 home members, with a minimum of 3 copies to be provided to smaller clubs. Based on this model and club feedback the revised distribution of printed copies will be:

- 3 copies to Swan Districts, Maccabi, Willetton, Denmark, Esperance, Kojonup, Kendenup, Dianella, Bridgetown, Armadale, Glen Forrest, Kalgoorlie, Canning District, Avon Valley, Gosnells, Bullcreek, Village, Langford, Community and Perth CBD.
- 5 Copies to Rockingham, Albany, Fremantle, Bayswater, Geraldton, Northern Districts and Maylands.
- 10 copies to Kalamunda, Busselton, Bunbury, Joondalup (by agreement), Mandurah (by agreement), Melville (by agreement).
- 15 copies to West Coast and Nedlands.
- 20 copies to South Perth (by agreement) and Undercroft (by agreement).
- 50 copies to WABC.

If any club feels this allocation will still result in wastage, please let us know and we will adjust to your needs. If any club wishes to purchase additional copies at \$2 per copy, please also let us know.

Focus Advertising Guidelines

Standard advertising rates (published in Focus):

Black printing: \$150 full page and \$75 half page (black)

Colour (when available): \$220 full page and \$110 half page (colour)

Free advertising:

Every bridge club gets 2 free quarter page ads per congress, or half page at \$35, or full page at \$75

Regular contributors to Focus: Free half page per issue of contribution

Discounted rates (commercial-in-confidence):

Commercial bridge-related advertising: 30% discount

Non-bridge related advertising: (subject to approval and negotiation)

Regular contributors to Focus: 50% discount for a full page (or half page free, as above)

Minor Sponsors (less than \$2,000pa): One full page black and 1 full page colour (for year of sponsoring)

Major Sponsors (above \$2,000pa): As for sponsors but additional half page for every other issue

Note:

Minor sponsors for 2023/2024 include all clubs that sponsored ANC2023

Major sponsors currently include TBIB and Daisy Pools

Effective Date: 1 September 2023

We estimate these changes will save over \$5,000 per year, without materially impacting the reach or contribution Focus makes to WA bridge. These savings will be directed to a new program to help support Congresses at our smaller regional clubs. Details of this program will be provided separately.

BAWA Management Committee

Around the Clubs

By Helen Rogoysky

Denmark Bridge Club

From Phillip Powell

The Denmark Bridge Club has moved.

For the past two years the club, which has 57 paidup members, has been operating from Denmark Shire-owned McLean House, in the Denmark recreation precinct at McLean Park.

However, the shire gave notice to the club that it wants to revert McLean House to a youth hub, which was the original purpose of the building. After it failed as a youth centre it was given to the Men's Shed, and the bridge club moved in after the Men's Shed occupied their new venue.

The club's new, albeit temporary, venue is the conference room at Karri Mia Function Centre on Mt Shadforth Road.

The centre is part of the Karri Mia Resort, set on the mountaintop at Mount Shadforth, 3.5km from the centre of Denmark, and boasts sweeping views of the Southern Ocean and Wilson's Inlet

Club president Philip Powell said: "We are sorry to leave McLean House as it ticked so many boxes for us. But we hope the shire meets its target the second time around in providing a focus for youth.

"Many facilities are provided for youth in the town, including a skate ramp, mountain bike track, scout hall, oval, multiple sports, arts, drama and music programs and further planned facilities at a local reserve.

"While catering for youth is commendable, we have reminded the shire that seniors deserve consideration too, particularly as Denmark has a high ratio of retired residents.

"We were disappointed with the shire during negotiations earlier this year over hiring the recreation centre for our 2023 congress, scheduled for October. After a very successful congress held in the recreation centre in 2021, the shire quoted us a 67% increase in the hire charge for the venue, which was a major factor in our decision to cancel the congress for this year.

"We are very grateful to Karri Mia's owners for allowing us to share their amenities, but in the long term we still need to find a permanent venue," said Philip.



Ocean views: The Denmark Bridge Club boasts one of the best outlooks of any club in Australia at its new temporary premises on Mt Shadforth.

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Much as my bridge partner and I enjoy playing in the Country congresses and events throughout the year, our favourite has to be the Country Championships held annually in our beautiful home town of Bridgetown. With the arrival of Spring, our town looks at its best with the gardens in full bloom, the deciduous trees in blossom and all nestled in the rolling green hills which envelop this lovely area of the South West.

Country players from all around – Albany, Denmark, Dunsborough, Busselton, Bunbury, Mandurah, Kendenup, Bridgetown, and even Geraldton, arrived "to gather for the fray". Yes, Maureen and Jeanette had travelled the 700 kms (one way!) from up north to join in this event what dedication and commitment to our game! With two sessions of Pairs on the Saturday, and Teams on Sunday, there was not much time to enjoy the stunning views of the surrounding countryside from the commanding, elevated position of the Bridgetown Gardens Function Centre before play commenced under the firm but sensitive guidance of our Director, Brian Wade.

Saturday was Pairs day, with the Qualifying in the morning and the Final and Plate in the afternoon. Warm congratulations to all winners that day.

That evening the popular "Up Close & Musical" event was staged at the Bridgetown Repertory Theatre, attended and much enjoyed by some of the bridge participants. It is sponsored each year by our Rotary Club and features local musical talent and guest musicians from WAAPA.

Sunday featured the Teams event in which the Mandurah members prevailed in no uncertain fashion - again, very warm congratulations to them all. One of our Bridgetown members had generously volunteered to be a 'stand-in" and was needed so drove the 40 odd kms from the other side of Manjimup to join in the Teams event. When I was chatting to her afterwards, I suggested that after this initial experience she may like to participate in some Congress events "Oh no," she replied, "there's far too much sitting!". I think she prefers action in her extensive garden!

Thank you to the Convener, Jo Dundas and to our Director, Brian Wade – they both display amazing unflappability, great organizational skills and good humour, come what may. And, guess what, one of our young helpers in the kitchen is keen to learn bridge ... what a bonus!



East/West Qualifying winners; Jan Burgess and Jana Mayhew.



North/South Qualifying winners; Steve and Helen Rogoysky.

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Diana Schupp

Teams of 3 with a Mentor was a successful event with Team Coates winning the day.

The team consisted of: Jan Ovens, Mimi Ravel and Marie Ducler, the Mentor was Sheryl Coates.



The Jack Rowse Novice Pairs was won by Nada Clastres and Trish Christy (pictured below). Gary Watkins and John McElvaney were runners up.

Congratulations to all who participated.



Best Saturday Three out of Four was won by Di Brooks and Roman Gdowsky. Runners up were Di Schupp and Sheila Mahl.



A series of bridge lessons for beginners, led by Corrie Davis, has started with 25 students on the roll. A series of 'Deadly Defence' lessons by Alan Dundas is due to begin in October.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

The Rockingham Bridge Club held their Spring Pairs on the 6th Sept. It was a very relaxed and well-run event, thanks to Roz Davey, organiser, and Steve Rogoysky, who was Director on the day. As usual members supplied a scrumptious afternoon tea and a great time was had by all.

North/South winners were: Roz Davey and Yvonne Matthews with 53.12%. East/West winners were: Jenny Green and a surprised Liz Hill with 50.82%.



Roz Davey with treasurer, Helen Hansell.



Liz Hill and Jenny Green with treasurer, Helen Hansell.

On 20th September, the Rockingham Bridge Club held their annual Gala Day, where funds are raised for a charity of the Club's choice. This year it is Coastal Community Care, an organisation which gives support to the homeless and families in need.

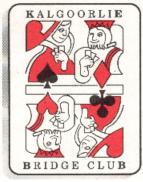
On the day, the Club raised \$3,402.85. A plethora of donations was received from our extremely supportive local businesses. The Club received petrol vouchers, food vouchers, haircuts, dog washes, vet vaccinations, to name a few. Member had also baked, made preserves, and grown plants. A fun day was had by all and the day finished with a game of bridge in the afternoon.



Norma, representing Coastal District Care with Nicky O'Connell the Convenor and Nia Parker, Vice President RBC.

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia



President: Sue Lia Ph 0418215308 Vice President: Anthony Porter Secretary: Barry Aslett Treasurer: Leanne Lapworth Master Point Secretary: Anthony Porter Committee Members: Michael Fisher Kerry Williams Ross Darcey Janet Bajramovic Terri Angel

Willetton Bridge Club

From Richard Harris

The club thrives, with 74 home members, up from 58 last year. The financial position is strong and the committee has been strengthened by some new blood, following the recent AGM.

Arun Sahgal, who has enjoyed a distinguished military career, is our new secretary; Kathy Perkins takes over as house manager. Alan Byrne and Charles Westcott are new committee members. Alan can direct and teach bridge. Charles has a background in law and real estate.

Noel Daniel continues as president, with Vijay Ahooja as tournament manager.

The club benefits greatly from its catchment area, which contains many lively people of mixed ethnicity.

The AGM approved some increases in fees. Nonhome club membership will rise from \$20 to \$25. A one-off admin fee of \$5 will be imposed on all new members. Table money for visitors increases from \$6 to \$7.

The Spring Pairs championship, sponsored by Vijay Ahooja, was keenly contested, with some close results. Unfortunately, the pair who came second, Carmel O'Neill and Jane Walters, with 63.39%, were not club members, and while they collected red points they were not awarded a place. The cash prizes went to 1: Ken Harrison and Ameer Ali, 65.77%; 2: John Peck and Nick Taylor, 62.50%; 3: Bridget Cooke and Richard Harris, 60.16%.

In his presidential address, Noel thanked the City of Canning and the Herald Avenue Senior Citizen's Centre for their help and support.



Willetton spring pairs trophy winners, L to R: Richard Harris, Bridget Cooke, Ameer Ali, Vijay Ahooja (sponsor), Ken Harrison, Nick Taylor and John Peck.

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

West Coast Congress

Our West Coast Congress was held on Sunday September 10. It was a most enjoyable day. Thank you to Susan Vincent, Peach Partis, Adele Philpot and their mentor, Patrick Garnett for the great organisation of this event and to Neville Walker, our director.

As usual, the participants enjoyed delicious refreshments after the event, thanks to coordinator Faye Agnello and her team. Thanks also to Sally Britliffe and Malcolm Jolly for manning the bar.

WCBC President, Susan Vincent presented awards to the winners.

The results were:

Qualifying



North South winners: Ian Clark and Dave Parham.



East West winners: Trevor Fuller and Nick Cantatore.

Best Performing West Coast Pair



Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat

Consolation



1st	Adele Philpot and Ann Patrick

2nd Pauline Coulter and David Coulter

3rd Linda Martin and Susan Bahr

<u>Plate</u>



1st	Phil Bapty and Tomoko Nakamatsu
2nd	Egmont Melton and John Beddow
3rd	Tuya Cooke and Lilia Male

<u>Final</u>

1st	Tom Leman and Viv Wood
2nd	Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat
3rd	Deana Wildon and Hamish McCracken

Club Championship Teams Competition This event was held in August.



- 1st Rick Rhodes, Maura Rhodes, Ray Wood, Marleen Medhat
- 2nd Patrick Garnett, Christina Wu, Peter McCann, Martin Broome
- 3rd Max Havercroft, Brian Kaye Cathy Slaughter, Maureen Phillips

Upcoming events

West Coast Bridge Club has several upcoming events. See flyers in this newsletter.

Lessons on the Standard American biding system commence on Sunday September 17 ay 10.00am and run for 10 weeks. Contact Joanna.tennyson@gmail.com 0434309525

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Sunday Social Bridge with soup will be held every 3rd Sunday at 12.00pm with bridge commencing at 1.00pm. Cost \$5.00 per person. You can come without a partner.

A Trivia Night will be held on Friday October 27 at 7.00pm. Tables of 6 for \$90.

Contact Colleen Stone colstone22@yahoo.com.au or 0401 516663

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Restricted Pairs – held over two Tuesdays with 20 pairs competing.



1st	Mario Rossie and Yoko Kobayashi
2nd	Denise Chalmers and Diane Pope
3rd	Alison Hutt and Donald Chandraratna

Sunday Congress

1st	Rez Karim and Hasan Hazra
2nd	Stella and James Steer
3rd	Cathy Hood and David Schokman
4th	David Matthews and Don Allen
5th	Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven
6th	Brian Wade and Colleen Skipsey



1st: Rez Karim (Hasan Hazra)



2nd: Stella Steer and James Steer



4th: David Matthews and Don Allen



6th: Brian Wade and Colleen Skipsey

Territory Gold Festival – Alice Springs



Our members shone with Jonathan Free (Betty Mill) placing third in the Match point final of the Swiss Pairs.

In the Plate:

2nd Chris Ingham and Geoff Holman	1st	Gwyneria Brahma and Dave Munro
	2nd	Chris Ingham and Geoff Holman

Swiss Teams

2nd	Holman, ews and De		0	David
5th	Nasta, eria Brahm	5		0 .

Swiss Pairs

3rd Dave Munro and Gwyneria Brahma

Congratulations also to members who played in the HGR Mixed Pairs – placing in the top 10

2nd Jonathan Free and Mimi Packer
4th Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton
5th Val Biltoft and David Matthews
6th Pauline Collett and Martin Doran
7th Viv Wood (Tom Lemann)
8th Jane Reynolds (Peter Reynolds)
9th Wendy Driscoll and Bob Prince
10th James Steer and Stella Steer

Restricted HGR Pairs

2nd	Andy Cayley and Anne-Louise Dubrawski
5th	Andrea McCallum and Nicki McGrath

Enter soon for the Melbourne Cup Lunch Tuesday November 7th 11.30 am– this event is always a sell out!



Tuesday mornings 9.30 Supervised session – you are most welcome to come along without a partner.

Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Di van Santen

Kalamunda Christmas in July Mix 'n Match This event is a club favourite with 25 pairs playing on the day.



Mike Barker and Judith Poole in the festive mood.



Julie Bechelli, Peter (Elizabeth Mcmillen's brother) from Tasmania, Elizabeth and JP.

Winners North/South were: Cora Brown and Phillipa Kerr.



Winners East/West were: Gerry Davies and Guy Gaudet.



The Daytime Teams competition was run over three Mondays, the 24^{th} and 31^{st} of July and the 7^{th} August. Six teams played in the competition.

- 1st Michael Barker, David Harris, Robert McMahon and Carole McMahon
- 2nd Gudrun Kemmer, Jenny Tedeschi, Alan Puckey and Ross Pringle

On the 12th August we had our AGM Red Point Event. There were eight tables in play.





The winning pair was: Stephen Tyer and Carmen Jackson. The runner-up pair was Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown.



Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

Here are the results of our last three Red Point events. We have enjoyed playing bridge over Winter in our warm airconditioned venue and gladly welcome Spring. We have also enjoyed the delicious afternoon tea for each Red Point and we thank all those who prepared and served the food.

The winners of the Red Point of Monday 10 July 2023 were Helen Clews and Fred Heywood (pictured below) N/S with 62.80% and Carol Thomas and Eddie Pozarowszcyk E/W with 62.55%.



The Red Point of Thursday 10 August 2023 winners: N/S were Hank Van Der Steen and Elizabeth Martinengo with 63.43% and E/W Jane Hayes and Doreen McPherson with 60.65%.



Our recent Red Point on Monday 11 September 2023 was won by Lee Leach and Eddie Pozarowszcyk N/S with 58.56% and Chris Price and Lyn Fakira E/W with 70.60%.



Thanks to all those who make a contribution to the Club. Your efforts are much appreciated. Without volunteers we wouldn't be able to run a successful Club which we all enjoy.

Our website is ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org where you can find all the latest information about our Club and where to find us if you wish to visit.

Joondalup Bridge Club

From Sheevaun Gallacher Oh! What a Night at JBC!

Our Winterfest Quiz night was a huge success with over 135 members coming out on a wet and stormy night in July to become the JBC Quizmasters for 2023. Our social event, held in the Fleur Freame Pavilion, was hosted by the professional quiz company 'Bamboozled' and our host, Ian, was skilled at keeping us entertained all evening.

The night started with some drinks and an Indian Curry (supplied by Copper Chimney). The food was delicious and certainly well received on this wintery evening. Our quiz, which consisted of 5 rounds of 10 questions on topics such as music, movies, sport and general knowledge, kept us entertained and guessing all the way to the end of the evening – at which point wooden spoons were awarded (to the losers) and bottles of wine presented to our champions. Throughout the evening, JBC gave away 10 raffle prizes and we were entertained by one of our members, Derek Smart, singing Blue Suede Shoes.

A thoroughly enjoyable night was had by everyone!



Maylands Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

David Scott Memorial Trophy



Congratulations to:

1st	Barbara Gold & Colleen Prosser
2nd	Bernard Smith & Leo Erneste
3rd	Rodney Bryant & Ilda Martin

Spring Pairs – Red Point Event



Congratulations to:

1st	Luba Klein & Christine Ross
2nd	Jean Martin & Margo Heitner
3rd	Rodney Bryant & Joanne Elison

West Australian Bridge Club

From Penni Fletcher Hughes Many thanks to Helen Rogoysky who is the new editor of Focus, which will be coming out bimonthly in future.

Looking forward, WABC has the following bridge and social events coming up: Mixed Pairs Championship, the Open & Restricted Teams Championship; Melbourne Cup Day; the Jackpot Finals; another Super Saturday, the Christmas Congress; and the Christmas Party. The AGM is also on in October. Saturday Supervised will also be restarting in October. Further details are on the WABC website.

Andy Hung returns with new lessons in October: Basic Beginners Course from the 9th; Advanced Beginners from the 11th, Rookies from the 10th; and a Card Play Essentials for Rookies from the 9th. An excellent chance to learn or improve with one of the best bridge teachers in Australia.

Looking back, there has been a lot going on. The Gardening Gang has been out battling the weeds and trimming the hedge, the Library continues to buy new books to help with our bridge, and we get to play bridge almost every day in the best of surroundings. It's good to see BAWA's emphasis on happy and respectful bridging. The "magnificent obsession" that has us in its thrall does sometimes tempt a sharp comment or worse! Just smile, partner is on your side and unfortunately your opponents will sometimes get lucky. Play nicely, love your partner, and be polite to your opposition! It's just a game – allegedly.



Trevor Smith & Richard Basham, part of the Gardening Gang.

<u>Super Saturday</u>: A good turnout including a supervised section. Happy bridge; red points; a thought-provoking bidding quiz (yes, sometimes Pass is your best option); food; bingo; prizes and course the Matilda's nail-biting, perfectly timed shootout; all combined for a very enjoyable day. Don't miss the next Super Saturday in November.



Super Saturday – Post Bridge Fun and Games in the Social Area.

<u>Bayswater Restricted Congress:</u> There were a lot of WABC members in the recent Bayswater Restricted Congress. Congratulations to Brenda Campbell & Joanne Theirault (First) and Karen Moller & Jodie Basham (Third) in the Final and Andy Cayley & Anne-Louise Dubrawski who won the Plate.

The Daytime Pairs Championship was won by Hamish McCracken & Deana Wilson from Patricia McNamara & Belinda Taranto by a little more than a single match point.



Hamish McCracken & Deana Wilson

The BAWA Spring Swiss Pairs was held at WABC and replaced the normal Wednesday evening competition for two weeks. There was a good turnout with James & Stella Steer winning comfortably from Martin Doran & Karol Miller.



James & Stella Steer

The other big event was the BAWA Hans G Rosendorff Memorial Weekend held at Melville and well attended by WABC members. It was a mixed pairs event with both Open and Restricted fields. In the Open field, Jonathan Free & Mimi Packer came second, Marie France Merven playing with Nigel Dutton came fourth. In the Restricted, Alfred Leung playing with Diane Smith came first, closely followed by Andy Cayley & Anne-Louise Dubrawski and Jodie Basham playing with her father Richard Basham.



Diane Smith & Alfred Leung



Richard Basham, Anna Dubrawski, Andy Cayley, Jodie Basham



Perth CBD Bridge Club

From Ann Spiro

We formally opened the Perth CBD Bridge Club on 3rd August 2022. From the moment we contacted Sandy and Don Sutton-Mattocks to provide Director and instruction support, they were very willing to assist and have been a constant source of encouragement and help for the members. Nothing is too difficult for them. They put themselves out each week to give our members a comfortable and enjoyable learning experience.

On the 20th September Alison Stralow and Ian Clark attended our club to present certificates to Don and Sandy. The certificates were from the Auspices of the Royal Commonwealth Society WA Branch. We, as a club, are so thankful to all that Sandy and Don have done for us.





"BRIDGE – an Olympic Mind Sport"

BAWA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

From Josephine Dundas

Over the weekend of September 9 and 10, players came from around the south west and as far north as Geraldton for the annual country get together in Bridgetown. While the bridge is tightly contested, the weekend's defining feature is the friendliness and opportunity for catchup since players live over a wide area. Indeed, more than half of all participants joined in a dinner on the Saturday night. The weekend was directed by Brian Wade, whose organisation and calmness really set the tone for the weekend. One challenge of organising the event is finding standby players because people have to travel to attend, but many people stepped up to help resolve the issue over the weekend. The morning pairs qualifying was won by Helen and Steve Rogoysky north/south and Jana Mayhew and Jan Burgess east/west. The winners of the Pairs Final on the Saturday were Florence Maltby and Alan Dundas and second were Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems. Winners of the plate were Carole Hazelden and Josephine Dundas. The teams event was won by the Zhao team of Kimberley Zhao, Alan Cransberg, Denise Samson and Corrie Davis. Second were the Dundas team of Alan Dundas, Florence Maltby, Carole Hazelden and Josephine Dundas. Ted North and Sybill Davies won the best datum pair not winning another prize and Colleen Long and Colleen Skipsey won the best restricted pair.



Final winners: Florence Maltby and Alan Dundas



Runners Up: Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems



Plate winners: Josephine Dundas and Carole Halzeldon



Winning Team: Zhao Team





So, What is the BEC?

By Garth Scotford

The Behaviour and Ethics Committee, hereinafter referred to as the BEC, is a new BAWA Sub-Committee which, from 1st January 2024, will embrace and expand complaint adjudication and penalty roles currently dealt with within the Tournament Committee. Behaviour is simply defined but ethics...well, let's leave moral values out of this and confine ourselves to "a social code of behaviour considered correct by a particular group or profession".

You may by now have seen this State's first formalised Code of Conduct, sub-titled "Enjoyable Bridge through Zero Tolerance", on the BAWA website. It is very much in line with ABF policy and also Codes of several other States and serves to delineate offences and their penalties as well as backing up the behavioural requirements of the Laws of Bridge already applied by Directors. This Code will apply to all BAWA State events and above, and to all Club Congresses. It's intentionally tough on a whole range of misdemeanours if proven. It will also help those Clubs who wish to use elements of it in producing a Code for their own Club level games.

Players of intellectual sports such as bridge and chess can appear to have a bad press when it comes to relationships with other players, but with little justification. Any anger in the air when we leave events is usually self- directed, perhaps regretting that we failed to bid 5H over their 4S. However, fine and friendly that most of our interactions are, there are several examples of unethical behaviour in State circles each year which are brought to the attention of the President or the MC or the TC as a specific or generalised undercurrent of concern. Often the "fault line", the irritating friction that can erupt, is between very experienced players and those that are less experienced. Such flare-ups are often prompted by a mistaken bid or explanation, general confusion though inexperience, or the minefield of the unintentional passing unauthorised of information to partner. The Director may be called for reservation of rights, which, in itself, may cause resentment from those who do not understand why, even if it's in their best interest. The pair sinned against may openly show a level of intolerance that will discourage new players from ever repeating their entry into such a field. That is to the detriment of us all as we seek to welcome more and more members into the State or Congress level competitive arena.

I am not implying that it is only the top players that offend. Intolerant overreactions or expressions of oversensitivity can crop up anywhere. None of us get out of bed in the morning of a match determined to be rude or unfriendly but unpleasant reactions can rise up unbidden when we are in a mode of intense concentration. These have to be curbed and it is where the social code of behaviour must be pre-eminent.

There are no State Recorders in existence now. Every event organiser will have to appoint a Recorder for the day. But the Code modifies the input of the Recorder to a more supportive role and strengthens the role of the Director, who should apply penalties for infractions and possibly additional penalties under the demerit scheme as described in the Penalty Look Up Table and displayed on the website. The BEC will monitor that second group of awards to ensure consistency of application. If anyone allegedly and egregiously offends, and more significant penalties could result, the matter will be referred to the BEC either by the Director or the Recorder or a complainant.

In addition to myself as Chair and Robina McConnell as Secretary, the members of the BEC are Roz Trend, Paul Brayshaw, Allison Stralow, Noelene Law and John Aquino. These are all experienced and respected individuals within BAWA. It is our goal to ensure that the whole of the bridge community in WA can come to any event and leave feeling that they have had a rancour free, enjoyable and

fulfilling session. The last two BAWA AGM's have received comments from Club representatives that we should "do something about behaviour". I hope they will agree that this is a good star



BACK! A bridge cruise with Ron & Suzie Klinger 16 nights – Sydney – New Zealand – Sydney January 25-February 10, 2025 on board Oceania's Regatta. Saturday, January 25 to Monday February 10, 2025

Date	Day	Port	Arrive	Depart	Morning bridge	Afternoon bridge
25 Jan	Sat	Sydney	Embark	5.00pm		
26 Jan	Sun	Cruising			W'shop 9.30-11.30	Dup. 2.00-5.00
27 Jan	Mon	Cruising			W'shop 9.30-11.30	Dup. 2.00-5.00
28 Jan	Tue	Bay of Islands NZ	2.00pm	9.00pm	W'shop 9.30-11.30	*
29 Jan	Wed	Auckland NZ	9.00am	7.00pm	*	*
30 Jan	Thu	Rotorua NZ	7.00am	4.00	*	Dup. 4.15-5.45
31 Jan	Fri	Napier NZ	11.00am	7.00pm	W'shop 9.30-10.45	*
01 Feb	Sat	Picton NZ	12.00pm	8.00pm	W'shop 9.30-11.45	*
02 Feb	Sun	Akaroa NZ	10.00am	7.00pm	*	*
03 Feb	Mon	Dunedin NZ	7.00am	5.00pm	*	*
04 Feb	Tue	Cruising fjords NZ			W'shop 9.30-11.30	Dup. 2.00-5.00
05 Feb	Wed	Cruising fjords NZ			W'shop 9.30-11.30	Dup. 2.00-5.00
06 Feb	Thu	Cruising fjords NZ			W'shop 9.30-11.30	Dup. 2.00-5.00
07 Feb	Fri	Melbourne	1.00pm		W'shop 9.30-11.30	*
08 Feb	Sat	Melbourne		6pm	*	*
09 Feb	Sun	Cruising			W'shop 9.30-11.30	Dup. 2.00-5.00
10 Feb	Mon	Sydney	Disembark			

*Times are tentative, dependent on activities or other requirements at the time. When in port, bridge workshops might be available at the local club. Details will be available on board.

Ron Klinger will conduct bridge workshops in the mornings when at sea and there will be duplicates in the afternoons when at sea (see program above).

Our Bridge Group will proceed with 12 passengers or more. To take part in the workshops and duplicates on board, it is essential to join the I-Y-B Group and make your booking through Nicole Page-Ross, email <u>nicole page@travelassociates.com</u> or via <u>ron@ronklingerbridge.com</u>. No passenger outside our Group will be entitled to participate in the workshops or duplicates. Numbers are limited.

Regatta, flagship of the Oceania Cruises fleet, offers four unique, open-seating restaurants plus the Aquamar Spa + Vitality Center + 8 lounges and bars. Shipboard credit for our group: \$A200 per cabin.

Worth noting, fares generally increase closer to sailing time and so we encourage you to book early. Fares quoted are cruise-only, in Australian Dollars. Other grades on application. Deck plan available on request. Note: The fare is capacity controlled and does not guarantee suite availability. All fares, savings, offers, itineraries and programs are subject to change without notice. Additional restrictions may apply. **Airfares are not included**.

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For questions, contact: Suzie Klinger, (02) 9958 5589 or 0411 229 705 or <u>suzie@ronklingerbridge.com</u> for email.

Planning Your Play



By Di Brooks

In a regular session: Board: 7, Dealer: South Vulnerable: All.

South opened the bidding with 3S, West passed and North raised to 4S. All Pass.

Lead: 8 Diamonds

Take a look at the Dummy hand and plan your play.

North AQ105 106 AQ73 Q53

South KJ98763 3 J1062 2

The minute you see the Dummy hand, it should shout 'Singleton'.

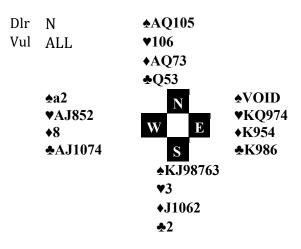
So, then Declarer wins with the Ace and takes out trumps, in two rounds. Declarer gives up three tricks, Dk, A C, A H.

The result was interesting. Out of 9 tables, 6 pairs played 4S, but two pairs went down. Another pair bid 3 spades and made 10 tricks. One player got excited, bid to 5S, doubled and went down by 1 trick. The best score on the board was Liz Sayers and Jan Pearson, sat E/W, bidding game in hearts and making 12 tricks.

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The full hand was:



When North bid to 4S, East should make a Take Out Double.

With a fast arrival, North cut out the opponents from bidding within their comfort zone.

To those who took the finesse, unfortunately they lost the opportunity of making their contract.

Happy bridging 🙂



For catering purposes please enter your name on the list that will be up on the notice board. You can come without a partner.

Social Sunday Bridge every 3rd Sunday of the month starting 17th September 2023

Results

TEAMS OF 4 – September 2023

From John Beddow

ΟΡΕΝ			
	PLAYED	WON	VPs
MELVILLE	5	2	52.31
WABC-B	6	1	47.92
UNDERCROFT A	4	3	46.18
SPBC	4	2	41.01
UNDERCROFT B	3	2	37.08
NEDLANDS	4	2	28.36
WABC-A	2	2	27.14
WIDC II	2	4	27.11

INTERMEDIATE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
NEDLANDS	6	4	78.60
UNDERCROFT	5	2	51.00
WEST COAST B	5	3	50.34
WABC	6	3	49.96
MELVILLE	5	2	46.38
WEST COAST A	5	1	33.46
SPBC	2	2	30.26

ΝΟΥΙCΕ

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	7	5	95.52
JOONDALUP B	7	6	95.03
UNDERCROFT A	8	4	86.11
SPBC	7	6	83.00
JOONDALUP A	7	3	75.03
UNDERCROFT B	8	3	65.42
MELVILLE B	6	2	54.72
WEST COAST	7	0	44.99
MELVILLE A	7	2	40.18

BAWA SPRING PAIRS

1^{st}	Stella Steer and James Steer
2 nd	Karol Miller and Martin Doran
3 rd	Deana Wilson and Hamish McCracken

70% Results (Random search)

Albany

73.3% Rita Leeming and Kay Thompson71.9% Judy Kuyer and Claire James70.8% Pam Goodman and Sue Skirrow

Armadale

72.2% Joe Oscar and Peter Bekink

Bayswater

71.6% Anita Johnson and Robyn Strom

Bunbury

73.7% Colin Bell and John Ferguson

72% Esther Saunders and Colin Saunders

70.4% Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders

Denmark

70.8% Wendy Wade and Michelle Randle

Geraldton

73.6% Heather Cupitt and Wayne Cupitt

72.2% Elise Criddle and Lesley Watson

71.9% Heather Cupitt and Wayne Cupitt

70.5% Wayne Cupitt and Heather Cupitt

Joondalup

77.5% Michael Lawes and Magda Lawes

76.1% Christine Innes and Sheevaun Gallacher

75.0% John Nel amd Gideon Rossouw

74.6% John Nel and Gideon Rossouw

72.3% Trevor Burr and Ann Burr

71.6% Wyn McCormick and Peter Eastwood

71.3% Ann Hopfmueller and Carol Fensome

70.7% Isabel White and Dirk Lapere

70.0% Christine Smitham and Alan Tolley

Mandurah

75.7% Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao

73.1% Nada Clastres and Trish Christy

Melville

75.4% Richard Fuller and Gwenda Kensitt Northern Districts

70.6% Chris Price and Lyn Fakira

70% Christine Holmes and Peter Holme

Rockingham

71.4% Sue Stephen and Eve Dethlefsen

70.7% Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg 70.3% Betty Philpot and Ron Philpot

South Perth

75.0% Eleanor Chan and Bindy Howell
74% Gail Basell and Rod Basell
73.8% Garry Mullin and Paul Fielding
73.3% Gail Basell and Rod Basell
73.3% Marin Cleeve and Carole Cleeve
72.7% Gwyneira Brahma and Kimberley Zhao
70.8% Merwyn Menezes and Bill Symons
70.4% Erik Moller and Angelique Morin
70.0% Bill Lambe and Efrem Gamba

Swan Districts

71.88% Lynne Roberts and Rory O'Hanlon **Undercroft**

75% Jamie Luxton and Diane Tilvern
72.1% Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma
72.0% Louise Collins and Terry Collins
71.9% Joanna Tennyson and Lynne Errington
71.8% Brian Kaye and Satish Bedekar
70.8% Derek Dorward and Claudia Baker
70.1% John Beddow and Chris Bagley
WABC

75% Jonathon Free and Jo-Ann Therialt
72.3% Susan Barham and Shelley James
71.1% Helen Kemp and Helene Kolozs
70.7% Malcolm Tull and Tim Wright
70.5% Jan Malcolm and Sandy Veling
70.1% Jonathon Free and Mimi Packer

West Coast

75.0% Ray Wacker and Georgie Wacker
74.6% Marleen Medhat and Jay Medhat
73% Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood
71.1% Sara Westergren and Chris Westergren
70.0% Harold McKnight and Sally Brittliffe
70.0% Janet Khaw and Kate Nadebaum



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December Deadline

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

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		Орсотіпд ВА	AWA & Club Events
	Oct	Fri 6- Sun 8th	Nedlands Congress
		Mon 9th	South Perth Open Red Point Event
		Sun 15th	BAWA Novice Swiss Pairs
		Sat 21st – Sun 22nd	Undercroft Congress
		Friday 27th	Maylands Novice Congress
		Sun 29th	Super Vets Congress
	Nov	Sun 5th	BAWA Grandmaster and Restricted Pairs
		Sat11th – Sun 12th	Golden West Swiss Pairs
		Fri 24th – Sun 26th	WABC Christmas Congress
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NOTE	Times and	venues are subject to ch	nange: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: rea
		of entry for the event on t	.

More Photos from the Country Championships









SATURDAY BRIDGE

West Australian Newspaper

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

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GOLDEN WEST 2023

Gold Point Event Swiss Pairs

Saturday 11 November 10am and 1.45pm

Sunday 12 November 9.30am and 1.15pm

Entry Fee \$90 per player

No play Saturday Night Prize Giving at approximately 5.00pm Sunday Venue: Mandurah Bridge Club Corner Murdoch & Bortolo Drives, Mandurah



Friday Afternoon 11th November Welcome Pairs Red Point Event

1.00pm Run by Mandurah Bridge Club **Tournament Organiser**: Allison Stralow (0403153823) <u>Allison Stralow@yahoo.com</u> **Tournament Unit**: Neville Walker, Brian Wade Contact Allison or Neville 0418944077

- Entries: <u>https://myabf.com.au/events/</u> No cash payments accepted, contact the Tournament Organiser for assistance if necessary.
- Players and officials are asked not to attend the event if they are not well, or if they are supposed to be isolating or quarantining. If you come to play but are not well, you will be asked to leave the

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DATE	One Session Events	Two Session Events	
Friday 24	RESTRICTED PAIRS (<300MPs at 1-July-2023) 9:30 am \$15 per person		
November	WELCOME PAIRS 1:30pm \$20 per person		Ý
Saturday 25 November	PRESIDENT PAIRS 1:30 pm \$20 per person	SWISS PAIRS 9:30 am & 1:30 pm \$40 per person	
Sunday 26 November	NOVICE PAIRS (<150MPs at 1-July-2023) 1:30 pm \$15 per person	SWISS TEAMS 9:30 am & 1:30 pm \$40 per person	

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Chief Tournament Director: David Burn 0409 661 010 Tournament Organiser: Martin Doran 0466 638 055

> ENTRIES via MyABF Paper entry forms at WABC or see Martin or David

Venue: 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne, WA

 Entry Enquiries Phone: Tournament Organiser Email: bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au





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