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THEY DID IT!! – CONGRATULATIONS!



Australian Girls Team Win Silver at the World Championships

Renee Cooper, Cesca McGrath, Ella Pattison, Jessica Brake,
Kirstyn Fuller and (Ian Thomson NPC)

Congratulations to our Australian Girls Team. The best result ever for an Australian Youth team. Second in the WBF World Youth Teams in Salsamaggiore, Italy. The team had 3 WA players – Renee Cooper, Cesca McGrath and Kirstyn Fuller.

Grand National Open Teams WINNERS

1st Clive Hunt, James Steer, Inga Hunt
and Stella Steer



2nd Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



3rd Jan Blight, Heather Williams
(Catherine Hood and Doreen Jones)



GNOT Restricted

1st Hasan Hezra, (Rez Karim),
Convener Robina McConnell,
Jessica Chew
and Kaiping Chen

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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Congratulations to Hilary Yovich on her 14th **Swan River Open**

Swiss Pairs. Well done to her and all of the team for a faultless weekend. With 94 pairs competing it remains our most popular and prestigious events. We had a number of interstate visitors all of whom complimented the event and, of course, the great venue. Thanks go once again to WABC for their support.

We haven't finished with our great Gold Point events for the year; next the **HGR Women's Swiss Pairs** and the **HGR Restricted Swiss.** BAWA is pleased to see that the switch to a Swiss format for the women has proved popular with numbers up significantly. It's not too late to enter either event both of which begin the 17th of this month. Gold Points for both and \$1000 first prize and \$500 for second in the Women's Swiss. I hope to announce soon that the **2017 HGR Restricted Swiss** will have a similar generous prize structure thanks to TBIB Insurance Brokers.

The Super Vets event, for players over 80 is also approaching fast; this is a popular event which has the added attraction this year of cash prizes, also courtesy of TBIB. Past years have seen clubs make a real effort to assist their senior members make it down to the WABC clubrooms by organising transport. I hope your club can do the same again for this year's event. It's a great day, not too long and enhanced with a light lunch. Jane Reynolds is the convenor so I know it will be a successful day.

Finally - the **Golden West.** As is normal this time of the year the event is full. However, I will be opening a Golden West Reserve Event Entry closer to the time. Keep an eye out on our web site. More information about this and the event in the next newsletter.

Also coming up two events that BAWA is always keen to promote. **The Grand Master – Restricted Pairs,**

two Thursday evenings 3 and 10 November. There is a flyer on the BAWA web site with all the details which will also direct you to a list of Grand Masters in WA – if you see a name that you know and would like to play with and you don't want to ask yourself send me an email and I will ask for you. Any GM willing to volunteer I have a couple of restricted players looking for a partner.

The BAWA Masters in Teams of 3. This is another opportunity for up and coming players (<300 MP). Three players form a team and I will allocate you a Master Player on the day to play with each team member in turn. This is a one day event on Sunday November 20. It's a great fun day – again full details on the BAWA web site.

It was suggested to me earlier this year that BAWA adopt the ABF format for the Mixed Teams. It's not a huge change as we have only one Mixed Teams event for the year but the BAWA Tournament Committee has decided that as of 2017 the Mixed Teams need only have a minimum of one member of each gender. So teams of 3 and 1 or 1 and 3 are fine. As are 4/5 and 1 as long as in every session there is at least one mixed pair playing.

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

New Lessons

Springtime Lessons begin on 7th September to run for 6 weeks. Total beginners welcome but can also accommodate improvers. Lessons are \$10 and held from 10 am – noon at our premises at the Bayswater Bowling Club at 58 Murray Street, Bayswater.

Ring Sandy for details 0448 005 967



Some newbie's take honours

Jacqui and Martin Kumkar, a happy husband and wife partnership, who attended lessons with Sandy at Trinity School for Seniors have been coming along to Bayswater Club for a couple of months and played steadily to take out First Place in last weeks event, followed by another Trinity player, Edward Reeves who plays regularly with Frances Crewe. Other new players who are constantly in the points are Pat Allen and Rob Wall who have been learning at the club. All of the beginners are now ready for session play and will be fully fledged players attending our Wednesday session on September 7th.

Trinity School for Seniors

Trinity School for Seniors is a unique program run by the Uniting Church of Australia at premises at the Trinity Arcade and at the Queen's Building with the entrance at 97 William Street. The aim of the school is to promote the well being of seniors providing them with the opportunity to study a wide range of topics including bridge and even though it is run under the auspices of the church with a pastoral care ethos, the lessons are open to seniors of all persuasions. Lessons cost \$30 per term with many students enrolling in several courses which range from Improvers Bridge by Sue Levy on Thursday afternoon and Beginner Bridge with Sandy Sutton-Mattocks on Monday morning plus many other courses such as Tai chi, Art of all description including oil painting, drawing and watercolour, French, Choir, German, Latin, Mah-Jong, Craft, Knitting and Crochet, Quilting, Scrabble, Ancient Greek, Current Affairs and Creative Writing. There is a canteen to meet for lunch and a cup of tea at the Trinity Arcade campus. It is well worth looking at. Recommend it to your friends.

AGM

The Patron's Trophy for outstanding support to the Club, initially awarded by our Patron Alexandra Russell who has returned to New Zealand, will this year be awarded by new patron, Barry McKenna, the Mayor of City of Bayswater, at the luncheon following our AGM on August 24th. 2015 winner, Jean McSkimming, received for outstanding work for the club in her role not only of Treasurer but for help and support in so many ways as Sandy and Don Sutton-Mattocks had to deal with moving house twice after a series of burglaries. So many people at the club work hard to make the club a very friendly, active club and Jean is to be congratulated for wonderful help over this last year.

The winner of the Patron Trophy for 2016 is Ian Sutherland for his constant inspiration to Bridge and support for our club. It was Ian who introduced our club into the area and has worked tire-



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

lessly since we were first inaugurated. He is always keen to promote bridge and has entered all club competitions and even had a go at the ANC held last year in Fremantle. Ian is the Masterpoint Secretary and even helps out with directing at the club. He has a wonderful sense of humour and has a very successful bridge partnership with Roman Eksanow who is regularly at the top of the field. We thank Ian for his great support and wish him a happy and healthy 2016.

COTA Seniors Week

Our entry has gone in to COTA to apply for the grant for our 2016 Seniors Week event which will be a Bridge for Beginners and Luncheon to be held on the 9th of November at our premises in Bayswater from 10am – 12.30pm. All seniors welcome. There will be a series of 4 lessons following the Seniors Week event.

Australia-Wide Pairs

Our club is again entering the ABF Australia-Wide pairs on August 24. Winners announced next issue.

University of the Third Age

We are lucky at Bayswater to have Joyce Weinberg, one of our founding members, who is now the PR/contact person for the U3A, a group which aims to promote seniors through access to learning in a wide range topics with classes, lectures and activities which connect people who share the love of meeting people and learning something new, stimulating physical and mental health. Sounds a bit like bridge, doesn't it? We are hoping to amalgamate the two as Joyce is aiming to advertise through BAWA and the Focus Magazine to reach a wider audience for the U3A and Sandy, teacher at Bayswater is aiming to teach Bridge at the U3A East Metropolitan region next year so watch this space.

Little Aussie Directories

Bayswater Bridge Club has been advertising in the Little Aussie Directories for many years and has recently extended the area of advertising to more

outlying regions in the region now covering Mt Lawley and Belmont areas. This has been a tremendous source of new players and is well recommended for other clubs to increase membership.

Dinner at the Bridge Club!

Recently some members of our club have been taking advantage of the in-house restaurant at the Bayswater Bowling Club. The Cucina Fiorucini cooks up delicious Italian restaurant fare for Wednesday evening customers and make available take-away meals for any bridge players who put in their orders which are ready at the end of bridge. Some bridgies stay back to enjoy the meal and socialise at the club. Some have also joined as social members for \$10 per annum. They are able to play bowls if they wish on social Thursday evenings

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The Graham Lee Pairs Red Point on 15th of August was well attended. Congratulations to all players and especially the winners. North/South winners were **Ken Partridge and Barbara Partridge** with Edie Pozarowszczyk and Neale Consigliere second. The East/West winners were **Barbara Hendrie and Wendy Baillie** with Ron Burroughs and Angie Stepatschuk coming second. Thanks to all who helped with the light lunch, especially Marilyn Summerville, Lorraine Kingwell and Anne Hooper.



Barbara and Ken Partridge, Wendy Baillie and Barbara Hendrie.

The next members only Red Point, the Winter Pairs, will be held on Thursday 15 September.

We have celebrated two 80th birthdays this month with wonderful birthday cakes supplied by the club.



Congratulations to Terry Byrne and Thelma Ainsworth. We also surprised members with a free prize draw during a Monday and a Thursday session. Where you happened to be sitting after the break determined the winners. Congratulations to Alf Surace and Len Matz who won the Thursday's and Bill and Marilyn Summerville who won the Monday's prize.

Visitors are always most welcome. You will find the hall is in the middle of Seacrest Park (sports ovals), Seacrest Drive, Sorrento. We play Monday and Thursday at 12.15 for a 12.30pm start. The venue has plenty of parking and a pleasant outlook over the park - In fact you can get quite distracted when people come to exercise their dogs later in the afternoon! You will find further details on our website ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The 26 July was the Fremantle Bridge Club's 20th birthday so the Saturday before, the 23 July, the Club held a celebration with a large birthday cake and sparkling white wine during the tea break at bridge. To cut the cake was Betty Walker one of the very few original members of the club from its formation who are still playing bridge.



Also on Saturday, 23 July, was the Roy Hindmarsh Trophy. This commemorates the Fremantle Bridge Club's first director and is open to members with master points total below that of state master.



It was won by Rhonda and Norman Solomon:

It was also an open red-point event which was won by Se-Moi Loh and Laurel Lander.



Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia



Men at work - sparks flying – Mace Ramsay and Michael Lia getting the new clubrooms ready to occupy.

The Club is on the move to 35 Campbell Street Kalgoorlie. The Old Kalgoorlie Golf Clubrooms are going to be demolished. Masonic Lodge are going to build homes for the Aged on the area around where the club room is now situated. As they say all good things must come to an end but on the other hand we are looking forward to a new chapter for the club.

Another change – postal address for the club is now 14 Rodgers Way, Kalgoorlie, WA. 6430 (PO Box has been cancelled)

And there is more – The Congress for 2016 long weekend in September (23rd, 24th and 25th) will be held at the Goldfields Art Centre in Cheetham St, a 5 to 10 minute walk from the Railway Motel. If anyone should need to be picked up please phone me on 0418215308 and I will make some arrangements. The Railway has booked a wedding for the Saturday – but I have already booked the Railway Motel for the Congress in 2017. It's a great congress - come and play some bridge, enjoy the venue and most of all the company.



80th Birthday Congratulations to Mary Williams - a great night was had by all who attended. Mary's family went to the extreme with the food and decorations – the clubrooms had never looked better. Thanks to the family for inviting club members to a very memorable party.



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

The winners of the Club's Open Pairs Championship event held in July were **Roman Gdowski** and **Doug Hardman**.



Runners up were Kathy and Phil Power

SESSIONS TIMES:

MONDAY 9.00am 12.30pm

Supervised session for players with less than 50 MPs - no partner required

1.00pm 5:00pm

Directed by Neville Walker - no partner required

TUESDAY 1.00pm 5:00pm

Directed by Sheryl Coates - no partner required

WEDNESDAY

1.00pm 5.00pm Directed by Merle Proudfoot - - no partner required

THURSDAY

1:00pm 5:00pm Directed by Liz Vince - no partner required

FRIDAY

1:00pm 5:00pm Regular and Supervised sessions. Directed by Ann Shalders - No partner required

SATURDAY

1.00pm 5:00pm Duty Director

Our Partner Coordinator is Liz Vince - 9537 7843 or 0438 528 652 for assistance if you need a partner.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From

Congratulations to our members:

James Steer, Stella Steer, Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Viv Wood, Heather Williams, Jan Blight, Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood who are in the top three teams representing WA in the Grand National Open Teams being held at Tweed Heads November 25th – 28th.

Access path

The contractors are now waiting for two consecutive fine days to pour the concrete. Once it is finished, we will all be able to use the new path to access the side door, while work continues directly in front of the main entrance, which will be blocked for a time. Because of the wet weather this process is somewhat protracted. Your patience and tolerance is appreciated!

New website

Our website is being revamped and should be operational in a few days. While basic information has been included on the new site, we are taking the opportunity to revise existing content and will develop some new features once the website is up and running.. We hope you like the new look.

One Day Congress: Sunday 4 September Lunch provided – flyer in this issue

Red Point Day: Saturday 17 September 1.30pm (no need to register for this one, you and your partner can just rock up and play) Flyer in this issue.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Helen Townsend

The Leo Pairs winners were, **Jill Dawson and Marjorie Harrison**, 2nd place went to Betty Philpot and Ron Philpot. Best Under State Masters - **Robert Gorton and Michael Dawson**.

June Scott passed away on Friday 12th August. June was a past President and teacher. Many of our long time members will no doubt have many memories to reflect on.

Session times at the club -

MONDAY 12:30pm 4:00pm

TUESDAY 6:45pm 10pm

WEDNESDAY 12:30pm 4:00pm

6.30pm 8.30 Bridge Classes

FRIDAY 12:30pm 4:00pm

SATURDAY 9.30am 12.00 Bridge Classes

1.00pm 4:30pm

Saturdays mornings – 9.30am - Noon - supervised by Nicky O'Connell. For more information contact Nicky on 0424 427 251

Wednesday evenings 6:30pm - 8 30pm - supervised by Raewyn Lewer. For more information contact Raewyn on 0439932299 or 95276272

WA Bridge Club

From Deborah Greenway

WABC Charity day was held on the 29th July with 64 pairs playing Bridge.



The beneficiary this year was the S.A.S. Resources Fund, and a total of \$4500.00 was raised through the exemplary efforts of club members and visitors. A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this a success including those who attended on the day.

The Club Day Time Pairs was held over two Fridays with 30 pairs entering.



First position was **Anne Youngs and Geoff Yeo**.
2nd Di Quantrill and Audrey Stokes.



3rd Namy Bodinner and Mira Erskine.

Congratulations to you all.

I would also like to thank Broadway Travel for their ongoing support and sponsorship and it would be lovely if the bridge community could reciprocate by using their excellent services.

Well, this will be my last write up for Focus as I will be away in New Zealand playing in the National Congress in September and WABC will have a new committee by the time I return. I would like to thank Linda Bedford-Brown for giving me a nudge every month and Kitty and Sheenagh for finding the best photos.

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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BRIDGE CLUB

Red Point

If you're not playing in the HGR and want to earn more red points....come along to our bonus Saturday Red point Event



**SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016
AT 1.30 PM**



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Nedlands Bridge Club

3 DAY SPRING CONGRESS

14th, 15th, 16th October 2016



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| FRIDAY PAIRS: | 1 SESSION 1PM | \$15 |
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| | \$140 per team (Sunday Lunch Provided) | |

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Mandurah Bridge Club

The old chestnut

Why can't we play the board at afternoon tea!

Mandurah Bridge Club shares with readers their
Event Regulations

The following is an extract from the Club's Event Regulations.

Recommended time allowed per round: 2 boards per round – 14 minutes; 3 boards per round - 20 minutes; 4 boards per round - 26 minutes; 5 boards per round - 32 minutes. The director may choose to move players earlier or to delay the move if necessary. At sessions frequented by newer players, the director may allow more time per round.

The warning bell will be set at 3 minutes. **If the lead to the final board has not been made by the time the warning bell sounds, the board is not to be played. The director should be called, and will award an artificial adjusted score, with each side's percentage dependent on the reason for not having enough time to play the board.**

Because our new warning bell has a "hard wired" warning bell set at 2 minutes this is time that is being used to determine if a board can be played.

Some members have suggested that they should be allowed to complete the board if it is afternoon tea time or it is the last round of the day.

If allowed, this would defeat the purpose of the regulation that is designed to ensure that all players have an equal time available to them to complete their allocated boards. **Allowing uncompleted boards to be played at a tea break or after the last round would give an advantage to those players to the detriment of the remainder of the field.**

Neville Walker - Convener



KENDENUP CONGRESS No city congress this one!

- Rain water in tea and coffee
- No polystyrene cups
- Real home made food (Yes, the same pies as last year!)
- Morning and afternoon with yet more food!
- Post play drinks free
- In the heart of the country you'll find a gem at this club with food in spades.

This is a 1 day restricted congress (under 300 pts). \$40 per player. 9.30 start.

Director Neville Walker - Easier to find this year - follow signs off highway

Enter on BAWA or by ringing Anne Waters on 0428517258.

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.

ADVERTISING IN FOCUS

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Swan River Open Swiss Pairs



1st Johnno Newman and Matt Smith

with BAWA President Nigel Dutton and Tournament Organiser Hilary Yovich



2nd Jonathan Free and Rose Moore



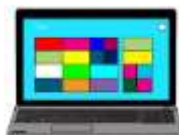
**3rd Nick Cantatore
(Val Biltoft)**



**4th Jo Sklarz
(Pauline Hamond)**



ALSO SEEN AT THE Swan River Open Swiss Pairs



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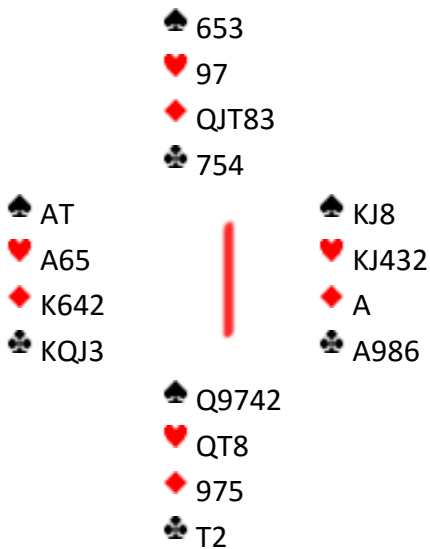
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You have to have a (good) Plan

from Nigel Dutton

Here is a very interesting hand from the recent State Mixed Teams. 6 pairs bid 6♥, one pair 6NT both of which rolled home without difficulty. One pair bid 7NT which has no chance and 2 pairs bid an ambitious, but cold, 7♣. Neither declarer made 7♣.



I think, with a correct plan, 7♣ should be fairly straight forward. But, you have to have a plan. On the Q♦ lead what's your plan? The lazy plan is to draw trumps and take the heart finesse – which is what happened at both tables.

A good start to a better plan is to realize that you

have 2 possible finesses – Hearts and Spades. Both finesses are 50-50. A spade to the T must be the correct spade finesse as it's the only way to pick up a 3rd spade trick for a heart discard. So which one should you take? Well a basic rule of declarer play when you only need one of two finesses is to eliminate one of them and then take the other. So cash the A and K of hearts to see if the queen drops. Not so unlikely with only 5 out. If it does you can quickly claim and move on to the next board; otherwise back to the spade finesse.

Do we need to double check our plan? Yes we do. If we draw 3 rounds of trumps before our clever heart and spade play we will be an entry short to enjoy the hearts. So let's try 2 rounds of trumps to preserve the entry.

So here's the plan on the Q♦ lead. Two rounds of trumps (KQ) leaving A9 in dummy. A♥, K♥, no Queen; so a spade to the T, (pew), A♠; J♣ to the Ace (drawing the last trump). K♠ pitching the ♥6 from dummy, ruff out the Q♥, and, if you want to show off, ruff the K♦ and claim; or, for a less ostentatious finish, play the K♦ pitching a heart and ruff a diamond. The 13th trick will be the ♥J, or if we are sticking with the ostentatious finish, the ♥2.

Is this, not too difficult, plan without risk? No, but it sure beats drawing trumps and taking the heart finesse. It's also a 23 IMP swing.

Daytime Open Pairs Winners



1ST Dave Munro and Doreen Jones; 3rd Chris Ingham and Val Biltoft



Information and what to do with it

from Matt McManus

While playing bridge, there is only one legal way of communicating with your partner: during the auction, by the calls you make; and during the play, by the cards you play. Any other information which passes between you and partner is called unauthorised information (often abbreviated to UI). The laws explicitly state that you may not use such information when deciding what action to take.

UI can take many forms. It ranges from the highly undesirable – the shake of the head, the look of disgust, the unmistakable groan – to the absolutely innocent which is part of the game (eg. partner alerting your bid). Two of the most common types of UI are also a perfectly normal aspect of the game. One is the length of time partner takes when deciding what to do; when they take a long time, they clearly have a problem. The other is the explanation of the meaning of your bid which partner gives to the opponents; if he gets it wrong, you know that partner has misunderstood you and there is the temptation to “have another go” at getting it right.

In this article, I am going to talk about what your responsibilities are when you have UI from partner. It is a question which I am regularly asked. Many players think they should just ignore it and do what they would have done anyway. However, this is not correct. The Laws of Bridge place a greater ethical obligation on you when you find yourself in this position. Hopefully, the following examples may demonstrate it.

With both sides vulnerable, you are sitting East, holding the following uninspiring hand. You hear the opponents, playing Standard, bid uninterrupted to 3NT.

J7653

10

8652

754

North

South

1C

1H

1NT

3NT

They haven't shown any inclination to bid towards slam even though you only have one point, so partner must have a reasonable hand – maybe even an opening hand. What do you lead?

Look at the options:

- a spade – it is usually pointless leading from a long suit with a weak hand, as it will take a lot for it to be right. (For example, partner holds KQx and declarer can only duck once.) However you might get lucky and this is what many players would choose.

- a heart – South has not made any move to search for a heart fit, so the chances are that he has only four and NS have at most seven hearts between them. If they have seven and you have one, partner has five hearts and a good hand, but couldn't bid. The opposition bid his suit. Just think about all the times when partner is on lead to 3NT and you hold a singleton – it's always the suit partner leads! So why not return the favour when you are on lead? There is an excellent chance that it is the best one for your side.

- a diamond – could be right and it is probably be fairly safe. Even if you are picking up the suit for declarer, it is something which he probably could have done himself. It probably won't be a devastating lead (partner may have bid diamonds if that was the case), but it is one that is least likely to give anything away, and maybe that's how you need to defend this hand

- a club – to lead declarer's suit would be a real shot in the dark. I suspect it has the least expectation of being successful.

So having heard the evidence, what do you choose? For me, the argument for a heart lead is strongest, although I can understand if you want to choose a spade or a diamond.

Now let me give you some more information. After

South bid 3NT, partner paused for about 15 seconds before passing. What were they thinking about?

There are two possibilities: bidding or doubling. What was partner thinking of bidding? I don't think there is an answer to that question, There is no way that partner would have considered stepping in over 3NT. So it was a double. If partner had doubled, what would you have led? The correct answer is a heart. When partner, having passed throughout, doubles a freely bid 3NT it asks you to lead dummy's first bid suit. They have got very good hearts; they couldn't bid them since the opponents bid them first, and they couldn't double 1H as that would be for takeout showing the other suits.

Now on the actual hand, partner did not double, but they were clearly thinking about it. Do you still lead a heart? This is where knowledge of your ethical responsibilities comes into play.

Law 73C

Where a player has available to him unauthorised information from his partner, such as from a remark...explanation...hesitation..., he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorised information.

So it is not good enough to merely pretend that you didn't notice that partner had passed some UI (as they did here through the hesitation before passing over 3NT) and lead what you were going to do anyway. The Laws require that you actively steer clear of the action which partner has, in this instance, unconsciously suggested will be the winning one. The only time that a heart lead would be allowed is if it was absolutely clear cut on your hand. (H AKQJ10 would be the most extreme example of when it would be stand out, but it has to be very, very obvious.)

My second example relates to the bidding:

Partner opens 1H and you hold

AK4

J862

984

K98

You have close to an opening hand (albeit a very

weak one), four card support for partner, but poor shape. You decide to show this as a limit raise. You and your partner have agreed to play Bergen raises and the bid to show this hand is 3D.

Partner alerts 3D as required and then starts thinking. After what seems like an eternity, partner eventually bids 3H, signing off. Are you tempted to try 4H? Look at all your points! You would open the bidding with most 11 counts, so you can use the excuse that you have an opening hand. What UI do you have from partner's hesitation? What were his alternatives? 3H or 4H. If you are going to "carefully avoid taking any advantage", you must pass.

Same situation - Partner alerts 3D. This time the opponents ask and he says, "6 to 9 points with four hearts" and bids 3H immediately. This time you have heard the wrong explanation. Partner may have an automatic 4H bid opposite a limit raise. But again in avoiding taking advantage of the UI, you must pass.

Are there any times when you could bid again when you show a limit raise and partner bids 3H? Yes, if you have no UI, you are free to do what you like, no matter how silly it might be. So if partner explained 3D correctly and bid 3H straight away, do whatever you want. Similarly, if there were no questions asked and partner bid 3H without hesitation, again you are at liberty to make any call at all.

The only other time you may get a chance is if your hand "changes" and you haven't got your bid. So say you suddenly discover that the C9 is actually the CA. Now you could justify a 4H bid.

When players bid 4H in the face of UI, their excuse is often, "But I was going to bid it anyway." Apart from being a self-serving statement, it misses the point. When they have UI, they need to bend over backwards not to take an action which takes advantage of it. Unless you have a miscount of a similar magnitude to the one I described in the previous paragraph, if you choose to show a limit raise, for example, that's it. Once partner conveys UI, you have absolutely no option but to pass their sign off.

Is there a way around it?

1) Get your partner not to pass UI! That's hard. In one instance, they have to get the system right. On the other hand, if they do hesitate, encourage them to err on the side of bidding on rather than signing off. Get them to understand that you will be bound by their decision.

2) If you have a hand on which you want to be in game, make a bid which is not invitational. So, for example, if you decide that the above hand is worth bidding game, then do not make a limit raise – find another bid.

3) Change your system so that you have a bid which forces you to game without overstating your strength. For example, the auction 1H-3NT is one which doesn't come up very often. My suggestion is to use 3NT in this sequence to show a hand which is about the strength of a limit raise, but is just too good to stop out of game. That way you don't have to include such hands in your normal game force raise sequence and can avoid the risk of partner shooting off to slam when you just don't have enough ammunition. One thing you should definitely avoid is having a bid which shows "limit raise or better". That is asking for trouble. If you get UI from partner before a sign off and you then bid on, you will get little sympathy from the director if your hand is at all borderline.



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South Perth Bridge Club



**Wednesday 14th September
at 12.30 pm, will be holding
a Red Point Event, sponsored
once again by
PHARMACY 777
APPLECROSS.**

**Wonderful prizes have been
donated for the winners.
Please come along and enjoy
the day.**

Normal table money applies

Members \$7.00

Visitors \$9.00

**Please note: Winners must be present to accept the prizes
which will be presented by a representative of Pharmacy 777**





TEST YOUR SLAM PLAY

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Dir: ♠ Q7
 North ♥ AK8532
 Vul: All ♦ A53
 ♣ 76

| |
|---|
| N |
| S |

♠ AKJ42
 ♥ 7
 ♦ KJ2
 ♣ AQ93

♠ Q7
 ♥ AK8532
 ♦ A53
 ♣ 76

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| N |
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♠ 10986
 ♥ 104
 ♦ Q104
 ♣ KJ82

♠ 53
 ♥ QJ96
 ♦ 9876
 ♣ 1054

♠ AKJ42
 ♥ 7
 ♦ KJ2
 ♣ AQ93

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♠ | Pass | 6♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

Win the spade in your hand and make the key play: a low heart from each hand. Win the return and use dummy's ♠Q to trump a heart with a low spade. Now draw the rest of the trumps and return to dummy with the ♠A to enjoy the fruits of your labour: four heart tricks.

Playing in a Congress Swiss Teams event, you run into this puzzler. West leads ♠10.

You would like to set up dummy's hearts, but entries are an issue. What's more, if you have to ruff two hearts to make them good, then you might run out of trumps in your hand.

So perhaps you should look to the minor suits instead.

What to do?

This line makes the contract (with 5 spades, 4 hearts, 2 diamonds and 1 club) as long as both majors divide no worse than 4-2.

The moral: Sometimes you have to lose one to win four.

Solution:

Don't tell me you fell for that line about the minors. They are red herrings. You can easily set up the hearts with only one ruff, as long as you are prepared to lose a heart trick also.

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CAPEL LIFE

WITH Di Brooks

1976: If anyone had told me then that learning bridge would enrich my life, I wouldn't have believed them.....but the truth of the matter, it has. Right from the beginning, the experienced players have been kind enough to share their knowledge and have mentored many of us.. Bridge Teacher and Founder of the Rockingham Bridge Club, Peg Brady, encouraged us to spread our wings and venture out into the Bridge World. We organised a team and enrolled in the League Teams, then went into Congress events. Sometimes the sun shone and we did well, then of course, we had more grey days. Did that stop us? No. We were hooked on the great game. It was a challenge and we certainly dared to face the competition, wherever, whoever, whenever and whatever.

That was forty years ago - unbelievable. Where has that time gone? During those learning years, I have met some lovely people.

1990 - I was invited to Canberra to stay with relocated Rockingham friends. I rang the convenor of the Spring Festival of Bridge and put my name forward to play in some of the events. A partner was organised for me, so was billeting. The competition was held at Lindfield Bridge Club. Their membership in 1990 was 1013, give or take a few. Compared with Rockingham's membership totalling 85 or so, this was humongous. The club rooms were massive, as was their library of bridge books. Travel certainly broadens the mind. This experience in Sydney opened my eyes. My hostess, Elsie, a lovely lady who lived in Willoughby, made me very welcome. We became firm friends and continued our lifelong friendship with regular correspondence by mail. Elsie was one the first of many gems in my friendship collection.

2006 - I took on the role of BAWA Promotions Officer. I travelled North to Geraldton and as far south as Albany, and visited a lot of the clubs in between giving lectures on Bridge Conventions and an overview of Directing a club session. I was always made most welcome. Again, I was invited into members' homes and this added to more happy memories.

During these past years, I have partnered complete strangers and have always had happy times, though not strangers for long. My bridge address book includes Cevat in NSW, Warren in Melbourne, Barbara in Geraldton, Kay of Albany, John from New Zealand, just to name but a few. All of these lovely people have added to my bridge life. We may not be in constant contact, but we are linked by a great love of a great game.

If I could put one word to describe my bridge investment in my life, I guess it would be PRICELESS. It's been a great journey but it's not over yet.

Happy Bridging



Easier said than done

<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

Improve Your Bridge Online

South opens 1NT, 15-17. What would you do as West with:

- 74
- AK9874
- 1083
- A7

South dealer: Both vulnerable

AUCTION

| | | | |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| --- | --- | --- | 1NT |
| Pass! | 3NT | All pass | |
| Lead: | HA | | |

Answer to problem:

What should West do over 1NT? With a source of tricks and an outside entry, West judged that he had good defence against no-trumps and so kept silent about his long suit. With a semi-balanced hand, it was likely to be easier to take seven tricks against 1NT than eight tricks in hearts.

South dealer: Both vulnerable

| | | |
|--------|-------|------|
| | North | |
| | A65 | |
| | J2 | |
| | KQ62 | |
| | 10432 | |
| West | | East |
| 74 | | J982 |
| AK9874 | | 1053 |
| 1083 | | 975 |
| A7 | | J65 |
| | South | |
| | KQ103 | |
| | Q6 | |

If West leads a low heart against 3NT, declarer has eight tricks and might make nine by picking up the spade suit - since he had a sure outside entry, West started with HA, HK. Sometimes you can be lucky and find hearts 2-2. Then the H4, suit-preference for

clubs, went to East's H10 and that was three down for +300. Datum -N-S 260.

At the other table:

West North East South

--- --- --- 1NT

2H 3H Pass 3S

Pass 4S All pass

Lead: HA

West cashed two hearts and shifted to a diamond. Declarer won in hand, played SK, spade to the ace, finessed the S10 and finished two down. If you are going to pick the spades accurately, then you need to set up a couple of club tricks to bring your tally to ten. Playing the CK at trick 4 is a winning move, as West is likely to have the CA for the vulnerable overcall. Later declarer needs to pick the spades and finesse against East for the CJ. Easier said than done.

Much as he is opposed to bending the rules of good bridge, he is not bigoted about it.

RESULTS

BAWA Daytime Open Pairs

(21 Pairs)

- 1st Doreen Jones and Dave Munro
- 2nd Jenny Fairweather and Geoff Yeo
- 3rd Chris Ingham and Val Biltoft
- 4th Dave Sloan and Ann Youngs
- 5th Chris Bagley and Hon Beddow
- 6th David Burn and Kali Crosbie

State Swiss Pairs Championships (40 Pairs)

- 1st Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller
- 2nd Stella Steer and James Steer
- 3rd Leone Fuller and Marnie Leybourne
- 4th David Matthews and Nick Cantatore
- 5th David Schokman and Dave Munro
- 6th Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood
- 7th Tad Bieganski and Tad Bieganski
- 8th Viv Wood and Jonathan Free
- 9th Sue Grenside and Richard Grenside
- 10th Cynthia Belonogoff and Deana Wilson



**2016
NEDLANDS ONE DAY
CONGRESS**
SUNDAY 4th September
Two sessions 10.00am and 2.00pm

SWISS PAIRS FORMAT

RED MASTER POINTS
DIRECTED BY PETER HOLLOWAY
CONVENOR ROBIN BURTON
LUNCH PROVIDED
TABLE MONEY \$35
Entry via BAWA Website

NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB
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Phone: (08) 9386 8166
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Swan River Open Swiss Pairs

1st Johnno Newman and Matt Smith

2nd Jonathan Free and Rose Moore

3rd Nick Cantatore (Val Biltoft)

4th Jo Sklarz (Pauline Hammond)

South Perth Congress Results

Friday Welcome Pairs (37)

1st Madge Myburgh and Wendy Harman

2nd Dave Munro and David Schokman

3rd Connie Coltrona and Armanda Torre

Saturday Pairs (49)

1st Viv Wood and Jane Reynolds

2nd Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven

3rd Noriko Sakashita and Fusako Hashimoto

Sunday Teams (24)

1st Stella Steer, Gwyneria Brahma, Inga Hunt and Clive Hunt

2nd Gerry Daly, Viv Wood, Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku

3rd Chris Ingham, Val Biltoft, Marie – France Merven and Nigel Dutton,

Grand National Open Teams Final

Metro GNOT 19 Teams

1st Clive Hunt, James Steer, Inga Hunt and Stella Steer

2nd Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Viv Wood and Gerry Daly

3rd Jan Blight, Heather Williams (Catherine Hood and Doreen Jones)

GNOT Restricted

1st Hasan Hezra, (Rez Karim), Convener Robina McConnell, Jessica Chew and Kaiping Chen

Teams

OPEN

| - | PLAYED | WON | VPs |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|
| UNDERCROFT | 3 | 3 | 48.47 |
| MACCABI | 4 | 3 | 46.40 |
| WABC1 | 2 | 2 | 36.25 |
| NEDLANDS | 3 | 1 | 31.83 |
| SOUTH PERTH | 3 | 1 | 24.71 |
| MANDURAH | 3 | 0 | 6.98 |
| WABC2 | 2 | 0 | 5.36 |

INTERMEDIATE BLUE

| - | PLAYED | WON | VPs |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|
| WEST COAST | 5 | 5 | 78.00 |
| MACCABI | 5 | 4 | 61.90 |
| SOUTH PERTH | 5 | 2 | 51.55 |
| UNDERCROFT | 4 | 2 | 32.38 |
| WABC | 5 | 1 | 31.27 |
| KALAMUNDA | 4 | 0 | 24.90 |

INTERMEDIATE GOLD

| - | PLAYED | WON | VPs |
|-------------|--------|-----|-------|
| WABC B | 5 | 3 | 74.01 |
| WABC A | 4 | 3 | 48.27 |
| SOUTH PERTH | 4 | 2 | 33.09 |
| UNDERCROFT | 4 | 2 | 32.32 |
| NEDLANDS | 4 | 0 | 27.11 |
| MANDURAH | 1 | 0 | 0.00 |

NOVICE

| - | PLAYED | WON | VPs |
|---------------|--------|-----|-------|
| WABC A | 6 | 3 | 75.06 |
| KALAMUNDA | 5 | 2 | 64.91 |
| SWAN DISTs | 5 | 3 | 54.22 |
| UNDERCROFT | 4 | 4 | 49.75 |
| SOUTH PERTH A | 4 | 2 | 42.39 |
| SOUTH PERTH B | 5 | 0 | 17.60 |
| WABC B | 3 | 0 | 16.07 |

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2016

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|--|-------------------|---|--|
| | September | Sun 4 th | <i>Nedlands Bridge Club Sunday Congress see flyer</i> |
| | | Thu 8 th | BAWA State Open Teams Championships 1/6 Venue South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm |
| | | Sat 10 th | <i>Albany Bridge Club Restricted Pairs Congress</i> |
| | | Sun 11 th | <i>West Coast Bridge Club Congress - see flyer</i> |
| | | Wed 14 th | <i>South Perth Bridge Club 777 Open Pairs see flyer</i> |
| | | Sat 17 th | <i>Nedlands Bridge Club Open Red Point Event 1.30pm- see flyer</i> |
| | | Sat 17 th –Sun 18 th | HGR Congress Women's Pairs PQP/Gold |
| | | Fri 23 rd – Sun 25 th | <i>Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress - see flyer</i> |
| | October | Fri 14 th –Sun 16 th | <i>Nedlands Bridge Club Congress-see flyer</i> |
| | | Sat 22 nd –Sun 23 rd | <i>Busselton Bridge Club Congress-see flyer</i> |
| | | Thu 27 th | State Open Teams Semi Finals 7.30pm Venue: South Perth Bridge Club |
| | | Sat 29 th -Sun 30 th | <i>Undercroft Bridge Club Congress</i> |
| | November | Thu 3 rd | Restricted-Grand Masters Pairs 1/2 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm |
| | | Sat 5 th | <i>Kendenup Bridge Club Restricted Pairs Congress- see flyer</i> |
| | | Sat 12 th –Sun 13 th | Golden West - Gold Point |
| | | Sun 20 th | BAWA Masters in Teams of 3 |
| | December | Fri 2 nd – Sun 4 th | <i>WABC Xmas Congress</i> |
| | | Thu 8 th | BAWA Xmas Function/Awards 6.30pm @NBC |
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| | ***NOTE*** | BAWA/Congresses | Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified. |

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

2016 Congress



**23rd, 24th and 25th September
(long weekend)**

Friday 23rd Welcome Pairs \$30pp Play start at 7pm

Registration from 6pm with finger food and bar open.

Saturday 24th Open Pairs \$40pp (incl lunch) Play starts at 9.30am

Sunday 25th Open Teams \$40pp (inc lunch) Play starts at 9.30am

Director – **Peter Holloway**

Presentations – finger food and bar open at the end of teams competition.

Free tea and coffee and water available thru out congress.

VENUE:

Goldfields Arts Center
35 Cheetham St, Kalroorlie
(10 min walk from Railway Motel)

ACCOMMODATION RECOMMENDED:

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West Coast Bridge Club



2016 CONGRESS

CIVIC CENTRE

33 TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT, CITY BEACH

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 10.00AM

DIRECTOR – BILL KEMP

ENTRIES via BAWA (www.bawa.asn.au)

PRIZES

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| QUALIFYING ROUND | 1st | \$75 |
| | 2nd | \$50 |
| FINAL | 1st | \$150 |
| | 2nd | \$75 |
| | 3rd | \$50 |

PLATE Prizes depend on numbers
CONSOLATION

In the event of a pair winning two prizes they will be awarded the prize having the greater monetary value and the other prize will be awarded to the second placed pair in that section of the Congress.

SCHEDULE

Arrive: 9:30
Qualifying round: 10:00
Lunch (bring your own): 13:00 to 14:00
Final round: 14:15
Refreshments: 17:30

ENTRY FEE \$30 PER PLAYER

RED MASTER POINTS

Each player must have a system card



ABN: 70 053 651 666



ABN: 82 057 199 126



2016 Hans Rosendorff Memorial Restricted Swiss Pairs - Perth

Open to players with less than 300 Masterpoints before 1st April, 2016

Winning pair receive free entry to the 2017 Autumn Nationals Restricted Swiss Pairs

Sat 17 & Sun 18 September



GOLD POINTS



West Australian Bridge Club, 7 Odern Cres., Swanbourne

Play commences 9.30 am and finishes 5.30 pm (approx.)

LUNCHES MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE START OF PLAY EACH DAY

Presentation of ABF medallions at supper after play on Sunday

ENTRY FEE: \$80 per player

Information and online entry on the BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au

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2016 Hans Rosendorff Memorial Weekend Congress - Perth

NEW FORMAT- Women's Swiss PAIRS Event

Sat 17 & Sun 18 September



GOLD POINTS
PQPs: 1st 24,
2nd 12, 3rd 6



West Australian Bridge Club, 7 Odern Cres., Swanbourne

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LUNCHES MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE START OF PLAY EACH DAY

Presentation of ABF medallions at supper after play on Sunday

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