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1st Deana WILSON and Cynthia BELONOGOFF

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2nd Renee COOPER and George Smolanko

Swan River Open Swiss Pairs



Nigel DUTTON and Marie-France MERVEN with tournament organizer Hilary Yovich

Swan River Open Swiss Pairs





President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Well what an outstanding weekend; 104 pairs of keen bridge players playing 120

boards, a great venue, superb organisation and a top quality directing team. The 14th Swan River Open Swiss Pairs was again a great success. Unfortunately, with the organisation virtually complete, our convenor, Hilary Yovich, fell victim to a medical condition that necessitated, on doctor's orders, to cut back in her work load. Hilary called in a group of friends who stepped up and took over the final arrangements. Thank you to all of those last minute stalwarts. We wish Hilary well as we need her back for the 15th anniversary event. It was very pleasing to see the number of players from both the eastern states and our own country affiliates who travelled to Perth to take part. Checking the accounts for the event I noted that nearly 1360 Gold Masterpoints were earned over the weekend. You can check what you earned via the BAWA web site under the Masterpoints tab.

Next up for another feast of Gold Points is the Hans Rosendorff Memorial Congress Weekend.

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Beata Bieganski Production and Web Editor (08) 9300 5460 b.bieganski@yahoo.com.au I'm delighted to see, with three weeks to go, 23 tables in the Restricted Event and 17 tables in Women's Swiss Pairs. There is still plenty of time for you to get your entry in.

And finally for 2017 November features the Gold Point Super Vet Congress and the ever popular Golden West Swiss Pairs in sunny Mandurah. It has been past practise for clubs to assist their veteran members (80+ years) to enter and travel to WABC for the Super Vet's Day; I hope clubs are making similar arrangements for this year's event. TBIB insurance brokers have again agreed to sponsor prizes for the event with awards for both winners and runners-up along with the best pair over 90 and the best pair or player over 100.

Despite additions to Mandurah Bridge Club which allows an extra five tables the Golden West has been full for some months with 53 tables entered. Around the middle of October web entries and withdrawals will cease and there will be a Golden West Reserve list open on our web site. Players and enter this "reserve" event as normal, players wishing to withdraw from the event will need to contact either the convenor Allison Stralow or the director Bill Kemp. It would greatly assist the organisers if you were planning not to play to withdraw as soon as possible. TBA's should be updated ASAP.

This coming weekend I have been invited to the Melville Bridge Club to see a presentation by Melville Council Officers of, hopefully, the final plans for the new Melville Bridge Club located at the corner of Stock Road and Canning Highway. I am very excited to see this project finally coming to fruition and hope to be able to bring you some more concrete news next month.

If you haven't entered the Open Teams as yet you might just have time. Make an effort as a special prize MAY be on offer. ■





Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Maccabi Bridge Club

From Tirza Cohen



Joan Touyz and Hymie Touyz winners of the Eric Samuel Memorial trophy.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Jan Morgan

The Very DELIGHTED Winners of the inaugural Bunbury Bridge Club Novice Championship were



DEAN ROBINS and BOB McCARTNEY

Dean joined the club a few years ago and has been improving steadily ever since, dedicated to reading bridge books, he travels in from Donnybrook morning, noon and night for a game.

A Bibbulmun Track expert he 'walked away 'with this one, - but I do wish he'd look happy!

Bob, another very consistent attendee – of course was featured in the July edition of Focus - Bunbury news for winning our club section of the Aust-wide novice pairs. Hadn't played bridge since his uni days (a hundred years ago!) but obviously it's all coming back.

Thought I'd applaud our hard-working Committee by displaying them in Focus – only to find that many have wisely joined the winter exodus to warmer climes. Anyway, though depleted – Thank you very much for looking after us so well this year. Our club is thriving!



Dennis Evans, Jo Grozovski (acting secretary), John Ferguson (President), Colin Bell, Robyn Waugh (acting Treasurer).

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

It is good weather to play bridge. What could be better on a cold winter's day than to go to a warm hall and spend a few hours with friends playing a challenging game? I was telling a medical professional one day what was offered by an afternoon of bridge for just a few dollars. When I told him it also included afternoon tea he assured me that was very good value for money!

Jane Hayes, Deirdre Twaddle and Gill and Ross Blakey were this month's winners of the free raffle.

The Red Point events for the rest of 2017 are being held on Monday 4th September, Thursday 21th September, Monday 16th October, Thursday 2nd November and Monday 4 December 2017. If you plan to visit our club please note that you need to be a member to play in Red Point events.

I know our friend Eleanor Davidson hates a fuss but I must report that on the day we celebrated her 95th birthday with cake she and her partner, Janet Neil, came first N/S in the green point session. Congratulations Eleanor and Janet. Congratulations Eleanor - being such a young 95.

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

You will find further details on our website ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The Red Point event held on 15 and 22 July was for the President's Pairs Trophy. Top, visitors from Darwin (and therefore not eligible to win the Trophy), were Alison and Rex Hanson.



BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown bedfords@bigpond.net.au



Club winners of the Trophy were Kaye Egan and Diane Robinson with Maureen Bellett and Rohan Bandarage second.

The Roy Hindmarsh Trophy, another red point event, was held on 6 August. This is an event restricted to club members with ABF rank below State Master. Coming top but ineligible for the Trophy were Laurel Lander and Se-Moi Loh.





Winners of the Hindmarsh Trophy were Sam Zurub (pictured) and Martin Jones.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

A record 54 pairs attended the Sunday Congress. Congratulations to the winners:



1st Catherine Hood (David Schokman) pictured with Director Peter Holloway and President Mary Jane Whitehead.



2nd Ted Sakashita and Fusako Hashimoto



3rd Viv Wood and Jane Reynolds



4th John Beddow (Egmont Melton)5th Cassie Morin and Elizabeth McNeill

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

LEO PAIRS



Winners: Terry Turner and Joy Turner (centre) with President, Roz Davey and Director, Di Brooks



Under State Masters: Dave Clark and Elena Olsen with President, Roz Davey

RAISING FUNDS FOR CANCER

A fun morning tea was organized by Di Brooks in July to raise funds for cancer research.

Those who attended enjoyed the most delicious morning tea, took part in some fun but taxing quiz games and had the opportunity to win some wonderful prizes, or buy exceptional craftwork/produce supplied by members.

Over \$500 was raised for this very worthy cause. Well done, Di.



Di with some of the prizes and goods for sale



VALE Moira Hickinbotham

West Australian Bridge Club

From Margaret King

The inclement weather results in a larger attendance at our bridge club with everybody passing the day with their minds focused on bridge. Well, hopefully anyway.

We have completed the Daytime Pairs Championship held over 2 Fridays for members only. Our congratulations go to

1 st	Kaiping Chen and Deana Wilson
2^{nd}	Doreen Jones and Jan Blight
3^{rd}	Alison Rigg and John Rigg
4 th	Marion Bogue and Faye Cullen

Undercroft Bridge Club

From Graham Milward

Other than a lot of bridge being played, there has not been too much activity at Undercroft during the last 2 months.



Our June RPE, the Don Fraser Swiss Pairs, was won by Stella Steer and Max Havercroft,



with Maria Pirajno and Joan Schneider 2nd



and Anne De Sousa and (Jenny Dawson) 3rd.

On Sunday 2nd July we held the all-day Jim and Irene Sanderson Teams of 4, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who competed. The team of Debbie James, Wilhelmina Piller, Mary Lang and Tony

Martin took out first place, followed by Beata and Tad Bieganski and Carol and Brian Fensome, second, and Wendy Baillie, Dawn Duly, Lorraine Rea and Allan Tolley in third place.

It was great to see relatively inexperienced players Jan Smith, Cathy Capper, Mary Purcell and Merilyn Letts join in and get some teams play experience. Very well done!!

This year we decided to run the Ossie Trigwell Pairs as a handicapped event. Indications were that it went down well and the Committee has decided to do the same next year. Determining handicaps was not a simple exercise, as the entire field had not played against each other on a regular basis. However, Director Bruce Penhey did lots of work to figure out a suitable arrangement.



The winners were Jay Wongphasukchot and Fiona Han,



followed by David and Pauline Coulter (pictured) and Jenny Pope and Barbara Lyall.

The recently conducted BAWA Open Pairs State Championship saw some great performances by our members with Jenny Bandy and Chris Jenkins, Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell and Chris Ross and Judy Havas taking out 3rd, 4th and 10th places respectively.

Hearty congratulations to all players who performed well in these events.

Lesley Routledge is well into her next series of lessons with 16 class members. These lessons are greatly appreciated as students are given plenty of time to absorb the intricacies of the game.

Saturday morning continues to be our best attended session with Allan Doig and his able assistants providing wide ranging tuition in a relaxed environment.

Recently trained directors John Bayly and yours truly have "gone solo", with Gwen Kremer, Willy Dadour and Ted Roscoe to follow shortly. Many thanks to Des Warner, Peter Wilson, Lee Leech, Peter Stephenson, David Burn and Bill Kemp for the training assistance provided.

Please remember what I have said in the past comply with the Laws of Bridge and treat your partner well. She/he is the only person in the room on your side!! A partner cherished will always perform better.

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Sunday July 24. The main objective of the meeting was to accept the new constitution to comply with the new regulations. Harold McKnight has retired from the committee after many years of service but he will continue to act as Chief Director and to give lessons. He was thanked for all that he has done for the Club over the years.

The following committee was elected.

President	Maureen Phillips
Vice-President	Joy Jones
Secretary	Pat Scotford
Treasurer	Patsy Davey
Committee	Patrick Garnett,
	Max Rowan Robinson,
	Sara Westergren,
	Ann Patrick



Front: Pat Scotford, Maureen Phillips, Patsy Davey, Rear: Pat Garnett, Joy Jones, Sarah Westergren, Ann Patrick

The results of our **WINTER TEAMS COMPETITION** were



1st Shirley Drage and Graeme Hillier



2nd Richard Pianta and Leonie Lorian3rd Maureen Phillips and Cathy Slaughter

CHARITY WEEK

The total raised by the Club in our annual 'Charity Week' was \$716.30. The committee decided that our charity this year would be Oxfam in aid of the

children in East Africa, which is facing a severe food shortage.

WEST COAST CONGRESS

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Congress on September 10. It is fully subscribed this year and will be a great day!



KALGOORLIE Bridge Club CONGRESS 25th Anniversary Congress

DATE: Long Weekend in September $22^{nd} 23^{rd}$ and 24^{th}

WHERE: Goldfields Art Centre Cheetham St Kalgoorlie

DIRECTOR: Peter Holloway

ACCOMMODATION:

Recommended the Railway Motel 90880000 ask for Sarah

PROGRAMME

Friday 22nd Welcome Pairs \$30

Light supper included

Brd Open Pairs \$40

Saturday 23rd Open Pairs \$40

Lunch included

Sunday 24th Teams \$40 Lunch included

After Teams event - Awards and Presentation with afternoon tea

All day tea-coffee and water provided ENOUIRIES

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ENTRIES: www.bawa.asn.au

TBIB South Perth Congress

From Dave Munro FRIDAY WELCOME PAIRS: N/S



1st John Bamfield (and Jim Tally)



2nd Wendy Harman and Carmen Jackson



 $3^{\rm rd}$ Maureen Hughes and Judith Sellick E/W



1st Pauline Hammond and Dave Munro



 2^{nd} Frances Thompson and Luba Klein



3rd Clive Youdell (and Alan Roberts)

Best South Perth Pair:	Cassie Morin and Jeanne Hey
Best <300 Masterpoints:	Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders
Best < State Master:	Michelle Pollock and Ingrid Gilfillen

SATURDAY CONGRESS PAIRS:

N/S

1 st	Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven
2^{nd}	Egmont Melton and John Beddow
3^{rd}	Dave Munro and David Schokman
4 th	Luba Klein and Judy Havas

E/W



1st Eugene Wichems and Robina McConnell



2nd Bruce Fraser (and Pauline Hammond)



3rd Linda Coli and Rose Moore



4th Carla Sullivan and Kate Pinniger Best South Perth Pair: Jeanne Hey and Peter Gill



Best <300 Masterpoints:

Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders Geoff Dullard and Bill Bradshaw

Best < State Master:

Braasna

SUNDAY CONGRESS TEAMS:



1stDave Munro, (David Schokman) Deana Wilson and Tim Munro



2nd Sue Grenside, Cassie Morin, (Elizabeth McNeill) and Richard Grenside



Best South Perth Team - Wendy Harman, Bente Hansen, Madge Myburgh and Carmen Jackson



3rd Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



Best Team < 300 Masterpoints: Kate Nadebaum, Fiona Han, Jay Wongphasukchot and Janet Khaw



4th John Beddow, Tad Bieganski, Beata Bieganski and Egmont Melton



President Dave Munro presenting Sue Gammonwinner of the \$50 gift voucher from TBIB

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BAWA SuperVets*Pairs

*Restricted to Players over 80 years of age

This is a Gold Point Event

Sunday the 5th November Venue to be confirmed



There will be awards for

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

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Entries: Via the BAWA Website

www.bawa.asn.au

Entry Fee is \$20 per

Tournament Director: Bill Kemp

Convenor: Jane Reynolds sladewitch2000@hotmail.com

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

The Cost of Playing for WA in the Interstate Teams

By David Matthews

Whilst it is an honour to play for WA there is no point in pretending that it's cheap. In fact you are seriously out of pocket.

It is my understanding that BAWA provides the most generous subsidy of all the States in the country. For the recent ANC in Canberra this subsidy was \$1,000 per player. Besides the 24 players (four teams of 6) there are also the Captains (in WA's case there were two people with Allison Stralow captaining three of the teams). This added up to \$26,000, a not inconsiderable sum for BAWA to fund. There are also other costs for BAWA such as the Victory Dinner and the WA clothing options etc. It's an expensive business.

Chris Ingham and I managed to achieve selection for the WA Seniors team playing alongside Jon Free/Phil Lagrange and Deidre Greenfeld/Debbie Frankel.

My own costs were as follows:

Airfares (Perth/Canberra return)	\$990
Taxis to/from airports	\$75
(some costs shared or free due to lifts)	
Hotel (7 nights)	\$840
Ubers/Taxis to/from venue	\$100
(50% shared)	
	\$2,005

I have not included the extra costs incurred for food that only occur because you are staying away from home. Some players will have spent more and some less but, on average, you can see that each State Representative is likely out of pocket to the tune of \$ 1,000+.

And now to some hands from the Seniors' Round Robins. One thing you learn pretty quickly when playing the Interstate is that you receive a level of play rarely encountered in WA. Any slight slips are usually punished. Decide on your answers to these problems (mostly bidding) before reading

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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about what actually happened at the table (further on in Focus).

PROBLEMS:

A-BIDDING - You are playing Standard with Optimal Twos.

(1)M2-B19. It's your very first hand of the whole competition and you are sitting East, Vul v Non Vul, and hold in 4th position:

- **★** K96
- ▼ AT8765
- **♦** {
- ♣ JT9

Bidding goes:

Pass	1D	1S	X (*)
Pass	2D	Pass	2H
Pass	3H	Pass	?(**)

(*)you are not quite good enough for 2H (**)Do you go on?

(2)M7-B8. Nil Vul and you hold in fourth position:

- **★** K87542
- **♥** QT9
- **** -
- ♣ T742

Partner opens 1NT in second position. You bid 2H (transfer) and partner bids 2S (no super accept which would be 4+ Spades). Do you go on?

(3)M8-B18. You are Vul opposite Non Vul and hold in fourth position:

- **★** KT8
- **♥** 942
- ♦ KQT98
- ♣ A 5

An opening 1 Club on your left is followed by 2 passes round to you. Do you act?

(4)M8-B25. You are Non Vul and hold in third position:

- ♠ Q632
- **♥** K6
- ♦ QJ53
- 976

Partner opens 2 Clubs (Game Force) and you respond 2 Spades (which in our system shows 6-8 points any shape). We play step responses

(hated by some pros) so 2D = 0-2, 2H = 3-5, 2S = 6-8 etc. Playing a straightforward system you would respond 2D. Partner now bids 3 Hearts (over the normal 2D relay response he would bid 2H). Your next bid?

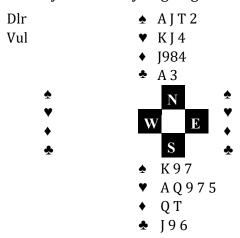
(5)M15-B23. It's Game All and you hold in third position:

- **★** K982
- ♥ K843
- ♦ A 7
- **♣** KQ4

Partner opens the bidding with 1NT (15-17) and, after your 2 Club enquiry, responds 2 Spades showing 5 Spades with a minimum (15 to a bad 16). What next? If, at some point, you ask for Key Cards you find that partner has two plus the QS. Do you go on?

B-PLAY

(1)M3-B7. It's Game All and you South, in first position, open 1H, partner bids 1S, you rebid 1NT (12-14) and North raises to 4H. The lead is the 4C which you duck to East's QC and a Club is returned to the Ace in dummy. You play the 2D (to set up the side suit first for a Spade discard), East follows with 5D to your QD and West wins with the KD. West now plays back the 4D to East's Ace, you following with TD. Now East surprises you by playing the 6D back into your J 8 in dummy. What are you going to do?

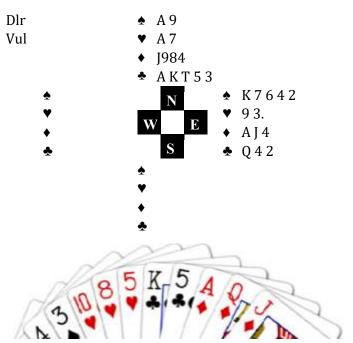


C-DEFENCE

(1)M17-B26. It's Game All. Partner passes, RHO passes, you pass (personally I think most players would open 1S – I certainly would) and LHO opens 1D. Partner passes and RHO opponent bids 1S, you pass and LHO jumps to 3D and RHO opponent closes the auction with 3NT. Your lead?

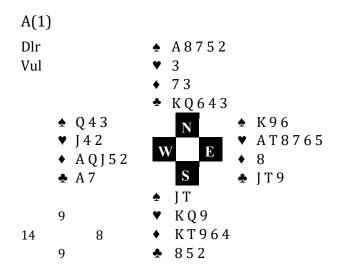
- ♠ AQ654
- **♥** T63
- ♦ 8
- ★ KI93

(2)M20-B10. It's Game All and LHO is the Dealer. After two passes North opens 1C, you Pass and South bids 1S. North rebids 2D and raises 2NT to 3NT. Partner leads JH won in dummy with AH and exits with a low Club. You jump up with your QC and exit with 9H won by declarer in hand with KH. Now declarer plays AS and 9S from dummy and you win with KS and partner drops JS. What next?



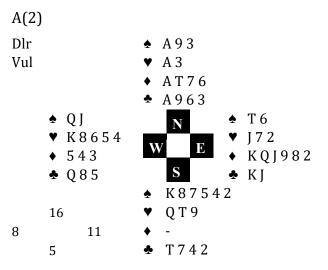
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A-BIDDING

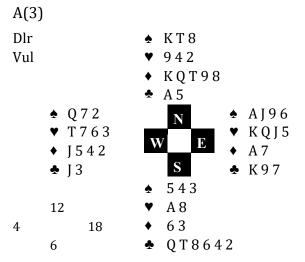


A difficult decision. In the end I decided that I didn't want to explain why I hadn't bid a Vulnerable game on the first board – strong opposition will usually bid Vulnerable games. So I

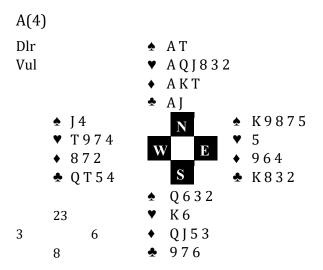
bid 4H. However, after the JS lead, I went two down by misguessing the position of the Spade Ten. However, if a heart honour is onside or the trumps 2-2 this is a pretty good game and just needs the right Spade guess. At the other table East was in 3H going down one (same Spade issue). Negative free bids work well on this one.



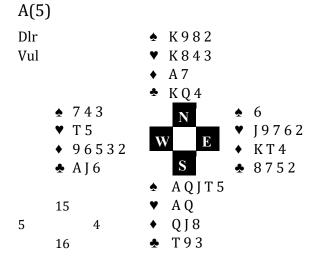
I passed and this proved to be a poor decision after the opposition at the other table invited and then bid game. 4S is cold.



Chris Ingham found a brilliant pass in fourth position and Dave Beauchamp struggled in 1 Club going 3 off. At the other table, fourth in hand balanced with 1 Diamond and our partners found their Heart fit and made 9 tricks. Chris reasoned that partner did not have 8+ points and a decent 5 card Major so there was not much point in bidding. This was 7 IMPS in. I must admit that I probably would have balanced!



I just raised 3 Hearts to 4H (over 2H you would bid 3H showing a better hand than a direct jump to 4H). Partner asked for Key Cards and bid 6H. There is no point in bidding your anaemic Spade suit when K6 of Hearts is massive support. At the other table our opponents failed to bid slam. In the Seniors only 2/6 bid slam, in the Youth 1/6, in the Women 3/6 and in the Open 4/6. In the Youth 3 teams were in 3NT!

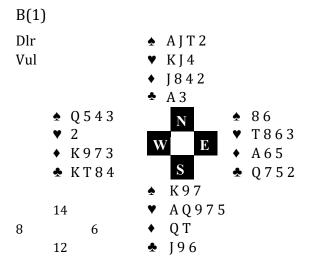


Chris Ingham held this hand which has controls all over the place and he went on to 6 Spades which failed with the Diamond King being offside. However I completely agree with his bidding of the slam. At the other table the opposition played in 4 Spades. In the Seniors 2/6 bid slam, the Open 3/6, Women 1/6 and Youth 2/6. For me this is the type of slam you should be aggressively bidding in the Interstate.

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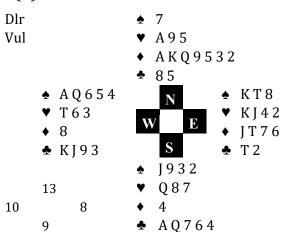
B-PLAY



Sitting West was Richard Brightling and East was David Hoffman. I agonised over this Diamond return for about 5 minutes - could the Diamonds really be 5-2. If they are 4-3 then I can just throw away a Spade. However, it would be galling to suffer a ruff. So finally I ruffed with a top Heart, ruffed a club, cashed KH and JH getting the bad news. I could still have made the hand by playing KS followed by a Spade finesse and now the JD, throwing away my last Spade if he didn't ruff. However I was rattled and went wrong in the end game going one down. I made a mistake earlier on - I should have played a low Diamond to the TD not the QD. This might possibly have dissuaded Brightling from playing back a third Diamond – it's unlikely though.

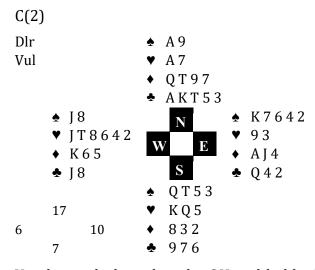
C-DEFENCE

C(1)



Just about any lead works except a Club. The defender lead a Club away from his K J Clubs gifting me the contract as the Spades could not be unravelled. One of my mantras is don't lead away from a King when the opposition have freely bid a game particularly when it appears that declarer has that suit well stopped. When you are holding

A Q Spades then declarer is likely to hold the A Q Clubs. The trick, of course, is knowing when to break the rule – usually an attacking lead is called for when declarer has a big source of tricks. This might have been one of those occasions but your singleton Diamond should tell you that partner may well have the Diamonds stopped. A low Heart is the standout lead for me and will lead to a big defeat if the Ten Clubs is returned after winning King Hearts. At the other table our partners played in 3 Spades making.



You know declarer has the QH and holds the QS on the bidding (unlikely to be bidding a 3 card suit!) so it seems pretty straightforward to play a low Diamond to partner's King and collect two more Diamonds but no; the defence played another Spade giving me the contract. If declarer has the KD then the contract is unbreakable. This was the last match and was very poor defence, gifting us 11 IMPS.



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Rough Defence - Part 3

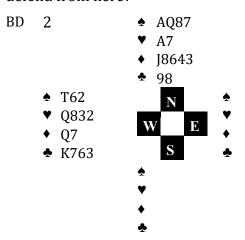
From Gerry Daly

An event titled "The Wagga Wagga Bridge Club Pairs" is not where you would normally expect to find a bevy of WA players. However after 3 rounds the top 4 tables were densely populated with sandgropers with 6 WA pairs well poised. The reason for their presence in this event was to knock out some bridge rust and acclimatise to Canberra for the tough week ahead in the ANC Interstate teams.

Here is an interesting hand from the first round where some rust was evident. It seems good looking young men from WA are not as highly regarded over East as they are at home and we found ourselves playing the 3rd seeds for the opening match. They were not prepared to give us a free run at a vulnerable 4S contract on board 2 - so your job as North is to extract the maximum penalty in compensation.

Bidding has been 3C X P 4S P P 5C X.

Partner commences the defence with two rounds of diamonds and switches to H4. How do you defend from here?

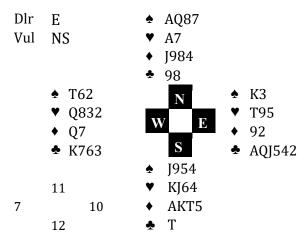


Seems pretty obvious, right? You want a heart ruff. You promptly win the Ace and play a heart to partners King. Alas! He is not a mind reader. Back comes a spade and your Ace is the last rick for the defence. +500 for -2 imps when +800 would have been worth 6 imps in.

So what went wrong? The play to trick 4 was not well considered. Good defence requires us to take our time, anticipate partner's problems, and where practical take measures to steer them on the right path. If we cash the spade ace before

sending back the heart the situation has been clarified for partner. Knowing we have no more cashing spades (With AK N would play the King in this position) South will now try for a desperation heart ruff as the last shot for the defence and on this occasion will be well rewarded.

Here is the full hand



Congratulations to Jonathan Free and Philip Lagrange who camped out at 1NS from round three to win the event.

KENDENUP

RESTRICTED CONGRESS

(under 300 pts)

WHEN:

Saturday the 4th on November @9.30 start

WHERE: Kendenup Town Hall

DIRECTOR: Neville Walker

COST:

\$40 (lunch and afternoon tea)

ACCOMODATION:

camping sites nearby

CONVENOR:

Heather Fergie 98514168 hjfergie@hotmail.com



A.A.A. Club

From Di Brooks

As we all know when we play bridge, we never stop learning. There are so many variables, what with the different systems, styles of bidding and defence, let alone the personalities at the table ... every hand makes for an interesting challenge. I quite often hear complaints about the one sided contracts. Never lose your concentration just because you have to defend, after all, we defend twice as often as we play as declarer.

Let me introduce you to the A.A.A.A. Club ... especially for Declarers.

A: Ask about the opponents system

A: Analyse the lead

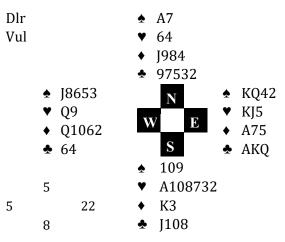
A: Assemble a plan of play and lastly,

A: Assume nothing. (Assume makes an <u>ASS</u> out of U and ME).

How I love my adages. One such saying comes to mind...

'For the want of a nail, the Kingdom was lost'. The meaning of this adage refers to a loose horse shoe, so for the want of a nail the horse couldn't be ridden into battle. This definitely applies to Declarers who fail to make a plan of play. Take this hand for example;-

East opens 2NT. West puts declarer to 3NT. South leads the H7. The four hands were:-



Nine tricks looks easy at first glance, counting four SURE tricks, declarer has to decide which suit to establish to get the extra tricks. His side has two tricks in hearts, plus another four tricks in spades once the Ace has been forced out. East then played the SK, which was taken by North, who now lead his heart. South took his Ace and returned the H2. East failed to cash his winners, which would give him ten tricks. Trying to make eleven tricks, he made the error of leading from his DA towards Dummy's DQ. South didn't hesitate to rise with his DK and cash his winning hearts. Another battle lost for the want of a nail???

Happy Bridging 🙂





Waste

From Jane Moulden

The amount of rubbish carelessly left behind at bridge events has always been a huge issue for me. Those of us convening or helping in local events have all slogged around the room at the end of the day trying to dispose of half cups coffee, half cups of water, endless hand records, lolly wrappers and generally discarded detritus. At the end of an event this is a bugger of a job, but you actually get to see how much rubbish we have generated.

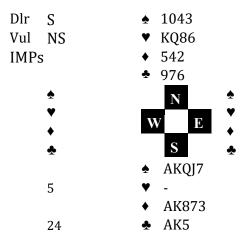
I would like to see BAWA and all affiliated clubs take on the challenge to significantly reduce the amount of rubbish we generate at our events.

I suggest there is an analysis of the rubbish, how we could reduce it, with the ultimate aim of eliminating it.

Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs bill.jacobs55@gmail.com



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2C*
Pass	2D	Pass	2S
Pass	4S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

* They say don't open 2. with a two-suiter. You could perhaps open 1. and play it there. It's hard to know which the more embarrassing contract is: 1. or 6.

West leads \blacklozenge 9, East follows with the \blacklozenge 6. What now?

SOLUTION on page 23





August 70%+ (Random search)

WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB				
72.28%	Margarita Hughes and Fiske Warren			
70.37%	John McMullan and John Aquino			
71.43%	Suzanne John and Mira Erskine			
75.46%	Di Quantrill and Shirley Bloch			
MAYLANDS	S BRIDGE CLUB			
73.5%	Georgia Jamieson and Alfred Leung			
FREMANTI	LE BRIDGE CLUB			
70.80%	Helen Kolozs and Chris Wells			
MANDURA	H BRIDGE CLUB			
71%	Clyde England and Roman Gdowski			
CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB				
77.3%	Georgia Jamieson and Alfred Leung			
70.4%	Peggy Stacy and Tom Stacy			
UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB				
70%	Joan Gates and Shirley Manlein			
BUNBURY BRIDGE CLUB				
71%	Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders			
BUSSELTON BRIDGE CLUB				
72.9%	John Lill and Rosemary Lill			
NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB				
77.9%	Charlie Lim and Lily Lim			

SuperVets 2017

By John Aquino

A vivid memory of the inaugural SuperVet's Bridge Tournament in 2012 was sprightly 102-year-old Rudy Woss driving up to the front door of the WABC in his smart, blue Jaguar. Although his parking may have left something to be desired, he completed the tournament way up the field!

The SuperVets Bridge Tournament, where the criterion for entry is that all competitors be over 80 years of age, is unique in Australia (and perhaps the world). It is intended to celebrate the extraordinary contribution made to the game of bridge by older players - often over their entire lifetime. Run by the ABF and BAWA, this year's tournament is to be held on Sunday, November 5 at the WABC and will be its fifth anniversary.

I would like to really encourage bridge clubs and the bridge community to ensure that the largest number of our eligible senior players enlist as competitors

The original concept of a tournament specially targeted at older bridge players was put to the Bridge Association of WA in 2011. The initial response was less than enthusiastic and some established players even suggested that such a tournament would not attract a field of players large enough to warrant the event. I remember one senior bridge community member suggesting that we would be lucky if we had a field of 5 However. tables! this response proved challenging enough for me to ensure that the event would happen and that it would be a significant success - even a feather in BAWA's cap. To cut a long story short, a detailed proposal was put to the Australian Bridge Federation outlining the concept. The proposal argued that

the event be endorsed by the ABF and awarded "Gold Point" status. A perpetual trophy was donated for the event and the WA Bridge Club agreed to provide its superb rooms as a venue for the event. The ABF were ecstatic with the proposal and licensed BAWA to run the tournament alongside WA's four

other Gold Point events (Western Seniors Pairs, Swan River Swiss Open Pairs, HGR Memorial Congress, and the Golden West).

Symbolically perhaps, the inaugural event was scheduled to take place on Remembrance Day (11 November 2012) and was part of the WA's Seniors Week celebrations. Defying initial predictions that there would be a modest turnout for the competition, the tournament organisers were overwhelmed with the response. One hundred and fourteen players over the age of 80 entered to pit their bridge skills against other players in their age group. It is estimated that the combined age of all the competitors who entered was over 10,000 years!

The inaugural SuperVets tournament was won by Joan Carter (then ,94) and Bobbie Mitchell (87). Joan and Bobbie are still playing as a partnership and have from memory entered in all the SuperVet events since 2012. The original field boasted 7 Grand Masters and many players who had achieved Gold and Silver Life Master Status.

As we know, contract bridge is an excellent gymnastic of the mind for men and women of all It is recognised as a sport by the International Olympic Committee because it is a game that engenders the following attributes and common with other competitive sports - technique, competitive attitude, strategy, fair play, discipline, stamina, quick reflexes, rapport with your partner, and concentration. Medical research in the United States has concluded that playing the game significantly lowers the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and is even said to boost the immune system.



After the first SuperVets tournament, the Bridge Association of WA made a donation towards 'Bridge for Brains' research being undertaken by the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute in NSW to help support their continued research into Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Based on feedback received from past participants, this year's SuperVets Tournament Organiser (Jane Reynolds) intends to finetune the format by having fewer food breaks and more boards played. The cost is \$20 for a full day's bridge with lunch included.

Players who want assistance with registration on the BAWA website should contact their club to help them register. Alternatively, they could contact a club member who competes in BAWA events to assist them with the registration process. Or indeed they could phone the Tournament Organiser who can advise them on how they can enter - Jane Reynolds - sladewitch2000@hotmail.com

This is a unique event on the bridge calendar and celebrates the extraordinary contribution that older players have made to the game we love. Clubs are encouraged to promote the event for their eligible members to participate. Some clubs even organise transportation to and from the venue where getting to the venue becomes problematical. I would like to commend clubs who take this initiative to support their older members.

So, if your age means you are eligible, flaunt it and put your bridge playing skills and experience on show again by attending the SuperVets of WA! Hold your cards close to your chest and lock horns in silent competition with your fellow octogenarians and nonagenarians in order to enjoy a wonderful event!







All the Way is Quite OK



By Ron Klinger

http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com
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PROBLEM

Dealer | NORTH; NIL | Vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1D
X	Pass	1S	3D
?			

What would you do as West with:

- **♦** AK53
- **♥** KI874
- ♦ AJ4
- ♣ A

SOLUTION on page 23

West Coast Bridge Club 2017 CONGRESS 50th Anniversary 1967 – 2017

CIVIC CENTRE

33 TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT, CITY BEACH

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 10.00am

DIRECTOR – BILL KEMP

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

ENTRY FEE \$30 PER PLAYER

RED MASTER POINTS

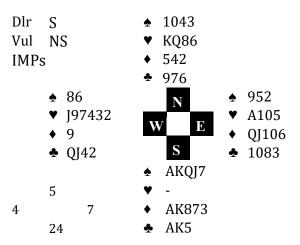
Entries close 6th SEPTEMBER 2017

CONVENOR: PATRICK GARNETT

Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

SOLUTION



It's grim. There's an inescapable diamond loser, and to get rid of your club loser, you would need two entries to dummy to ruff out East's (hoped for) HA.

What is the diamond position anyway? It rather seems that the D9 is a singleton. That's good news, believe it or not, as it means that one defender will need to follow suit as you try to trump a diamond in dummy to gain an extra entry.

The key play is to let the D9 win. Then win the continuation, for example a club, go to dummy's S10 and play a top heart. Assuming that is covered and ruffed, then play one more top trump, and then the diamonds from the top, hoping that West has no more trumps. Bingo! (Next time, East will play third hand high.)

If you win trick 1, you will not be able to manage the trump suit: either you will concede a ruff, or allow East to draw dummy's last trump.

The moral: Only open 2C with a two-suiter if you play the dummy like Paganini played the violin.



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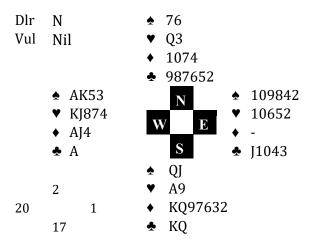
Full Page \$150 / Half Page \$75
Contact Linda Bedford-Brown
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All the Way is Quite OK

By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION

It is important not to assume the worst scenario always exists. If you do you will miss a lot of good contracts. Consider this deal which comes from a Butler Trials:



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1D
X	Pass	1S	3D
3S	All pass		

Lead DK

Declarer misguessed hearts to make eleven tricks for +200. That was 7 Imps away as the datum was E-W 470. West should have bid 4S. True, East might have nothing and 4S might fail, but West needs very little for 4S to make. Suppose East has:

- **1**09842
- **♥** Q2
- **♦** 76
- **♣** 10643

You figure to lose a spade, a heart and a diamond at worst, but you cannot expect partner to bid 4S on that hand or the actual East hand with only one jack. If East can make twelve tricks when holding one point, perhaps West needed to do more than just invite game.



RESULTS

TEAMS of FOUR

From John Beddow

OPEN			
Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC A	4	3	50.50
MANDURAH	4	2	44.78
NEDLANDS	3	2	42.75
SOUTH PERTH	4	2	34.75
WABC B	2	1	26.07
UNDERCROFT	2	1	21.02
MELVILLE	3	1	12.83
MACCABI	2	-	7.30

INTERMEDIATE BLUE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
KALAMUNDA	5	4	75.84
WEST COAST	5	4	72.17
SOUTH PERTH	5	3	60.07
UNDERCROFT	5	2	44.73
MAYLANDS	4	2	38.26
MACCABI	4	1	28.06

INTERMEDIATE GOLD

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC B	5	4	64.92
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NEDLANDS	5	3	56.06
UNDERCROFT	4	2	33.68
SOUTH PERTH	3	1	28.42
MELVILLE	3	1	28.29
WABC A	2	-	8.63

NOVICE GOLD

Club	Played	Won	VPs
SOUTH PERTH B	3	3	45.63
KALAMUNDA B	3	2	28.17
UNDERCROFT	3	1	27.32
WABC B	1	1	20.00
MELVILLE	4	-	18.88

NOVICE BLUE

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



Swan River Swiss Open Pairs (104)

1	Nigel DUTTON - Marie-France MERVEN
2	Stephen HURLEY - Liz HURLEY
3	Karol MILLER - Kaiping CHEN
4	Johnno NEWMAN - Jamie THOMPSON
5	Richard DOUGLAS - Robert SEBESFI
6	Stella STEER - James STEER
7	Chris MULLEY - Paul BRAYSHAW
8	Ron COOPER - Renee COOPER
9	Catherine HOOD - Doreen JONES
10	Gerry DALY - Viv WOOD
11	Martin BROOME - Valerie BROOME
12	Geoffrey JOHNSON - Irene HAMILTON
13	Deana WILSON - Fiske WARREN
14	Don ALLEN - David MATTHEWS
15	David SCHOKMAN - Val BILTOFT
16	Richard GRENSIDE - Sue GRENSIDE
17	Tim MUNRO - Francesca MCGRATH
18	Janice HOWELL - Sheryl COATES
19	Hugh PROBERT - Steven ROGOYSKY
20	Pim BIRSS - Alan CRANSBERG
21	Bridget COOKE - Rachel SHAVE
22	John BEDDOW - Egmont MELTON
23	Geoff HOLMAN - Chris INGHAM
24	Ailsa PEACOCK - Matt SMITH
25	Dave SLOAN - Gary FRAMPTON
26	Deborah FRANKEL - Deidre GREENFELD
27	Geoff YEO - Ann YOUNGS
28	Joanna TENNYSON - Jenny SKINNER
29	Patricia MCNAMARA - Belinda TARANTO
30	Jane REYNOLDS - Linda COLI









BAWA Daytime Pairs (38)



1 Alan Harrop and Deana Wilson



2 Geoff Yeo and John Aquino



- 3 (Christine Jenkins) and Jennifer Bandy
- 4 David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller
- 5 Wendy Driscoll and Pauline Hammond
- 6 Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld
- 7 Mimi Packer and Jane Reynolds
- 8 Don Allen and David Matthews
- 9 Dave Sloan and Ann Youngs
- 10 Judy Havas and Chris Ross









ANC Congress Result

South Canberra Bridge Club Morning Restricted



Mary Johnston and (Joan Barnett)

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	Sep	Thu 7 th	BAWA State Open Teams Championship 1/6
			Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 9 th	Albany Bridge Club Restricted Congress
		Sun 10 th	West Coast Bridge Club Congress – see flyer
		Sat 16 th –Sun 17 th	HGR Memorial Congress PQP/Gold
		Wed 20 th	Pharmacy 777 South Perth Open Red Point
		Fri 22 nd –Sun 24 th	Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress- see flyer
	Oct	Fri 13th - Sun 15th	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress
		Fri 20th -Sun 22nd	Denmark Bridge Club Congress
		Sat 28th –Sun 29th	Undercroft Bridge Club Congress
	Nov	Thu 2 nd	Grand Master Restricted Pairs
		Sat 4 th	Kendenup Restricted Congress- see flyer
		Sun 5 th	BAWA State Open Championship Final
			Venue Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sun 5 th	Super Vets Gold Point Event
		Sun 12 th	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
		Sat 18 th –Sun 19 th	Golden West Gold Point Event - Mandurah
Fri 24 th – Mon 27 th GNOT finals		Sun 26 th	WABC Super Novice Event
	Dec	Fri 1 st – 3 rd	WABC Xmas Congress
		Thu 7 th	BAWA AWARD NIGHT
			Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website. VENUES AND STARTING TIMES Unless otherwise advertised all BAWA daytime and weekend events are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands, All Thursday evening events are held at the South Perth Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Commencing 7.30 pm.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.		



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.

(See the BAWA regulations for full details)

Substitutes:

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



2017 Hans Rosendorff Memorial Weekend Congress - Perth

NEW FORMAT- Women's Swiss PAIRS Event

Sat 16 & Sun 17 September



GOLD POINTS

PQPs: 1st 24, 2nd 18, 3rd 12, 4th 6



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; PRIZES: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500

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

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