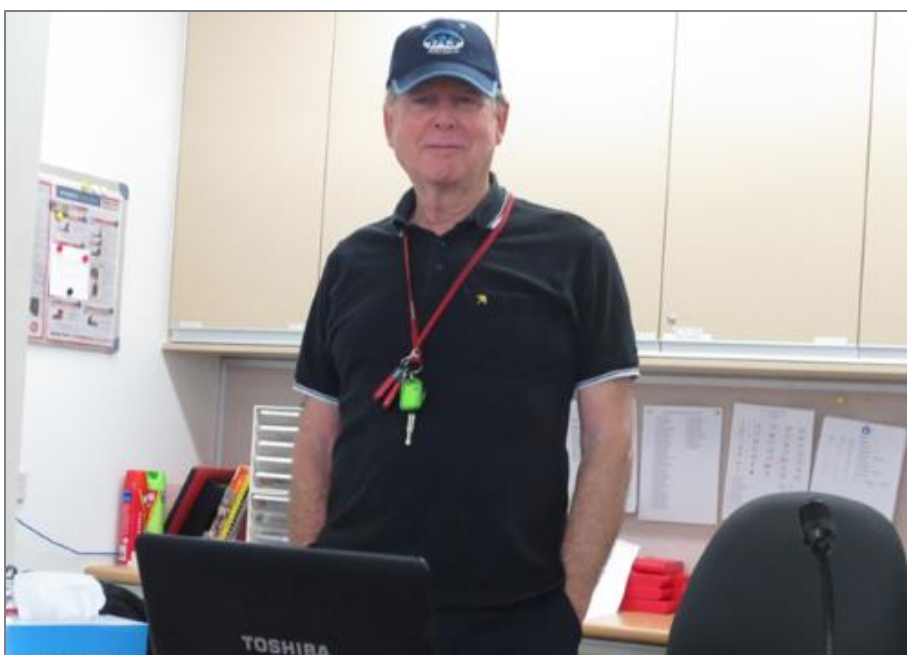




## LONG SERVING DIRECTOR – THANK YOU



*After directing for over 20 years **Bill Kemp** has decided to retire.*

*His quiet manner and patient approach to directing will be greatly missed at all bridge clubs, not just WABC.*

*I am sure he will continue to play and enjoy bridge at our club in the future.*

*Jan McNab- WABC*

### BAWA Swiss Pairs Winners



Karol Miller and Jan Kochmanski

### BAWA Swiss Pairs Best Restricted



Mavis Koay and Dianne Dwyer  
with Director Bruce Penhey

# President's Report

Having just read the last couple of Focus columns where I have confidently forecast the running of several events, none of which eventuated, I've decided to give up making any predictions during this challenging and continually evolving crisis. After my assertion that the Swan River would run, it was a tough call to cancel; but the decision was made with the best interests of West Australian bridge players foremost in our thinking.

Having said that I'm going to give up making predictions, here are a couple. Given that we continue to have no community transmission of the COVID19 virus in WA, BAWA is moderately confident that the HGR Women's Swiss Pairs and the HGR Restricted Swiss pairs will run. The expected numbers are well within limits imposed by WA Phase 4 Restrictions.

The table number limit for The Golden West has been reduced to 49 tables, and, once again, if conditions continue to be favourable, we fully expect this event to run. We are lowering entrant numbers by natural attrition; however, it would help if you have a TBA that you advise the Tournament Organiser, Allison Stralow of your partner as soon as possible.

The bridge regulations and calendar aspects of Club congresses are the responsibility of BAWA; everything else is entirely the concern of the clubs. BAWA has no say as to whether or not a club decides to cancel or postpone any of their events. I fully understand and support clubs who make these difficult decisions; I also fully support our directors who are justifiably concerned about officiating at such events.

I am delighted at the success of our two daytime events held so far this year. They have been, within restrictions, fully subscribed and we did welcome some new faces to state level bridge. I am sure that there will be a number of daytime events on the 2021 calendar. There you go - another prediction.

*Nigel Dutton*

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## Club Directors' Course

Four Tuesday Evenings  
November 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> and Dec 1<sup>st</sup>  
from 7.30pm to 10.00pm  
Venue: Melville Bridge Club  
Presenters:  
Dave Parham and Neville Walker  
Cost \$40

This is an introductory course aimed at those interested in learning to become a Director at Club Level, so it is suited to players who have never directed before or have 'walked through' with a club director but have had no official training.

### Topics covered:

- The Laws – 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge Movements -specifically those necessary to run a club duplicate session.
- Scoring – Matchpoint and IMPS Software – Bridgemates and Compscore II (ASE by request)

*It is recommended that participants should have a copy of the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge*

Further information and registration

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# ABF Management Committee Meeting

## August 14, 2020

### Major Items and Decisions

#### Retiring and new ABF Councillor

ABF Councillors are an integral part of the administration of Australian bridge. Thank you to retiring councillor, Therese Tully for her service to the Queensland Bridge Association and the ABF. We welcome Charles Page who is the new QBA member to Council and we look forward to his contributions in the year to come.

#### Remuneration for Tournament Officials at ABF and other National Events

Following a review of the 2017 policy on baseline remuneration for tournament officials at ABF and ABF Licensed events, the ABF Management Committee agreed to update the policy. The recommended increases in remuneration will take effect from January 2021.

#### ABF BBO Games

In response to player feedback the ABF has decided to run a second Nationwide Online Pairs session each week.

The new session on Friday evenings at 7:30pm AEST commenced on August 14th.

The Nationwide sessions continue on Sunday afternoon beginning at 2.30pm AEST. The Management Committee is pleased to see 600+ players, playing in either the Open, Restricted or Novice event. ABF Youth BBO sessions will begin shortly and all youth players are encouraged to participate.

#### Plans for ABF and ABF Licensed Events to September 2020 – February 2021

The resumption of national events remains uncertain and we will continue to monitor the situation closely.

A decision on the Summer Festival of Bridge and Youth Week 2021 will be made at the MC meeting in September. It was also decided to set the 31st December as the date to determine if planning for the ANC, 2021 in Orange, N.S.W. will proceed.

#### Cancelled events:

- Swan River Swiss Pairs 2020
- Spring Nationals 2020
- Gold Coast Congress 2021

#### Connecting Teachers during Covid-19

The Management Committee thanks the ABF National Teaching Coordinator Joan Butts for keeping teachers connected during lockdown and isolation as she continues to run Zoom meetings for teachers. The meetings are proving popular, as they offer online resources for teachers, are easy to administer, and are geographically diverse. Six more Education programmes including a TTP are planned until end November and are currently being advertised.

Joan will be offering, a free weekly email for players (novice and intermediate) that contains tips, a hand with video review, and is based on a spiral approach to learning.

#### Ron Klinger Daily Column

The Management Committee thanks Ron for his offer to continue to write the Daily Column. We appreciate his kindness in offering this service to players.

#### Feedback & Future Meetings

The Management Committee welcomes feedback and suggestions on the above matters or other subjects.

The next ABFMC Meeting will be held on the 25th September.

#### 2020- 2022 ABF Management Committee

Allison Stralow (President),  
Kim Frazer (Secretary),  
Ian Thomson, (Treasurer),  
Adel Abdelhamid,  
Rob Ward,  
Jane Rasmussen (Executive Secretary),  
Geoff Chettle (Legal Counsel),  
Michael Bryan (Deputy Legal Counsel)





# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

## Albany Bridge Club

From Pam Goodman

On July 25<sup>th</sup> we managed to hold our Restricted Congress. With Covid guidelines in place we were the first to hold a congress in WA and possibly Australia.

It was a very successful and happy day of Bridge. Brian Wade Directed flawlessly with a couple of tricky moments for him with a dead tie in one situation which had to be resolved quickly.

Morning and Afternoon teas were served and a delicious lunch prepared by our members.

Winners in the Final were Gillian Glass and Mary Bryant, Runners up Alison Gunton and Vivienne Davis

Winners in the Plate were John McBeath and Antonia Oudman



2<sup>nd</sup> Ronald Grogan and Catherine Grogan with Convener Pam Goodman

Winners in the Qualifying were Heather Fergie and Bob Fergie (NS) and Sharon Schneider and Tom Burton (EW). Runners up Alison Gunton and Vivienne Davis (NS) and John Elliott and Claire James (EW)

Four masterpoints category winners were Trish Flowers and Jane Taylor.



Suzanne Yates and Alan Peerless



Andy Cayley and Annelouise Dubrawski (pictured) and Connie Daly and Pam Goodman.

## Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

### Annual Congress

The Bayswater Bridge Club is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> for players 0-300 Masterpoints as at July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. We are very fortunate to have Neville Walker as Director and Pat Allen as Convener. Entries via the BAWA website [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

The cost of \$30 includes the morning and afternoon session, with a Qualifying round in the morning commencing at 10.00 am and the usual Final, Plate and Consolation in the afternoon starting at 1.30 pm. Players are requested to bring their own lunch or order their lunch in the foyer on arrival however delicious Morning and Afternoon teas will be provided.

The Bayswater Tennis Club at 80 Murray Street is a wonderful venue for the congress, with a lift, a bar and easy parking. The outside patio areas have been extended on either side of the building and a smoking area is provided. The club is a 10 minute walk from the Bayswater Train Station and 5 minute walk from Bus stop at corner of Guildford Road and Garrett Road, Bayswater so we welcome players from all clubs. Transport can be arranged to ferry players from the train and bus if necessary.

### **Great to be back at Bridge**

It's great to be back at Bayswater Bridge Club meeting up with our friends again after so long in isolation although it has been very interesting and extending over the last few months with many of us playing online with Bridge Base Online, No Fear Bridge and Stepbridge. Sandy S-M has ventured into teaching on line with No Fear Bridge and Bridge Base Online using these sites sometimes in combination with Zoom, reaching beginners in places as exotic as the Canary Islands. Sue Levy provided a series of bridge challenges on our website for those suffering from withdrawal symptoms waiting for Bridge to re-open.

The Bayswater Tennis Club officials have made our return to bridge very easy and hygienic. Our members are taking all the necessary precautions of phase 4 including staying away from the club with any signs of a cold, and using hand sanitizer between tables.

### **Wednesday Session**

Our Wednesday sessions from 12.15 pm to 4.00 pm continue to thrive under our new directors, Pat Allen and Kevin Outred who are taming Compscore with help from Neville Walker, David Burn and Noel Daniel. We are generally getting around 12 tables on Wednesdays, some of our members still waiting for Phase 5 and their own judgment of when it is safe to return, especially if they or members of their families have health vulnerabilities. Players are asked to be seated by 12.15 pm to allow the Directors plenty of time to

organise the movement. In order to be fitted into the movement please ring if you are delayed on the way. It was considered that we forgo the policy of providing a partner but this is now continuing as long as players requiring a partner arrive before 12.15 pm in time to arrange partners.

### **Monday Session**

We have a wonderful session on Mondays with Kevin Outred directing with the help of Don Sutton-Mattocks. Again, players are asked to be seated at 12.15 pm to allow for the movement to be organised. Sandy S-M gives a "nutshell" lesson at 12.15 pm on a whiteboard and a handout is sent by email to all those who attend that week. Topics so far include The Rule of 7, the Rule of 11, the Bath Coup and Stayman, as requested. A bit of fun and lots of success trying out the strategies that afternoon.

### **Beginner / Refresher Lessons**

Sandy and Sue are keen to extend the teaching to increase club membership and so are introducing Beginner/Refresher lessons on Wednesdays at 12.45 – 2.30 starting on Wednesday 26th August. Later there will be lessons on Monday as well and it is envisaged that the lessons will transition to separately run Supervised Sessions. New lessons will be in Standard American however Acol is available on request. Cost for lessons is \$8 for visitors and \$6 for members.

### **Masterpoint Milestones**

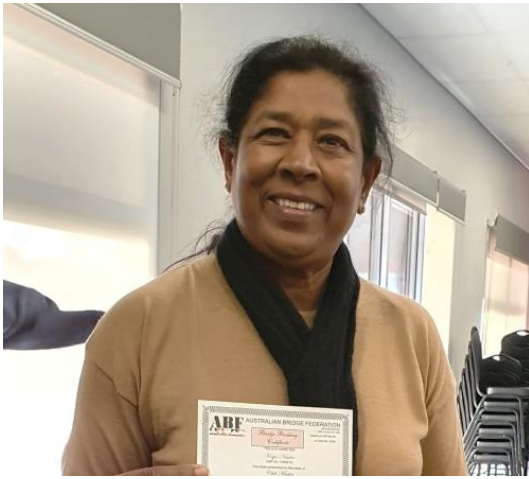
Some milestones have been reached including Mary Johnson now a Grand Master.



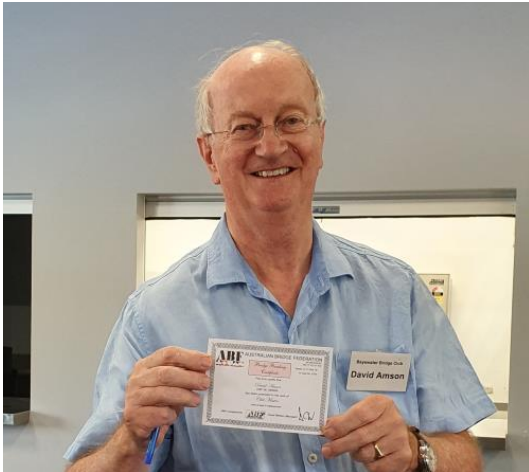
Sandy Sutton-Mattocks Silver Life

Pat Allen and Alan Gregory Regional Masters  
Club Masters –  
Stephen Chang

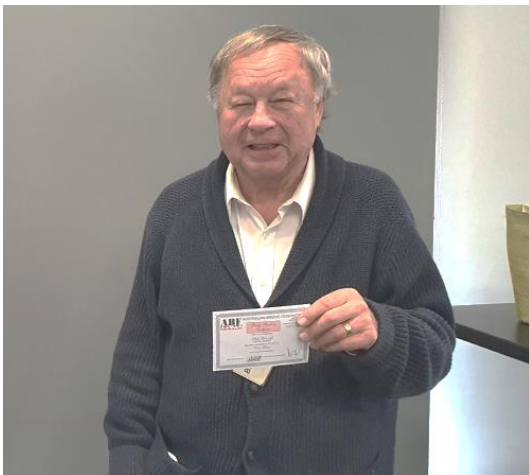




Kogie Naidoo



David Amson



Bill Moncrieff all Club Masters. Stephen Chang,

**AGM BBC**

The Bayswater Bridge Club AGM is scheduled for Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 11.15.

**Seniors Week 2020**

Even though the annual Have-a -Go Seniors' Week may not be happening this year, Bayswater Bridge Club will be holding a Free Lesson and Afternoon Tea to welcome new players to the wonderful

world of Bridge on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of November at 12.45 pm to 2.30 pm.

**Bridgetown Bridge Club**

From Jan Burgess

Our Club Championship, played over four weeks, was a very protracted event this year - with the first two rounds played in March, as usual, and the final two rounds completed in August! We had four tables in play, a very good turn-out for our small Club which has a playing membership of only 20.



The event was won, for the third time, by Mona Stockwell and Heide Taylor and we offer them our warmest congratulations. Mona and Heide have been a formidable partnership for many years and they won the final round comprehensively, with a huge score of 70.2%!

2nd Jan Burgess and Tonnie van Kampen

3rd Jana Mayhew and Bronwyn Mitchell

If you are visiting Bridgetown, we play on a Tuesday evening at St Paul's Church Hall, Phillip Street, commencing at 7 pm. Wrap up warmly .... old church halls can be chilly places, especially during a Bridgetown winter! But you can be assured of a warm welcome!

**Maccabi Bridge Club**

From Luba Klein

Maccabi Bridge Club resumed playing on Monday, 11.30am last month when some of the restrictions were lifted. We managed to hold 3 Red point events and the winners were: -

**Bella and Leon Zeitlin Memorial Trophy**

1<sup>st</sup> Debbie Frankel and Debbie Majteles

## Bess Cohen Open Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Charles Kur and Richard Van Proctor

## Eric Samuel Open Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Judy Havas and Chris Ross

Our table money is \$5.00 and for non-members \$7.00.

We welcome bridge players from the community and other clubs to come to play

If you are looking for a partner, phone Luba Klein 0450664133

## Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt



The Elaine Cook trophy was won by Roz Barker and Lila Evans. This was

1<sup>st</sup> in a red point event for the pair.

2<sup>nd</sup> Piri Kacso and Julie Martin-Carabes

3<sup>rd</sup> Doreen Stevens and Rolf Nagle



Ten players made the annual trip to Shark Bay. The highlight was the performance of John Potter and Margaret Hickson. In the first competition they won the wooden spoon –the next day they reversed their fortunes and took out first place.

The Shark Bay Club were very welcoming and enjoyed playing in a larger field.

At our drinks and nibbles after bridge we celebrated Norma Lodge's birthday.



Norma is a stalwart of the Club and among her many contributions are her decorations of our tables with lovely roses when we have special occasions.

## Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The Sunday Congress was bridge back to normal with 62 pairs in attendance.

1	Gwyneira Brahma and Phil Bapty
2	Viv Wood and Marnie Leybourne
3	Jonathan Free and Mimi Packer
4	Trevor Fuller and Gerry Daly
5	Lynne Milne and David Burn
6	Chris Ingham and David Matthews
7	Val Biltoft and Karol Miller
8	Valerie Broome and Martin Broome
9	David Schokman and Dave Munro
10	Jenny Skinner and Christine Jenkins



Thank you, Janet Hunt, – our long standing Monday director of many years and many times on other days. Janet is now retiring and looking forward to just playing bridge at the club.



The Committee and members express their gratitude for your devoted service.

Club playing times:

Monday 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
Tuesday 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
Wednesday 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
Thursday 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
Friday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Saturday 1:30 pm to 5:15 pm

#### SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Tuesday 9:30 am to 12:00 noon  
Advice on bidding and play given.

You are welcome to come without a partner.

## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

The Club continues to abide by the Covid 19 restrictions and is running sessions every weekday as normal.

At the August AGM, which was postponed from May for Covid 19 reasons, the following members were elected to the Management Committee:

President	Vera Hardman
Vice President	Patricia Anderson
Secretary	Linda Gore
Treasurer	Di Schupp
Membership Secretary	Mei Zhao
Convenor	Neville Walker
Committee Members	Roger Cousins, Corrie Davis, Pamela Gale, Gudrun Kemmer, Robyn McKenna and Harry Waters.

The Club has also invested in an eftpos machine for payment of table money and other club payments, for hygienic reasons and to reduce cash handling issues.

## Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

We are now as close to normal as we can be under WA rules. We are running our normal program of

events and fortunately have enough space to be able to cater for all comers including visitors while still conforming to the 2 square meter rule. The tea room and the bar are back to normal, but without any cheese or nuts. But we're using a lot of sanitiser and cleaning products!

We've now got our program of major events underway, catching up with those that had to be deferred because of the COVID shutdown. Our first event was the Open and Restricted Teams Championships. The Open event was a full day event, while the Restricted event was afternoon only. Numbers were the same as last year: ten open teams and six restricted teams. Major prize winners were as follows"

### Open Teams Championship



Winners:

Glynn Frampton, Gary Frampton, Suzanne Goodall and Martin Goodall



2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

Valerie Isle, Cassie Morin, Salim Songerwala and Gwyneira Brahma





3rd Place:

President Mark Hughes with Merwyn Menezes, David Burn and Bill Symons (Doreen Jones)

### Restricted Teams Championship



Winners:

John Finlay-Jones, Tomoko Nakamatsu, President Mark Hughes, Mavis Koay and Hamish McCracken



2nd Place:

President Mark Hughes with Pat Allen, Janelle McGann, Laura Breen and Rob Breen

Another major event was the Dora Wilson Cup, run over two weeks with twenty-eight pairs competing. Major place getters were:

### Dora Wilson Cup



Winners: Ian Bailey and Bill Symons



2nd Place: Do Dean and Sarita Singh



3rd Place: Claire Weston and David Gallagher

### Membership

We now have 379 members and a couple more awaiting approval of their applications. We welcomed fourteen new members to the Club this

month: John Finlay-Jones, Tom Lund, David Gallagher, Gail Anderson. Bob Peters, Joan Peters, Beryl Gautier, Margaret Barr, Susan Bailey, Jane Bwye, Bruce Fraser, Pam Davey, Paul Davey, Matthew Martin. John Finlay-Jones got off to a good start with a win in the Restricted Teams Championship.

### Club Activities

Nominations are open for positions on the Management Committee – a little later than usual because of COVID. Our AGM will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, also a couple of weeks later than usual.

Bill Symons will conduct a series of lessons for beginners on Tuesday evenings between 6<sup>th</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> October. Full details are on our website. He continues to run his Wednesday morning workshops, and is just finishing a series on Multi-twos. The next series that starts on 26<sup>th</sup> August will cover Bidding and Card Play. Visitors are welcome to these workshops and you do not need a partner.

Nigel Dutton has concluded his lessons on transfers, Lavings and Lebensohl that were interrupted during our shutdown.

We draw your attention to the following open events – visitors are very welcome to join in.

Helloworld Travel Open Red Point: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 7.15pm.

Open Red Point: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1.00pm.

First Sunday of the Month Open Walk-in Pairs: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1.00pm.

## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Club Championship Pairs Competition were



*Elizabeth Bennett, Peach Partis and Ray Wood*

1st Peach Partis and Elizabeth Bennett/Ray Wood

2nd Joy Jones and Pat Scotford

3rd Maureen Phillips and Cathy Slaughter

The Committee has made the decision to cancel the annual West Coast Congress, which was scheduled for September 13. We are very sad about this as it is always a very enjoyable, well attended event. We hope that things will be back to normal for next year!

## Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

A successful Red Point session was held on Thursday 13 August 2020. We had eleven full tables and our director for the afternoon was Peter Wilson.



The winners were Jane Adams and Christine Bacon N/S with 62.73%.



Margaret Carter-Pyne and Patricia Stapledon E/W with 59.49%. Margaret and Patricia had never played together before so special congratulations are in order.



Winter this year is certainly different with all those who usually travel overseas still playing at the Club. We love to have you but, hopefully, we can all travel again soon.

While we would normally welcome visitors we are not doing so at the moment so please check our website [www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org](http://www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org) for the latest information.

## South Perth Bridge Club

From Cassie Morin

Our Red Point Covid weekend event was very well attended and a big thanks to everyone for observing the Covid regulations.



Weekend Director Neville Walker

**Saturday Morning Restricted**



1<sup>st</sup> N/S Tony McKinnon and Mark O'Connor



1<sup>st</sup> E/W Jane Walker and Ken Phillips

**Saturday Afternoon**

N/S



1<sup>st</sup> Leon Ref and Noel Daniel

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Gill and Gwyneria Brahma

3<sup>rd</sup> Wendy Harman and Joan Valentine

E/W



1<sup>st</sup> Martin Doran and Viv Wood

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2<sup>nd</sup> Graeme Cronin and Wendy Kappelle  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Wilding and Matthew Wilding  
Sunday Morning and Afternoon – Overall winners-  
1<sup>st</sup> Bob Prince and Doreen Jones



2<sup>nd</sup> Cassie Morin and Gwyneria Brahma

3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Fraser and David Burn



4<sup>th</sup> Nick Cantatore and Jonathan Pynt

The club is now open to members and non-members

## West Australian Bridge Club

From Jan McNab

### SESSION TIMES RETURN TO NORMAL

It was decided to go back to regular sessions and allow non-members to attend from 1st August. The playing area has also been opened up to our permitted 50 tables. Please note that at the Monday and Friday morning sessions only 24 boards will be played to ensure no crossover between sessions. The Wednesday session has the earlier starting time of 11am finishing at 2.30pm.

The Management Committee continue to insist on a high standard of hygiene and social distancing whilst at the Club, in accordance with Government guidelines, ensuring the safest environment is available to all. These are simple rules designed to keep everyone who attends the club as safe as possible and we thank you all for looking after your own health and that of fellow players.

Hand sanitising stations have been placed just inside the entrance doors so players can wash hands on entering the building. Two sanitization bottles are provided at each table, ready for use prior to commencement of each set of boards.

Pre-paid vouchers, in blocks of 10, have been available for members to purchase via EFTPOS and the system will be continued as it has proven convenient for many people. The usual payment of cash at the table is still available for both visitors and members.

The bar has re-opened and everyone is welcome to stay for a drink following afternoon sessions.

### COMPETITIONS

Since the re-opening of the Club, apart from regular duplicate sessions, there have been no major competitions.

One unique opportunity is our Grand National Open Teams Event starting in early September. This has proven extremely popular, with only a few places still available. This is a stand-alone event, due to the cancellation of State and National Finals, and will be played over 3 weeks with Gold Points awarded.

Due to cancellation of events earlier in the year September has become a busy month with many Championship events to be held. These include the Mixed Pairs, Open Teams, Restricted Teams and Men's Pairs. The Evening Pairs Championship will be played in October.

There will be no club bridge at WABC on Saturday 19 September if the ABF Hans Rosendorff Tournament goes ahead.

On the Queen's Birthday holiday Monday there will be red point duplicate games for both morning and afternoon sessions. Take note that the morning session begins at the slightly later time of 9.15am, with the usual start time of 1.15pm for the afternoon game.

At 1pm on Tuesday, 13 October there will be another Red Point event prior to the WABC Annual General Meeting which will follow at 4.30pm.

### ANDY HUNG'S LESSONS

Andy's lessons re-commenced on Monday, 17 August.

There are a range of courses including Basic Beginners, Beginners, Rookies and Intermediate Bidding. He will be running further lessons later in the year.

Training with Andy is a new idea where Andy will set out and discuss interesting bridge problems from actual play, with boards to practice. Different focus topics will be presented each week. There will be 2 levels: Rookies to Intermediate on Wednesdays: 9.30am-10.30am and Improvers to Advanced: Sat 11.45am 12.45pm, starting mid-August. If these prove popular, I'm sure he will continue the concept in following months.

For further details see WABC website.

## Undercroft Bridge Club

From Bernie Plath

UBC is now back and running and all members are encouraged to attend the regular sessions. A number of events are planned over the next couple of months for all to enjoy, and hopefully win some much sought after red points. Refer to Events on the UBC web site for details.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 28th July 2020 and the following members elected to the Management Committee.

The Committee for the coming year is:

President	Connie Coltrona
Vice President	Alan Tolley
Secretary	Debbie James
Treasurer	Rupert Dodd
Committee Members	Katrina Will Gwen Kremer Chris Jenkins Jane Adams Sharon Dyball Peter Stephenson Bernie Plath

## EDITING OF MATERIAL

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Several initiatives are planned following feedback and suggestions from members. These include providing online entry for red point events. Alternative payment methods are also being considered for all events.

The Saturday morning lessons and supervised sessions continue to be popular with guidance from Chris Jenkins, Lesley Routledge and volunteers.

We are all being required to change the way we do things by COVID. Playing bridge is no exception. The committee has developed a COVID Plan which has been implemented. Further COVID related actions are likely as the risks are understood and advice from authorities is received. We cannot be too careful. The health and well being of members is our priority.

## Denham Bridge Club

From Robina McConnell

Eugene and I recently followed the sun to holiday in Shark Bay at Monkey Mia with a keen group of bridge playing friends from Mandurah. We had heard that there is a regular session of bridge in Denham and Penny Thomas managed to track down the very wonderful Coralie who keenly agreed to let us play in their Friday session.

With only a limited number of players (seven in total) Coralie tells us they hold two regular sessions per week with usually the one table. They have managed to get a grant that allowed them to buy a dealing machine and boards so they are a very organised group of bridge players.

Coralie went on to explain that the numbers were low for the week we were there owing to the fact they had just played host to a large group of players from the Geraldton Bridge Club. They use the Golf Club at Denham and play a Pairs Competition.

We had a great afternoon at the club which uses a room in the Denham Town Hall and enjoyed a great game of bridge followed by afternoon tea

and a good chat with Coralie who graciously agreed to play with me for the afternoon.



The rest of the group including Russel and Penny Thomas, Bill and Jenny Maley and the winners for the afternoon Warwick and Isobel Jones appreciated getting our bridge fix whilst on holidays. A big thanks to the Denham Bridge Club and Coralie.



## BAWA Daytime Open Pairs

From David Schokman

Western Australia must be one of the more fortunate states during this trying time of Covid-19. Have West Australians been more responsible or just lucky? Actually, we have had it good, and the only thing that I missed was playing “real bridge”. Never even played a single session on line, mostly because I could not commit to a specific time every day and also do not like it! So, it was great getting back on July 30<sup>th</sup> (missing my daughter’s birthday dinner) for the Swiss pairs and on August 4<sup>th</sup> for the Daytime pairs. What a splendid field for a Daytime event.

There were two interesting slams B 22 with a combined holding of 35 points, and 27 had a combined holding of 26 points. You needed to find the spade queen for the Grand on 22.

The holdings were East KJ98, A2, AKQ4, 1097, opposite A106, KQJ3. J102. AK9. Surely after any 1NT, or strong club opening, west will be

investigation for a Grand Slam. Also, after an Acol NT response showing 15 -18.

Board 27 was probably more difficult after a 3C opening by South. Too risky to use Leaping Michaels, but a 3S overcall should be acceptable particularly as you have a second suit. Six out of 16 pairs bid to 6S, and one even tried for the grand slam. (Hairy trying to find the queen of diamonds, but in this case successful)

What would be your preferred plan for bidding after 3C – 3S by partner? Most seemed to prefer 4NT. Partner shows two keycards, with the queen of trumps. 5NT, have you any kings? Now it is a question of style. Do you show specific aces: the number of aces, or return to the suit that you are playing in, to deny any kings? This was an undiscussed situation, and over my 5NT, Cynthia Belonogoff, bid 6S. Now, totally stuffing it up, I decided to bid 7S. This was such a bad bid, by me but we also needed some points, and it was the last hand too. Most of you know that Cynthia is quite stoic and inscrutable at the table. After the lead of the heart king she took stock. Then winning the heart she ruffed one immediately. To dummy with the king of spades to ruff another heart. Now she drew trumps and neither opponent had any problems discarding clubs and hearts. What she did know was that south had 7 clubs, one spade and at least three hearts. Then came the ace of diamonds followed by a low diamond. What would you play from dummy? She felt that north had at least two clubs, or was likely to have led a singleton: three spades, and obviously longer hearts. The moment of truth had arrived. My instinct was to take the finesse, but Cynthia judged correctly, playing the king and dropping the queen for our only clear top.

How about a different bidding sequence? Opening 3C: 3S: 4C – Cue. 4D -- Cue. 4H – Cue. 5H – second round control in hearts. 6D – second round control in diamonds. West has nothing extra to show and will probably bid 6S, where I believe that is where we should have stopped.

In conclusion, like all of you, we had to cancel all holiday plans, so my wife told our suitcases that we are not taking them anywhere this year, so now we are dealing with emotional baggage!





# Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs

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Dir S ♠ Q542  
 Vul All ♥ K65  
 IMPs ♦ 764  
 ♣ K32

♠ N  
 ♥ W E  
 ♦ S  
 ♣

♠ AK  
 ♥ AQJ107  
 ♦ AKJ53  
 ♣ A

8  
 26

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West leads ♣10. You win and play the ♥Q and ♥J, but West discards a club on the second round of the suit.

This is the best hand you've held in a long time, so please try to not muck it up.

**SOLUTION on page 18**

## ABF Daily Bridge Column

Courtesy of Ron Klinger

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# Mnemonics and Maxims

By Di Brooks

I'm sure, by now, regular Focus readers know how I love Mnemonics and Maxims ... So not to disappoint, here's another couple of my favourites ....

#1 High Card from the Short Side: this is unblocking a suit, so declarer can get the full benefit of playing a long suit. For example: -

K96 opposite AQJ 532

New students of contract bridge get excited seeing so many high cards in one suit and will cash the A,Q and then over to the K, leaving three winners in the other hand ... and guess what?? No entry to that hand. This is an easy example to understand but there are many more which a new player might miss.

#2 The lead from the defence is the Ace and declarer holds Kx. Dummy's hand hits the table and it's absolute garbage, (as some Dummy's are wont to do!!)

Dummy holds: -

QJ976 in the suit led

Declarer has to make an executive decision, if he automatically plays small from Dummy and small from his hand, he may never get another opportunity to enter Dummy. Here is his chance to unblock by playing the King under the opponent's Ace.

#3 Declarer has opened with 1C, partner responds 1D, Declarer now bids 1H. The final contract, 4H

The lead is AD. Dummy shows up with Q10965 and Declarer needs to stop the continuation of the diamond lead, in case West, the leader, is sitting with Axxxx and is hoping East is sat with a singleton diamond. Declarer holds KJ bare in Diamonds. If he hesitates to decide which card to play, West knows to continue the suit. But if Declarer SMOOTHLY, at the same speed as his usual play, drops the King under the opponent's Ace, this might stop the defence in trumping the continuation. Another chance to UNBLOCK. High

Card from the Short Side - only this time, to create the illusion of holding a singleton in that suit.

Happy Bridging ☺



## Torture All I Know



By Ron Klinger  
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 Improve Your Bridge Online

SOUTH Dealer | BOTH Vulnerable

♠	QJ7	♠	10962
♥	86	♥	A92
♦	KQJ65	♦	982
♣	K53	♣	1076
♠	N	♠	
♥	W	♥	E
♦		♦	
♣	S	♣	
12	♠	♠	
	♥	♥	
	♦	♦	
	♣	♣	
	4		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♠
2♥	3♥ *	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

\*Spade raise; 10+ points



West leads the HK. Plan the defence.

**SOLUTION on page 18**

# Results

## BAWA Swiss Pairs (24)

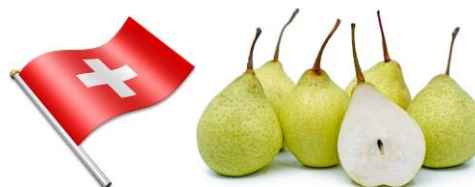
(Photos courtesy of Allison Stralow)

1	Karol Miller and Jan Kochmanski
	
2	Cassie Morin and Gwyneira Brahma
	
3	Deana Wilson and Sue Gammon
4	Anton Pol and Cynthia Belonogoff
5	Catherine Hood and David Schokman
6	Trevor Fuller and Gerry Daly
7	David Burn and Lynne Milne
8	James Steer and Stella Steer
9	Viv Zotti and Gill Dolling
10	Andrew Swider and Tad Bieganski

## BAWA Daytime Open Pairs (32)

1	Vinod Nasta and Ann Youngs
2	Marnie Leybourne and Viv Wood
3	Gerry Daly and Sue Gammon
4	David Burn and Gwyneira Brahma
5	Trevor Fuller and Leone Fuller
6	Dadie Greenfeld and Deb Frankel
7	Dave Munro and Deana Wilson
8	Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll
9	Catherine Hood and Doreen Jones
10	Alan Harrop and Val Biltoft

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## 70% Results (Random search)

### Maylands

71.4 Norma Pears and Anne De Souza

### Albany

76.1 Allison Mettam and Mike Trafalski

### Armadale

72.9 Steve Rogoysky and Hugh Probert

72.0 Raymond Glass and Steve Rogoysky

### Kalamunda

75.7 Kit Lemann and Tom Lemann

### South Perth

71.1 Mark O'Connor and Gordon Dunlop

### Joondalup

80.9 Harry Crosby and Julia Hustad

### Willetton

71.5 Carole Daniel and Noel Daniel

### Bayswater

71.4 Mary Johnston and Leon Ref

### Nedlands

70.8 Kathy Perry and Matt Kruk







ABN: 70 053 651 666



ABN: 82 057 199 126



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