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#### Teams

 4th Deana Wilson, Dave Munro, James Steer and Stella Steer
 7th Gwyneira Brahma, Cassie Morin, Helen Arendts and Ros Warnock
 10th Mimi Packer, Linda Coli, Vinod Nasta and Cynthia Belonogoff

#### Matchpoint Qualifying

3rd Kate Pinniger and Carla Sullivan

#### **Swiss Pairs**

2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Doust and Belinda Taranto 4<sup>th</sup> Kathy Power and Phil Power











Photos courtesy of Phil Power and Mimi Packer



# President's Report

From Nigel Dutton

Congratulations to the clubs who run both Open and Club Red Point sessions and advertise normal table monies. Note: I am not referring to club congresses where prize monies and catering costs may be relevant. I am somewhat perplexed as to why others charge extra for these events. If you are trying to attract players to participate in your red point events, including club championships, surely charging them extra is counterproductive. I checked with the Master Point authority and was told that for a regular club green point session (Grade E) the charge is \$1.87 per masterpoint. A nine-table regular duplicate session awards 1.38 masterpoints costing \$2.50. A similarly sized Red Point event generates 2.46 Red Points; however, such Red Point events (Grade B4c) are charged only \$1.50 per red point thus costing \$6.20. That is a difference of \$3.70, so charging 36 players an extra dollar to play seems somewhat unnecessary.

Congratulations to both the winners and organisers of the two recent Gold Point events, the GNOT Finals and, the premier event on our

calendar, The Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs. The organisers were respectively Robina McConnell and Jane Reynolds. A full list of winners can be found on the BAWA website.

There has been a major change to the Hans G. Rosendorff Memorial Congress for 2022. The Women's Swiss Pairs and the Restricted Swiss Pairs will continue as normal. However, in recognition of a worldwide resurgence of interest and participation in Mixed Events, a Mixed Pairs Swiss has been added to the program. So to the male players who would not normally even register interest in the HGR here is your chance to play in the Gold Point event which may lead to greater things on the national and international Mixed Pairs stage. Full details of the event, starting on September 17 can be found on the BAWA website.



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# SATURDAY BRIDGE West Australian Newspaper

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

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Australian Emerald Grand Master, WBF
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Championships and Commonwealth Nations
Teams.

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# SuperVets\* SwissPairs

\*For Players Over 75 Years of Age Sunday, 30 October 2022

#### This is a Gold Point Event

#### With Cash Prizes and Other Awards

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

Entries via BAWA Website. Cost \$30 per player (Cash on the day is OK)

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

Tournament Director: Mr Jonathan Free Phone 0407 202 776

Competitors should bring their own lunch. Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be available.

While not mandated, the wearing of masks is encouraged. To ensure the health of other attendees is not compromised, players and officials are asked not to attend this event if they are feeling unwell.

#### 2021 Winners David Schokman & Noelene Law

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# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

## South Perth Bridge Club

From Marnie Leybourne South Perth Winter Congress

Our winter congress was held 5-7 August. While numbers were down compared to earlier years, this is an ongoing trend with all bridge events in WA at present. It is a major headache for competition directors, as entries tend to be somewhat fluid, with people having to pull out due to Covid. However, the event was enjoyable and many comments were heard regarding the enormous array of goodies on offer for morning and afternoon teas. Thank you to everyone who provided food and a special thank you to Evelyn and her band of helpers who kept everything moving so well in the kitchen.

Welcome pairs



1st Bill Symons and Ian Bailey with Vice President Tony McKinnon



2nd Joe Louis and Wendy Harman3rd Bob Prince and Doreen Jones

Congress Pairs – Qualifying 1st Nick Cantatore and Gerry Daly Congress Pairs – Final



1st Hamish McCracken and Deana Wilson



2nd Tom Lemann and Ron Cooper
3rd Viv Wood and Marnie Leybourne
Congress Pairs – Plate
1st Tad Bieganski and Andrew Swider
2nd Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven
3rd Tim Wright and Phil Bapty

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#### **Congress Teams**



1st Geoff Holman, Jessica Chew, David Matthews and Chris Ingham



2<sup>nd</sup> Richard and Sue Grenside (Congress Convenor Garth Scotford) Terry and Louise Collins



3<sup>rd</sup> Catherine Hood, David Schokman, (Garth Scotford) Alan Harrop and Cynthia Belonogoff Club Pairs Championships



The Club Pairs Championship was recently held over two Saturdays. 1st Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg (Director Neville Walker)



2nd David Matthews and Nick Cantatore 3rd Carol and Martin Cleeve

## Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

The Kalgoorlie club has formed a new committee.

President	Sue Lia
Vice President.	Mary Williams
Secretary	Barry Aslett
Treasurer	Leanne Lapworth
Master Point Secretary	Anthony Porter
Committee	Michael Fisher,
	Kerry Williams,
	Di Alabach
	Val Norman.

Don't forget our Congress - long weekend in September.

In mid August we made our annual trip to Esperance to join in on their Saturday afternoon session. The Esperance club always make us feel very welcome, provide us with delicious home cooking for afternoon tea and after a very cold week in Kalgoorlie they even gave us a warm sunny day!



Kalgoorlie in Esperance - Barry Aslett, Ross Darcy, Sue Lia, Anthony Porter, Leanne Lapworth and Val Norman.

### **Albany Bridge Club**

From John McBeath

The Club has been very busy since the AGM in mid-July, with a new Committee and Secretary Wendy Wade taking over from Ros Trend who left Albany in early July to live in Mandurah.

We have continued with our three competitive sessions of Bridge on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons. We also support Denmark and Kendenup Clubs. On 14 August, six pairs went to Kendenup for a red point event, the winners being Albany's Adrienne and Ted North with 68.75%.

Although many of my members are away in July and August, some for competitions, others holidaying or playing in Busselton, Perth, Broome and Denham, we still have great participation at the Club both by our members and those from surrounding Clubs.



Our Monday afternoon lessons with Life Member Anne Hawkins keep getting better. The photo of Anne at her whiteboard, in a relaxed atmosphere, shows some of the 17 beginners at her class on 8 August. She always discusses previous hands on the Board, then it's into the Bridge room for practice games under instruction and guidance. Anne has been teaching ACOL (with five-card majors) for many years.

We have a Restricted Congress on 17 September 2022. Lunch is provided. The Convenor is carole.munro@bigpond.com. Please come if you can.

## **October Deadline**

September 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for inclusion in the October Focus.

## **Maylands Bridge Club**

From Rosemary Fauntleroy

The Winners of the recent Jean Lilleyman Memorial Trophy were Anne Gidney and Ross Cant.

Runners up were Bernard Smith and Colleen Prosser.

Our Life Member Willem (Bill) Pabst



Bill was born in The Hague, The Netherlands. At age 12, the family migrated to Australia. The family eventually settled in Launceston, Tasmania in March 1951. Bill was a student at the Launceston Technical High School, he became a naturalised Australian in 1954.

In December 1954, looking for a warmer, dryer climate, the family decided to move to Western Australia. This required quite a journey in those days. The trip meant a flight (on a DC 3) to Melbourne and a train to Perth that included three changes due to gauge differences (Adelaide, Port Pirie and Kalgoorlie).

Starting out in a new career, Bill commenced a cadetship in Engineering Mechanical Drawing at the Hoskins Engineering and Foundry in Perth. Later, Bill worked at the WA Water Corporation in Leederville, from where he retired.

Bill married Lill (who died in 1996) and they had two girls. He has two grandchildren and two great granddaughters. The Pabst's moved house a lot prior to Bill's marriage and Bill and Lill were very keen travellers, including two around the world trips, and to Hong Kong, Singapore and New Zealand.

Having joined the Maylands Bridge Club in 1984, Bill took lessons with Val Noble, Thelma Hannigan and Len Napier at Community Bridge Club in Light Street. His first regular bridge partner was Mrs Proudfoot. A stalwart of Maylands Bridge Club, Bill has served in many committee positions, including as Treasurer and President. He was also chiefly responsible for overseeing the introduction of bidding boxes to the Club.

Always an energetic member, he, along with Robert Oaks and other prominent personnel, assisted in the big move to the RA Cook Pavilion, and in building pieces of furniture for the Club.

Over the last eight or nine years, Bill has had various challenging health problems. He remains stoic and philosophical in the face of all of this, Bill maintains that 'bridge has kept him going all this time'. Bill continues to have cancers removed. These procedures, thankfully, have been successful. Bill points out that some days he is cranky and speaks loudly, which has annoyed some members. 'For this I apologise'.

Due to chemotherapy over recent years, Bill has lost feeling in his toes and hands, which makes it hard to sort and hold cards. It requires patience from other players if this condition makes him cross, and he needs to be given the time he needs to organise the cards.

On a brighter note, he and his partner Jenny enjoyed a holiday in October 2019. They travelled to Melbourne and then on to Tasmania, where they visited his boyhood home. Their home was built by his dad – a carpenter/cabinet maker – along with two other Dutch families.

Bill believes that Australia has been good to him and still loves playing, although for family reasons, he has just recently retired from directing. He is now 85 years of age and 'God willing, wants to overtake his father's age of 87 years and nine months'. We sincerely owe a great debt to Bill for being such an active and outstanding member of our Club.

For his outstanding service, Bill, along with Colleen Prosser and Robert Oaks, were awarded life membership of the Club in 2014. For similar great commitment to the Community Bridge Club, he was awarded life membership of that Club earlier this year (2022).

Receiving Life Membership 2014



First to arrive, or last to leave?



## Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The Club Pairs Red Point was held on Thursday 11 August 2022 with eight full tables. A most delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed thanks to those who prepared the food.



Winners on the day were Denise Odell and Merle Howden N/S with 60.42%



Susan Pearce and Nevia Medica E/W with 61.90%. Congratulations to all.

Our website is www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org with all the latest information.

## City of Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller MEMBERSHIP

We extend a very warm welcome to these members who joined us recently: John Hogan, Jane Venter, Viv Zotti and Andrea McCallum.

As with most clubs our playing numbers over past months have been lower than usual, but there are many players who keep coming despite bad weather and COVID scares. Our most active players during the past month have been Merwyn Menezes who played 20 times, followed by Dorothy Stevenson (17) and Maureen Warman (15).

#### **Building Improvement**

Ever since we moved to our present site more than three years ago we've had to put up with a temporary enclosure to our al fresco area. It wasn't too bad when the weather was good but not when it was cold or when the sea breeze was blowing along the walkway. At last the City of Melville has completed the area by installing properly fitted motorised blinds that make the area comfortable in all weather conditions. Come along and enjoy the new enclosure.









#### MAIOR EVENTS

Mayor's Trophy. We had a big field for the popular Mayor's Trophy event – 33 pairs competing. This is a handicap event and the eventual winners were Ian Clark and Rob Warberger who finished with a score of 75.28% after handicap. Eileen Dutton and Leonie Donnes came second and Peggy Stacy and Tom Stacy third.



Mayor's Trophy winners: Rob Kirberger and Ian Clark



Mayor's Trophy second place: Eileen Dutton and Leonie Donnes



Mayor's Trophy 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place: Tom Stacy, Peggy Stacy, Simon Orton and Dianne Young.

#### INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Indian Independence Day August 15<sup>th</sup> is Indian Independence Day and this year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We celebrated the occasion with a red point event that was won by Cheryl Harding and Do Dean (N/S) and very appropriately Bhavna and Nilesh Patel (E/W). At the tea break a group of India connected players (many in Indian dress) sang the Indian and Australian national anthems while we enjoyed a feast of Indian treats.



Indian Independence Day celebration

#### FAREWELL TO LIZ WEBB

We were sorry to learn that our long term member and one of our favourite people Liz Webb was leaving the Club to live in Albany. We farewelled her with a special afternoon tea.



Liz Webb at her farewell COMING EVENTS

We invite you to the following special events:

- Melville BC Birthday Congress: Saturday 1st October at 10.00am.
- First Sunday of the Month Walk-in Pairs: Sunday 2nd October at 1.00pm.
- Open Red Point Walk-in: Wednesday 19th October at 12.30pm.

More information about these events is on our website.

## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

#### 2022 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Sunday August 31 and was chaired very efficiently by our president, Geoff Friebe. He thanked Secretary, Ann Patrick and Treasurer, Patsy Davy for all their support.

Patrick Garnett and Sid Roach have resigned from the committee and we thank them for all that they have done for the Club. Sid, along with Ken Perry, has done a great job of transforming our gardens but will not be able to continue to do so. Offers of help would be appreciated.

Patrick will continue to manage our website and produce the club newsletters. Geoff welcomed new committee members, Gary Wood and Adele Philpot.

After many years of teaching, Harold McKnight has retired from teaching intermediate classes on Monday mornings and was thanked for his many years of service. Geoff thanked Joanna Tennyson who has taken over Harold's classes and has had a good attendance.

The following committee has been elected for 2022-23

President	Geoff Friebe
Vice President.	Sue Vincent,
Secretary	Ann Patrick
Treasurer	Patsy Davey
Committee	Sally Brittliffe,
	Linda Martin,
	Gary Wood,
	Adele Philpott



Treasurer Patsy Davy, President Geoff Friebe, Secretary Ann Patrick

We look forward to welcoming visitors to the Club for our West Coast congress on Sunday Sept 11.

### West Australian Bridge Club

From Sheenagh Young

#### **BRIDGE HANDBOOK**

Club member, John Aquino, made good use of his time during Covid lockdowns and compiled a Bridge Handbook. The Handbook provides an overview of the game and areas covered include:

- ✓ The bidding and auction phase
- ✓ A summary of over 40 conventions
- ✓ The play of the hand for both declarer and defender
- ✓ Tips on playing Swiss pairs and teams and Matchpoint tactics.

The Handbook is available for purchase at the WABC club rooms for \$30.

#### SOCIAL SUPERVISED

On a wet and windy August evening, the club hosted a group of 22 newer players to our first Super Social Supervised event. Organiser, Jodie Basham, together with Virginia Seward, greeted the players and provided an array of nibbles with drinks and conducted a bridge quiz.



Quiz winners, Estelle Yates, Mary Haughton and Harry Nesbitt received a complimentary game for a supervised session and chocolate.



The hands were set, with explanatory notes available at the conclusion of the play, providing a learning opportunity. Winners on the night were: North/South – Margaret Pass and Sue Jensen, East/West – Steve Syme and Alison Hutt.



The success of the evening ensures another similar event will be held in late September. Members and non-members are welcome to attend.

#### **RESULTS**

**Novice Pairs** – this event attracted 16 pairs and was conducted over 2 Friday mornings in July.

1st – Shirley Lavarack and Liz Jacoby

2<sup>nd</sup> - Jan Malcolm and Maurice Ford

3<sup>rd</sup> - Aruni Bandarage and Keith Cramond

#### **Swiss Pairs Championship**

A field of 26 pairs competed for the Swiss Pairs championship held on Saturday 23 July.



1st – Hamish McCracken\* and Deana Wilson (\*Club member Hamish has only been playing bridge for a few years but has managed to achieve a high standard in a short period of time, accruing 70 MP – mostly red/gold points – in the past year alone.)

2nd – Helen Kemp and Gill Gavshon

3rd – Richard Illingworth and Noriko Sakashita



4th Lauren Shiels and John Rigg

## **Nedlands Bridge Club**

From Linda Bedford-Brown Winning the club Mixed pairs –



1st Audrey Stokes and Chris Cullen

2nd Jonathan Free and Mimi Packer

3rd Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven

Congratulations to our members who have excelled in recent events:

**BAWA Daytime Pairs** 

1st David Matthews and Jessica Chew

2nd Gwyneria Brahma and Stella Steer

3rd Alan Harrop and Cynthia Belonogoff

Metro GNOT

1st Vinod Nasta, Cynthia Belonogoff, Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer, Alan Harrop and Linda Coli

2nd Deana Wilson, Gwyneria Brahma, Val Biltoft and Dave Munro

3rd David Matthews, Jessica Chew, Chris Ingham and Geoff Holman

The Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs

2nd Val Biltoft

3rd Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton 4th James Steer and Stella Steer



We shall soon be welcoming back our English members Lesley Forman and Paul Royle

#### SUNDAY CONGRESS RESULTS

Photos courtesy of Caroline Gardiner



1st Beata Bieganski and Tuya Cooke



2nd Chris Cullen and Gill Gavshon



3rd Rez Karim and Hasan Hazra



4th Tad Bieganski and Andrew Swider



Best Nedlands Pair
Dadie Greenfeld and Deb Frankel



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#### Welcomes you to the

# GOLDEN WEST

Gold Point Event Swiss Pairs

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November 2022

10am and 1.45pm

# Entry Fee \$90 per player

No play Saturday Night
Prize Giving at approximately 5.30pm Sunday
Venue: Mandurah Bridge Club
Corner Murdoch & Bortolo Drives, Mandurah

# Generous Cash Prizes

Friday Afternoon 11th November

Welcome Pairs Red Point Event 1.00pm

Run by Mandurah Bridge Club

Tournament Organiser: Allison Stralow (0403153823)

Allison Stralow@yahoo.com

Tournament Unit: Neville Walker, Brian Wade Contact Allison or Neville 0418944077

- Entries: <a href="https://myabf.com.au/events/">https://myabf.com.au/events/</a> No cash payments accepted, contact the Tournament Organiser for assistance if necessary.
- Players and officials are asked not to attend this event if they are not feeling well, to ensure the
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# Andy's Journey in International Tournaments

By Andy Hung

What a year this has been so far. With the state borders down and the world resuming back to 'normal' (not really, the world is a very weird place), bridge competitions have started to resume and as a result, I have been able to travel around for the past several months to compete in the World Championships (it was held in a small town called Salsomaggiore Terme in Italy), and two US Nationals (one in Reno, Nevada, and the most recent one in Providence, Rhode Island).



World Open Teams Championships, Salsomaggiore Italy

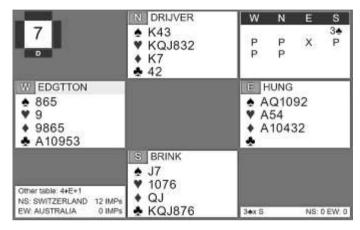
The World Open Bridge Teams Championships was a long and gruelling tournament that runs for almost two weeks. With 24 countries competing, the format was one complete Round Robin (play against every country once, so it was typically 3 matches a day), then the top 8 teams would qualify for the Knockout phase. Although Australia did reach 8th a little over half way, unfortunately we ended up 12th in the end. It certainly was not the result we were hoping for, but it was still a great experience to compete against some of the strongest countries around the world. The finals by Switzerland who won Netherlands 167-164 IMPs, with Norway and USA 1 coming in third.

Here were a couple of interesting hands from the tournament:

- (1) Against the eventual winners, you hold ♠AQ1092 ♥A54 ♠A10432 ♠void with everyone vulnerable. Your Left-Hand Opponent opens 3♠ and this is passed to you, what do you do?
- (2) Vs. USA 2 (who finished third in the Round Robin but lost to Norway in the Quarter Finals), you hold ♠K6 ♥Q96 ♠KJ73 ♣J954 at vulnerable against not vulnerable opponents. Your RHO opens 2♠ (weak), you pass, raised to 4♠ on your left. What do you lead?

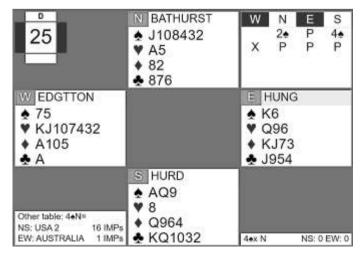
#### Solutions:

(1) Something is a bit fishy when the auction is only at 3♣ and we have a void! There is a good chance that partner may have a club stack, so I doubled (for takeout). If partner doesn't have a club stack, we can still try to find our best fit later. The full deal:



We took the world champions for +800! At the other table, our teammates did not think South's hand was worthy of a vulnerable 3♣ pre-empt and passed, which avoided the potential disaster.

(2) Against these type of auctions (a pre-empt raised to game), you should aim to lead aggressively. As dummy will have a strong hand, they will typically have a source of tricks that can be used for discards, so it's best to take/set up your tricks ASAP! Thus, a diamond lead is likely best (since if dummy is going to be strong in one suit, based on our hand, it is going to be in clubs). The full deal:



I led a diamond which partner won, unblocked his \*A, he returned a diamond which allowed me to

give him a club ruff to take the contract down. At the other table, my USA counterpart decided to lead a club and they failed to find their club ruff, thus allowing our teammate to make 4.



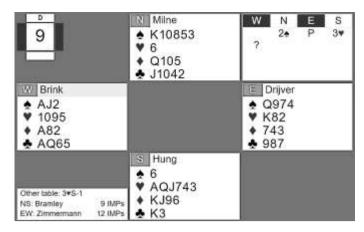
Australian Open Team

#### US Nationals, Providence

In Providence, I had played with Liam Milne and we teamed up with some old school top dogs; Bob Hamman, Peter Weischel, Kit Woolsey, and Bart Bramley. Before the tournament started, our team was discussing about who plays which segments, and Bob said out loud, "I'm getting too old for this, we have these young guns so I think they should be our anchor pair!" To get such a compliment from The Great Bob Hamman was quite surreal, but of course, Bob can still play his cards very well.

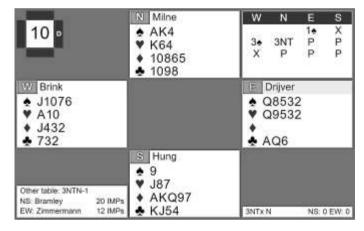
The main tournament, Spingold, is a straight knockout match where it starts from Round of 128 (teams). Each day, you play against a team (consisting of 60 boards), and the winner moves on to the next round (64, then 32, then 16, etc.). Each passing day, our team had succeeded. We even encountered my (Australian) Open team in the Round of 16, as they were in great form after beating the #1 seed Nickell in the Round of 32. However, our team came out on top and we advanced to the Quarter Finals and faced #8 seed Spector (a very strong US team). After 3 out of 4 segments, Spector was up by 12 IMPs but our team came back firing in the last segment and we had won 160-110 IMPs.

Unfortunately, we had run out of steam in the Semi Finals, losing to the eventual winners, team Zimmermann (the Switzerland team that had won the World Championships). We did give them a run for their money though, here are a couple of hands from that match:



Liam and I had agreed to play 'very aggressive preempts' when we are not vulnerable vs vulnerable but only in the dealer position. As a result, I responded with 3♥ which was not forcing. West doubled for takeout, and without much to go on, East passed. There was no lead to defeat the contract as I would always be able play a spade to set up the ♠K, and cross to dummy via a diamond to play the ♠K discarding a club.

Then came this next board:

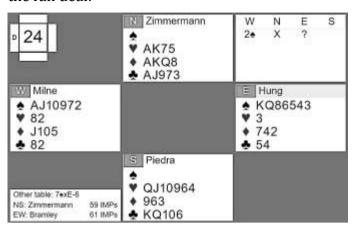


I chose to double instead of overcalling 2♦ due to my hand's playability in three different suits. Of course I would've liked to have four cards in hearts, but c'est la vie! After my partner bid 3NT, West now doubled to ask for a heart lead, and he got one. Unfortunately, he switched to a spade so my partner was able to win, take a finesse in clubs, and eventually made 3NTX with an overtrick!

This last board was a funny one. You hold ♠KQ86543 ♥3 ♠742 ♣54 with no one vulnerable, and your partner opens 2♠ (yes 2♠!) which is a weak two in spades. Your RHO doubles, what do you do?

With all 13 spades and two weak hands, the opponents are bound to be cold for a slam, or potentially a grand slam! I chose to bid 4♠ which of course did not buy the contract, but when the opponents continued their way to 7♥, I now bid 7♠

as a sacrifice (obviously it was doubled)! This was the full deal:



7♠X was down six for -1400, a good sacrifice against 7♥ making which would've been -1510! Suffice to say, it was a flat board.

It has been an exciting year so far, with a few more tournaments to compete in this year. During the downtime when I'm not competing in tournament, you can of course find me teaching at the WABC check out the club's website to find out the lessons I will be giving (from Beginners, to Improvers, and Intermediate up to Advanced). Additionally, I will be running Bridge Holidays with the upcoming one down in Busselton in November, Noosa next year, and potentially a Bridge Holiday in Europe next vear! ●

# ANDY HUNG BRIDGE HOLIDAYS

# Margaret River (Busselton)

Oct 30 - Nov 4, 2022





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# Noosa, OLD

#### TBC, likely early May 2023





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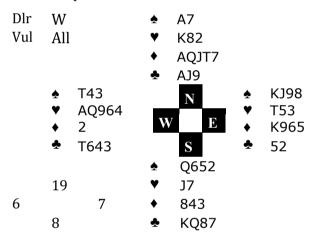


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# Defence

By David Schokman

You must be tired of me telling you that defence is the most important aspect of your bridge game if only because you defend twice as much as you do anything else. And then there are some of us who are dummies more often than others because we do not take time to consider your partners lead, before making, what may appear to be, an automatic play. But getting serious, believe me, once you have reached a certain level I would recommend that you start improving your defence, and you could/will probably become a more regular winner. Just look at the technique required in the defence of the deal featured today where 90 pc of us failed the test.



After three passes North will bid a diamond; 1S by South; 2NT by North (18-19 points) with 3NT by South ending the bidding. You are on lead as East and have serious problems as to a choice of lead. You certainly will not lead diamonds, and spades could be an unmitigated disaster. So your choice lies between clubs and hearts. Leading clubs you really need your partner to have a magnificent suit. But in hearts you are able to offer a modicum of support with three to the ten, and I am pleased to tell you that a majority of the field chose to lead a heart. If you had chosen the ten it would have been very easy for partner, but the five was a popular and I believe the correct choice. You as West can see that the lead in not the fourth highest, and if you were really brilliant would have inserted the nine of hearts, because if declarer had the ten you had no defence anyway. Apart from that your partner needs to have an entry, probably a diamond, and a heart to come back to you. So you play the queen of hearts boldly, and I can assure

that there will be no declarer in the world who will have the courage to duck it, not that a duck would have done any good either because you continue with a low heart and 3NT has no chance at all. The results showed that, with the exception of two pairs, everyone else made 3NT on the lead of the five of hearts. West wins with the ace and continues hearts. Declarer wins the third heart and takes the, losing, diamond finesse, and East has no heart to return. So when your brilliant partner finds the killing lead in a contract that everyone makes, just take a few seconds to review the bidding, and put yourself in partner's position. Yes there will be days where you will have the ace and queen, on partners lead, but that only gives you four tricks. So trust your partner's lead of the five of hearts for what it is and play your queen boldly. Even your opponents will compliment you on the defence.



#### 70% Results (Random search)

#### **Albany**

74.0 Ken Else and Alison Mettam

#### **Bayswater**

71.7 Carmen Jackson and Stephen Thyer 70.0 Joe Louis and Joseph Gaudet

#### **Fremantle**

74.0 Cliff Collinson and Alexis Keynes70.6 Rosalie Raine and Jane Walters

#### Joondalup

71.0 Harry Crosby and Edward Roscoe 71.7 David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller

#### Kalamunda

70.6 Ross Pringle and Robin Ward 74.0 Bernard Szalkowski and Robin Ward

#### Kalgoorlie

82.5 Michael Fisher and Ronnie Rodgers 80.0 Barry Aslett and Val Norman

#### Mandurah

72.0 Sandra Hardie and Christine Leather **Maylands** 

70.8 Vince Menezes and Norma Pears

# **Test Your Bidding**



By Bill Jacobs bill.jacobs55@gmail.com

They overcall at the 1 level

LHO	Partner	RHO	You	
	2♦	1♠	?	

Auctions like this occur frequently, so it's a good idea to know what you're doing. Your bids tend to have the same or similar meaning as if RHO had not overcalled, but there are several points of interest.

First and most crucial is to recognize that RHO's bid has automatically given your partner another bid in this auction. You are no longer required to make a bid with 6 HCP. Indeed, if you have a motley 6-9 point hand with no particularly attractive bid, then you can happily pass. Partner is still there.

Second is to appreciate that a notrump bid by you requires a stopper (the ace, guarded king, guarded queen, etc) in your opponent's overcalled suit, in this example spades. It's no use bidding 1NT (or 2NT, or 3NT) with nothing in spades, because then the defence is quite likely to cash 5 or even more spade tricks in your resulting notrump contract.

And third, the intervention has given you a new possible bid: double. This is called a negative double, and shows interest in the two unbid suits, in particular, any unbid major suit. In our example auction, double would strongly indicate hearts. It essentially says: "partner, I was going to respond 1, but they took that option away from me".

What is your response with each of the following hands?

- (a) ★653 ♥Q102 ◆K64 **\***K962
- (b) **★**76 **★**A43 **★**K64 **♣**KJ962
- (c) **♦**J6 ♥K432 **♦**K643 **♣**J108
- (d) **★**KJ6 **♥**A43 **♦**K64 **♣**10862
- (e) **★**76 **♥**Q43 **♦**Q4 **♣**QJ10862
- (f) ★K6 ♥KQ1032 ◆A64 ♣J62

## **SOLUTION** on page 24

# Wroclaw - Poland 16<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Series



#### Open pairs podium:

- 1. Krzysztof Buras Piotr Lutostanski
- 2. Nabil Edgtton Michael Whibley
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# **2022 GNOT**

From Robina McConnell

There were 16 teams in the Metro Final including a House Team. The results were as follows:



- 1. MIMI PACKER (CAPTAIN) JONATHAN FREE CYNTHIA BELONOGOFF VINOD NASTA (ALAN HARROP LINDA COLI)
- 2. GWYNEIRA BRAHMA (CAPTAIN) VAL BILTOFT - DEANA WILSON - DAVE MUNRO
- 3. GEOFF HOLMAN CHRIS INGHAM JESSICA CHEW DAVID MATTHEWS (CAPTAIN)

Many thanks to the members of the House Team ALAN DUNDAS - FLORENCE MALTBY - EUGENE WICHEMS - STEVEN ROGOYSKY - IAN CLARKE - ROBERT KIRBERGER.

This team came a creditable fourth and it was greatly appreciated the time they gave to make the competition viable.

It was a close competition with the winning team

1 PACKER (5)	189.44 189.44 9-1-5 11.70
2 BRAHMA (2)	189.30 189.30 10-1-4 9.81
3 MATTHEWS (1)	188.50 188.50 11-0-4 8.48

The competition was run as a round robin and after speaking to a number of entrants this would appear to be the preferred format with this number of teams. It was described as equitable and enjoyable.

The Provincial Final proved to be logistically challenging with seven teams and the dreaded triangle, but Neville rose to the occasion and a good competition ensued with the Bacon Team finishing in first place.



1. HAMISH MCCRACKEN - TOMOKO NAKAMATSU - HELEN ROGOYSKY -CHRISTINE BACON

My thanks to Neville Walker for his work on the weekend the event ran smoothly and efficiently and to Pam Gale for caddying the weekend, with the format that we had, a large number of boards to be checked and given out, Pam handled the event well.

The officials for the weekend readily agreed to perform their roles we are fortunate to have the quality personnel we have. Thanks to Richard Grenside (Reviewer), Chris Mulley (Review Advisor) and Di Brooks (Recorder).









#### 70% Results (cont.)

#### Melville

72.8 Merwyn Menezes and Bhavna Patel72.6 Helen Rogoysky and Steven Rogoysky72.4 Eugene Wichems and Steven Rogoysky70.0 Ian Clark and Robert Kirberger70.0 Jessica Chew and David Matthews

#### **Nedlands**

75.6 Caroline Gardiner and Suzanne Welborn **Rockingham** 

76.0 Helen Rogoysky and Steven Rogoysky 71.5 Roman Gdowski and Andrew Marsh 70.8 Andrew Marsh and Elena Olson **South Perth** 

71.0 David Matthews and Jessica Chew 70.0 Valerie Isle and Tony Stevens 70.0 Tony Stevens and Clive Youdell

#### **Swan Districts**

73.6 Jeanne Walczak and Peter Walczak



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# Take me to your Leader



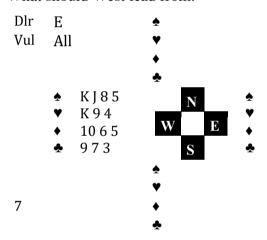
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT (1)
Pass	3♦ (2)	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- 1) Asking about trump length
- 2) 3 hearts and 5+ diamonds

#### What should West lead from:



## **SOLUTION** on page 24





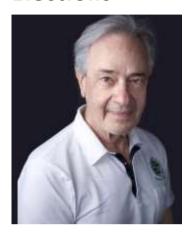






# News

## World Bridge Federation Elections



**Jan Kamras** is the new President of the World Bridge Federation. His term will begin in January 2023.

Jan will replace long serving President Gianarrigo Rona who was elected as President Emeritus of the WBF. Gianarrigo has been a member of the WBF Executive Council and Management Committee since 1999 and served as President from 2010-2022.

On behalf of the Australian Bridge Federation, I thank Gianarrigo for his dedication and service to world bridge.

Australian **Ben Thomson**, Zone 7 President was unanimously elected by the WBF Executive Council as the First Vice President.

Congratulations Ben.

Allison Stralow

**ABF** President

## 70% Results (cont.)

#### **Undercroft**

75.0 Yulia Koh and Manuela Steinbrecher73.0 Jamie Luxton and William Cox71.0 Rina Shah and Divyesh Shah

#### Westcoast

75.0 Georgie Wacker and Ray Wacker 72.9 Cecilie Brid and Linda Moore

#### WABC

70.6 Brenda Campbell and Joan Theriault70.0 Penni Fletcher-Hughes and Trevor Smith73.0 Mary Byrne and Sally Jones



# Contract Bridge: A Game for All Ages

By Di Brooks

#### How to Encourage the Students

Learning to play bridge has to be the most involved game. New students, who are very accomplished in other aspects of their lives, find the introduction to bridge a great knock to their self confidence. I liken their growth to that of a family of children. No child develops at the same speed as their siblings. Each baby learns to crawl, walk and talk at a completely different time. Some are born to be quick learners and others will take their time to catch on. Going back to last Century, when I was at High School, there was a teacher for Mathematics, who was as short as she was round and she had Vocal Cords to match. Her volume was enough to frighten any youngster. I know. I was one of them. Mrs Williams was her name. As a teacher, she was brilliant. She would not move on to the next part of her lesson until everyone understood. For those less clever, (me) it would take a lot longer, but her patience prevailed and her students were grateful for her style of teaching. This has stood me in good stead with my students.

I took a year to learn the basics. One of my students took two years to learn that with 6-9 points, you had few options to show your shape and point count. The Method, of One, Two, that will do or One Up, Shut Up, gives a good grounding on how far you can bid. Obviously, this will also depend on Opener's second bid or Rebid. Take this example:

North	South
1.	1♥
1NT/2 <b>♣</b> or 2 <b>♥</b> = 12-14	

(A One, Two, that will do!)

whereas a jump bid would show an invitational hand

North	South
1.	1♥
2♦/2NT/3♣ or 3♥	

shows interest in game if responder is more than 7 H.C.P (High Card Points)

but with a big hand:

North	South
1♣	1♥
3NT, 4♥ or 5♣	

Bid Game (This guarantees either 5 losers or a 19-20 count.)

Let's look at another side to the One, Two, that will do!

North	South
1•	1♥
1NT = 12-14	2♥ / A 1,2 that will do

Another point to this lesson is the amount of trumps the responder has for the Opener's suit. With a great fit and 6-9 points, count your losers. Shape is everything. If you hold 5 trumps, plus a singleton and 9 points, the bid is GAME.

For example

1H = 5 cards, Standard American

4H, with 5 trumps and a singleton - Game should be there.

This makes a mockery of One, Two, That Will Do. (Who said this was easy)?

At the end of a bridge session, ask the Director to print up your own personal record for the session. This is a great tool to assess where you could improve, as the computer shows your percentage. Anything less than 40%, you need to see who did what. Were you defending, playing as Declarer or was it the bidding that needs some work.

It's too easy to give up. Persevere and you will reap the benefits.

Happy bridging <sup>⊙</sup>









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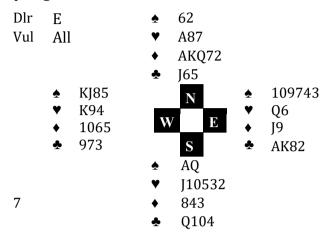
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## Take me to your Leader

By Ron Klinger

#### SOLUTION

The opening lead was critical on this deal from a Spring National Women's Teams Final:



West led the H4, ducked to the gueen. East cashed the CK, CA and played a third club. South won the third club and led the HJ, HK, HA. The last trump was drawn and the diamonds enabled South to discard the SQ for +620.

When dummy has shown a long suit and you cannot stop the run of that suit, it is usually best to lead one of the unbid suits. Do not lead a trump and do not lead dummy's long suit. This is likely to help declarer draw trumps and then use the long suit to discard losers. As North had shown long diamonds, one should choose a spade or a club.

A club would allow East to cash one or two clubs and switch to a spade to take 4H two down. A spade lead would have given declarer an extra spade trick, but it would not have cost the contract. The defence can still collect two hearts and two clubs.

At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦ (1)
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT (2)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- (1) Transfer to hearts
- (2) Inviting game with 5 hearts

East led the CA and switched to a spade, queen, king. The contract was now two down for +200 and +13 Imps.

'Lead-out-of-turn': attempt to prevent partner from making the first mistake

## **Test Your Bidding**

By Bill Jacobs

#### SOLUTION

Pass. Without the intervention, you would have responded 1NT. But you can't do that now, with nothing in spades. So pass and await developments.

2. Without the intervention, you would have bid 24, and there's nothing to stop you doing precisely that here. You are showing 10+ HCP and a suit of clubs.

Double. This is the perfect setup for a negative double, in effect saying: "partner, I was planning to respond 1♥". If partner has hearts, he will "support" you; otherwise he will bid something else, and you will have the option of revealing your diamond support. But it's important to look for a major suit fit before settling in a diamond contract.

2NT. 11 HCP, spades securely stopped. A 2NT bid conveys this to partner. In fact, this hand is better than its 11 HCP because of the positional advantage in spades. AKJx likely represents two stoppers, just like ♠KQx would.

Pass. You can't bid 2\*, because that would promise at least 10 HCP. You have to pass. Maybe you can bid clubs later, and partner can deduce from your initial pass that you have a fistful of clubs but are lacking high cards.

2♥. Without the overcall, you were going to respond 1♥, but that doesn't mean you should make a negative double here. Better to show the 5-card suit and 10+ HCP immediately with your two-over-one 2♥ bid. •









# Results

#### TEAMS OF 4 - 23 Aug 2022

From John Beddow

# PLAYED WON VPs WABC-A 3 3 48.79 WABC-B 3 18.91 NFDLANDS 2 1 17.53

TITLE G D	U		10.71
NEDLANDS	2	1	17.53
SPBC	2	1	14.77
UNDERCROFT-A	1	1	10.24
UNDERCROFT-B	1	-	9.76

#### INTERMEDIATE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WEST COAST B	6	3	66.84
MELVILLE	4	4	66.15
UNDERCROFT	5	4	63.54
WABC	6	2	49.78
SPBC	6	2	45.19
WEST COAST A	4	-	26.02
NEDLANDS	3	1	22.48
WEST COAST B	6	3	66.84

#### NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	5	4	69.29
WEST COAST	5	3	67.00
MELVILLE	4	3	34.15
SPBC	3	2	34.09
MAYLANDS	4	-	18.78
UNDERCROFT	3	-	16.69

# BAWA Daytime Open Pairs (18)

Photo courtesy of Stella Steer



Winners David Matthews and Jessica Chew

2<sup>nd</sup> Stella Steer and Gwyneira Brahma3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Harrop and Cynthia Belonogoff

#### BAWA Open Teams

Photo courtesy of Ian Rowlands



# 1st Nick Cantatore, Jonathan Free, Ron Cooper and Gerry Daly

 $2^{nd}$  Karol Miller, Jan Kochmanski, Henry Christie and Geoff Holman

3<sup>rd</sup> Vinod Nasta, Cynthia Belonogoff, Jessica Chew and David Matthews

# Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs (76)

1st Andy Hung and Shane Harrison

2<sup>nd</sup> Karol Miller and Val Biltoft

3rd Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton

4th James Steer and Stella Steer

5<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Free and Ron Cooper

6th Angeline Christie and Kaiping Chen

7th Linda Coli and Mimi Packer

8th Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro

9th Darren Brake and Trevor Fuller

10th Andrew Swider and Tad Bieganski

11th Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld

12th Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders

13th Cynthia Belonogoff and Vinod Nasta

14th Mark Goddard and Bob Prince

15th Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll

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	Sep	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Spring Swiss Pairs
		Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sun11 <sup>th</sup>	WA Country Championships
		Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	West Coast Congress
		Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	South Perth Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs
		Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	HGR MEMORIAL CONGRESS
		Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kalgoorlie Congress
	Oct	Sat 1st	Melville Birthday Congress
		Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bayswater Novice (0-150) Congress
		Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nedlands Congress
		Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Grandmaster Restricted Pairs 10.00 am start
		Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Undercroft Congress
		Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Maylands Novice Congress
		Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Super Vets Congress (venue WABC)
	Nov	Wed 9th	WABC Open Red Point Swiss Pairs 1 of 3
		Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Golden West Welcome Pairs Mandurah BC (Red Points)
		Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> - Sun13 <sup>th</sup>	Golden west
		Sun 20th	Undercroft Open Swiss Pairs
GNOT Finals		Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Busselton Congress
Tweed Heads	Dec	Fri 2nd -Sun 4th	WABC Christmas Congress
	200	Sat 10th	Melville Red Point Charity Day
		Sat 17th	Nedlands Blennerhassett Red Point
**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.		
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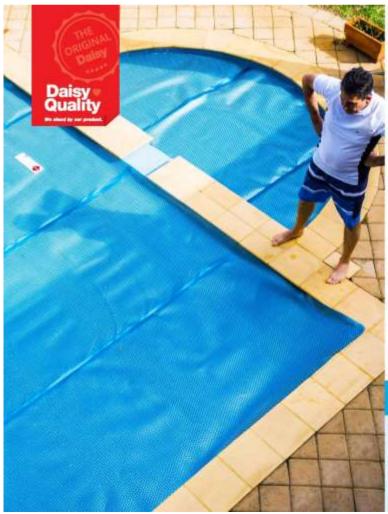
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