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Congratulations

ANC Open Team

Dave Munro
Pim Birss
David Matthews
Chris Ingham
Nigel Dutton
Marie-France Merven



ANC Women's Team



Shizue Futaesaku
Wendy Driscoll



Heather Williams
Jan Blight



Cynthia Belonogoff
Viv Wood

ANC Restricted Team



Rose Moore (left)
Linda Coli (left)
Valerie Broome
Martin Broome
Gwyneira Brahma (right)
Jessica Chew (right)



Australian Seniors Playoff

The **2015 Australian Team Seniors' Playoff**: congratulations to WA players **Henry Christie** and **Jonathan Free**.

The winners were the **BROWN team** (Terry Brown, Avi Kanetkar, Peter Buchen, Henry Christie, Bill Haughie and Ron Klinger) who defeated **KROCHMALIK team** (Robert Krochmalik, Brian Bedkoher, Martin Bloom, Nigel Rosendorff, Jonathan Free and Paul Lavings) **248-130**.

(photos courtesy of the ABF)



Winners of the 2015 Australian Seniors' Playoff:
Peter Buchen, Avi Kanetkar, Terry Brown,
Bill Haughie, Ron Klinger and **Henry Christie**.



Runners up in the 2015 Australian Seniors; Playoff:
Robert Krochmalik, **Jonathan Free**,
Nigel Rosendorff, Martin Bloom, Paul Lavings and
Brian Bedkoher



Congratulations

Dave Parham has been appointed a Level 3 National Director.



AGM President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

I would like to emphasis 4 main topics in this year's report. Firstly, I am delighted to report that, with a combination of cost cutting and long overdue revenue increases BAWA's finances, which improved last year, are now back firmly in the black and, as you will no doubt see from the financial reports, everything appears to have returned to a sound and sustainable footing.

Secondly, the planning for the housing of BAWA's headquarters at the new Melville Bridge Club continues, albeit at the pace of local government. I did this week attend a most productive meeting with members of the Melville BC committee and the Melville City Council and I am pleased to say that the plans not only look great but the overall project has made significant progress. The riverside location is stunning and the venue (up to 80 tables) has been designed specifically with the needs of the bridge club as a priority.

Thirdly, as you will no doubt be aware BAWA's Monday evening sessions have been removed from the calendar. This was due to a significant decrease in table numbers on Monday evenings leading to a number of events being cancelled. So far this year Thursday attendance has been pleasing as has been the fantastic numbers for club congresses and weekend events generally. Evening bridge remains problematical however, I don't see, in the foreseeable future, any change to Thursday BAWA sessions. Furthermore, I have

every confidence that overall annual table numbers will continue to grow.

Last on my list of topics is 2015 ANC hosted in Perth. This is great opportunity for WA players, for 2 full weeks, to immerse themselves in a national bridge event held at a great location – the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. WA typically runs the best ANC and I would urge all clubs and all players to support the efforts of Sheenagh Young and her team and make this year's ANC the best ever. Come down and play in one of the many congress events and take the opportunity to support your state representatives or maybe even kibitz for a few boards.

Finally, as I always do, I must extend special thanks and appreciation to all of our members who, on your behalf, volunteer time and effort to help in the smooth running of BAWA.



Coming up Events



Mixed Pairs

3 weeks event, starts Thursday 9th April



Interstate Senior Selection Trials

Sat 11th - Sun 12th and Sat 18th - Sun 19th April



State Open Pairs/Restricted Pairs

4 weeks, starts Thursday 7th May

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ANC 2015 PERTH

Saturday 11th July to Thursday 23rd July



The Rydges Esplanade Hotel

46-54 Marine Terrace

Fremantle

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Kalgoorlie Bridge Club
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ANC 2015

The ANC Committee needs volunteers for a myriad of tasks.

Please donate a couple of hours during this two week event.

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ANC 2015 Events

INTERSTATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

TBIB BUTLER PAIRS

**MUZZ BUZZ ANC RESTRICTED BUTLER
PAIRS**

JOHN HUGHES ANC SWISS PAIRS

**CONGRESS EVENTS:
GENEROUS CASH PRIZES**

Chief

Tournament **MATTHEW McMANUS**
Director:



FAQ's ABOUT THE ANC

From Hilary Yovich ANC Tournament Manager

The Australian National Championships is an annual bridge competition hosted in turn by each State and Territory in July. This year it will be in Perth from 11th – 23rd July at the Rydges Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle again, as it was held so successfully in 2007.

The competition is in three parts - The Interstate Teams Championship, Super Congress Events (B3 Red Points) followed by the TBIB Butler Pairs and the John Hughes ANC Swiss Pairs.

WHAT IS THE INTERSTATE TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP?

Each State and Territory selects teams, through various qualifying Tournaments, to compete in each of the Open, Women, Senior and Youth categories. These teams all have Captains and play each other twice (Youth 3 times) with twenty board matches and using a unique scoring system. The two leading teams in each category at the end of these Round Robins play a 40 or 60 - board final.

Can I play in this?

Only if you and your partner have been selected to represent the State – the Open Qualifying event has started but the Women, Senior and Youth qualifying events are still open for entries. WA may need to have more than one team in one or more of the Open, Women and Senior fields this year to ensure that eight teams can compete in these categories.

Can I watch?

Yes – the teams compete in Open and Closed rooms and kibitzers are allowed in the Open Room. Also there is an ANC App which will show details of every match and one selected match from the Round Robins and all of the Finals will be on BBO.

WHAT ARE THE CONGRESS EVENTS

These are side events and are very important to ensure the success of the tournament. **To that end we have kept all single session entry fees**

at the same price they were in 2007. All events have been sponsored so prize money will be generous and the Red points, once again have Super Congress status. They are not walk-in events. They are entered just as our usual congresses are. **However, TBA's WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED and we request that payment be made at the time of submitting your entry.**

What is the Makanyane Safari Lodge and Webb & Brown – Neave Flighted Swiss Pairs?

This is a Swiss Pairs event in three sections - Restricted (less than 300 Masterpoints), Intermediate (300 to less than 750 Masterpoints) and an Open.(750 + Masterpoints).

You must play in both sessions.

What is the 'Eclectic Butler'?

This is a Butler Pairs style event in 4 parts over two days. You can win prize money for **each** session but to win overall prize money you need to play in at least three of the four sessions. However, you can play with different partners in the different sessions if you wish, as it is your individual score that counts over your best three sessions. .

Can I play in the Club Congresses if I am not a member of that club?

Absolutely – the clubs listed have generously sponsored these events but they are open to all players just as a normal Congress would be. If your club has sponsored an event and you have tickets already you may be able to play in any single session of any Congress events.

WHAT IS THE TBIB OPEN AND WOMEN'S BUTLER STAGE 1?

This is just like the Swan River Open Swiss Pairs – **a Gold Point** two day event with Butler scoring. There are 10 rounds of 12 boards and the top twenty pairs in each section qualify for Stage 2.

WHAT IS THE MUZZ BUZZ RESTRICTED BUTLER PAIRS?

This is new event here for the first time. There is also a BAWA qualifying event – the first two pairs win free entry to the Muzz Buzz Restricted Butler at the ANC. However, if you don't play in the BAWA event you may play in the ANC event. The same boards are played as for Butler Stage 1 but only 9 rounds and there will generous prize money.

WHAT IS THE TBIB BUTLER STAGE 2?

The Final – The top 20 pairs from Stage 1 in each of the Open and Women's field play 19 match Round Robin over 4 days - each match has 12 boards. You have to play in Stage 1 to qualify. **Gold Points, PQP's and prize money apply to Stage 2.**

WHAT IS THE SENIOR BUTLER?

This competition plays the same boards as the Butler Stage 2 over 4 days. You must qualify as a Senior to play in this. It is just like the Western Senior Pairs only longer with **Gold Points, PQP's and prize money.**

WHAT IS THE JOHN HUGHES ANC SWISS PAIRS?

This is an Open 3 day event of 15 x 12 board matches – playing the same boards as the TBIB Stage 2 and the Senior Butler – just a day shorter! It also has Gold Points and generous prize money.

WHAT ARE PQP's?

The primary purpose of Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) is to select the Australian team via the playoffs. To be eligible for the playoffs each player must have at least 1 PQP. More information can be found on the ABF website www.abf.com.au/masterpoints-and-pqps/playoff-qualifying-points/

HOW DO I ENTER?

You may enter online on the ANC website www.abfevents.com.au/events/anc/2015/ or via the link on the BAWA website home page.

TBA's WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED and we request that payment be made at the time of submitting your entry.

You may enter by downloading the brochure from the ANC website and filling in the entry form or from the brochures that your clubs will be receiving this month. Please send posted entries to:

ANC Entries
BAWA
PO Box 503
Nedlands, WA 6909

WHEN DO I PAY?

You need to pay **when you enter the Butler Events and also when you enter the congresses** - by direct debit online or send a cheque with any posted entries. Payments by credit card can be made either online or via mail.

This is most important and different from our usual competitions and only when payment is made can your entry be validated. You will not be able to pay at the table.

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ACCOMMODATION

A special deal for players has been negotiated with the venue, Rydges Esplanade Hotel Fremantle. Bookings can be made using the website address listed below.
www.rydges.com/customised-web-page/bridge-association-of-wa/

Hilary Yovich
Tournament Manager





Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Joondalup Bridge Club

From David Wheaton

The Joondalup Bridge Club started out in 2007 as part of the Northshore Country Club. From very small beginnings it grew and it became obvious at the start of 2014 that we were outgrowing the space and times available for play and teaching at Northshore. An approach was made to Joondalup City who kindly offered us The Lesser Hall at The Fleur Freame Pavillion, cnr of Marmion and Forest, Padbury, for a number of sessions a week. In August 2014 we became an incorporated, not for profit, association under the name of The Northern Shores Bridge Club and on Friday 3rd October 2014 we had our first open day at Fleur Freame. We became a member of The Bridge association of WA (BAWA) and affiliated to The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) shortly thereafter

In December 2014, we changed our name to The Joondalup Bridge Club Inc. and finished the year with 120 members and our first group of beginners graduating. Currently as of mid-March we have about 60 beginners who are coming to the end of their lessons and on graduation we expect most of those to join our club.



Our first group of graduates in December 2014

Fortunately we have 3 experienced teachers to deal with this influx, teaching on two sessions of Friday afternoons and evenings. We aim to teach

the basics in 9 weeks where we have an hours teaching followed by 1 ½ hours play. We teach 5 card major openings, a weak no trump, weak twos as modified ACOL. We use a large screen TV with prepared teaching slides. Every student gets a reference booklet with the lessons, examples and other information in it. (Contact us if you would like a copy).

It is no use teaching beginners and expecting them to jump into Competition Bridge right away. We run supervised social duplicate sessions for improvers and from there the beginners can join our full social sessions. I believe it is vitally important for a bridge club to run organized social duplicate sessions as well as competition sessions. By far our biggest supported session is our Tuesday evening social session. The last one of these we had 17 tables, not bad with 130 members!



A social session recently.

We have 3 classes of members Full, Associate and Social. They are all ordinary members of our club with equal rights including voting rights.

All of this has meant a huge amount of work in setting up the club, its organization and running our five sessions a week. Fortunately we have a great committee, directors, teachers and general helpers who in the last 8 months have made it all possible

We are located at the **Fleur Freame Pavillion** in The Macdonald Reserve, cnr of Forest Road and

Marmion Avenue, Padbury. Car park entrance off Forest Rd.

2015 Session Times

Tuesdays

Social Bridge Months: JAN, OCT, NOV, DEC: 7pm

All Other Months:

1st/2nd/5th Tuesday: Afternoon: 1.45pm.

3rd/4th Tuesday: Evening: 7pm

Don't worry! No partners are needed.

Wednesdays

Competition Bridge Evening: 7pm bring your partner.

Thursdays

Competition Bridge Afternoon: 1.30pm bring your partner.

Fridays

Social Bridge & Teaching

Afternoon: 2.30pm

Evening: 7 pm

Beginner's Classes. Our next course will start in September

Our website: www.joondalupbridgeclub.com.au

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Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 17th February and the following members were elected to office:

President	Patricia Rodgers
Vice President	Peter Taylor
Secretary	Ursula Wade
Treasurer	Jana Mayhew
Social Secretary	Mona Stockwell

The Tournament Sub-Committee is represented by **Eric Wheatley** and **Jan Burgess**.

Congratulations to the following members to whom our annual awards – together with a very nice bottle of wine - were presented:

The Mary Wheatley Trophy - **Jan Burgess** and **Helen van der Waal**.



The Welcome Cup (Club Champion) - **Mona Stockwell**



Most Improved Player- **Tonnie van Kampen**

We look forward to the full programme of bridge events ahead of us and also plan to run our first handicap competition this year.



Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

On Friday the 13th the Cyclone warnings were so dire that the extraordinary happened – bridge was cancelled for the Saturday! Luckily it was only a pup of a cyclone and no-one suffered any damage, it did not even rain in Geraldton!

Michael Apps, a new player, won The Individual Championship with the healthy margin of 17 points - a wonderful start to his bridge career.

Max Bohan came in second and Richard Bailey was third.



Maxine Bohan 2nd, **Michael Apps 1st** Richard Bailey 3rd in the Individual Championship.

Our Congress is to be held on the weekend of 12th – 14th of June. It starts with the Welcome Pairs on Friday evening, then Open Pairs on Saturday morning followed by the Open Teams over Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, ending with a BBQ lunch and prize giving. All welcome.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Bouquets and Brickbats

Bouquet of the Day

One of Bunbury's members was recently looking for a game of bridge whilst in Maylands. Mr G called in before a session, hoping to get a game. There were no Duty Dummy but that didn't stop the Director of the Day. He gave up his time as Playing Director so Mr G. could get a game and made his day. Well done to Maylands for making a visitor feel so welcome.

Brickbats

No bouquets to those who are thoughtless towards others' needs. My bugbear is the lack of regard to announcements. Now I know there are people with hearing problems, but a lot would

hear the announcements if the thoughtless ones would just BE A TAD QUIETER. Thank You.

A Director's Lot

Like a Policeman's Lot that of a Director is not always a Happy One. Perhaps we players can be a tad more careful, especially when returning our played cards into the boards. Counting to 13 is no hardship. Yet there are still more occasions when cards are missing. Recently we had to search for missing cards - one was found under South's personal record sheet, the second was found on the floor at the previous table. Help do the right thing. Count your cards prior to play and before returning them to their RIGHTFUL pocket.

A Big Thanks from All Directors.

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

A busy time for the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club.

Pam Moore has started lessons and numbers have been positive and what's more all beginners are keen. Here's hoping they stay on as our membership has decreased over the past few months.



Lyn Roberts, Sue Lia (President) Janet Kuhle (front) Lyn's husband Les to the right.

A farewell was held for Lyn Roberts. Lyn and Les are hitching up their motor home and heading north. Lyn was on the committee for several years and also held the position of Treasurer. It was a poignant, fun farewell with lots of reminiscing especially about our trips to the Esperance Congress.



The Kalgoorlie Bridge Club participated in the "Welcome to the Goldfields" Expo.

We set up a stall as did 60+ other Kalgoorlie sporting clubs, support groups and other social activity organisations. It gives a chance for new residents and locals to see as a collective what is available in Kalgoorlie.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Graded Teams: below National Master Competition were:

1 st	Judy and Tom Dickson, Hilary and Terry Heptinstall
2 nd	Joy Jones, Pat Scotford, Barbara Martin and Michael Smith
3 rd	Norma Clarke, Anne Wells, Robert Capelli and Denise Davies



Terry Heptinstall, Hilary Heptinstall, Tom Dickson, Judy Dickson

Armadale Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

The Tuesday evening session closed for several weeks due to low numbers but the tradition of over thirty years was missed by some members who are working hard to revive it. One suggestion was to offer lessons during the time of the evening session so that some new players could fill the vacancies. Cheryl Harding, from Byford, has offered to teach Acol to any newcomers at the 7 o'clock timeslot every Tuesday night except for the third week of every month when the Church Hall in River Road, Kelmscott has another permanent booking. Cheryl has been a committee member for many years and is a wonderful player and ambassador for bridge with her bright positive personality and her love for the game.

There is also a plan to increase the lighting to the entrance of the hall.

Members have worked hard in their bid to increase membership by advertising through letter drops and posters at shopping centres.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

Here, at our 'Friendly Bridge Club', the Pisces Pairs, Red Point Event was well attended. Many thanks must be extended to all the very capable people who make these events run so efficiently and trouble free. This includes the directors, the fellows, who with-out asking, close windows and blinds, take out rubbish and who always help with furniture re-arranging; and, of course, to Pat and her willing helpers for the very fine catering and kitchen management.



Pisces Winners: **Eve Dethlefsen and Otto Dethlefsen** with President, June Scott.



Pisces Winners for Under State Masters **Elena Olson** and **Dave Clark**

CLUB CALENDAR APRIL

- Monday 13: Aries Pairs
- Wednesday 29: 777 Teams' Event.

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Lessons

The club is offering a series of 7 lessons on Wednesday afternoons starting the Wednesday after Easter. Lessons will run from 12.45 pm until 2.45pm. It is hoped that holding the lessons during the normal bridge session rather than in the morning will make it easier for beginners to make an easy transition to playing in the regular session which runs from 12.30 to 4.00pm.

The lessons cover the mechanics of the game, and introduce bridge by "mini bridge" which shows the logic of bridge, card play and scoring. Bidding will then be introduced along with use of the bidding boxes and introduction to the electronic scorers.

Enquiries to Sandy on 0448 005 967

2015 Trip

The Bayswater Bridge Club "gadabouts" are forgoing their usual Bali trip this year and are looking forward to their 2015 trip, this time a Cruise ending up with a week in Singapore -lots of time to have a few bridge games. The group is keen to attend a session of bridge in Singapore and is going to contact the Singapore Bridge Club to see if it is possible.

Teams Match at the Pelican Point Sea Scouts

Once again a thoroughly lovely day was spent at the Pelican Point Sea Scouts Hall and environs

during the Australia Day weekend. The luncheon, afternoon tea and friendship were great and the event raised a few more dollars for the new ablution block at the centre. Many thanks to Fay and Barry Etherington for their hospitality.

Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

Melville Congress

Once again the Melville Congress was a huge success.



Congress Pair Finals (Centre - President Dorothy Stevenson)

1 st	Martin Goodall and Suzanne Goodall
2 nd	Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes
3 rd	Tony Stevens and Leon Randolph

Congress Plate



1 st	Allison Stralow and Noel Daniel
2 nd	Erica Augustson and Edith Moens
3 rd	Cynthia Belonogoff and Viv Wood

Congress Consolation



3rd Ann Olsen, Pauline Hammond, Kathy Power and Phil Power

1 st	Dominique Rallier and Deborah Greenway
2 nd	Ken Smith and Kay Johnson
3 rd	Yvonne Oswald and Larry Szalay

Teams Event



1st Cynthia Belonogoff, Viv wood, Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller



In the world of bridge play, achieving the position of National Director is indeed confirmation and recognition of a strong commitment and excellence.

David Parham began directing in 2008/9, and sponsored by Fremantle Bridge Club, he attended a basic Director’s course, run by Bill Kemp in 2010. Following this course he carried on for a few months as a player/director at Fremantle while he completed the Club Directors’ exam in 2012. He sat the State Directors’ exam and started directing the occasional BAWA event from that point.

In 2013 BAWA sponsored him to gain experience at the Summer Festival and in 2014 he again went under his own steam. After this second trip to Canberra he was asked to go to the Gold Coast in 2015, and as a result of these three trips (during which he was assessed ‘in action’) he has now been appointed as a Level 3 National Director.

Congratulations, Dave! Your promotion to National Director is confirmation that you always excel in what you do.



2nd Tim Munro, Doreen Jones, Ron Cooper and Matthew Smith



Best wishes, from all of us at the City of Melville Bridge Club for continued success as a bridge director and player.

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Competition Winners

The winners of the Daytime Open Pairs held in March were **Carole Hazelden** and **Jean Field**. Runners up were Bill and Jenny Maley, with Elsa Rouse and Denise Sampson third.

The winners of the Wednesday Best 3 out of 4 events were **Jean McLarty** and **Jenny Maley**. Runners up were Pat Gaines and Judith Tuckey followed by third-placed Elsa Rouse and Denise Sampson.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From David Cowell

On Tuesday evenings of February 10th, 17th and 24th Undercroft had their competition for the Syd Noakes Trophy

The winners were Carol Fensome and Beata Bieganski. Christine Jenkins must be given some credit as she was substituting for Beata on one of the weeks. In second place were Brian Fensome and Trevor Burr with Ted Roscoe and Joanna Tennyson coming third.



Christine Jenkins (sub) and **Carol Fensome** Winners of the Syd Noakes Trophy with President David Cowell.



Brian Fensome and Trevor Burr 2nd in the Syd Noakes Trophy.



Ted Roscoe and Joanna Tennyson 3rd in the Syd Noakes Trophy.

March 6th, 13th and 20th we had our Summer Pairs competition.



Winning this was Trevor Burr and (Gerard Rousilhes)



Dominic DeGasperi and Christine Jenkins 2nd



Peter McCann with his father Russell McCann coming 3rd



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Congratulations to **Tom Wheatley and Ken Todd** for their win in the Daytime Pairs.

2nd Robyn Todd and Sylvia Chang

3rd Audrey Brady and Walter Martins

Winning the GNOT session were **Renee Cooper, Rhys Cooper, Chris Mulley** and **Simon Brayshaw**

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

Ann Ohlsen will celebrate her 80th at the club with an Open Red Point Swiss Pairs - Sunday May 3rd 10.00am start AND a Birthday Pairs - 2.00pm start.

We also Congratulate club Members – **Dave Munro, Pim Birss, Chris Ingham, Marie-France Merven** and **Nigel Dutton** who will represent WA in the ANC Open Teams.

Winning the Open Qualifying Rounds were:

1st **Dave Munro** and **Pim Birss**,

2nd **John Beddow** (and Egmont Melton)

VALE

Adrienne Pace

Susie Auburn

Margaret Abrahams



West Australian Bridge Club

From Deborah Greenway



Club Patrons **Helen George** and **John Ashworth** cutting the cake to celebrate the clubs 7 years in the Swanbourne premises.



The Anniversary Pairs was won by **Toby Manford** and **John Ashworth**. A well deserved win and a partnership that is inspirational to us all.

WABC are very proud to have Leanne O'DEA as major sponsors of the Winter Congress. This sponsorship will ensure generous prize money.

So don't forget to enter the congress to be in with a chance.



Here I am very happily receiving the cheque on behalf of the club from Janice Jensen who is the Corporate Manager for Leanne O'Dea. I admit that it's probably the only way I will my hands on any of the prize money!



FREMANTLE ONE DAY CONGRESS SUNDAY 7th June 2015



Freemasons Hall,
Cnr Chalmers Street
and High Street,
Fremantle

**Two Session Pairs directed by
Dave Parham**

**10.00 – Qualifying
14.00 – Final: Plate and Consolation**

Entry Fee - \$30.00 per player

Joint Convenors:
Josie Khan (jk2098@gmail.com)
Irene Percy (irenepercy@ozemail.com.au)

Entries: BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au

Complementary Tea, Coffee and Biscuits and Cake all day.
No lunch provided. Please bring you own.
Nibbles and a drink prior to Prize Giving.



WESTERN SENIORS PAIRS

16th & 17th May 2015

10 am start each day

For ABF Seniors Events players must be born
before 1 January 1957

**This is a Gold Point and PQP
Selection Event**

Venue:

**West Australian Bridge Club,
7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne**

Entries: Via the BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

Entry Fee: \$80 per Player

(Collected at the table or Payable on Line: BAWA
BSB 016464 Acc No 255674541
Description: Your name + WSP)

Tournament Unit:
Bill Kemp & Dave Parham

Tournament Organiser:
Kitty George
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**Cocktail Party and Presentations on
Sunday at 5pm after play**



"I didn't mean to do that"

By Matt McManus

One of the more confusing laws in the game gets dragged out whenever a player claims that what just happened was "**inadvertent**". There are three situations when a player sometimes seeks assistance from the director when they assert that they didn't mean to do what just happened:

- 1) The bid they made
- 2) The card they called for from dummy
- 3) The card they played as declarer

Before looking at all of these situations in turn, some of the history of inadvertency... Up until 2007, there was this law in the Law Book which said that a player could change an inadvertent call if they did so without pause for thought. What was actually meant by "inadvertent" was a cause for great debate. Some people thought it meant one thing, others something else. In fact when I did some research about the word, there were some subtle differences in its meaning, depending on whether your dictionary was the Macquarie (Australia), Oxford (UK) or Webster's (USA). Add to that the tribulations of any non-English speaking bridge player or director and you may be able to see why it caused so many problems. So in 2007, the lawmakers removed the word from the Law Book. However, that hasn't stopped players still trying to claim that what they did was "inadvertent".

What actually happened is that they just swapped one confusing term for another. Now the Laws say that a player may change an *unintended* call if he does so, or attempts to do so, without pause for thought. It hasn't really solved the problem as even amongst senior directors there is much debate about what should be considered an unintended call.

To look at the three examples noted above, let's consider them in reverse order:

3) **Declarer's played card:** If the declarer deliberately plays a card, it can never be deemed an unintended play. The law does not apply here. If you, as declarer, play and face a card from your hand, you can only change it if you have revoked, or if a change is permitted by the director

following an infraction by the opponents. The fact that you have carelessly pulled out the wrong card and put your queen, instead of the ace, on the opponent's king, or if you have "ruffed" with a heart when spades are trumps, is irrelevant. A card played by declarer is rarely able to be changed. And definitely not just because it was inadvertent or unintended.

2) The classic case where the director is called for an alleged unintended **call of a card from dummy** is in the following situation. West is declarer and this is the club suit:

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Declarer leads C2 from his hand, intending to finesse dummy's queen. North surprisingly plays the king. Far too often, declarer says, "queen, ... , I mean the ace".

For the director to allow you to change an unintended call (whether it be naming a card in dummy or making a bid), you must satisfy him that you never intended to make the call you did. When talking about naming dummy's card, the equivalent would be that you have to convince him that what you actually said was just a "slip of the tongue". If there is any suggestion at all that there was a change of mind, no matter how quickly the correction was made, then the director will not allow a change.

In this example, when declarer led the two of clubs from his hand, his intention was clearly to play the queen hoping for the finesse to work. When he called for the queen after North played the king, this was just carelessness. It was only after noticing the king that he quickly changed his mind. If the card which declarer originally named could ever have been in his thoughts to play, then he will almost never be able to successfully claim that it was an unintended call.

The other thing that can sometimes happen is that declarer gets "ahead of themselves" and names a card he was intending to play to the next trick. For instance, playing in no trumps, dummy has the singleton ace of hearts while declarer holds KQJ109. With the lead in dummy, declarer's plan is to unblock the ace and then lead a diamond to his ace and cash the rest of the hearts.

Unfortunately, he calls for a “small diamond”, and then says, “I mean, the ace of hearts.” It is unlikely that declarer will be able to convince the director that “small diamond” was an unintended call. Playing that card was clearly in his thought process. It was careless that he called for it before cashing HA.

When the director comes to the table to rule on a possible change of unintended call of a card, the declarer must be able to immediately say what he intended to play. Otherwise, he didn't have an intended card to play and so no change will be allowed.

So when can declarer successfully plead an “unintended” call? In practice, it really comes down to when the director is confident that it was a slip of the tongue. For instance, declarer is pointing to a low club in dummy's hand on the table, but says, “low spade”. I would allow that change. Similarly, declarer has D K765 and after ruffing the three little ones, the ace has fallen and the king is now good. He goes to dummy and says, “king of hearts, I mean diamonds”. On the face of it, this very much looks like an unintended call. I would investigate whether there was any way he could have been thinking about playing HK (such as leading it to the following trick), but in most cases I would probably look favourably on the claim for an unintended call.

(For those of you interested in where this arises in the Laws of Bridge, we are talking about Law 45C4b.)

1) The final and maybe most common situation where a player may seek to change an unintended call is **during the bidding**. Although a different law is applicable here (Law 25A), the same principles that I described when talking about declarer naming dummy's card generally apply. The player must be able to convince the director that the bid, pass or double which he made was never his intention. Again, if there is any suggestion that he may have been considering the call he made, it will be very difficult to get the director to allow the change. If it appears that it may have been a change of mind (no matter how quickly it happened – even if his pen is still on the bidding pad), no change will be allowed. Some examples: a player who has four spades and five hearts and opens 1S certainly looks like someone who was maybe considering a spade bid; after partner's 1NT opening, a player with five hearts bids 2D and hurriedly changes to

2H – that looks like he has forgotten that they are not playing transfers; a player with 12 points passes and then wants to change to 1C – that sounds like while in the process of passing he reassessed his hand or recounted his points. All of these scenarios would rarely result in a favourable ruling.

Some circumstances where I have allowed a change:

- ✓ a player has an opening hand with five spades and one heart: as he goes to write 1S, the “one heart” distracts him and he instead bids 1H.
- ✓ the auction starts with 1S by the player's left hand opponent, 2S by partner (a Michael's cue bid showing hearts and a minor), 3S by the next opponent, now 4S! The player in question has heart support and was keen to bid game in hearts, but with everyone else bidding spades, he somehow got into the swing of things and did the same. I allowed him to change it back to 4H – 4S was never in his thoughts.

Using bidding boxes tends to result in an increased number of calls for the director for unintended calls. This is because of mechanical problems such as accidentally pulling out the wrong card, or having another card stuck to the bidding card as you make your bid. If this is honestly what has happened, then a change without penalty is usually allowed.

There are two other important aspects to this law: firstly, it says the player must change, or attempt to change, the unintended call without pause for thought. However, this does not necessarily mean it has to be instantaneous. The player has to change or attempt to change (for example, by calling the director) immediately he becomes aware that he has made an unintended call. For example, a player meant to pull out the 1S bidding card, but as he did so the 1NT card got stuck on top and he doesn't notice. When he hears his partner announce, “15-17”, he only now looks down and sees what has happened. By saying something or calling the director immediately, he would be allowed to make a change without penalty, even though the reason he discovered the error was because of something else that occurred. The second significant aspect to the law is that a player is entitled to change an unintended **up until** the time when his partner next makes a call. That means that even if your left hand opponent has

made a call, you can change your unintended call as long as you call the director as soon as you realise what has happened. If the director permits you to change your call, then the opponent can also change his call without any penalty. If however your partner has made a call after your unintended call and before you have said anything it is too late to change and there is nothing you can do about it. If this is the case, it is very important that you don't make any comment or reaction. You don't want your partner – or your opponents – to know that anything has gone wrong.

The laws relating to unintended calls are some of the more difficult ones for the director to administer. Each time they come up, the director has to make a judgement based on evidence which may not be very precise. It is possible that there could be two scenarios which seem very similar in which the director (or directors) made the completely opposite rulings. It is the nature of these laws and the information which the director relies upon and needs to analyse which makes this possible – and in both cases, it may be that the ruling is correct.



What Bridge Players Want

By Maura Rhodes

This year, which is in its infancy, I have played in five Club Congresses. The first was Mandurah, which held its Summer Congress at the end of January. This was fully booked for both days well before the event took place, although the Mandurah Bridge Club can accommodate as many as 40 tables. On Sunday, February 8, Rick and I played in the Nedlands Birthday Congress, which again had a huge turn-out for this wonderful day. 59 Pairs enjoyed the event.

In mid-February, Rockingham held its annual Congress. You have to be quick to get in there, as it always fills not long after the entries appear on the BAWA website and this year was no exception. We missed the popular Albany Congress, because like lots of the Bridge players in WA, we went to the Gold Coast- where we had such fun night outs, but that is another story.

Next was the Melville Congress, March 7 and 8, which too, filled weeks ahead of the actual event. Am I becoming boring? Perhaps I am, but I detect a theme emerging. Kalamunda was next, March 14-15, but both Pairs and Teams were fully booked long before the event began. Nigel Dutton gave a speech at the end of the Congress in which he observed that a space did belatedly come up in the Kalamunda Congress, so he sent out an email to players on the BAWA list and within fewer than five minutes, the space had gone! People are waiting for last- minute cancellations. The next Congress is South Perth Easter Congress. Already, the Teams are full and several of the Pairs sessions are almost full. Be quick if you want to enter!

I hope it is clear by now that Bridge players love weekend Congresses, they support them and book them ahead. Meanwhile, what is happening in the evening BAWA events? Are they also booked out as soon as they open? NO, they are struggling to get enough entries. I understand that some events had to be cancelled in the last couple of years for lack of interest. Many people have asked me why I don't play in BAWA events. The answer is simple: I don't like playing at night. When I used to play in the evenings, I couldn't sleep after the game and I was a wreck the next day. A reality check forced me to come to terms with the fact that it wasn't worth it; I like daytime competitions. Am I alone? It seems not; every time I talk to a Congress player, I hear the same story, "Why can't we have more weekend events?" "Why can't we have competitions on Sunday?" Not being a member of the BAWA committee, I don't know the answer, but I did ask Nigel Dutton some time ago and he said BAWA can't compete with the Clubs. Sorry, but that doesn't make sense to me. As far as I am aware, West Coast is the only Club who plays on Sundays. Would BAWA be competing against West Coast if it held some Sunday events? I think not. Ask them! Isn't BAWA meant to cater for the interests of the Bridge players of WA? Some years ago, they held a survey, which proved that Bridge players want more daytime competitions and fewer night-time events. Has much changed? Well, there are fewer night-time competitions, but there is a crying out need for more daytime events, especially weekends. West Australian Bridge players enjoy playing Bridge at weekends. Maybe one day, someone will listen. I live in hope.

Kalamunda Congress Results

Saturday Swiss Pairs (44)



1st Deana Wilson and Eddy Mandavy with Convener Denise Borger



2nd Cassie Morin and Elizabeth McNeill



3rd Gerry Daly and Viv Wood

- 4th Hugh Probert and Steven Rogoysky**
5th Nigel Dutton and Marie – France Merven
6th Jennifer Bandy and Joanna Tennyson
7th Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel
8th Jamie Paterson and Elizabeth McMillen

- 9th Jeanne Hey and Carmen Jackson**
10th Ken Smith and Kay Johnson



Best Kalamunda Pair Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

Sunday Swiss Teams (22)



President Garth Scotford, Convener Denise Borger, 1st Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Nick Cantatore (David Schokman)



2nd Maura Rhodes, Rick Rhodes, Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld



- 3rd Peter Clarke, Peter Cameron, Sheelagh Dupont and Alfred Dupont
- 4th Gerry Daly, Viv Wood, Dave Munro and Pim Birss
- 5th Trevor Fuller, Keith Wignall, Marnie Leybourne and Leone Fuller



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The Gold Coast Congress 2015

From David Schokman

There is no doubt that all of you who attended this congress would have enjoyed yourselves whether you tasted success or not. Please bear with me while I talk about our open team performance.

Our team personnel were yours truly, Nick Cantatore, Marina Darling and Bob McPhee, from the USA. Bob is an excellent player and also teaches online. Marina, who lives in Melbourne, is one of his pupils.

His analysis is always spot on, and he sometimes made me look critically at my over-cautious bidding style.

We started well and after two rounds were lying sixth – our fleeting moment of glory! We then met one of the finalists, the Peter Fordham team (who finished 6th) and received a salutary lesson in bridge, losing by 63 imps. We lifted our game and moved to 25th spot and now came up against the Leibowitz team, another one from the top ten percent.

Wednesday saw a clearing of the showers and the sun shone on Broadbeach; so back to match eight against Leibowitz, where we were playing well and I was feeling good. Then I lost my mind which seemed to go up into the clouds! Not to an iCloud where it could be saved!!

The septuagenarians and octogenarians among you will understand what I am trying to say. You see the cards, know what to do, but your brain stands still. In two boards I gave away 22 imps, which really is much more. The worst was board 24, where the question was whether I make 12 or 13 tricks in a vulnerable 3NT. The plan was there: cashing all my winning diamonds, after unblocking the ace of hearts, with king still in hand. I was feeling a little disappointed that we were not in 6D, though success was available only because the spade finesse was right. So guess what, I took the club finesse without cashing four winning diamonds. The contract is still cold for nine tricks, but in sheer frustration, and memory loss, I failed to cash the king of hearts, making only eight tricks. My partner and team mates

were very understanding even though I had changed a good win into a small loss.

Cards are very unforgiving, but we were still 34th, and my punishment was that we came up against the team that lost to the eventual winners in the semi-finals. Sadly to say this was the worst match that I have ever played in. They had a system card where even page one was incomplete, and I cannot imagine how they got to round nine without a director being called. The middle and back pages were non-existent. The biggest problem was the language difference, where we often got a yes and a no answer to the same question. If the middle pages were filled in we would not have had to ask any questions, but apparently that was not a requirement. The directors had problems too, as an appeal took three rounds to settle, as they needed a translator. We were not at the hearing and I felt that we had been sold short on a critical explanation. When your spirit is broken you sink slowly into the mire with no one to pull you out of it.

However, there is no doubt that the Gold coast congress is something that you should try and attend, as playing in one room, with over 2000 people in it, is an experience. With careful planning, and sharing, this trip is something you can do without breaking open your kids piggy bank!

Sadly I have one serious grouch. We, Doreen Jones, Cathy Hood and Nick Cantatore were looking forward to playing in the Tim Seres/Mary McMahon mixed teams. We won our first match and then played against the top seeds, a delightful group from China, who remained undefeated, losing by three imps. We won our next two matches, rose to third spot, and then found ourselves playing against Jonathan Free, Howard Melbourne, Terry Brown and Sue Ingham, a formidable combination. We let ourselves down, and dropped to 10th. We met another team comprising entirely of males, but managed to win and move up to sixth, with a chance of a podium finish. Who were our next opponents- Michael Edgton, Liam Milne, Andy Hung and Michael Whibley. They were an awesome collection of

polite and talented young men. We lost again, finishing 9th out of 38 teams. Again I must take a lot of the blame. Cathy and I bid to 6NT, on board 32, the only making slam contract. However, I led the knave of hearts, and then did not have the courage to let it run. Making the contact would have given us a win.

This was most disappointing for us as we entered for a mixed event and came up against 2 strong men's teams in our seven matches. So calling it the Seres/McMahon mixed teams is a misnomer, and unfair to those of us who entered believing that we would be on a level playing field.

We have decided never to enter for this event again and I feel that there might even be a case for the mixed teams to ask for a refund of their entry fees. Will this ever happen? Don't hold your breath.

Even with this grouch of mine I exhort every bridge player to try and play at the Gold Coast congress, even once, as they cater for every level of player, from novice to expert. But please do not enter for the Mixed teams with the current format - it sucks.



David Schokman at the GCC

(Ed Note From Matt McManus)

The Mixed Teams Championship event held on the Friday at the Gold Coast Congress - the Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams - has the requirement that to be eligible each team must play as two mixed partnerships in every round. In many other events, a team consisting of three females and one male or three males and one female - or even two of each playing in same sex partnerships - would qualify as a Mixed team.

However this is not the case for the Seres-McMahon Mixed Teams. For the last half dozen years or so, a teams event alongside the Mixed Teams has been offered as an alternative to those who do not (or who choose not to) satisfy the specific mixed partnership requirements of that

event. Unfortunately, it has been the case that the number of entrants into these events has been progressively dropping. Overall numbers on the Friday are increasing, so players clearly prefer to play in the Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs. It reached the stage last year that it was no longer practical to run both of the teams as separate events. Therefore, the decision was reluctantly made to combine the two fields. The first round was drawn so as to match mixed teams against other mixed teams (if possible), but after that a standard Swiss draw was used for the field as a whole.

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Capel Life

Funny Creatures Us Humans

By Di Brooks

If someone asked you what would make you happy, they might be surprised by your answer. Take the other day ... I had finished my morning walk, had stopped into my friend's for a cuppa and a crossword session, so an hour later I caught up with my new neighbour. As Miss D saw me, she called out ... "I have something for you". It was a fleshy thistle, picked from her flower bed. Did it please me? You bet it did. My fourteen budgies in my aviary love this treat. So for someone new to the area to take notice of me and my hobbies made me very happy.

Now there will be a decided difference between the male and female of our species. If you haven't read the book "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus" by John Gray, you have missed out on the secret of the Universe. Another self-help book by Allan and Barbara Pease, "Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps" is another great guide to understanding the human race. The fact that when a woman reads a map, mainly she will turn it around to see which way she is headed. Alan knows I have little sense of direction. He says I would get lost in my back yard, so when I replied that I have a compass he was most adamant that I didn't! Well, we have only been married 51 years... What would he know! That was until I took a set of keys from my handbag and showed him my compass. A gift I received many years ago from a grateful student.

Alan was amazed, not half as amazed as I was. After checking it out, we both found that it didn't work and I had used it faithfully to find my way home after travelling to bridge Clubs all over W.A, when I was Promotions Officer.

Both Alan and I have a great love of gardening, although these days I tend to be on the Managerial side, whilst Alan does the grafting... literally. We have potted plants everywhere. At the moment, we have two succulents, both Moon flowers on the patio and full of flowers.



You should see them as they flaunt their beauty. Flower heads the size of dinner plates. The sad part is that the flowers last for less than 15 hours. At 8.30pm last evening, the buds were opening. By 9.30pm they were all in full flower, giving off a delicate perfume - a thing of beauty. You could equate this to our life span. Some of us shine in the day, some much later and if you are too blinkered, you will miss their quality altogether.

Have a Happy Day



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Bunbury Bridge Club Anzac Day Notice

Bunbury Bridge Club Anzac Congress structure is slightly different than our normal annual event.

Participants, please note that play on Saturday for the Welcome Pairs starts at 1.00pm.

This weekend celebrates the Centenary of the Anzacs and therefore there could be a traffic hold up on the Saturday, so give yourself plenty of time to travel to our Club in Balgore Way.

You will need to bring your own lunch on the 25th April. Sunday Pairs and Monday Teams, lunch will be provided.

Convenor: Brian Wade

Welcome Pairs Director: Di Brooks

Sun Pairs & Mon Teams Director: Neville Walker

As tables are now limited to 22 booking is essential.

Drive safely. Looking forward to seeing you.

Di Brooks

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Test Your Slam Play

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Brd
Dlr E
Vul NS

♠ K8
♥ Q974
♦ A84
♣ AJ65



♠ A9532
♥ AK
♦ KQ10
♣ K82

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All Pass			

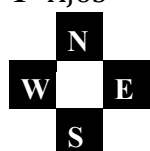
West leads HJ.

Plan the play.

Solution:

Brd
Dlr E
Vul NS

♠ K8
♥ Q974
♦ A84
♣ AJ65



♠ A9532
♥ AK
♦ KQ10
♣ K82

♠ QJ10764
♥ 5
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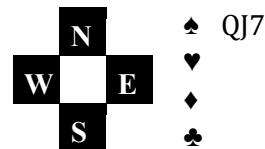
The bidding tells you that spades will provide no joy, so you need four tricks from clubs to go with your eight top winners. The club finesse is a must, but what about the long club? The suit might divide 3-3, but ...

It looks like whoever has the long clubs can be squeezed – West guards hearts and East guards spades. The best approach is to lose your trick now, rectifying the count for this squeeze. The only suit where you can lose a trick is spades, so play a low spade from both hands. Win the (say) spade return, take the club king and club finesse, and cash all your red winners ending in hand:

Brd
Dlr E
Vul NS

♠
♥ 9
♦
♣ A6

♠
♥ J
♦
♣ Q10



♠ A9
♥
♦
♣ 8

Now play the spade ace – West has to let go a club, and now you can discard the heart nine from dummy and take the rest in clubs.

Similarly, if East had the club control in the diagrammed position, he would have had to unguard the suit because of your spade threat.

This is called a “simple squeeze played as a double squeeze”. You are squeezing one opponent – but you don’t know which.

The moral: Squeezes work best when you need the rest.

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Albany Congress Results

From Mike Trafalski

Welcome Pairs (27)

1 st	Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders
2 nd	Carmen Jackson and Madge Myburgh
3 rd	Janya Mayhew and Jan Burgess
4 th	Mike Trafalski and Connie Daly
5 th	Vivienne Davis and Alison Gunton
6 th	Carol Newport and Trish Hunter
7 th	Nicolas Moniodis and George Bozanich
8 th	Vanessa Floyd and Sybil Davies
9 th	Chris Munro and Erica Augustson
10 th	Kay Thompson and Rita Leeming

Swiss Pairs (38)



1 st	Alfred Dupont and Sheelagh Dupont
2 nd	Dave Munro and Pim Birss
3 rd	Carmen Jackson and Madge Myburgh
4 th	Kay Thompson and Rita Leeming
5 th	Joan Valentine and Wendy Harman
6 th	Chris Knight and Maureen Knight
7 th	Joanne White and Neville Koenig
8 th	Robert Stick and Colin Payne
9 th	Jan Howell and Elizabeth McNeill
10 th	Kathy Power and Phil Power

Teams (18)



1 st	Dave Munro, Jan Howell, Elizabeth McNeill and Pim Birss
2 nd	Alfred Dupont, Sheelagh Dupont, Kathy Power and Phil Power



3rd and Best Country Team Annette Beasley, David Beasley, Kay Thompson and Rita Leeming.

And enjoying a relaxing time at the Congress





TEAMS of FOUR 2015

From John Beddow – Convener

The Teams of Four Competition is again being run in 2015.

Although numbers are slightly down for this year, this is mainly due to Melville B.C. deciding not to enter the T of 4 for 2015, although I am assured that they will hopefully take part in 2016. Last year Melville B.C. entered 1 x Open, 2 x Intermediate and 1 x Restricted.

I would dearly like to see some fresh faces in this competition. I know some of the smaller clubs think that their members are not really interested in team matches, but for those players who wish to improve their rankings in the ABF Masterpoint scheme, there is no easier way than team matches. For example, you need to be in the top 50% to get MPs in a pair's event, but you can come absolutely bottom in a team's event and still get your Red MPs. This is because each member of the winning team gets 0.56 Red MPs in the Open, and 0.42 Red MPs in the Novice and Intermediate Divisions for every win they achieve. So for all you clubs that have never taken part in this competition, or used to, but don't now, consider giving your members a chance to earn Red Points in 2016. And don't forget, apart from a small administration cost, all monies collected go back to the clubs as prize money.

You will notice that the Restricted division is now called the Novice. This is in keeping with the ABF's decision to call the lower division "Novice". The maximum number of MPs are unchanged: 149.99 MPs as at 1st January 2015.

The other change is the allocation of VPs. BAWA has adopted the WBF Continuous Masterpoint scoring system. For those that are unfamiliar with it, you will notice that VPs now are seen as incomplete values. This of course practically eliminates draws for a match, as a 1 imp difference now produces a 10.24 – 9.76 result. More importantly, while mathematically possible, the likelihood of two or more teams ending the

season with identical VPs is unlikely to the point of 'never happening'. This of course eliminates the count back formulas.

CLUB	OPEN 2014	OPEN 2015	INT 2014	INT 2015	REST 2014	NOVICE 2015
KALAMUNDA	0	0	1	1	1	1
MACCABI	1	1	1	1	0	0
MELVILLE	1	0	1	0	1	0
NEDLANDS	1	1	1	1	0	0
SOUTH PERTH	2	1	2	2	2	2
SWAN DIST	0	0	0	0	1	1
UNDERCROFT	1	1	1	2	1	1
WABC	1	2	3	2	3	2
WEST COAST	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	7	6	11	10	9	7

Since I took over the Teams of Four in 1999, numbers have been as follows:

All Divisions:

2000	2001*	2002	2003	2004
11 teams	15 teams	18 teams	17 teams	17 teams
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009#
18 teams	26 teams	23 teams	24 teams	28 teams
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
31 teams	31 teams	30 teams	34 teams	27 teams
2015				
23 teams				

* Restricted Division added.

Intermediate Division added.

A total of 198 players*, including 69 new players, won MPs in 2014. Overall, 198.73 MPs were awarded. (*This figure does not include members who played, but did not win any MPs.)

Players winning the most Master Points in the 2014 competition were:

1 st	Gordon Dunlop	5.04	South Perth BC
2 nd	Mark O'Connor	4.20	South Perth BC
3 rd	Bob Mitchell	3.57	South Perth BC
4 th	Gordon Brown	3.36	Kalamunda BC
=5 th	Cherry Zamudio	2.94	Kalamunda BC
=5 th	Merwyn Menezes	2.94	City of Melville BC



**DENMARK BRIDGE CLUB
INAUGURAL CONGRESS**
16th - 18th October 2015

Venue: Denmark Sea Rescue Function Centre
Ocean Beach Road, Ocean Beach

DIRECTOR: PETER HOLLOWAY

Friday evening 6.00pm	Welcome Pairs \$20 pp
Saturday 9.30am	Congress Pairs \$35 pp
Sunday 9.30am	Swiss Teams \$35 pp

- ♦ Open to all players
- ♦ Prizes 90% of entry fees after costs
- ♦ Light supper on Friday
- ♦ Morning and afternoon teas
- ♦ Light lunch on Saturday and Sunday
- ♦ Gluten-free and vegetarian available on request (by 1st Oct)
- ♦ For accommodation and local information - Denmark Visitor Centre 98482055

Entries via BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au
Enquiries: John Elliott 98483685 eldenfar@denmarkwa.net.au

WA ITALIAN BRIDGE CLUB OPEN RED POINT EVENT



COST: \$15
(Inc Table money)

Director:
Peter Holloway

**ALL WELCOME FOR A FRIENDLY GAME OF
BRIDGE**

Tuesday 14th APRIL @7.00 pm
(one night only)

WA Italian Club
217 Fitzgerald St West, Perth

Light supper provided. Bar Facilities available

Entries via BAWA www.bawa.asn.au
OR 93674391 OR mariemusitano@gmail.com

2015 Country GNOT Final 30 May, 31 May, 1 June

30 May	1.00pm
31 May	9.00am and 1.00pm
1 June	9.00am

Director: Peter Holloway

Convenor: Mike Trafalski

08 98428576

miket1@iinet.net.au

Bridge: 5 sessions (10 x 12 board matches) for
approx **\$105.00** (based on 10 tables)

Entry BAWA Entry Page or contact Mike

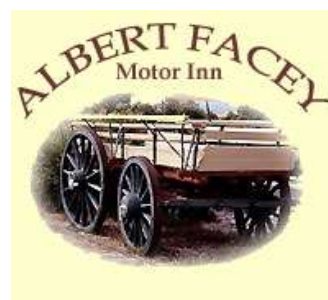
Location:

Albert Facey Motor Inn,
78 Williams Road,
Narrogin

Ph: 08 98811899 OR

Email: albfacey@treko.net.au

Accommodation, meals (Saturday Dinner, Sunday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, Monday Breakfast and Lunch) available for approximately **\$330.00 per person** (cost depends on single, double or triple, standard or deluxe). Please make your own Booking and mention **BAWA Country Group** when booking.





Dumb and Dumber

By Ron Klinger

<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

Improve Your Bridge Online

PROBLEM

Teams | South dealer | NS vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			6D
All Pass			

West to lead from:

W ♠ 9763
♥ K9862
♦ 9
♣ A92

At the vulnerability you can be sure that South is not taking some advance sacrifice. There will be some legitimate hope of making the slam. That means you will not be able to take the first two tricks and consequently you should do your utmost not to give a trick away.

There is no attractive lead (as usual) and so start by eliminating the dangerous ones. Since you cannot expect to take two quick tricks, the CA is the most risky. You may well be setting up club tricks for declarer. It is not fanciful to imagine that declarer is void in clubs and the CA lead could set up winners in dummy for declarer. It is true that the CA may let you see dummy and then decide what's best but the price might easily be too high.

A heart lead has a much better chance of success than the CA. It may work if partner has the HQ or the HA, but there is still a fair degree of risk. A spade lead may cost (perhaps you may trap partner's honour, perhaps it gives declarer access to an otherwise entry-less dummy) but it is less risky than a heart or a club. A singleton trump should usually be avoided but the risk here is minute as declarer's trumps are likely to be solid.

Awards: D9: 100; spade: 80; low heart: 60; CA: 30.

Principle: If an opponent at adverse vulnerability jumps to a slam, do not expect to take two quick tricks. Before you lead an unsupported ace against

*a trump contract, be convinced **beyond reasonable doubt** that it is the best choice. If there is doubt, find something else. To lead an ace without a strong reason is just plain dumb.*

Few things are more galling than to lead an ace against a slam and find that was the only lead to allow the contract to make. So it proved on the actual deal from the 1992 Olympiad in the women's semi-final match between France and Austria:

Brd	♠	84			
Dlr	S	♥	J7		
Vul	NS	♦	Q62		
		♣	QJT843		
	♠	9763		N	♠ AQJT5
	♥	K9862		W	♥ QT54
	♦	9			♦ -
	♣	A92		S	♣ K765
				♠	K2
				♥	A3
				♦	AKJT87543
				♣	-

The French West led the ace of clubs. There was good news --- partner had the king --- and very bad news --- it was the only card to allow declarer to succeed. South ruffed, played the DJ to the queen and led the CQ. East did not cover and South let the queen run. The CK was ruffed out and declarer returned to dummy via the D6 to rack up thirteen tricks. +1390.

At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2D (1)
Pass	2H (2)	2S	5D
5S	6D	All Pass	

(1) Game-force

(2) Negative (denying an ace)

Here West had an easy spade lead. East won the ace and returned a spade. Declarer ran all her trumps but one of the defenders managed to keep

hearts and the slam was one down. 16 Imps to Austria.

How do you feel? 13 cards in your hand and 12 are safe leads to beat the slam. You pick the 13th. You lose 16 Imps. You lose the match 135-121. Only 14 Imps the difference. Duh.

Our team is so bad that they think tactics are a kind of peppermint.



Marketing and Promotions Report

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Congratulations to a new ABF National Director

Dave Parham has recently achieved the status of ABF National Director level 3 along with Chris Snook from Queensland and Sebastian Yuan from the ACT. Dave Parham has long been known to the Fremantle and Melville Clubs as an outstanding representative for bridge and for his quiet and effective bridge direction but is now recognised nationally. Congratulations, Dave.

South Perth Mini Bridge in a Day

Congratulations also to Jan Howell for her excellent Mini Bridge in a Day which was held on Sunday March 16th. The day attracted over 20 people with some young people coming along with parents or grandparents. It was a very enjoyable and worthwhile venture with many coming along to learn with Fiske Warren at South Perth or going on to have a go at bridge at University. Mini bridge is certainly the way to whet the appetites of new bridge players, giving the logic of bridge and showing the mechanics and the scoring without the difficulty of the bidding.

ABF Marketing Update from Sandra Mulcahy

Although the new Marketing Update from National Marketing officer Sandra Mulcahy on the ABF website is aimed primarily for club administrators it is well worth a read for all members. The article covers among others:

The Intergenerational Report looking at the age demographic in Australia in 2055 which shows that people in the retiring age bracket is set to more than double so it bodes well for bridge clubs and in particular Seniors Events in the future. But let's not wait until then – grab a partner for the 2015 BAWA Seniors events and for the Seniors events in the Australian National Championships which will be held in Perth in July.

ABF Sponsors such as Tony Bembrose Insurance Brokers for travel insurance and now further services such as home insurance, Get Wines Direct for discounted wines and TFE Hotels for discounted accommodation in Australia, New Zealand and parts of Europe. Our ABF membership card gives discounts on services which have been hard fought by the ABF and will continue to be available if members are interested enough to have a look at what is on offer.

There is an interesting article on the University of California study showing that interacting regularly with several people a day is a key to mental and physical health in providing the type of stimulus one associates with the brain power of puzzles. Coming along to bridge and interacting with people and using our brains must give us a double whammy!

A look at an ABF survey shows that the most important way of publicising bridge is through friends and family so it would be great if everyone could recommend bridge to people we know. Teach your neighbour mini bridge and give them a brochure for your local club.

A New Bridge Club in Broome

Although there has been a social bridge club operating on a seasonal basis there is now a fledgling club in Broome. This is an exciting venture with such a wonderful tourist destination in Western Australia now coming into the fold. We wish the Broome Bridge Club the very best of luck in getting under way.



Country Championships 2015

From Di Brooks

(Photos courtesy of Di Brooks)

Congratulations to the Albany participants for their great bridge results.



Winners of the Championship Pairs on the Saturday - **Kay Thompson** and **Ken Else**



Winners of the Championship Country Teams - **Ken Else, Kay Thompson, Mike Trafalski** and **Alison Mettam**

The 9.30am Saturday session was off to a shaky start when a pair from Rockingham turned up to play, not realising that they didn't qualify as a Country Pair. The ladies of Bridgetown supplied delicious plates of goodies for us to enjoy. (Country hospitality at it's best. Thank you, Bridgetown).

The Saturday qualifying session was won by (N/S) **Phil Power** and **Jean McLarty** (Mandurah) and E/W) **Colin Hunter** and **Rose Hunter** (Mandurah)



Phil Power and **Jean McLarty**



Colin Hunter and **Rose Hunter**

Final:

1st: Kay Thompson & Ken Else, Albany

2nd: John Whiting & Di Bishop, Busselton



3rd : Vera Hardman, (Mandurah) and (Jeanette Gale- Bunbury)

Best Performing Novice Pair:
Ann-Louise Dubrowski and **Andy Cayley**
(Bunbury's fledglings, not long out of the classes).

Plate:



1st : Phyl Barnes and Joy Gibson (Bunbury)



2nd : Jana Mayhew and Jan Burgess (Bridgetown)

3rd : Brenda Wright and Jill Cowan

Teams

1st : Alison Mettam, Mike Trafalski, Ken Else and Kay Thompson (Albany)



2nd: Di Brooks, Kathy Power, Jean McLarty and Phil Power (Mandurah x 3 and Bunbury)




3rd Joanne White, Neville Koenig, Pam Minchin and Pam Goodman (Albany)

Director, Peter Holloway ran the Championships. The event was a friendly one, with everyone looking forward to 2016.



Busselton Bridge Club



Zonta Charity Day


Red Point Event

Saturday June 20th

Naturaliste Community Centre Dunsborough

9.30 am Qualifying Pairs
1.15 Final and Consolation
Director Peter Holloway
Prizes of wine
Raffle
Scrumptious Lunch
Cost \$40

Proceeds will help young women through education scholarships



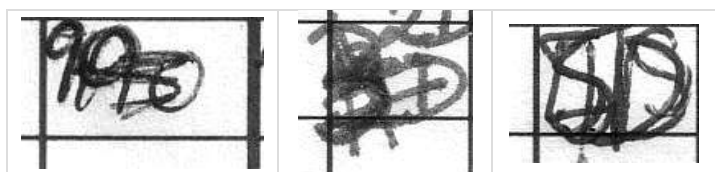
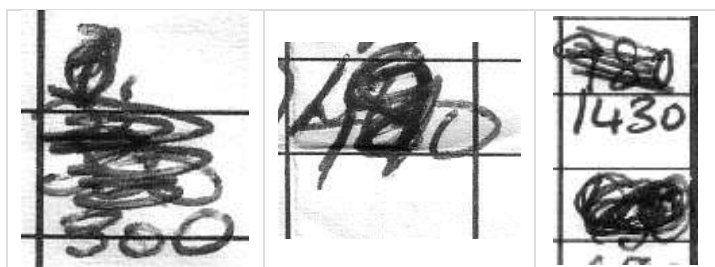
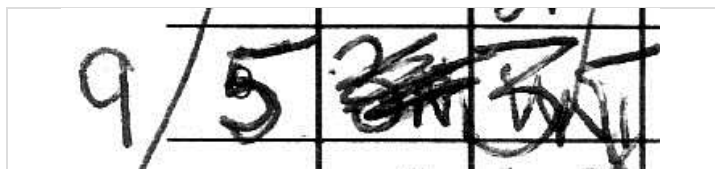
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THOSE TRAVELLERS!

From Margaret Nixon -
Busselton Bridge Club

I printed these to show the club members last week. They thought it was funny, but I indicated that we scorers sometimes had difficulty deciphering the travellers. I know many clubs are now using Bridgemates, but maybe some clubs are still using travellers and would understand it all.



THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB



NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS

To be held at the

WABC CLUB ROOMS

7 ODERN CRESCENT, SWANBOURNE

SUNDAY 19th April 2015

TOURNAMENT Hilary Yovich

ORGANISER: 9341 8116

DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp
9447 0534

ENTRIES VIA

BAWA Website: www.bawa.asn.au

WABC Website: www.wabridgeclub.com.au

Or telephone 9284 4144

TWO CATEGORIES

NOVICE: Less than 150 MP
SUPER NOVICE: 0 – 49.99 MP
as at 1 Jan 2015

ENTRY FEE \$30 per player

RED POINTS and PRIZES

ALL PAIRS MUST HAVE 2 SYSTEMICALLY
IDENTICAL COMPLETED SYSTEM CARDS

2 SESSION EVENT:

QUALIFYING COMMENCING 10.00am

FINAL COMMENCING 2.00pm

PRIZE GIVING AFTER PLAY at appx 5.00pm

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2015

	Apr	Fri 3 rd – Mon 6 th	South Perth Bridge Club Easter Congress – see flyer
		Thu 9 th	BAWA Mixed Pairs 1 st of 3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 11 th – Sun 12 th Sat 18 th – Sun 19 th	Interstate Senior Selection Trials Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Sun 19 th	West Australian Bridge Club Novice Congress - see flyer
		Sat 25 th – Mon 27 th	Bunbury Bridge Club Congress-see flyer Note : Sat 25th is Anzac Day – Bridge will commence at 1.00pm
	May	Wed 6 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Open Autumn Pairs –see flyer
		Thu 7 th	BAWA State Open Pairs Championship 1/4 BAWA State Restricted Pairs Championship 1/4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th Sun 24 th	Western Seniors Pairs Championship PQP/Gold Points Undercroft May Congress-see flyer
		Fri 29 th – Mon 1 st Sat 30 th – Sun 31 st	West Australian Bridge Club Congress-see flyer County GNOT Final
	Jun	Wed 3 rd	BAWA Daytime Open Swiss Teams Championship 1/2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sun 7 th	Fremantle Bridge Club Congress – see flyer
		Thu 11 th	BAWA State Swiss Teams Championship 1/4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 12 th – Sun 14 th	Geraldton Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
	Jul	Sat 4 th	Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs – Nedlands Bridge Club 10am
ANC		11th – 23rd	Australian National Bridge Championships
		Thu 30 th	BAWA State Swiss Pairs Championship 1/4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 31 st – Aug 2 nd	South Perth Bridge Club Easter Congress- see flyer
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 daytime and weekend events are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands, All Thursday events are held at the South Perth Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Evening events commence at 7.30 pm.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	

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