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Directors Weekend with **John McIlrath** – National Director Development Officer

An initiative of the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) and the Bridge Association of Western Australia (BAWA) saw John McIlrath, National Director Development Officer hold a Directors weekend March 24th -25th in the Nedlands Bridge Club.



Over 100 participants enrolled from Nedlands, Avon Valley, Undercroft, Maylands, Rockingham, South Perth, Cannington, Swan District, Bayswater, Fremantle, Melville, Busselton, Denmark, Albany and Kalamunda.



Directors Weekend



President's Report

It gives me great pleasure to welcome to the BAWA family the recently affiliated Willetton Bridge Club. The club's home is the Senior Citizens' Centre in Herald Ave. Willetton. I understand that 7 to 9 tables is the regular turnout and they would welcome visitors. Full details of the club, particularly playing times, will be published on our web site as soon as I receive them. The two members of the club that attended the recent BAWA AGM tell me Noel Daniel was the driving force behind the club's progress and affiliation. Well done Noel.

I am sure that everybody would agree that bridge in WA is played at the highest ethical level and cheating is a word we have no need to ever mention. Having said that the BAWA Tournament Committee, recognising its role in maintaining an environment that removes any possibility of a misunderstanding, has legislated that, for BAWA Sponsored Open Red / Gold point events, hand records must NOT be pre-loaded into electronic table top scorers (Bridgemates). The committee acknowledged the slight benefit for directors to have the opening lead partially validated but decided, as did the World Bridge Federation and the ABF, to remove this feature as it opens up the possibility of unethical behaviour. Indeed it is of limited value as it only validates that the card entered was, in fact, in the hand on lead. It does not validate that the actual card was led. Clubs running members only red point sessions and regular green point sessions may continue to use this feature if they wish. It is however, the recommendation of the BAWA Tournament Committee that this not used. As an aside and a reassurance to directors, they should note that they currently have the authority to sanction players who repeatedly enter incorrect leads. Note: repeatedly.

Before I receive a flurry of emails this new regulation refers ONLY to the validation, not the entering, of the opening lead. BAWA has found that the input of the opening lead along with the declarer has significantly reduced scoring errors and recommends this as the protocol for Bridgmate score entry.

I am delighted to see that a number of clubs are holding heats to qualify players for the State Final

of the ANC Restricted Butler. The ABF is offering substantial subsidy for two pairs to play in the ANC Restricted Butler in Hobart. BAWA is also committed to the support of new and less experienced players and to this end has introduced a new event in the BAWA calendar. A three week State Restricted Swiss Pairs will be held in conjunction with the State Open Teams later this year. More information will be available soon.

Requests by clubs to reduce the cost of GNOT participation have fallen on receptive ears and BAWA has, in an effort to boost numbers, reduced the cost of Club GNOT Heats from \$40 per team to \$15 per team. So go and earn some gold points. ■

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Jan Morgan

Lead article by Peter Morgan

(Photos courtesy Marianne Viebke and Colin Saunders)

STRANGE GOINGS ON - The Sweet smell of Success?

The other Monday we were all settling down for our very proper regular game of bridge when it was discovered that several large stacks of dried stalks and leaves had been left in the courtyard.

Strange! – We thought - but carried on playing. However, one member (who shall remain nameless) surreptitiously informed the law who duly arrived without disturbing play and quietly removed the green stuff that transpired to be ‘maryjane’.

An interesting afternoon and we’d done our duty to God and the Queen – BUT! How was that member so quickly and easily able to recognise the ‘grass’? Who had that level of expertise or experience? – A question on everyone’s lips!

The Answer my friend is blowing in the wind
The Answer is blowing in the wind

CONGRATULATIONS TO



Esther Saunders and Colin Saunders – Red Point Winners on Monday 19th March.



2nd Murray Webber and Kate Boston

TUTORIALS



We are conducting 3 levels of classes this year. Beginners (now in progress)

Then an eagerly awaited refresher series starting in April aimed at improvers, expanding on topics such as loser count, reverses, rebids by opener and responder, sacrifice bidding, rule of 11 and much more...both conducted by Esther Saunders.



Spicing up our Selected Saturday Mornings Murray Webber’s fine tuning for more advanced players.

"The Dreaded Lebensohl – the mysteries of the ELH Convention and much more". So a wealth of knowledge available from two very good teachers.

Busselton Bridge Club

VALE Bob Brierley



Long standing and much loved member of Busselton Bridge Club passed away in late February after a protracted illness. We missed him during his illness and somehow always hoped he would return to the bridge table. Not to be.

Bob was the epitome of a club player and was known to only a few country players outside the club. He was the Treasurer for many years and was always there to hand out the boards. He was a strong supporter of Tuesday night sessions. The only time Bob missed bridge was when his grandchildren were visiting.

Our thoughts and condolences go to Pat and her family. Many of us experienced Pat's generous hospitality during home hosted team events – Bob was in the winning team many times. Their home exuded family and closeness and although Pat knows how to play bridge, she vowed not to play with Bob.

But, for those of us who did play with Bob, we have very fond memories.

"A gentle man who took great delight in the beauty of nature, the sunsets and beach walks with his dogs and the sound of classic music always ever turned up high on his car radio. A man of words, cryptic cross words, Westwords, Spoonerisms and quirky quips - which elicited a deep chuckle as

they at times sailed straight over the recipient's head.

As a bridge partner and mentor he was always supportive and open to changes to the game. Bob was an astute player, modest in success and ever ready to praise his partner and opponents. Thoughts of Bob bring a smile and feeling of warmth." Alice.

"Bob was the essence of the Busselton Bridge Club; he was genial, welcoming and kind to less experienced players. His manners at the bridge table were exceptional and a lot of people could learn a thing or two from that. His laconic humour made him someone everyone looked forward to seeing on bridge days." Kate

"I have probably known Bob for about 40 years – all to do with bridge at various locations around Busselton. One was the Senior Citizen Centre where we played on Tuesday nights. By supper time a group of us would file out, led by Bob, for a smoke. He eventually gave up smoking some years ago. It shows his great strength of character as he was a pretty heavy smoker. He was a good club member with a great sense of humour and he will be greatly missed." Anne

"A true gentleman with a quirky sense of humour. A great mentor and a very tolerant bridge partner. The occasional shake of his head, raised eyebrow and wry smile would indicate a blunder. Thanks for your friendship." Charlie

"It was with great sadness that I heard of the passing of my dear friend Bob Brierley towards the end of last month. We had been regular bridge partners for more years than I can remember. We were really good mates, having played competition squash and golf with/against each other ages ago, sharing the occasional glass of wine, and (co-incidentally!) both having lived in East Africa for many years. His sense of humour - and acuity at the table - will be sorely missed by everyone at the club. Farewell, old friend. Hope there's a bridge club up there." Michael

"We have known Bob since we moved to Busselton 19 years ago. What an enthusiastic bridge player!! As one of our car-pool drivers to Dunsborough each week, we enjoyed his gentle sense of humour with many a play on words, and his ABC FM music on the radio. We shall miss you Bob." Margaret and Lloyd.

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Our Annual General Meeting has been held and our committee, having run the club effectively with nurture, good humour and diplomacy over the past year, agreed to stand again and was re-elected en bloc, to continue their excellent work, by a grateful membership!

The committee comprises:

President - Patricia Rodgers

Vice President - Peter Taylor

Secretary - Ursula Wade

Treasurer - Jana Mayhew

Members: Gillian Wheatley (Social Organiser), Jenny Dewing confirmed she would continue in her role as Auditor, and Eric Wheatley and Jan Burgess agreed to continue to form the Tournament Committee.

Our AGM also includes our annual award giving and the following members were successful in their efforts this past year and received the following trophies to warm acclamation:



Winners of The Mary Wheatley Trophy - Gillian Wheatley and Eric Wheatley (no relation!)



The Welcome Cup (Club Champion) Mona Stockwell.



Champion Pair - Mona Stockwell and Heide Taylor.

Thanks to all members for the very pleasant atmosphere in which our weekly bridge session is conducted, and also for the assistance given in setting up the hall, preparing the refreshments – which often include delicious homemade cakes – and clearing away afterwards.

Joondalup Bridge Club

From David Wheaton

The start of 2018 has been a busy time for our club. With our monthly red point event in January, a new group of 28 beginners having lessons starting February 1st and of course our Inaugural congress on Saturday February 24th.

Dealing with your first congress is always going to be a challenge. From getting it approved by BAWA, through all the planning of advertising it, refreshments, set up, director and caddies, prize allocation and dealing with late withdrawals.

The latter is, I should imagine, the bane of all convenors. We found out accidentally at 8.40 am that at 9.30 am start one pair was not going to be there. They thought they had cancelled but hadn't. You cannot run a Swiss pairs competition with half a table. Hence the importance of having an emergency pair. Getting such a pair requires goodwill from 2 members not to mention bribery!

With regard to prizes we allocated 2/3rd of the entry fees for this. We spread them across, Open, Restricted, Novice, Super Novice and the best Joondalup pair. We were delighted with the results as of course were the winners! We subsidised the congress by providing refreshments paid for out of club funds.

We were pleased to welcome, for the first time, John Beddow and Stella Steer from BAWA to our club. John gave a gracious speech and was

generous with his comments, as was Stella, for which we thank them.

I would also like to then thank Neville Walker, our director, for his help before, during and after the congress.

OPEN WINNERS



1st Rez Karim and Doreen Jones with President David Wheaton



2nd Mei Huang and Carol Netscher
3rd John Beddow and Tad Bieganski

RESTRICTED WINNERS



1st Mary Lang and Metka Agrez
2nd Gill Blakey and Ross Blakey

NOVICE WINNERS



1st Eddie Pozarowszczyk and Rod Rylatt

2nd David Wheaton and Willy Dadour

SUPER NOVICE WINNERS



1st Audrey Whiting and Lorraine Beckett

2nd Michael Lawes and Magda Lawes



BEST JOONDALUP PAIR Geoff Mauger and Sue Mauger.



Our beginners are a happy bunch, keen and confused as all beginners are.



We are lucky to have each week of the 9 week course, volunteers from the club who come and sit at the tables and help them make the right decisions and to make sense of it all.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The President's Pairs Trophy Event was held over two weekends, Saturdays 17th and 24th February.



The winners were Se-Moi Loh and Laurel Lander



Second were Sue Tham and Sue Simper

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones



In February, Clyde England and Roman Gdowski won the Tuesday Best 3 out of 4 event.



Denise Sampson and Corrie Davis were runners-up.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

FRIDAY BRIDGE - CHANGE OF TIME

On Friday 9 March, the bridge session started at the new time of 9.30am. If you would like to play on Friday and are looking for a partner speak to Robin Burton or Mary Jane Whitehead and they will attempt to pair you with a suitable partner.

Congratulations to the Wednesday Club Pairs Winners

1st Sue Gammon and Alan Dundas

2nd Jonathan Free and Linda Coli

3rd Sue Atwell and Penny Styles

Australian National Bridge Championships (ANC) Restricted – Congratulations to the following 4 pairs that will play in the final –



1st Robin Cordin and Sally Brittliffe
 2nd = Fiona Han and Lorraine Vanyai
 2nd = Janet Khaw and Kate Nadebaum
 4th Anita Davis and Arianna Yusof

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Summer Teams Competition were



1st Graeme Hillier, Shirley Drage, Chotoo Baghat, Baboo Baghat
 2nd Maureen Phillips, Cathy Slaughter, Marleen Medhat, Ray Wood



3rd Jean Calder, Michael Smith, Barbara Martin, Helen Baker

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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Kalamunda Bridge Club Congress

From Julie Bechelli

This is our two-day gala event when we welcome bridge players from all over Australia. They come knowing they will share in the goodwill and hospitality of our members, as well as the ambience of our Club nestled among the trees in the forest at Ledger Rd, Gooseberry Hill.

SWISS PAIRS



1st - Gerry Daly and Viv Woods with President Rob McMahon

2nd - Hugh Probert and Steven Rogoysky

3rd - David Schokman and Cynthia Belonogoff



Best Kalamunda Swiss Pair - Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

TEAMS



1st Gerry Daly, Marie-France Merven, Nigel Dutton and Viv Wood



2nd David Schokman, David Matthews, Val Biltoft and Cynthia Belonogoff



Best Kalamunda Team Stephen Thyer, Joseph Gaudet, Peter Clarke and Joanne Payne

Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The Autumn Pairs Red Point on 12 March 2018 was a successful afternoon with fourteen tables and was ably directed by Bruce Penhey. Thanks to those members who contributed to the delicious afternoon tea, namely Astrid Piller (coordinator), Wendy Baillie, Lorraine Kingwell, Jane Hayes, Lyn

Mol, Alf Surace and Neale Consigliere. Wonderful to see so many volunteers help carry the work load.



1st (E/W) Ron Burroughs and Angie Stepsatschuk



1st N/S Neale Consigliere and Eddie Pozarowszczyk.

The next members only Red Point will be held on Thursday 19 April.

It is interesting to see changes happening when new people are elected to the Committee. It is so good to have fresh ideas and approaches brought to the organisation. I think we always need a mixture of experience and learning in any voluntary group. To all those willing to put themselves forward to serve the community at our bridge club - Thank you

Winners of our monthly free raffles were Lyn Mol and Gillian Blakey.

Visitors are always most welcome so please check out our website ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org for all the information you will need.

The hall is in the middle of sports ovals with entry to the carpark from Seacrest Drive, Sorrento.

Denmark Bridge Club

From Philp Powell

Gold Coast Congress



We congratulate club director Bob Stick and Colin Payne who came 3rd in the Sat/Sun Match Point Pairs, (intermediate, 0-500); 9th in the Monday Open Butler Swiss Pairs (intermediate, 0-500); and 7th in the Ivy Dahler Pairs (intermediate, 0-750).

We at the Denmark Bridge Club are very proud of their efforts.

Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

Once again, our annual Congress was a huge success. Our members, as always stepped up providing a delicious selection of morning and afternoon teas for the players – thank you. Members and visitors enjoyed a complimentary drink and plenty of socialising afterwards. Judging by the comments of those who attended, an enjoyable time was had by all. Congratulations to the following-

TEAM winners:



1st David Schokman, Deana Wilson, Cynthia Belonogoff and Fiske Warren with President Salim Songerwala



2nd Jenny Skinner, Lynne Errington, Christine Jenkins and Joanna Tennyson



3rd Egmont Melton, Beata Bieganski, John Beddow and Tad Bieganski

PAIRS

Qualifying:

1st David Schokman and Val Biltoft

2nd Vinod Nasta and Geoff Holman

3rd Bill Maley and Jenny Maley

Final Winners:

1st Fiske Warren and Kaiping Chen

2nd Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes

3rd Vinod Nasta and Geoff Holman

Plate Winners:

1st David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller

2nd Meredith Goodlet and Marcey Spilsbury

3rd Jonathan Free and Mimi Packer

Consolation Winners:

1st Joan Valentine and Helen Arendts

2nd Susanne Gammon and Mark Doust

3rd Fiona Han and Denis Gimblett



Our club boasts a very multicultural group, so back in January many of our members celebrated Australia Day by wearing their traditional national dress or that of their forefathers. Members brought along a plate of speciality food and we enjoyed a fabulous afternoon tea.



Our club loves to have fun and so we also celebrate St Patrick's Day. Members were asked to dress in green and bring along something for afternoon tea. It was a fun day of green dress, much green food, and green milk for our tea and coffee!

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance



Winning the Maurice Richards Memorial Pairs David Clarke and Elena Olson



Runners up Bob Gorton and Roz Davey

CONGRESS RESULTS

Swiss Pairs (40 Pairs)



Winners Di Brooks and Florence Maltby – Centre President Ros Davey

2nd Clyde England and Roman Gdowski

3rd Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld



BP trophy winners from Rockingham Ana Maria Dela Carrera and Nicky O'Connell with President Roz Davey.





Di Brooks presenting her donation to Best under State Masters of Rockingham Jean Minns and Jan Pearson

Teams (20)



1st Marie-France Merven, Viv Wood, Gerry Daly and Nigel Dutton

2nd John Beddow, Egmont Melton, Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski

3rd Jo Sklarz, Jane Henderson, Di Brooks and Florence Maltby



Best Rockingham Team Ron Philpot, Betty Philpot, Janice Hawker and Robin Aplin



Congress Directors, Assistant - Brian Wade of Bunbury and Chief Tournament Director Neville Walker.

South Perth Bridge Club

From Jan Howell

The Club Summer Teams event had twelve teams participating.



The winners were Martin Cleeve and Carole Cleeve (with Bob and Joan Prince) pictured with President Jan Howell.



Second were Bill Bradshaw, Joan Barnett, Mary Johnston and Geoff Dullard



3rd Madge Myburgh, Jeanne Hey, Wendy Harman and Bente Hansen.

Our day time supervised players recently requested another daytime supervised session. This started on 12th March with Garth Scotford supervising. The session starts at 9.30am and finishes at midday. Any new player who feels they need to attend supervised sessions are welcome and you can come without a partner. Please arrive by 9.15am if you need a partner and be seated by 9.25am for a prompt start.

The club also has supervised sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, Wednesday evening at 7.30pm and Thursday morning at 9.30am. Visitors are welcome.

Fiske Warren runs regular lessons for beginners. Both morning and evening times are offered. Information is available on our website www.southperth.bridgeaustralia.org or from Fiske on 9402 4507 or 0435 152 003

West Australian Bridge Club

From Margaret King

Photos courtesy of Sheenagh Young

The Welcome to new members' afternoon was held in February. There were 23 new members who participated in this.

Each is paired with a current member for the afternoon. Everyone was welcomed on arrival with a glass of champagne followed by an afternoon of bridge and then a further drink and savouries.

The winners -



1st N/S Tomoko Nakamatsu and Kerry Barnes

2nd Faye Cullen and Rohan Bandarage



1st E/W David Burn and Grainne Hehir

2nd Minnette Ambrose and Val Fleay

The Novice and Super Novice Pairs Congress also held in February were very popular.

Our congratulations to

NOVICE PAIRS



1st Julie Crewe and Chris England



2nd Mira Erskine and Sheryl Every

3rd Andrea Gaff and Mike Gaff

SUPER NOVICE



1st N/S Daniel Bell and Megan O' Reilly



2nd Anne Durack and Atsuko Takeuchi



3rd Magda Laws and Michael Laws



1st E/W Rohan Bandarage and Rajeeve Gunawardena



2nd Deidre Doepel and Jennifer Sharp



3rd Lorraine Vanyai (Keith Cramond)



Albany Bridge Club Congress

From Mike Trafalski

The Albany Congress held in March celebrated the 40 anniversary of the Bridge Club. Founded in 1978 by Hazel Higgins and formed from people playing bridge in peoples homes, together with Ernie Dowty.

92 players from as far Geraldton competed in the Congress, ably directed by Jonathon Free, which finish with a sausage sizzle and prize giving.



Welcome Pairs 1st Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders.



2nd Jan Howell and Liz McNeill



Welcome Pairs Best Country: Tom Burton and John McBeath



Congress Pairs 1st Phil Power and Kathy Power with Albany Bridge Club President David Beazley



Congress Pairs 2nd Alfred Dupont and Sheelagh Dupont



Swiss Teams 1st: Rick Rhodes, Murray Webber, Maura Rhodes and Kate Boston



Swiss Teams 2nd Jonathon Pynt, Viv Zotti, Therese Garbutt and Mitch Garbutt



Swiss Teams Best Country Ken Else, Sybil Davies, Kay Thompson and Rita Leeming



Swiss Teams Best Albany Neville Koenig, Roz Trend, Alison Mettam and Mike Trafalski



Andy Calyey and Annelouise Dumbrowski won a prize for the best pair at their master point level. (Andy was also complemented on his excellent taste in shirts) ■



WBFF News

By WBFF In Archive, News On 23rd February 2018

Ben Thompson elected Member of the WBFF Executive Council

On Monday 19th February at the Assembly of WBFF Zone 7, South Pacific, Ben Thompson, from Australia, was elected as Zone 7 President and Member of the WBFF Executive Council, starting from October 2018, after the end of the Orlando World Bridge Series.



Ben Thompson with WBFF President Gianarrigo Rona

Ben will replace John Wignall, WBFF First Vice President and Member of the WBFF Committee of Honour, who in Orlando will retire after 32 years of outstanding services to the WBFF. Ben, a management consultant, married to Jenny, also an Australian representative, represented Australia several times in the World Championship, since his first appearance at the World Youth Teams Championship in Nottingham 1989. In 1991 in Ann Arbor he was bronze medallist. With his partner William Jacobs he ranked 8th in the Pairs Championship at the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw 2016. He is a WBFF World International Master.

He has been active in bridge administration in Australia for over 25 years at local and national levels.

To Ben the congratulations and best wishes from the entire Bridge Family. ■

Bunbury Bridge Club

36th Annual Congress

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th April 2018

Venue: South West Italian Club

Lot 27 White Street, Bunbury

Generous Prizes!

95% Table Fees less Costs

Provisional Limit 36 Tables

Entries via BAWA www.bawa.asn.au

Payment on Day

Sat 28th - Swiss Pairs (Matchpoints/VP's)

Seating 9.20am 7 x 8 Board Matches

\$45 pp

Includes Catered Lunch

Sun 29th - Swiss Teams (Imp's/VP's)

Seating 9.20am 6 x 9 Board Matches

\$45 pp

Includes Catered Lunch

Director: Neville Walker

Phone: 0418 944 077

Convenor: Murray Webber

Phone: (08) 97252571

Email: mjwebber@westnet.com.au

Ps. Bunbury Club will be conducting a Red Point Session, in our clubrooms, on the preceding Friday 27th April. (Situated Cnr Balgore Way/Gurinda Street, Carey Park)

Players to be seated by 12.45pm. Refreshments to follow.

To assist numbers, interested visitors please email Murray



Joondalup Inaugural Congress

From John Beddow

On Saturday 24th February, Joondalup Bridge Club held their inaugural Congress.

Although there were a few hiccups with players cancelling out at the last minute (when has this never happened?) numbers in the end were very creditable with a capacity of 20 tables.

The organisation of the event by their President, David Wheaton was amongst the best I've seen. Although the flier told us to bring our own lunch, there was really no need as David's helpers put on a continuous display of eye catching and very wholesome home foods and fruit, including the offerings at the end of the match. Also, I'm pleased to report, good quality bottled wine with a nary a 'Chateau Cardboard' to be seen anywhere.

The event was directed very ably by Neville Walker and there were many, well trained caddies, to ensure that boards were passed in a correct and timely manner.

David Wheaton not only arranged that a whopping 2/3rds of table money was returned in prizes, he also made sure that players in the lower categories had an equal chance to pick up some dosh as in:

1st, 2nd and 3rd (Open)

1st and 2nd (less than 300 MPs)

1st and 2nd (less than 150 MPs)

1st and 2nd (Super Novice) and finally,

Best Joondalup pair not receiving any of the above.

A great day and one that is in my calendar for next year. ■



KNOW ANY FAMOUS SWISS PAIRS?
What about William Tell and his son?



COULD YOU AND YOUR BRIDGE PARTNER
BECOME ANOTHER FAMOUS SWISS PAIR?

ONLY TIME WILL TELL!

KENDENUP BRIDGE CLUB

OPEN SWISS PAIRS DAY

MAY 12th 2018 (play starts 9.30am)

Open red point event with cash prizes

Light lunch and morning and afternoon tea
provided. **\$35**

Director – Brian Wade

Prize-money awarded in four sections:
combined points per pair:

- >500pts
- 200 to 500pts,
- 100 to 200pts
- less than 100pts.

Entry via the BAWA WEB PAGE

Convenor: Heather Fergie

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WA COUNTRY 2018 ABF Gold Point GNOT



Saturday 2nd June 1:00pm

Sunday 3rd June 9:30 am

Monday 4th June 9:00 am

Venue: Mandurah Bridge Club

(Cnr Bortolo and Murdoch Drives, Greenfields)

Played as Swiss Pairs – Imp's/VP's, 8 x 14 Board Matches

Entry Fee: \$60.00 (Based 14 Tables, Includes 2x Light Lunches)

Entries via BAWA Website, Payment on Day

*** Generous Billeting Options Available ***

Director: Neville Walker Mob. 0418 944 077

Convenor: Murray Webber Phone (08) 97252571

Mob. 0407 389 535 Email: mjwebber@westnet.com.au

Zonta Charity Day - Red Point Event

Saturday June 23rd

St George's Family Centre, Gibney St

Dunsborough

9.30 am Qualifying Pairs

1.15 Final and Consolation

March Point scoring

Director Brian Wade

Prizes of wine – Raffle - Scrumptious Lunch

Cost \$45

Proceeds will help young women through education scholarships



GERALDTON BRIDGE CLUB INC

GERALDTON CONGRESS

15th June 2018—17th June 2018



Catholic Centre — Cnr Cathedral Ave & Maitland St

Director—Peter Holloway

Friday Evening 6.30pm (Drinks)	Welcome Pairs	\$20 per person
Saturday Morning 9.30am (Soup & Sandwiches)	Pairs	\$20 per person
Saturday Afternoon 1.00pm approx.	Teams	\$40 per person
Sunday Morning 9.30am (BBQ lunch included)	Teams	

Generous Prizes

(Minimum 60% Table money)

Tea & Coffee served all weekend

Enter via BAWA website

Contact: Maureen 0499 555 647 or nullba@yahoo.co.uk





Do You Know Your System?

From Di Brooks

Do you know your system thoroughly? If not, what can you do to improve your knowledge? My first suggestion is to sit with your partner in a quiet corner, discuss the system and BOTH write up a System Card. This will be a handy reminder whenever you are intending playing in a session with this partner (Hence the need to have a completed card for each partnership). Each of you can then peruse your card over morning coffee, at lunch or ten minutes before the session is due to start.

All of that seems simple enough. You have now got a completed (?) card and are ready for play. You open the bidding with 1NT and the next person in line makes a bid, which their partner alerts! Does your system cover this situation? If not, you had better discuss what action you will need to take so that both

of you understand the subsequent Bid, Pass or Double.

What if the opponent doubles the opening 1NT? Best to remember that doubles are self-alerting so NEVER assume that you know what it means.....if you ASSUME it makes an ASS out of U and ME. So we now have another item to discuss with partner.

If the bidding goes thus;-

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1NT	X	2♣
?			

Is the 2C bid natural, Stayman or an Exit Transfer? - Another topic up for discussion.

In a recent competition, the bidding proceeded as...

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1NT (15-17)	2D Alerted	Long think; Ask and Pass
Pass	2♠		


The Director was called. The end result, the 2S was taken off the table and E/W was allowed to play 2D making 9 tricks.


North/South were amazed that an opponent had bid over a strong No Trump. They were even more shocked to find that as South had a long think, asked about the alerted bid and then passed, that North was banned from bidding. The N/S pair had no plan in place for bidding over interference - another topic up for discussion.

So do yourselves a favour, ensure you both have a completed System card then you will be on the same page.

Happy Bridging ☺







**THE RANJIT GAUBA
MEMORIAL SWISS PAIRS**

A ONE DAY EVENT
Saturday 30th June, 2018
Two sessions 10.00am and 2.00pm

RED MASTER POINTS

DIRECTED BY PETER HOLLOWAY
CONVENOR ROBIN BURTON
BYO LUNCH
TABLE MONEY \$30
Enter via BAWA website

NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB
Venue: 146 Melvista Avenue, Nedlands

Phone: (08) 9386 8166
Email: office@nedlandsbc.org.au
Website: www.nedlandsbc.org


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HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR PAIRS GAME




 Come along to the workshop to get some tips and tricks on how you can get that extra edge over other pairs to boost your score!



COMMON (Mis)USES OF DOUBLES



 The bid (or 'call') that causes the most misunderstandings and frustrations, is the Double. Is it Takeout? Penalty? Values?



- A great opportunity – there is something for everyone to take away with lots of expert insider tips from Andy. These workshops include a PowerPoint lecture, boards to play, and well-presented notes for everyone to take home.
- An analysis of the played boards will also be provided for all.

When: Thursday April 12th (10am – 12pm): How to Improve Your Pairs Game
Saturday April 14th (9:45am – 12:15pm): Common (Mis)Uses of Doubles

Where: WA Bridge Club (7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne)

Cost: \$25 per person, per workshop

Contact: Sheenagh Young; **Email:** bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au

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Introduction to ANDY HUNG



Andy learned to play bridge during his lunch breaks in high school. Currently 30, Andy has represented Australia on numerous occasions. His most recent successes include qualifying for the 2018 Australian Open Team, and first in the 2017 Gold Coast Open Team Championships. In Brisbane (along with Sydney and Melbourne), Andy has been teaching bridge at a wide range of bridge clubs for the past 8 years. **He holds regular workshops at the Gold Coast Congress each year, and this is his first visit to the WA!** He's also held successful bridge holidays in the Hunter Valley, Hervey Bay, Noosa, and St. Petersburg! For more info, visit www.andyhungbridge.com.

Play up and Play the Game



By Ron Klinger
<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>
 Improve Your Bridge Online

PROBLEM

Dlr	S	♠	A75		♠
Vul		♥	K94		♥
		♦	653		♦
		♣	AKJ5		♣
		♠		N	
		♥			
		♦		W	E
		♣			
		♠		S	
		♥			
		♦	KQJ10984		
15		♣			
		♠			
		♥			
		♦	K87		
9		♣	873		

South 3S, West double, North 4S, all pass.

Lead: C2. Plan the play.

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FREMANTLE Bridge Club ONE DAY CONGRESS SUNDAY 10th June 2018

Freemasons Hall
 Cnr Chalmers Street and High
 Street,
 Fremantle, WA

Two Session Pairs directed by

Neville Walker

10.00 – Qualifying

14.00 – Final

Plate & Consolation

Entry Fee - \$30.00 per player

Convenors:

Jenny Langridge

jennylantridge8@hotmail.com

Irene Percy

irenepercy@ozemail.com.au

Complementary tea, coffee and
 biscuits all day

No lunch provided - please bring
 your own

Nibbles and a drink prior to Prize
 Giving

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2018 Winter Swiss Pairs (14th, 15th July) **Scoring system: XIMPS converted to VPs**

At our premises on the Corner Murdoch & Bortolo Drives Greenfields

Program

10.00am start each day (2 day event). \$70 per player.

Lunch is not provided, but can be ordered on arrival at player's cost. Light refreshments will be provided.

Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of Entry Fees

Entries via the Mandurah bridge club web site:

Convenor

Clyde England

0405 261 928 – clyde99@gmail.com

Tournament Director

Neville Walker

08 9581 6422 or 0418 944 077

nevillewalker1@bigpond.com

Entries via the Mandurah bridge club web site:

www.mandurahbridgeclub.com.au/events.php

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	April	Thu 5 th	BAWA Summer Swiss Pairs 1/ 3 Interstate Women's Selection Butler 1/ 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 7 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler 2/3 of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sun 8 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler 4/5/of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sat 7 th – Sun 8 th	WA Country Championship – see flyer
		Thu 12 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler 6/6
		Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th	Interstate Senior Selection Trials 1-4 of 8 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Thu 19 th	BAWA Summer Swiss Pairs 3/3
		Sat 21 st – Sun 22 nd	Interstate Senior Selection Trials 5-8
ANZAC DAY Wed 25th		Thu 26 th	BAWA Mixed Teams Championship 1 of 3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 28 th – Sun 29 th	Bunbury Bridge Club Congress – see flyer
	May	Sun 6 th	Undercroft Bridge Club Congress
		Sat 12 th	Kendenup Open Red Point Day- see flyer
		Thu 17 th	BAWA State Open Pairs Championship 1/3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 19 th	ABF/BAWA Western Seniors Pairs PQP/Gold Points
		Sat 26 th – Sun 27 th	ANC Restricted Butler –WA Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
	June	Fri 1 st – Mon 4 th	WABC Winter Congress
		Sat 2 nd – Mon 4 th	Country GNOT Final – see flyer
		Wed 6 th	BAWA Daytime Open Teams 1 of 2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Thur 7 th	BAWA State Swiss Teams
		Sun 10 th	Fremantle Bridge Club Congress
		Fri 15 th – Sun 17 th	Geraldton Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Sat 23 rd	Zonta Charity Day Busselton Bridge Club- see flyer
		Sun 24 th	Undercroft Bridge Club One day teams
		Sat 20 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs- see flyer
	July	Sun 1 st	WABC Masters in Teams of 3
		Sat 14 th -15 th	Mandurah Bridge Club Winter Congress – see flyer
		Sat 21 st – Sun 22 nd	GNOT City Final & Sun includes Provincial Heat
ANC Hobart		July 28th – Aug 9th	
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website. VENUES AND STARTING TIMES Unless otherwise advertised all BAWA daytime and weekend events are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands, All Thursday evening events are held at the South Perth Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Commencing 7.30 pm.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	

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WABC 2018 WINTER SUPER CONGRESS

JUNE 1st - June 4th



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THE BETTY BARKER FRIDAY MORNING PAIRS: 9:30am

THE MAGGIE SACKS FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: 1:30pm

BELOW 150 MPs (as at 1/1/18) SATURDAY MORNING PAIRS: 9:30am

SAT & SUN 2 DAY SWISS PAIRS 9.30 am & 1.30 pm each day

Winning pair of the Swiss Pairs is guaranteed \$1,000 prize money

THE JOAN CARTER SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: 1:30pm

THE BOBBIE MITCHELL SUNDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: 1:30pm

THE SUSAN WADE MONDAY MORNING PAIRS: 9:30am

MONDAY ONE DAY SWISS TEAMS : 9.30 am & 1.30 pm

Winning team is guaranteed \$700 prize money

THE SHIRLEY POTTER MONDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: 1:30pm

2 Session events: \$35 per person

4 Session events: \$70 per person

Afternoon events: \$18 per person

Morning events: \$15 per person

Lunch orders available Sat, Sun & Mon

Chief Tournament Director: Bill Kemp 0478 595 275

Tournament Organisers: Kitty George 0408 097 881 & Robin Paterson 0439 905 406



ENTRIES VIA BAWA WEBSITE: www.bawa.asn.au

Venue: 7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne WA

Entry Enquiries:

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Tattersall's Park Function Centre, Hobart

28th July to 9th August 2018

- ANC Teams Round Robin – **New format with finals**
- **New** - Interstate Pairs
- Restricted Butler (one stage)
- Open Butler Stages 1 & 2
- Women's Senior Butler Stages 1 & 2
- **New** - Youth Butler (one stage)

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BAWA 2018 Open Playoff



WINNERS:

Cynthia Belonogoff

Mimi Packer

Jonathan Free

Deana Wilson

RUNNERS UP:

Jan Kochmanski

Viv Wood

Jane Reynolds

Karol Miller

