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## **WA Interstate Open Selection - Team**

*(Photo courtesy of Gerry Daly)*



**Congratulations**

Chris Mulley, Deana Wilson, Paul Brayshaw, Pim Birss, Karol Miller (Val Biltoft)

## **WA Interstate Women Selection - Team**

**Congratulations**

Stella Steer, Gweneira Brahma, Christine Jenkins, Tuya Cooke, Kimberley Zhao and Cynthia Belonogoff

# Western Senior Pairs



*20 and 21 May 2023 10.00am start*

## *Gold Point Event*

*For ABF Seniors' events, a player must be born before 1 January 1961.*

*Melville Bridge Club*

*431 Canning HWY, Melville WA 6156*

**Entry Fee:** \$200 per pair

**Early Bird:** Pay online before 7 May: \$170 per pair (payment types include credit card (via MyABF credits), and direct deposit).

**Entries:** <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/>

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## **Cocktail Party and Presentations Sunday at approximately 4.30pm**

Please Note: There will be no lunch available for purchase at the venue; however there are lunch options 5 min walk away.

We are using the MyABF system for entries and payments. If you have any problems, or are uncomfortable using this system, please contact the Organiser directly.





## GNOT METRO 2023 FINAL

ENTRY QUALIFICATION THROUGH METROPOLITAN CLUB  
EVENTS.

### Gold Point Event

12 and 13 AUGUST 2023

CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB  
10.00 AM START BOTH DAYS

ENTER BY MYABF  
\$250.00 PER TEAM

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ABF SUBSIDISED TRIP TO  
GNOT FINAL QUEENSLAND  
1- 4 DECEMBER 2022



## GNOT PROVINCIAL 2023 FINAL

There are two categories of eligibility to represent the WA Provincial region. (a) Players beneath the status of Life Master is less than 300 points. (b) Players irrespective of Masterpoint status who are members of the following 4 (country) clubs: Avon Valley, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and declare they are permanent residents in the said region.

### Gold Point Event

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST

CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB  
10.00 AM

Please enter MyABF  
Cost \$140 PER TEAM

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QUEENSLAND FOR THE FINAL OF THE GNOT  
1- 4 DECEMBER



## GNOT COUNTRY 2023 FINAL

All members of the following 12 (country) clubs who declare they are permanent residents of the said region are eligible to represent the WA Country region: Albany, Avon Valley, Bridgetown, Bunbury, BusseBon, Denmark, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Kendenup, Kojonup, Mandurah. Players who are members of the Avon Valley, Esperance, Geraldton or Kalgoorlie clubs are eligible for both WA Country and WA Provincial regions. Any player(s) from any of these four clubs may, at his/her own discretion, play in the WA Country region, in the WA Provincial region or in both. By entering the event entrants are affirming their eligibility to play for that Region. Metropolitan Area is defined as: the area bounded by Rockingham to the south, Mandurah to the East, and Yancheep to the North, or as determined from time to time by Council.

### Gold Point Event

Saturday and Sunday JUNE 3 & 4 2023

KENDENUP COMMUNITY GROUNDS  
1PM START SATURDAY, 10AM START SUNDAY

ENTER ONLINE MYABF  
\$75.00 PER PERSON  
NOTE ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

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FIRST and SECOND RECEIVES SUBSIDISED TRIP TO  
QUEENSLAND FOR THE FINAL OF THE GNOT  
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A very big thank you to **Brian Wade!**  
He helped the editor enormously with clear, concise instructions regarding problems with Bridge Australia log ins.

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# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

## Fremantle Bridge Club

From Jenny Langridge

Following a pleasing excellent turn-out, congratulations go to Sei Mo Loh and Laurel Lander for winning the Fremantle Bridge Club 2023 President Pairs followed by Joyce Sullian and Sue Simper who came in a very close second place with Jenny Grummet and Sue Corson finishing third. Thanks also go to the ladies who provided a delicious array of food for afternoon tea.



2023 Winners Sei Mo Loh and Laurel Lander with President Alexis Keynes



2nd Joyce Sullivan and Sue Simper

## Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Our Club recently held its Annual General Meeting, cunningly timed to start half an hour before our bridge evening commences. This ensures, of course, that business is dealt with efficiently and promptly so as not to delay the more important proceedings of the evening! Formal reports were presented and received, the past year reviewed, and the election of the Management and Tournament Committees took place. As usual, this is a straightforward procedure, year on year, with members happy to re-elect the Committees with only a minor occasional change! Done and dusted! As follows:

President	Patricia Rodgers
Vice President	Eric Wheatley
Treasurer	Jana Mayhew
Secretary	Ursula Wade
Social Secretary	Jacque Edwards
Tournament Committee	Jan Burgess and Eric Wheatley

Presentation of our trophies then took place –



Club Championship winners

Bronwyn Mitchell and Jana Mayhew



The Mary Wheatley Trophy winners  
Heide Taylor and Jan Burgess  
Club Champion for 2022

Jan Burgess

Warm congratulations to them all.

In closing, we are missing the presence of our friend and Club Secretary, Ursula Wade, who has been ill and is still in hospital. We send our love and best wishes, Ursula, and look forward to having you back and competing as strongly as you do.

## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Summer Teams Competition were



1st Wence Vahala, Marlene Medhat, Anton Pol and Ray Wood

2nd Sarah Westergren, Gwen Gardiner, Valerie Keevil, Kate Nadebaum

3rd Patrick Garnett, Christina Wu, Shirley Bloch and Colleen Hohlt

### EDITING OF MATERIAL

Contributors should note that the right to modify submitted material is retained by the Editors

Congratulations to our West Coast members, Christina Wu and Colleen Stone, on being placed first in the Pairs Competition in the recent Albany Congress.



West Coast Congress

This will be held on Sunday September 10 commencing at 10.00 am. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

## Maylands Bridge Club

From Ilana Meyer

Red Point Event – 2 February 2023

Maylands Bridge Club Shield



Congratulations to:

1st Marilyn Maserow and Linda Miller

2nd James Sheng and Deanna Sheng

3rd Linley Le Page and Pam Le Page

## Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

With Sympathy and Regrets

We were saddened to learn that another two of our bridge community passed away recently: Miriam Winter and John Mulcahy. They were well respected members who made a significant



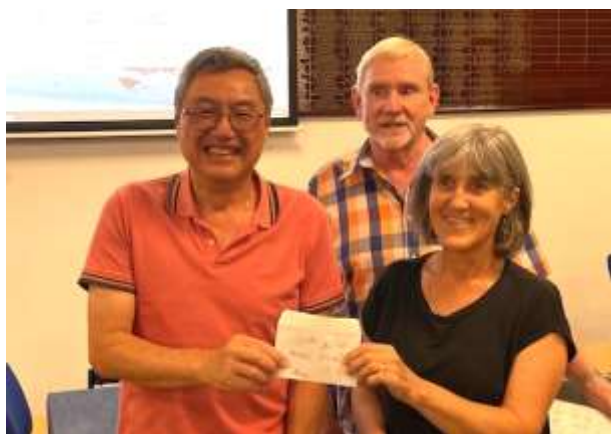
contribution to the Club. Our sympathy goes out to their families and friends.

### Major Events

Our **Night Owl Handicap** attracted 17 pairs. Winners after handicap were Rob Breen and Laura Breen, followed by Sydney Tong and Barbara Boyd (second), Robin Hewitt and Margaret Pember (third) and Matthew Martin and Anne Banks (fourth).



Laura Breen and Rob Breen



Night Owl Handicap second place: Sydney Tong and Barbara Boyd with director Bill Symons



Night Owl Handicap third place: Margaret Pember and Robin Hewitt



Night Owl Handicap fourth place: Matthew Martin and Anne Banks

The Club **Swiss Pairs Championship** attracted 24 pairs and was won by Rob Breen and Laura Breen with 80 IMPs, followed by Vivian Zotti and Andrea McCallum (72), Sam Zurub and Dave Sloan (42) and Claire Weston and David Gallagher (37).

The Club **Pairs Championship** attracted 20 pairs and was won by Ian Clark and Dave Parham with 132 matchpoints, followed by Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel (117.3) and Merwyn Menezes and Bill Symons (116.9). The handicap winners were Maureen Carcione and Trevor Williams.



Club Pairs Championship winners: Dave Parham and Ian Clark



Club Pairs Championship second place: Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel



Club Pairs Championship third place: Merwyn Menezes and Bill Symons



Club Pairs Championship handicap winners: Maureen Carcione and Trevor Williams

### COMING EVENTS

We invite you to the following events that are open to all players:

- Anzac Day Walk-in pairs: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm - a 30% more green points event.
- Sunday Walk-in pairs: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 1.00pm.

## Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

Awards Night for 2022

Encouragement Award - Ross Darcy

Club Pairs Champions - Val Norman and Karen Evans 58.25%

2nd in Pairs Championship - Leanne and Terri with 54.25%

Club Individual Champion - Barry Aslett 62.15%

2nd in Individual Champion - Sue Lia with 61.64%

Highest Score Thursday - Michael Fisher and Ronnie Rogers 82.50%

Runners Up - Al Norman and Di Alabach 80%

Followed by Barry and Michael 77.50%, Michael and Ronnie 75% and Di Alabach and Janet 72.90%.

Highest Score Saturday - Val Norman and Barry Aslett 80%

Runners Up - Mary Williams and Sue Lia with 70.83%

Followed by - Val Normand and Barry Aslett / Sue Lia and Mary Williams - 70%



Best Novice Player for 2022 - President Sue Lia with Kerry Williams

Best Intermediate Player for 2022 - Ronnie Rogers

Best Expert Player for 2022 - Mary Williams





## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

The Tuesday Best 3 out of 4 event was won by Nigel Dutton and Kimberley Zhao, from Jane Perry and Graeme Perry.



The Restricted Butler event held over 3 sessions was won by Lyn Clarke, Denise Sampson (substitute) and Corrie Davis.



Runners up were Colleen Webb and Ann Kelly.

## South Perth Bridge Club

From Marnie Leybourne

Happy Birthday!



South Perth Bridge Club has celebrated its 42nd birthday, which means it is younger than almost all of its members....

And speaking of members, our club is defying a trend across Australia and the world of declining numbers, with an overall increase in member numbers of 16 compared to last year!

In March 2021, the club had 354 home club members and 118 alternate members (a total of 472). At the same time last year, SPBC had dropped to 342 home club and 129 alternate members, for a total of 471.

We currently have 357 home club members and 130 alternate members, for a total of 487. That's worth a celebration!

### Club Birthday

Anne Torlach cut the cake prior to everyone demolishing it (it was apparently delicious). Director Laurie Money got into the spirit of the occasion with a hat that is probably as old as the club...



The winners were Elsie Chua and Evelyn Tay, with Rebecca Cooper and Pam Smith second. Cassie Morin and Helen Arendts were third.





## South Perth Summer Teams

Ten teams recently duked it out (in a very friendly way!) over two Wednesday afternoons under the direction of Jeannie Ravn, with the following results:

First: Nick Cantatore, Leone Fuller, Trevor Fuller, Marnie Leybourne

Second: Phil Babty, Gwyneira Brahma, Dave Munro, Deanna Wilson

Third: Jeanne Hey, Valerie Isle, Leon Randolph, Tony Stevens.

### Coming events

On Friday 31 March there will be a special red point event with normal table money. It is an opportunity to work on getting a few more of those elusive red points!

This will be followed by the annual Easter Congress on 7-10 April.

### Improving your bridge

Some of you may find the play of this hand a bit hard to follow, and that is OK. It is the sort of hand that authors such as Terrence Reece and David Bird dream up for their amusing books about monks, nuns, witch doctors and even a parrot playing “impossible to make” contracts.

Brd		♠	A K J 2
Dlr	N	♥	7 4 3 2
Vul	Nil	♦	A 8 6 3
		♣	3

♠				
♥				♥
♦		W		E
♣				♣

		♠	9 6
12		♥	A K Q 9 8
		♦	K
16		♣	A 7 5 4 2

This hand was played in round five of the Summer Teams and my partner “gently” suggested that my 7H bid (after a rather complex auction) was just about the worst bid I had ever made in my bridge career (I still contend that the winner there is my pass following my partner’s GF 2C opening during a national final..., but I digress).

The club 10 was led. Now, the first rule when dummy goes down, count winners:

2 spades

5 hearts

2 diamonds

1 club

So, 10 winners for sure, so 3 to find which, looking at the South hand, comprises those three small club losers (the fourth can be thrown on the diamond Ace).

However, all three clubs can’t be ruffed as if the clubs are 4-3 (most likely), only two can be ruffed before the opponents will be able to overruff (dummy’s hearts are not high enough...)

So, declarer had to hope that the clubs were 4-3 and that two clubs could be ruffed. That brought the number of winners to 12. It looked like the only way to get a 13th trick was to take the spade finesse.

Of course, when the monks play such finesses never work...

So, how to play it. When things look dire, one is supposed to mentally place the critical cards (in this case, the spade Queen) into the hand(s) you need them to be. Also, play out the hand to see if something good happens.

The club lead was won with the Ace, and a club was ruffed. A heart back to hand and a second club ruffed. Now, one defender was out of clubs, so a third ruff wouldn’t work. Dummy’s last heart was played to hand and another heart played (the trumps were 3-1). The diamond King was played, followed by a spade to the Ace, diamond Ace and a diamond ruffed back to hand, leaving the following cards:

Brd		♠	A J
Dlr	N	♥	
Vul	Nil	♦	3
		♣	

♠				
♥				♥
♦		W		E
♣				♣

		♠	9
		♥	8
		♦	
		♣	7

East had had only one trump and had thrown a spade on the second trump, followed by the discard of diamonds.

Declarer, in hand, now played the last heart, throwing the diamond 3 from dummy, and that “something good” happened. East threw the club King!

So, the final two tricks were the club seven (the spade Jack was thrown) and the spade Ace. East was squeezed on the final heart and couldn't hold both the winning club and two spades (to protect the Queen).

The full hand:

Brd		♠	A K J 2		
Dlr	N	♥	7 4 3 2		
Vul	Nil	♦	A 8 6 3		
		♣	3		
		♠	8 7 3		♠ Q T 5 4
		♥	J T 5		♥ 6
		♦	Q J 5 4		♦ T 9 7 2
		♣	T 9 6		♣ K Q J 8
					♠ 9 6
					♥ A K Q 9 8
	12				♦ K
4					♣ A 7 5 4 2
	16				

Partner was right. I shouldn't have raised her stress levels as the hand was played in 4H (+2) at the other table. Slam was bid at five of the 10 tables, and 13 tricks were made at three tables.

## Geraldton Bridge Club

From Debra Wann



Members at an Open Community Day espousing the delights of playing bridge.

## Rockingham Bridge Club

From Pat Ditchfield

The Rockingham Bridge Club started what was called "Learners and Mentors Day". Nicky O'Connell, who is one of the teachers at the Club, thought it would be a good idea to ease new members into the Club and the etiquette of bridge playing by having a day where new members could be partnered with senior players. This enabled them to experience a session at the bridge club, whilst playing with a mentor who could

answer questions as they played. So, in effect, it was quite a relaxed afternoon. These sessions have been running for a few years now.

The sessions proved to be very popular and then intermediate players, who had been playing for few years were invited to participate. Of course, the usual tasty refreshments were part of the experience.

The winners for the session held 19th March were:



Nicky O'Connell and her daughter Jenny Currin N/S winners



2nd Jane Orphost and Dianne Alabach



Winners E/W were:

1st Steve Cuddihy and David Clark







2nd Kaye Day and Yvonne Hoops

## Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Ann Hooper

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 13 February 2023 followed by the usual green point bridge session. Most members of the Committee renominated and we had one new nomination.

The Committee for the next year is:

President:	Graham Woodard
Vice President:	Astrid Piller
Treasurer:	Dick Sudweeks
Secretary	Anne Hooper
Committee Members:	Wendy Baillie, Helen Hyland, Lorraine Kingwell, Merilyn Summerville, Jan Webber.

The Club Pairs Red Point was held on Thursday 23 February 2023. We had a good crowd of 11.5 tables.



Winners N/S were Helen Hyland and Dion Francis with 63.67%



E/W Carol Thomas and Jeanette St. Ledger with 63.89%.

Afternoon tea was delicious as usual so thanks to those who helped.

The Red Point held on Monday 13 March 2023 had 13 full tables and a lovely afternoon tea as usual.



Winners N/S were Ross Blakey and Gill Blakey with 63.46%



E/W Angie Stepatschuk and Ron Burroughs with 58.49%. Some very challenging hands to bid this day!

It is with sadness we farewell Eleanor Davidson who passed on 10/2/2023. She turned 100 the previous August so was on the way to 101. She played bridge well into her nineties, was a qualified director and I have been told she used attend to a lot of Congresses. What an inspiration!

We would love to have you visit us. Please check out our website [ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org](http://ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org) which has all the latest information and where to find us.

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## Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Di van Santen

Kalamunda Congress

Kalamunda was pleased to host their 2023 congress in the Hills with attendance of 88 competitors. Club members put on a delightful spread on both days including heaps of great homemade specialties.

Results

2023 Kalamunda Swiss Pairs

Forty-two pairs played with the following outcome:

Winners: Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free

2nd Gerry Daly and Viv Wood

2023 Kalamunda Swiss Teams

Sixteen teams played with the following outcome:

Winners: Alan Cransberg - Kimberley Zhao - Nigel Dutton - Marie-France Merven

2nd Jonathan Free - Dave Munro - Gwyneira Brahma - Mimi Packer

Other Club Events:

Daytime Pairs - Under 300 master points:

Winners: Alan Puckey and Gudrun Kemmer

2nd Joscelyn Charters and Jenny Tedeschi



Mixed Pairs:



Winners: Tom Lemann and Kit Lemann



2nd Carmen Jackson and Stephen Thyer

## Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown



Congratulations to Rick Rhodes, Maura Rhodes, Chris Cullen and Gil Gavshon on their GNOT Club Heat win. 2nd Phil Power, Kathy Power, Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma.



Ian Rowlands directing in the Gold Coast Congress



## Tom Wheatley - Our Club Treasure!



Gentleman Tom from Ann Ohlsen

Tom was born in Bridgetown on 21/05/1932

Christmas 1948 he started playing bridge with some Uni students who came to the farm to help in the dairy. One of them, Ian Hislop taught them the game and for the next 6 weeks that's what they did. It was enough for Tom to become addicted, so to keep learning he read David Schokman's column in the Saturday West Australian.

Those articles were all he read. He has never read a bridge book.

In 1954 he married Mary and taught her to play and for several years they played against his parents.

He was asked to teach in the evenings at the Bridgetown High School but only one couple turned up, so he told them to find another couple and he would teach them one evening a week for twelve months at no charge. The following year he took on another foursome and for several years this is what he did.

Eventually, they formed a club and met once a week. A player from Sydney taught Tom how to score and direct.

A highlight for the club was when Nigel Dutton and five other players from Perth came down, stayed the night at Tom and Mary's home 'Orange Grove' and persuaded the club to join the Federation.

Sadly, in 1997 Mary passed away, so Tom moved to Bunbury and played bridge there for the next eighteen months. Tom next moved to Perth to look after a friend's house, started playing bridge here and we have reaped the benefits of that move ever since. Tom says that his heart is in the country but his bridge is in Perth.

The two metropolitan clubs that have reaped the benefits of Tom's move to Perth are W.A.B.C. and Nedlands. If there was any plumbing or repairs that needed to be done, Tom was your man to call on and the job would be handled quickly and efficiently. When the morning sessions of supervised bridge was started, there was Tom to quietly help with the classes. He has only recently stopped going to those sessions as at age ninety, he was finding it too tiring to be on his feet all morning and then play all afternoon.

Tom first learnt Culbertson then Goren and finally finishing with Acol and that is what he still plays now.

He started earning master points in Bunbury 1999 and by 2012 was a gold life master. He is a life member of the Bridgetown Bridge Club. In 2018 he was awarded a 1000 point club membership certificate.

I have never heard a rude word or a complaint or moan come from Tom's lips. He is the epitome of what a 'Gentleman' is.

In his words, he stopped playing State Bridge or Congresses because there was too much unpleasantness at the table and his age, he didn't want to hear it.

Tom and Mary had two boys and one girl but none of them play bridge!

In 1999 he and his partner came 5th in the Australia Wide Novice Pairs with 74% for which they won several bridge books which he gave away.

And Marion Jefferson -

*One of Tom's favourite sayings when asked how he is "Every day is a bonus but I wouldn't buy green bananas".*

I have been playing with Tom for over 20 years - he is always pleasant and never complains or criticizes.

We regularly went to country congresses, Esperance, Bunbury and Albany, Tom always drove while the three of us usually me, Elizabeth Ross and Cynthia Matthews chatted endlessly while Tom drove, politely not saying a word. We usually came home with prizes which Tom still remembers with joy!

Whatever club he joins he is always repairing, buying alcohol, fixing things et al - Fremantle, WABC and Nedlands. He is valued at all the clubs.

He had some older Bridge partners who he would pick up from their nursing home and deliver them home again every week.

At WABC where Tom aged 90 requires a sitting position (because of his lungs damaged by spraying Dieldrin and Agent Orange) if he sees the Director on his own he is on his feet to help hand out the boards and table numbers.

In his younger days when we could have a cuppa at the table he was always getting cuppas for many of the older players at the clubs.

And from Ken Todd –

A friend and bridge partner for 20 plus years and lucky enough to be invited to his 90th birthday last year. As a bridge player Tom is relaxed and well-mannered at the table and plays excellent bridge.

We have our occasional misunderstandings but he is very tolerant and never makes any fuss over some of my irresponsible bids.

In the earlier days we went fishing – Tom is as keen a fisherman as he is with his bridge. I was also lucky enough to be invited to his family home in Bridgetown. You will no doubt know that this town is a Wheatley enclave – with his father and grandfather being very early settlers. The Bridgetown Museum is full of Wheatley memorabilia and farming antiques.

I have certainly been fortunate to play with Tom and I look forward to playing with him for many years to come and I know that he will play with the same enthusiasm and good manners at the table.

“And so say all of us at NBC!”

## West Australian Bridge Club

From Carla Sullivan  
Super Novice and Novice Congress

The club's annual Super Novice and Novice Congress was held on Sunday 26 February with 14 pairs in the Super Novice and 24 pairs in the Novice.



Equal 1st in the Super Novice for players with less than 50 masterpoints were Jane Blacklock and Murray McKay and Jan Freese and Val Sinclair Day.

In the Novice event for players with less than 100 masterpoints, a qualifying session was held in the morning which was won by Julie Crewe and Chris England. Players then returned in the afternoon in either the Final or Plate.



1st Andrea McCallum and Nicki McGrath

2nd Pat Allen and Alan Gregory



3rd Rina Shah and Divyesh Shah



The Plate winners were Penni Fletcher-Hughes and Will Nunn

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2nd Brian Embleton and Deirdre Doepel

Congratulations to all and thanks to Convenor Kate North, Director David Burn and to Kitty George and Sue Field for organising the delicious food.

Vivaldi Pairs



The summer section of this competition was won by Marilyn Van Heemst and Ted Van Heemst.

New Member's Party

The New Member's Party is a chance for our new and mostly inexperienced players to meet and play with some of the clubs more experienced players in a relaxed environment.

On Sunday 14 March, 19 new members attended this event. On arrival, a glass of champagne to start the afternoon and settle any nerves, followed by a draw for partners and then a short session of bridge.

There were several players venturing out from supervised for the first time and many felt the event helped them to gain confidence in playing in a regular club session without asking for help or using their notes!

The more experienced players were seated North and East, with the new members seated South and West to help create a more even playing field!

North/South winners:



1st Jacqui Ecclestone and Eve Broadley\*

2nd Carla Sullivan and Sue Jensen\*

East/West Winners:



1st Jenny Crouch and Kate North

2nd Sylvia Bray and Clem McCormick\*

\*= New member

Friday Supervised & Mini Lesson

At WABC, we are invested in helping newer players in their bridge learning journey.

The club has recently introduced a new format for Friday Supervised sessions.

The session now includes a Mini Lesson on topics that newer players may be familiar with but where revision is beneficial.

"In bridge, the aim is to build a solid foundation of knowledge and skill and from this base we can continue along our learning journey", says Friday Supervisor Carla Sullivan.

"Revising and refreshing the basics is so important in consolidating this knowledge and skill."

Topics covered in the mini lessons include overcalls, opening leads, takeout doubles, responder NT bids and transfers to the majors.

The lesson runs for around 15 minutes, a point form handout is provided and a set hand on the

given topic is bid, played and discussed. The Mini Lesson is followed by the usual supervised session of boards.

Both members (\$9) and non-members (\$11) are welcome to attend. You may come with or without a partner.

Please aim to arrive at 9.15am for a 9.30 start time. You may contact Carla Sullivan if you have any queries at [carla\\_sullivan@live.com.au](mailto:carla_sullivan@live.com.au)

#### Diary Dates

- ✓ Gala Open Day - Wednesday 23 April 3-5pm  
FREE EVENT

This exciting event will appeal to a variety of people!

- Never played or new to the game? Encourage friends or family to come and give bridge a try.
- “Kitchen bridge” players who may want to experience a relaxed session of “club bridge”
- Those who may wish to return to the game, to reconnect with friends and make new ones

*All welcome with or without a partner*

*Champagne high tea provided*

*A FREE event!*

*All queries: contact Martin Doran at [bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au](mailto:bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au)*

- ✓ Annual Charity Day: Friday 28 April at 1.15pm

Our annual charity days aims to support lesser-known charities and this year the charity we have chosen is Ambulance Wish Western Australia. This is a small, not-for-profit charity that enables people receiving palliative care, or who are terminally ill, to fulfill a wish by visiting a place or event of personal significance.

The Charity Day is a Red Point event and is being held on Friday 28 April with both members and non-members welcome.

Usual table money – members \$8 and non-members \$10. All pairs to have completed ABF system cards.

To find out more about Ambulance Wish Western Australia go to their website : <https://www.ambulancewishwa.org.au>

- ✓ Winter Super Congress: Friday 2nd – Monday 5th June

Please see the flyer for more details. Entry is via the BAWA website.



## Undercroft Bridge Club

### MID YEAR CONGRESS

2023

SWISS PAIRS

Scoring IMPs/VPs

At Undercroft Bridge Club,

Percy Doyle Reserve,

20 Ron Chamberlain Drive,

Duncraig

on Saturday May 6;

9:15 for 9:30 am start

BYO LUNCH

morning & afternoon tea provided

Prize pool approx 50% of nett takings

Entry Fee: \$35 per person

Director:

David Burn - 0409 661 010

Convenor:

Connie Coltrona - 0417 184 640

Maximum 34 tables

Entries via <https://www.myabf.com.au/>

or Contact myABF Co Ordinator

Peter Stephenson 0412 715 546



# Albany Bridge Club

From Claire James

*Photos courtesy of Mike Trafalski*

Albany held its Annual Congress on the long-weekend early March. Our thanks to everyone who entered and we trust you enjoyed the weekend. Congratulations to all prize winners. Our new format of Welcome Pairs on Friday afternoon, Pairs on Saturday and Teams on Sunday was well received. Monday was left free, for visitors to enjoy Albany and enjoy a leisurely trip home. We hope to see you again next year.

The Convenor of our Congress did an excellent job ensuring everything was well organised. Well done and thank you Murray Webber.

The Congress could not run without the willing support of its members. Thanks to everyone who provided a great spread of delights for morning and afternoon teas and a range of finger food following each session. Our members did an amazing job preparing the venue, making sure the kitchen ran smoothly with goodies available at every break. Thanks also to our "Chief" Caddy (only!), John Boon, who assisted the Director during the Sunday Teams.

Last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to Director Brian Wade who conducted every session in his quiet and super-efficient manner.

We hope to see all again next year to enjoy a great weekend of Bridge, good company, excellent provisions and the general delights of Albany.

## Congress Welcome Pairs



Welcome Pairs 1st Murray Webber (Kate Boston) with President Claire James



2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Schneider and Tom Burton



3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Sivyer and Phillip Powell



Best Unplaced Albany Pair John Eliot and Claire James



Best Pair in Category 0-250 Masterpoints Barbara Pritchett and Carol Thomson



Best Pair in Category 250-500 Masterpoints Pam Goodman and Connie Daly

**Congress Pairs Plate**



1st Rick and Maura Rhodes



2nd Marleen Medhat and Jay Medhat



3rd Jan Burgess and Jana Mayhew

**Congress Pairs Consolation**



1st Mike Trafalski and Alison Mettam



2nd Anne-Louise Dubrawski and Andy Cayley



3rd Carol Thomson and Barbara Pritchett

**Congress Pairs Final**



1st Colleen Stone and Christina Wu





2nd Viv Zotti and Chris Mulley



3rd Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg  
**Congress Pairs Qualifying**



Highest Qualifier N/S Valerie Broome and Martin Broome

Highest Qualifier E/W Helen Rogoysky and Steve Rogoysky



Best Albany John Elliott and Claire James

Best 0-250 MP's Ken Beatty and Clive Smith  
**Congress Swiss Teams**



1st Ian Bailey, David Dale, Joe Louis and Wendy Harman



2nd Martin Doran, Chris Mulley, Viv Zotti and Pauline Collett



3rd Jana Mayhew, Tom Burton, Sharon Schneider and Jan Burgess





4th Ken Else, Jo White, Kay Thompson and Rita Leeming



Best Country Team: Colin Saunders, Esther Saunders, Alison Mettam and Mike Trafalski (6th overall)



Best Albany Team: Ted North, Adriene North, Carol Munro (Jane Taylor)



**FREMANTLE ONE DAY CONGRESS**  
**SUNDAY May 28, 2023**



**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 via BAWA website:  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)  
**Fee - \$40.00 per player**  
(Cash on day or wire transfer to Bank 036-048 Account Number 148711)

Convenor: Alexis Keynes: [alexiskeynes@gmail.com](mailto:alexiskeynes@gmail.com)

Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits all day  
 No lunch provided - please bring your own  
 Nibbles and a drink prior to Prize Giving





**WABC 2023 GNOT HEAT**

Three TUESDAYS  
 2nd, 9th & 16th May @  
 1:00pm



**ENTRY FEE**  
 \$120 per team

Enter via the BAWA website  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

Teams can be comprised of  
 4, 5 or 6 players. One  
 member of the team must  
 be a member of WABC.

Top teams qualify for the State final.  
 Gold Points are awarded for every  
 win.

Director - Peter Holloway  
 0411 870 931







# Gold Coast Congress Teams

By David Schokman

Another disaster from the Gold Coast. Last month (March 4<sup>th</sup>) Nigel Dutton wrote how we lost 17imps on one board where game was allowed to be made by both our opponents. Today's sad tale is how we lost 16imps on one board. No, we did not play so badly at all, but some of our bidding was very passive, more like we were playing in a afternoon session at one of our local clubs. I'll let you decide and also ask you to think about your own bidding style in the future. Our team had been playing Ok, winning our next match after the 17imp debacle, and we came up against the 6<sup>th</sup> seed, a match hardened quartet, some who had represented Australia.

Brd	28		♠	Q762
Dlr	W		♥	A96
Vul	NS		♦	Q8
			♣	AQT6
♠	85		N	♠ JT9
♥	J	W	E	♥ KQT7532
♦	AJT97632			♦ K5
♣	75	S		♣ 4
			♠	AK43
	14		♥	84
6		9	♦	4
	11		♣	KJ9832

I would say, almost without fear of contradiction, that 99 percent of bridge players in Western Australia would open this hand with 3D; some would bid 4D and one percent would open 5D. What would you have done? Look at the vulnerability, totally favourable to you. Is there a risk involved? Certainly, there is, but looking at the odds they must be weighted heavily in your favour.

I was partnering Cynthia Belonogoff, and Phil Markey, sitting west, opened with a bid of 5D. Cynthia was sitting north, and there was nothing that she could have done unless she was psychic. East passed, as did west. Would you have bid in my position? If you did all I can do is to quote from a Rudyard Kipling poem and say, if you bid "You are a better man than I am, Gunga Din"

Cynthia led a spade and we cashed our four tricks for +100. At the other table west decided to open with a bid of 3D. North doubled and with some aggressive cue bids our opponents reached 6S for minus 1430. This time only a 16 imp loss. It is very difficult to recover from results like this and needless to say we lost the match by 49imps, dropping to 88<sup>th</sup>.

Only four pairs bid to 6S so we were quite unlucky. The results showed that at least 50 out of the 144 pairs sitting in the west seat had opened with a bid of 5D. 25 of them were doubled. 32 pairs played quietly in 4S, making 12 tricks. There were even the people who played in part scores, as N/S. Three E/W pairs were allowed to play in 4H, while one lucky player was allowed to play in 3D, as west. Now that is the luck you need at bridge when an opponent hands you a dozenimps with you doing anything good or bad to receive it!

The intention of this column is not to get you to discard all your disciplined bridge and start pre-empting wildly at high levels. Not at all, as it is disciplined and percentage bridge that wins on most occasions. But for your own style take a close look at this hand, and the vulnerability, and tell yourself "I will never open 3D on this hand". Talk to your favourite expert and ask them for an opinion. I would suggest that you open 4D as even this has a great pre-emptive value and cuts bidding space from your opponents.

As for opening with a bid of 5D, I would suggest that you wait for just the right occasion to do it. ●



# The Trip to the Gold Coast Congress

By David Matthews

I had never played the Gold Coast before so Jessica Chew and I decided to go over and play all the competitions, two Open Pairs events and the Open Teams. Our team mates for the Teams were Geoffrey Holman and Chris Ingham.

Geoff and I turned up at the Perth domestic airport on the Friday morning to find that we had been bumped off the 8.15am Qantas flight to Brisbane. Several other bridge players had also been bumped off. Qantas had actually sent a text message in the middle of the night to say this might be a possibility. We, of course, were fast asleep at the time. The first competition was starting on the Saturday morning at 10am.

Qantas then came up with the most ridiculous explanation I have ever heard. Perth Airport had, apparently, reduced the length of the runway. As a result the airline had to reduce the number of passengers as they didn't have enough time to take on extra fuel to lift off the shortened runway. They even said that this would mean 50 passengers being bumped. Qantas, in future, please give us the honest reason, namely that you have overbooked the flight. We can live with the truth.

We approached a Qantas lady and Geoff impressed upon her that it was vital that we got on the flight. We were then ushered to the front of the queue (much to the annoyance of people in the queue) where Geoff came up with a brilliant excuse. He advised the lady behind the counter that we were part of a bridge playing team representing WA in an international tournament and that our team mates had left on a different flight and that we might miss the start of competition.

We were reinstated on the flight. However, poor Cassie Moran and Jan Blight were not and had to take the next plane at 11am. Of course, when we got on the flight we found that it was full except for 2 seats near the back. So Jan and Cassie could have come anyway.

A day later, we found out that Qantas had managed to lose the bags of a dozen or so ladies on the flight. The ladies were dismayed to find out that their replacement underwear was going to be \$5 dearer (story below). Geoff Holman and Wendy Driscoll were in deep discussions about how to put some

pressure on Qantas as Wendy had nothing to wear. Geoff offered Wendy a selection from his bag and reminded her that when he first went to WABC in 1968, Wendy was partnering Clare Grigg and both were dressed in Hotpants! The ladies luggage arrived at Coolangatta 2 days later but because the ladies were playing bridge Qantas took it back to Brisbane. It was eventually delivered to the Convention Centre.

Geoff and I had flown to Brisbane in order to take the Airtrain down to the Gold Coast. The journey is about 2 hours 20 minutes, including the Light Rail (tram) for the last 40 minutes. When we had transferred to the tram a large middle-aged woman got on and started cursing and blinding in an extremely loud voice. She could be heard several carriages down. She then started demanding \$20 from anyone that could spare some cash. This was also in a loud voice. Everyone was looking in opposite directions as they didn't want to get involved. Geoffrey then noticed a lady sitting near this obnoxious woman. The lady was distinctly uncomfortable and he motioned her over to sit in the unoccupied seat next to him. Fortunately the obnoxious woman got off at the next stop.

Thereafter Geoffrey engaged the lady in conversation asking why she was on the tram. She advised that she had just been up to Brisbane to attend a company conference. He enquired about her company and was advised that it was in the ladies underwear business. Geoffrey then stated that was interesting as both he and David Matthews had been trying to get into ladies underwear for 50 years!

Pursuing his line of enquiry Geoffrey asked her what the current state was of the ladies underwear business and she advised that costs had gone up and they were about to raise all their prices by \$5 per unit. Thereafter Geoffrey impressed on Jessica Chew and any other lady that would listen that they had better stock up on underwear as the price was shortly going up by \$5.

After we got off at Broadbeach North we had a 5 minute walk to our apartment which had 3 bedrooms. Being the first to enter I managed to



secure the master bedroom with bathroom. Didn't seem to bother Geoff.

After three days playing the Bob Richman Pairs (in which Jessica and I didn't get out of first gear), Martin Doran turned up to take the third bedroom. Ben Thompson had arranged for Martin to play the Open Teams with Jan Kamras from Sweden, the new WBF President.

On that Monday evening 10 of us (mostly from WA) went out to dinner at the Hideaway Kitchen and Bar and I was lucky enough to sit next to Jan. He turned out to be a very nice fellow and I don't envy his job in trying to grow the game of bridge and arranging sponsorships. Thereafter we never saw Martin and Jan again. They were out every night at some WBF or ABF junket with all the VIP's. Unfortunately we peons were not invited. However that was not a problem as there are many great places to eat and drink. The Coolangatta Surf Club was one such place and we went there a few times.

Geoff and I also managed to visit the Casino and quickly enhanced its profits by dropping money on the roulette wheels. This is the first time I have seen three different roulette wheels – some with single zeroes, some with double zeroes and, astonishingly, some with triple zeroes. We won't be playing there again.

As regards to our performances, Geoff and Chris managed to make the "A" Grade Final of the Bob Richman Pairs but didn't shine and Jess and I were in contention in the Ivy Dahler Pairs but fell away at the end. In the Teams we were all singularly unimpressive, finishing mid table.

After taking the tram and train back to Brisbane Airport, I was one of the first passengers to get on the plane headed back to Perth. I had an aisle seat three rows from the back. A few minutes later a large guy (think over 6 foot and 150+ kilos) tapped me on the shoulder to indicate that he had the middle seat. I thought this will be interesting. He managed to squeeze in between the two arm rests which disappeared and I was now being pushed outwards. Fairly soon after that another large guy (think over 110+ kilos) indicated that he had the window seat. We both got up and after he had taken his seat we squeezed back into ours. I was now being pushed out into the aisle (about 20% of me). Once the seat belt sign was off I found myself being bumped every time someone walked down the aisle. I was dreading another 4 hours of this.

Luckily an English couple, who were sat in the last row, had a vacant seat between them and noticed my predicament. The attendant came up and whispered in my ear asking if I would like to move to the back row and that I could have the aisle seat there. Thanking my lucky stars I agreed immediately and had a comfortable flight back home. I had a very pleasant conversation with the English couple who were on holiday and taking their first ever trip to Perth. This new seating arrangement also suited my previous companions who could now raise the arm rests giving them a comfortable journey back home as well. Should airlines now re-introduce a joint luggage and passenger weigh in? (Apparently this used to happen in the Thirties).

And now for one interesting hand. Geoff and I discussed this for about two hours and still couldn't come to a consensus. We were forced to refer this hand to a higher authority (Henry Christie) for his opinion.

Ivy Dahler R10, B17, Nil Vul, Dealer LHO.

Brd	17	♠	Q 7 5 4 3
Dlr	W	♥	K 4
Vul	Nil	♦	5 4 2
		♣	T 6 5
		♠	N
		♥	W
		♦	E
		♣	S
		♠	A T
	5	♥	A T 3
		♦	A Q 8 7
	23	♣	A K Q 8

After 3 passes you open 2C, partner bids 2D (negative or waiting) and you rebid 2NT, partner now transfers to Spades and you rebid 3NT. LHO leads 2H (from fourths). How do you play it?

Thinking about all the combinations you have the following (and there may be others):

LHO could have lead a Heart away from Q J x x (unlikely)

Spades could split 3-3 with KS onside (very unlikely)

Clubs could break 3-3 or Jack Clubs could come down in two.

The Diamond finesse may be right (50/50)

You might be able to engineer an endplay against LHO

The big problem is that you only have one entry to dummy.

The full hand:

Brd	17		♠	Q 7 5 4 3	
Dlr	W		♥	K 4	
Vul	Nil		♦	5 4 2	
			♣	T 6 5	
			♠	K J 8 2	
			♥	Q 9 8 2	
			♦	K 9 6	
			♣	3 2	
		N		♠	9 6
		W	E	♥	J 7 6 5
		S		♦	J T 3
				♣	J 9 7 4
			♠	A T	
	5		♥	A T 3	
9		3	♦	A Q 8 7	
	23		♣	A K Q 8	

At our table Jessica led 2H and declarer let that run round to his hand. I played JH and declarer won AH. He then played AS, followed by TS and Jessica won KS and exited 8H which was won by KH in dummy. Declarer now cashed QS and got the bad news that LHO originally held K J 8 2 of Spades. Jess was thrown in with the fourth Spade and after cashing two Hearts was able to exit with a club. Fortunately I had J 9 7 4 of Clubs and declarer had to go one down. With this play declarer didn't give himself the chance of the Diamond finesse being right.

Geoff decided on something completely different. He didn't want to risk everything on the Spades so he won the opening lead in dummy with KH and played the Ten Clubs looking to run it. It was covered with JC and he cashed a second Club. After LHO signalled two Clubs Geoff played Ace and another Heart. RHO got in and played a Diamond through so he finally went two down.

Henry's idea was to win the Heart in hand and cash A K Clubs (hoping for doubleton Jack). So now he suggests playing AS followed by 10S and after getting back in with KH he can cash the QS and still have the option of the Diamond finesse or 3-3 in Clubs.

With the actual layout, Henry's idea of cashing two Clubs works. With Hearts blocked LHO can be endplayed. After cashing two Hearts and two Spades he has to lead into the A Q Diamonds.

A number of declarers made 4S. The AT Spade combination is pretty good support for a 5 card suit. Two thirds of the field went down in 3NT.●



## Bunbury Bridge Club Annual Congress (39th)

Saturday 29th to Sunday 30th April 2023

NEW VENUE!

Australind & Districts Senior Citizens Club

8 Mardo Avenue, Australind WA

Saturday 29th

Duplicate Pairs (Matchpoints)

Two sessions – Qualifying & Finals

Seated by 9:45 for 10:00 start

\$40 per player

Sunday 30th

Swiss Teams (IMPs to VPs)

Two sessions – 6 x 9 board matches

Seated by 09:15 for 09:30 start

\$40 per player

Prizes will be approximately 50% of Entry Fees

*Lunch is not provided but may be purchased from various outlets at Australind Village Shopping Centre across the road.*

*Refreshments will be provided on both days.*

Director:

**Brian Wade**

0427 133 747

Convenor:

**Esther Saunders**

0400 343 460

mrsesaunders@gmail.com

Entries:

My ABF website





# Til Bridge Us Do Part 2



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

NORTH Dealer | EW Vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1S	Pass	?	

What would you do as East with:

Dir N ♠  
 Vul EW ♥  
 ♦  
 ♣

♠	N	♠	KJ
♥		♥	J10842
♦	W	♦	J3
♣	E	♣	10982
	S		

6

♠  
♥  
♦  
♣

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**Ron Klinger Bridge Holiday**

Wish to come on a bridge cruise with Ron and Suzie Klinger in 2024?

Bridge class with Ron in the mornings and duplicate in the afternoons (except when in port).

Please contact Suzie via 0411 229 705 or [suzie@ronklingerbridge.com](mailto:suzie@ronklingerbridge.com) for email.

**May Deadline**

April 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for inclusion in the May Focus.

**THE RANJIT GAUBA  
MEMORIAL SWISS PAIRS**

**A ONE DAY EVENT**

**SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023**

Two sessions 10.00am and 2.00pm

**RED MASTER POINTS**  
X IMPs to VPs

DIRECTORS: PETER HOLLOWAY AND IAN ROWLANDS  
CONVENOR ROBIN BURTON  
BYO LUNCH  
TABLE MONEY \$30  
PRIZE MONEY 60% OF TAKINGS AFTER EXPENSES  
ENTER VIA BAWA WEBSITE

Venue: 6 Gilmore Lane, Nedlands  
Phone: (08) 9386 8166  
Email: [officnbc@westnet.com.au](mailto:officnbc@westnet.com.au)  
Website: [www.nedlandshbc.org](http://www.nedlandshbc.org)

**ANC RESTRICTED BUTLER**

**SUNDAY APRIL 23 2023**

**MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB**

**@ 9.30 AM**

**\$30.00 ENTRY PER PLAYER**

OPEN EVENT FOR ALL PLAYERS LESS THAN 300  
MASTERPOINTS AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2022, TOP  
TWO PAIRS RECEIVING ABF SUBSIDY TO THE  
ANC RESTRICTED BUTLER IN PERTH  
15 AND 16 JULY 2023

Please note that the ABF has advised that a player may only receive the subsidy on one occasion and will subsequently be made ineligible in future years.

**ENTRY VIA MYABF**

TO: Robina McConnell  
0400943367

Director: Brian Wade  
0427133747

# KENDENUP BRIDGE CLUB

## SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS 2023



At least on the floor of our congress you will get a fair deal. You may like to Trump or just be Bide'n your time, but the deck will not be stacked and our director (ex CIA) will make sure that there is no computer fraud. Just vote with your feet and come south.

Saturday May 13 2023 ...Seated by 9.15am for a 9.30am start.

Held at the Kendenup Bridge Club, Beverly Rd, Kendenup. (Powered camp sites on site. Contact Betty Campbell on 0415973773

Enter via the BAWA web site.

\$50.00 per person includes morning and afternoon tea and light lunch.

Director: Brian Wade.    hwade@bigpond.com

Convenor: Heather Fergie.    hjfergie@hotmail.com

Prizes awarded in 4 sections per combined master points.





## West Coast Bridge Club 2023 CONGRESS

CIVIC CENTRE,

33 TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT, CITY  
BEACH

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 10.00 A.M.

DIRECTOR – NEVILLE WALKER

ENTRIES via My ABF

(<https://www.myabf.com.au/>)

ENTRY FEE \$45 PER PLAYER

Includes buffet and wine or soft drinks with  
the prize giving

RED MASTER POINTS

Entries open 1st May 2023 on My ABF

Entries close 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

### PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded depending on the  
number of participants, as follows:

Final – 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Qualifying – 1st and 2nd

Plate and consolation – 1st, subject to  
participating number 2nd and 3rd.

*If a pair wins two prizes, they will be awarded  
the prize having the greater monetary value and  
the other prize will be awarded to the next  
placed pair in the relevant section of the  
congress.*

Movement type and scoring

Morning session: Qualifying, match point pairs

Afternoon session: Finals, match point pairs

Convenor – Sue Vincent (0497 085 277)

## WABC 2023 WINTER SUPER CONGRESS

EVENTS	Single Session Events	Two Session Events
Friday 2-June	<b>RESTRICTED PAIRS</b> (<300MPs at 1-Apr-2023) 9:30am \$15 per person	
	<b>FRIDAY PAIRS</b> 1:30pm \$20 per person	
Saturday 3-June	<b>SATURDAY PAIRS</b> 1:30pm \$20 per person	<b>WINTER MATCH POINT PAIRS</b> 9:30am & 1:30pm \$40 per person
Sunday 4-June	<b>PRESIDENT PAIRS</b> 1:30pm \$20 per person	<b>WINTER SWISS PAIRS</b> 9:30am & 1:30pm \$40 per person
Monday 5-June	<b>NOVICE PAIRS</b> (<150MPs at 1-Apr-2023) 9:30am \$15 per person	<b>WINTER SWISS TEAMS</b> 9:30am & 1:30pm \$40 per person
	<b>MONDAY PAIRS</b> 1:30pm \$20 per person	

### MORE RED POINTS FOR MAJOR EVENTS:

Chief Tournament Director: David Burn 0409 661 010  
Tournament Organiser: Martin Doran 0466 638 055

ENTRIES VIA BAWA WEBSITE: [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

Venue: 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne, WA  
Entry Enquiries:  
Phone: Tournament Organiser  
Email: [bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au](mailto:bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au)

**CASH PRIZES: 50% of Entry Money less GST**

## Maylands Bridge Club Inc.

Open Red Point Event

Join us on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

and compete for Red Points

Director: David Burn

Members \$7.50, Visitors \$10

Prize Money

55 Gummery St, Bedford

(see the map on our website  
[maylandsbridge.org](http://maylandsbridge.org))

Be seated by 12:50pm

**Afternoon tea provided.**

**Register by email**

**[maylandsbridge@gmail.com](mailto:maylandsbridge@gmail.com)**

**or at the club**



# The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017

By Di Brooks

During my years of teaching beginners bridge, I included the Etiquette and the 'Do's and Don'ts at the table. I explained that I was not nagging, but helping everyone to do the right thing. With my students, this method worked. So let's go through the Basics.

1. When there is an infringement, Call the Director, with 'Director, Please'
2. Don't let anyone at the table make a ruling, whether they are a qualified TD or not.
3. Please don't fumble with the quitted cards. Call the TD and let the process take place.
4. Accept the Director's ruling with good grace. (If you feel disadvantaged, you approach the TD towards the end of play and ask for a review. (An Appeal on the TD's decision).
5. Patience is a virtue. Club Directors are volunteers and human beings.

The most frequent errors which result in a call for the TD are:-

- a/ Lead out of turn. (Probably the bidding cards have been put away too early and no one can see who is the Declarer)
- b/ Failing to follow suit, resulting in a revoke. (If it was Declarer, Dummy's not doing their job)! When you see Declarer fail to follow suit, Dummy says 'Having No ?)
- c/ Only 12 cards in one hand and 14 in another. Players at the previous table have failed to count their cards which has resulted in a misboard.
- d/ An insufficient bid, (An under bid). Don't make any comment. Just call the Director.
- e/ An unintentional bid. Player meant to pick out 2S and pulled 2NT by mistake. Easy done, especially if we have age against us.

Simple mistakes which can be rectified very easily.

Look at this example:- Declarer N; 3C

Brd		♠ 94		♠ K108								
Dlr		♥ Q5		♥ A8643								
Vul		♦ AK7		♦ Q95								
		♣ AJ10853		♣ Q3								
	♠ QJ762	<table style="border-collapse: collapse; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">W</td><td style="background-color: white; padding: 2px;"></td><td style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A53
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	♥ J109		♥ K72									
	♦ 84		♦ J10632									
	♣ 542		♣ K9									
	14											
4	11											
	11											

Declarer happily played her hand. Lost the first trick, AH won the switch of the small diamond. Took out trumps and played from her hand towards the A53 of spades.

The mistake made; the call was a spade.

Law 46 2. Clause a, b and c covers the designation of the suit and rank. In this instance Declarer said spade. With no rank called, Dummy had to play the smallest in the suit.

The Director was called. Declarer accepted her mistake. Play continued.

So take a moment to consider what you want to play.

If Declarer says: - Small, a small card is played.

or Win it. The highest card is played.

or Designation of card. Ace

Oh, and here's a doozy;-

When Declarer, during play, says 'Anything' he/she is not giving Dummy the power to decide, it gives Defence the power to nominate the card to be discarded.

Beware.

(Who said Bridge is simple?)

No - it's a Challenge to enjoy.

Happy bridging ☺



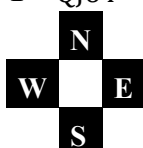
# Till Bridge Do Us Part 2

By Ron Klinger

## SOLUTION

As with Till bridge do us part #1, this deal comes from the final of an Okbridge Internet World Championship.

Dlr	N	♠	104				
Vul	EW	♥	K3				
		♦	A8765				
		♣	QJ64				
		♠	AQ876			♠	KJ
		♥	A5			♥	J10842
		♦	KQ4			♦	J3
		♣	K73			♣	10982
				♠	9532		
	10			♥	Q976		
18	6			♦	1092		
	6			♣	A5		



With a top line USA married couple East-West (not the same one as last time):

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1S	Pass	Pass	Pass

Husband East later said he was playing for a swing. If I passed my wife's opening bid when I had a good six-count I'd be watching out for a swing from her. The right action is 1NT which West should raise to 3NT.

At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1S	1NT	Pass	2D
X	Pass	2H	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North's 1NT overcall as a passed hand showed the minor suits and West's double was for takeout. Declarer made nine tricks with 5 spades, 1 heart, 2 diamonds and 1 club for +600 and +10 Imps.

*Should husbands and wives play together? Not if they want to stay married.*



## GERALDTON BRIDGE CLUB INC GERALDTON CONGRESS 9 JUNE 2023 - 11 JUNE 2023



### Venue:

the Clubrooms at Eighth St, Wonthella,  
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Day Time Event Cost Included

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# Results

## 70% Results (Random search)

### Armadale

71.9 Dee Early and Margaret Henderson

### Busselton

70.0 Diane Bishop and John Whiting

70.0 Maggie West and Rick Hennessy

### Denmark

70.0 Colin Payne and Robert Stick

### Fremantle

82.5 Rosalie Raine and Jane Walters

87.5 Pete Kiernan and Malcolm Dick

### Joondalup

70.0 John Nel and Gideon Rossouw

73.0 Jim Hewitt and Noreen Byrne

74.8 athy Simmonds and Julia Hustad

72.8 Egon Mikolajczyk and Daphne Field

### Kalgoorlie

75.0 Irina Cumo and Michael Fisher

71.0 Michael Fisher and Ronnie Rogers

72.9 Sue Lia and Mary Williams

### Mandurah

74.4 Vera Hardman and Doug Hardman

71.7 Lynette Clarke and Corrie Davis

### Melville

70.6 Andrew Allin and Eugene McClorey

82.5 Dianne Young and Simon Orton

70.9 Marie-Louise Joubert and Rob Antrobus

### Northern Districts

70.7 Lyn Fakira and Chris Price

### Rockingham

79.9 Andrew Marsh and Elena Olson

73.5 Florence Maltby and Di Brooks

72.0 Di Brooks and Florence Maltby

### South Perth

74.6 Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro

71.0 Carol Cleeve and Martin Cleeve

### Swan Districts

83.0 Mike Klasztorny and Joseph Gaudet

### Undercroft

71.0 Edward Roscoe and Joan Schneider

### Westcoast

77.7 Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood

73.5 Ray Wood and Marlene Medhat

75.0 Barbara Martin and Michael Smith

72.0 Judy Havercroft and Max Havercroft

70.0 Ray Wood and Marlene Medhat

### Willetton

74.0 Ameer Ali and Ken Harrison

### WABC

70.0 Liz Jacoby and Shirley Lavarack

72.7 Don Allen and Ron Cooper



## SATURDAY BRIDGE

### West Australian Newspaper

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

## ABF Daily Bridge Column

*Courtesy of Ron Klinger [www.abfevents.com.au](http://www.abfevents.com.au)*

Bridge Author of nearly 70 books, Columnist for the Sydney Morning Herald (six days a week) and The Sun-Herald for 17 years, Australian Emerald Grand Master, WBF International Master, competed in 24 World Championships and Asia Pacific Zonal Championships and Commonwealth Nations Teams.



## Diarize Now

### *Upcoming BAWA & Club Events*

	<b>Apr</b>	Fri 7th – Mon 10th	<b><i>South Perth Easter Congress</i></b>
		Thurs 13th	BAWA Interstate Seniors Selection 1 of 6
		Sun 16th	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
		Sat 22nd	BAWA Interstate Seniors Selection 3 & 4 of 6
<b>25<sup>TH</sup> Anzac Day</b>		Sun 23rd	BAWA ANC Restricted Butler Final BAWA Interstate Seniors Selection 5 & 6 of 6
		Sat 29th - Sun 30th	<b><i>Bunbury Congress</i></b>
	<b>May</b>	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Undercroft Congress</i></b>
		Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Kendenup Congress</i></b>
		Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA** State Daytime Open IMP (Swiss) Pairs 1 of 3
		Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Western Seniors
		Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA ANC Teams Day
		Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Kalamunda Restricted Pairs</i></b>
		Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Fremantle Congress</i></b>
	<b>Jun</b>	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>WABC Congress</i></b>
		Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>COUNTRY GNOT</i></b>
		Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Open Pairs 1/3 UNDERCROFT
		Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> -Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Geraldton Congress</i></b>
		Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Busselton Zonta Day</i></b>
		Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>WABC Masters in teams of 3 – open to all players</i></b>
		Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>NBC Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs</i></b>
		Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>West Coast Novice Pairs</i></b>
		Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA ONLINE PAIRS 1/2
		Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><i>Melville Congress</i></b>
	<b>July</b>	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs
<b>ANC Perth</b>		10 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>ANC in Perth</i></b>
		Sun 23rd	<b><i>Albany Restricted Congress</i></b>
		Sun 30th	BAWA Masters in teams of 3
<b>**NOTE**</b>	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.		

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