

# wa bridge



Fostering Bridge in Western Australia

## WA VICTORIOUS!

Winning the 2012 Women's Teams Championships



Marnie Leybourne, Alida Clark, Leone Fuller, NPC Kate Smith, Viv Wood, Val Biltoft and Cynthia Belonogoff

Winning the 2012 Youth Teams Championships



Rhys Cooper, Renee Cooper, Jane Reynolds, Tim Knowles, Kirstyn Fuller, Michael Bausor and NPC Ron Cooper



**DARWIN ANC**

**2012**

### Congratulations

*to WA Teams:*

Seniors 6<sup>th</sup>

Open 5<sup>th</sup>

Youth 1<sup>st</sup>

Women's 1<sup>st</sup>



# Seen at the ANC



*(Photos courtesy of Jane Reynolds, Hilary Yovich and Stella Steer)*





# President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

As you are no doubt aware 2012 was the best year ever for your Interstate Teams. WA teams won BOTH the Women's and the Youth events; this twin success has never happened to WA before so particular congratulations to the members and captains of these teams. Full names and photos are featured in this edition of Focus. It has also been mentioned to me what outstanding ambassadors our Youth Team were during the entire ANC - well done.

Western Australian players are about to get the chance to win some extra Gold Points, starting this November WA will be running a **Super Vets Congress** to honour our most senior players. To be held at the WABC on November 11 with entry restricted to players who are at least 80 years old. The ABF were so keen on this West Australian idea that they have granted Gold Point status to the event. BAWA Management Committee member Noel Daniel has agreed to convene and full details will be available soon on the BAWA web site and in your clubs. I did hear that the Nedlands Bridge Club had sent a personal invitation to all of their 80+ year old players offering them transport to and from the venue on the day. I also heard that West Coast's 102 year old regular player will be driving himself on the day. So to all clubs, here is a chance to acknowledge the contribution of your senior members and assist them in playing in this great event. Why not put somebody in charge of promoting and coordinating your clubs entries.

Following representation from the states the ABF have agreed to award Gold Points to the premier state events. Starting in 2013 the State Open Pairs, State Open Teams and the Open, Women and Senior Selection events will have A3 Gold Point status. This will be a great opportunity for improving players to gain some competitive experience and earn some, hard to win, Gold Points. The first events in 2013 will be the Open, Women's and Seniors Selection events for the ANC. All three events next year will be run as Butler Pairs, the Open will be a 2 stage event with ALL players being eligible for Stage I not just players able to participate at the ANC. So start thinking about that event now. More details later.

Two particular events have come to my attention this month, one I was fortunate enough to play in, the other I unfortunately missed. I say unfortunately because I heard after the event that the first prize was \$750.00. Congratulations to the Mandurah Bridge Club who recently ran their Winter Swiss Pairs. The total prize pool was \$1700.00 which is really outstanding from an event with a modest 19 tables. I am quite sure that this number will be increasing next year. (Certainly by at least half a table) The second event to mention was in its inaugural year; the Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs was held recently at the Nedlands Bridge Club and featured a first prize of \$500.00 and a total prize pool of over a \$1000.00. Well done to both clubs.

## REGULAR FEATURES:

<i>President's Report by Nigel Dutton</i> .....	3
<i>Around the Clubs by Linda Bedford-Brown</i> .....	4
<i>Capel Life from Di Brooks</i> .....	12
<i>A Week of Bridge by Bill Jacobs</i> .....	22
<i>The Roving Rhodes by Maura Rhodes</i> .....	30
<i>Results</i> .....	36
<i>Diarize Now</i> .....	38

## SPECIAL FEATURES:

<i>Count! Dracula and Visualise from Jill Courtney</i> .....	14
<i>Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs by Fiske Warren</i> .....	17
<i>Alerting from Suzanne Goodall</i> .....	19
<i>The WA Teams in Darwin from David Schokman</i> .....	20
<i>Bridging the Gap... by John Aquino</i> .....	25
<i>Barrier Reef Congress 2012 from Richard Fox</i> .....	27
<i>Australia vs. Croatia by Ron Klinger</i> .....	29
<i>Martin Hoffman from Ross Harper</i> .....	31
<i>Book Review by Mike McGlone</i> .....	34
<i>Zonta Bridge Day by Jane Moulden</i> .....	39

## EDITORS:



**Linda Bedford-Brown**  
(08) 9386 1349  
[bedfords@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bedfords@bigpond.net.au)



**Beata Bieganski**  
(08) 9300 5460  
[b.bieganski@yahoo.com.au](mailto:b.bieganski@yahoo.com.au)

**Articles always welcome**



# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



## South Perth Bridge Club

By Darrell Williams

The **Women's Pairs Championship** was played over three Saturdays concluding on 30th June.



1<sup>st</sup> Marnie Leybourne & (Suzanne Goodall)



2<sup>nd</sup> Christa Nimmo & Mary Johnston



3<sup>rd</sup> Alice Johnson & Judith Ternahan

**Men's Pairs Championship** played over two weeks concluded 30th June



1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Fraser & Dave Munro

2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Berk & Salim Songerwala



3<sup>rd</sup> Noel Daniel & Merwyn Menezes

### South Perth Winter Open Teams

Twelve teams competed in this Teams event directed by Bill Kemp over two full Sundays, June 24th and July 1st . Three 20 board matches were

---

## EDITING OF MATERIAL

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

---

played each day.



The winners were the **Randolph Team**: Leon Randolph, Alexandra Russell, Tony Stevens, Michael Berk, Dave Parham and Walter Martins.



In 2nd place the **Clark Team**: Alida Clark, Marnie Leybourne, Shizue Futaesaku and Nick Cantatore.



In third place the **Booth Team**: Annabel Booth, Noelene Law, Renee Cooper, Lauren Shields and Cynthia Belonogoff.

### Future Events at the Club

- City of South Perth Congress August Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th
- Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs Wednesday 26 September at 12.30 pm



## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

### Winter Swiss Pairs Congress

The Club held its first very successful Winter Congress on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July. Congress Director Neville Walker directed a well-attended Congress of 38 pairs.



Winners:  
Beata and Tad  
Bieganski



Runners Up:  
Heather Williams and  
Jan Blight



Third:  
Susanne Gammon and  
Richard Fox



The best Mandurah Pair  
were Alan Wardroper  
and Gerald Merven, in 5<sup>th</sup>  
position overall



Ian Hunter and Wal  
Aldridge, in 13<sup>th</sup> position,  
won the Club under State  
Master award

### Competition Winners

Friday Best 3 out of 4:

Winners: Alan Wardroper & Gerald Merven

Runners Up: Doug Hardman & Tom Stack

### Upcoming Events - 2012

- Special Teams Event – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

- Jack Rowse Novice Pairs – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September.
- Open Pairs Championship – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October (all day).

- Wed 5th September Silver Chain Charity Gala Day
- Wed 12th September Spring Pairs
- Mon 8th and 15th Oct Championship Pairs

## Rockingham Bridge Club

From Margarete Scouse



Congratulations to **Ron Philpot and Betty Philpot** for winning our Anniversary Pairs.

Runners up were Liz Sayers and Carol Emmerson.



Best under State master Ellen McReady and Audrey Pitman. Well done!

We celebrated the Club's **33rd** birthday on the day. It is amazing to reflect on the progress of our Club from its small beginnings in 1979 under Peg Brady. We have much to be proud of and many people to thank for their efforts and achievements along the way.

We still have members of the first few years with us today. They include Peg and Frank Brady, Miriam and Bob Garbutt, Colin and Sadie Wells, Jill Dawson, Ron and Betty Philpot, June Scott, Di Brooks, Ray Bosci and Elma McGellin.

### EVENTS DIARY:

- Mon 30th July Random Teams Event
- Mon 20th August Simultaneous Pairs
- Sun 5th August GNOT



## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The winners of our Club Championship Pairs, Anton Brazowski Trophy Competition were **Leone Lorian and Richard Pianta**. Second were Lyall Page and Wilhelmina Piller, in third place were Shirley Drage and Morrie Herman.



### Richard Pianta and Leone Lorian

We celebrated long time member, Lottie Oswald's **94<sup>th</sup>** birthday on July 5.

It was a very happy occasion at which champion rose grower, Maurice Colling presented Lottie with some beautiful flowers and a home-made chocolate cake. Lottie was thrilled to receive her National Master's Certificate on her birthday!



Birthday Girl **Lottie Oswald** with her National Master's Certificate

Our next Red Point event is our Graded Pairs, State Master and above Competition which will be held on Wednesdays August 8, 15 and 22. Our Club Championship Teams Competition will be held on Monday August 20, 27 and September 3.

Please see the flyer in this issue for details of our West Coast Congress, which will be held at 10.00 am on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>

## WA Italian Bridge Club



Winning the WA Italian Bridge Club Red Point Event – Donna Crossan-Peacock, Centre President Domenico De Gasperis, Representing Italo Welfare Carmelo Genovese and Bruce Henderson

## Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

The winners of June Red Point event were equally shared: **Lurline Anderson and Liz Norton**, along with **Diana Redgment and Audrey Keogh**, with a whopping 63%.

July 16th was a sponsored event and was won by **Liz Norton and Kathleen Phillip**.

Congress arrangements are coming along splendidly. Generous prizes are allocated for the usual placing's but also there are prize monies awarded for players of less than 100 Master Points and less than 300 Master Points - special encouragement for the newer players to the competition arena. So don't miss out. Come along and enjoy country hospitality.

The Bunbury Management Committee recently reinstated a subsidy for members winning an event, which would see them playing in the final of that competition, in the Eastern States - another innovative move. Well done. (Players representing their club and State in National competitions are always out of pocket as the

monies awarded cover airfare and entry fees but not the cost of transfers, accommodation or day to day expenses).

The charity bridge session raised \$200, which was donated to Princess Margaret Children's Hospital. What better way to play bridge than have a great afternoon tea, competitive bridge and a bonus for a registered charity. Just goes to show the difference we can all make!



## West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

It has been a relatively quiet month at Swanbourne after the excitement of the Smith/Rosendorff lecture series.

We have completed another qualifying heat for the GNRP and congratulations are extended to:



Jane Henderson and Jo Sklarz,



(Rica King) and Dave Sloan



Dominique Rallier and Pepe Schwegler.

Lynette Tyrie and Jill Keshavjee, who had previously qualified, also performed well in the heats.

We are now looking forward to the Masters in Teams of 3 which will be held on Sunday August 26th. If you are interested in gaining experience in team play and have less than 100MP as at Jan 1 2012 please make up a team of 3 and come along. You will be most welcome.



## Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Jamie Paterson

### Progress with refurbishment of club assets /new equipment:

We are aggressively following up a number of bids to enhance the basic abilities of the club.

Those include, but are not limited to:

- A. New Bridge-mates
- B. New Dealing Machine
- C. More rugged Computing facilities

Resolution is hoped for (but not guaranteed) by the end of August.

I don't know how long I can hold my breath for!

### Monthly improvers:

The most improved pair for all sessions at 0.81 improvement, **Bente Hansen and Jackie Harper** (Mondays)

The third place for the best player of the month was Jackie Harper, 18 points. The Joint Winners **Anne Boekelaar and Rory O'Toole** 19 points each

### GNRP Selection:

This selection event was held over the last 3 (three) Thursdays and those mentioned below – like cream- rose to the top.

Congratulations to the qualifiers and all those who fought the good fight!!

1. **Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce**
2. Mel Foster and Mark Goddard
3. Joanne Payne and Leonard Pratt.

### Profile Trivia Trial:

I thought it might be interesting for some people if I were to start a brief bio of a variety of members of the bridge community. Only focus – the basic club membership!

As a starter – here is a couple of paragraphs about myself.

Name: Jamie (aka Rodger) Paterson

Birth place: Edinburgh (Scotland)

I was brought up fairly close to St Andrews golf course and have played there on many occasions

# Fremantle Bridge Club Inc.

From John Penman

There was a good participation in the GPRP competition over three Saturdays at the end of June and beginning of July with 16 pairs taking part. The overall winners were **Rhonda Solomon and Norman Solomon**, with See-Moi Loh and Laurel Lander second, and Marcia Mazanetz and Neville Stafford third.

The following weekend the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) event was held on Sunday 15 July. The winning team was **Marion Jefferson, Malcolm Dick, Brenda Evans and Sheila Gould**, with the team of Janice Winsor, Susan Simper, See-Moi Loh, and Laurel Lander second and the team of Chris Wells, Geraldine Pragnell, Mildred Snowden and Josie Khan third. There were six teams playing in the morning and afternoon with a light supper to end with.

(when I was but-a-lad) and attended Buckhaven High School and then Edinburgh University studying Science and Maths (at the time it was called 'Atomic Physics').

Now that I am an antique I almost regret not going to the London Royal Academy of Music.

However I have led a very interesting life when working for IBM, and worked best when the pressure was on and Adrenalin pumping; I loved the variety of never working for only one customer.

I think that I have rejuvenated myself since I joined the local Bridge Club.



## Melville Bridge Club

### Club Mixed Pairs Championship

First Place – **Marty Goodall and Suzanne Goodall**, second place – Valerie Isle and Salim Songerwala, third place – Denis Gimblet and Edith Moens.



Above: Marty Goodall and Suzanne Goodall, Director Leon Ref, Valerie Isle, Salim Songerwala and Edith Moens.

### Grand National Restricted Pairs

First place - **Lyndall Steed and Michael Turner**, second place – Ravi Soin and Helen Hellsten, third place – Jim Ryan and Wendy Ryan.

### Curry Night

What is better on a cold winter's night than delicious home cooked curries and bridge with good friends afterwards? On June 2 Patsy

McDonald and her talented team treated us to a fabulous Curry Night. It was a huge success with members dining on a delicious variety of meat and vegetarian dishes. It would seem that we have many members who are not just great bridge players, but great cooks also.



House Manager and hostess for the evening, Patsy McDonald.



Salim Songerwal wearing a karta and curry king Ken Toft.



# Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

July has been a busy month for the club. The (inaugural) Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs is a fitting tribute to a fine gentleman of the game. Winner's photos are in this issue of Focus.

The Committee and members excelled themselves again for the **Sunday Congress** and players were welcomed on a crisp Sunday morning with hot cheese scones courtesy of Ann Ashman. Prize money of more than 60% of table monies was awarded to the winners.



3<sup>rd</sup> **Pam Beddow and John Beddow.**



Qualifying Winners **Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski** with club President Linda Bedford-Brown.



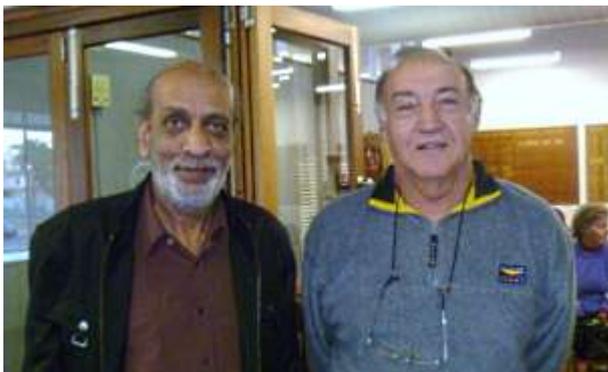
Winning the Plate **Viv Zotti and Terri Garbutt.**



Winning the Final **Heather Williams and Linda Bedford-Brown.**



2<sup>nd</sup> **Mary Johnston and Lise Bank.**



2<sup>nd</sup> **Ravi Sooin and David Schokman.**



3<sup>rd</sup> **Dave Sloan and Ann Youngs.**

Remember that Tuesday morning Supervised session starts at 9.30pm. A partner is available for those without one. Everyone is welcome to a special Lecture from Fiske Warren Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> 12.45pm-2.45pm. This is for players

in the supervised stage of their bridge and Fiske will take you through some easy strategies. No booking required.

Fiske Warren has Lectures in August – 15<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am, 29<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. There is no booking required.

## Melville Bridge Club

### Spring Congress

Venue: Melville Bridge Club Inc

790 Canning Highway, Applecross

**Two Session Pairs Event:**  
**Thursday 4 October 10.00 am start**  
**(all day)**

**Red point event**

**Two Session Teams Event:**  
**Friday 5 October 10.00 am start**  
**(all day)**

**Red point event**

**Director: Bill Kemp**

**Convenor: Noel Daniel**  
**(Telephone: 0418 910 255)**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person per day**

**Novice Prizes included**

**Registrations via BAWA website:**  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

# BUSSELTON BRIDGE CLUB

## CONGRESS 2012

### WHEN?

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> October to  
SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> October 2012

### WHERE?

Naturaliste Community Centre  
Dunsborough Lakes Drive,  
Dunsborough

### EVENTS?

FRIDAY 7.30pm. Welcome Pairs  
\$15 each.  
SATURDAY 10.30 am Open Pairs  
\$30 each  
SUNDAY 9.30 am Open Teams  
\$30 each

Included are light refreshments when you arrive on Friday, light lunches on Saturday and Sunday, morning and afternoon teas each day, and snacks after play on **Sunday**.

ENTRIES must be made via the internet on the BAWA site.  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp

PAYMENT can be made direct to the Busselton Bridge Club Account:

BSB 066 508  
A/C number: 902790  
at the Commonwealth Bank.  
Please ask for your name to be registered there.

OR by cheque made out to Busselton Bridge Club Inc. and sent to  
P.O. Box 758, Busselton 6280.

### CONVENOR:

Margaret Nixon Tel 97522635



# Capel:

There's Something in the Air



By Di Brooks

The recent storms caused havoc across the South West, Capel was no exception. As the thunder rolled across the skies, Alan decided to retire early. As he opened the family room door, Taffy shot through his legs and vanished into the darkened hallway. The power had been off since mid afternoon, so with only a torch to light his way, Alan went looking for the pup. Taffy was sat on Alan's bed, with no intention of going back to his own bed. My Staffordshire bullterrier pup, the Terror of Capel, was quivering like a jelly. To settle both dogs, I doused them in lavender oil, and moved their bed to the hallway. Not only did the animals sleep well, they smelled divine!

We were lucky. No structural damage to the house or to the fencing, although the power was out for 26 hours. But we were fine, with gas hotplates to boil water for a cuppa and to cook dinner. Candlelight gave off a lovely glow. No knitting or television, just plain old conversation. The phones were down, but that didn't stop two lots of friends from calling round to see that we were ok. How nice was that.....

I hope you were all safe from the ravages of Nature and like the boy scouts; you were prepared for the worst, with candles, torches, matches and a supply of charged batteries on hand.

"Wear the Fox Hat"!

A funny title so what does it mean? Those with a keen sense of humour might be able to explain the reference to a hat, other than rugging up well for winter! But Life isn't always Sunshine, Lollipops and Rainbows. We all get days when things don't run as we would like. Recently we had two nasty hiccups in our family and then we receive a call from a friend, informing us of their tragedy and everything falls into perspective.

So don't sweat the small stuff. In the long run, what does it matter? When it comes to disaster at the bridge table..... yes, we've all been there..... There's always another session.....

My Mentor, Milton Miller, advised his pupils to learn from any mistakes, but concentrate on the contract at hand. Many years ago, playing in the Bunbury Congress Teams, partner, playing in 3NT, decided to take a finesse to make an over trick, lost the finesse and lost the cold contract. Minus 50, against + 400, a big difference in the scoring. As it was an 8 board match, -450 was a lot to pull back. Next board out, East opened 1D, South, (partner) 2C, passed back to East, who now bid 2D and partner now pushed on to 3C. The contract was doubled. When the smoke cleared, we wrote up Minus 800. Not a great start to the final round. Remembering Milton's advice, it was head down and concentrate on the job in hand. We returned to our home table to score up.... Minus 50, we recounted, Plus 50, was the reply.

Minus 800, Plus 1100..... Then the other 6 boards brought in small pluses and gave us the Teams event first place. Focus on the important bits. Don't get waylaid by life's little hiccups.

Happy bridging

## Table Manners

By Di Brooks



How many times have we heard a comment about the Youth of today regarding table manners and this has nothing to do with Bridge. Yet clubs have a problem with players and their table manners!

Many years ago, as President of Rockingham Bridge Club, I had the unhappy job of asking a member to leave the session. (The management committee had just implemented a proposal for zero tolerance against bad manners and poor table etiquette.) Rockingham had had a constant problem between two personalities, who continually clashed with each other and also who made the sessions uncomfortable for other members.

These days, clubs are more aware of the need to keep a friendly atmosphere, to encourage students to join the club and for members to continue to attend sessions and be a part of the social side as well as being on the Management Committee. Clubs cannot operate without their volunteers, not just those who serve on the committees, but the unsung heroes, the silent helpers. Then again, we have the Directors. A session cannot run without a Director. Yet players still have this reluctance to call a Director, as they feel they are 'pimping'.

I explain this to new players, by likening bridge to any kind of physical sport. Referees and umpires are there to manage the game fairly. Why should a Director be any different to a sporting official? With EQUITY being the foreword in directing, running a session correctly and keeping a friendly atmosphere, the Directors have a heavy burden on their shoulders. Some players seem to think there are rules for one lot and a different rule for another. That's not true. It doesn't matter if the infringement was made by the President of the planet Jupiter or of a player with no Master Points; the ruling will be the same. Now having said that..... I'm sure there will be a difference of opinion. But basically, there are laws that cover each problem. (Mostly... there will always be something that is very obscure, so the Director also has to make a decision, to keep the movement flowing. If a mistake is made and the players feel unjustly treated, there is always the right of appeal).

So what should we, as bridge players, adopt as our table credos?

Firstly, be polite.

Don't make your own decisions at the table.

Call the Director by saying, "Director, please"

Respect their decision.

Keep your cool and stay calm..... It's only a Game. Think of it as 52 bits of cardboard and put it into perspective.

We all like to do well. But if you have an enjoyable game, winning is a BONUS.

After all, we are all there to have a good time.



## CLASS OF 2012



WABC

**MASTERS IN TEAMS OF 3**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am**

Open to all bridge under-graduates with less than 100 Masterpoints as at 1 January 2012.

The idea is to form a 3 person team. The fourth member of your team will be a bridge professor chosen by ballot before start of play. All team members will get to play one session with the bridge professor as their partner.

Entry Fee: \$25 per player

Drinks, nibbles and prizes after play at approx. 5.00pm

Entries via:

BAWA website: [bawa.asn.au](http://bawa.asn.au)

WABC website: [wabridgeclub.com.au](http://wabridgeclub.com.au)

WABC: 9284 4144

Tournament Organiser:

John Beddow 93044916 or 0421994293

Tournament Director:

Bill Kemp 9447 0534



# Count! Dracula and Visualise

From Jill Courtney

The current spate of vampire movies and television shows both bemuses and worries me and raises questions in my mind about the current adult younger generation. The same applied to the success of Harry Potter books but at least it was mainly children watching the films and reading those books. I fail to see the fascination with blood-sucking creatures, sometimes evil but worse, sometimes heroes! Vlad the impaler and Bram Stoker have a lot to answer for. That being said, in the safe defined parameters of a bridge game we are free to break normal rules that apply in real life such as deliberate deception, punishment which is often referred to as 'going for blood' and of misleading your opposition. Of course, there are many other respectable ways of defeating your opponents or, indeed, succeeding in your own. The importance of counting the hand and visualising the layouts cannot be stressed enough. I have visited this theme often because it still seems to be lacking here in much play and defence. The two hands that I am going to use to illustrate this point come from what is arguably the most influential and erudite bridge magazine in the English-speaking world - 'The Bridge World'. The two hands come from two different contributors: Marshall Miles and Dan Horwitz, both famous American experts. The commentary is mine, based on their ideas. You will note that the first hand is somewhat more simple than the second but it does illustrate a point which we often neglect (and I am a big sinner in this respect) - the need not just to count the hand but to visualise potential dangers for partner when you are defending and to assist them to find the right play.

## Hand One

(reported by Marshall Miles)

Miles makes the salient points that:

- it is necessary to visualise all 52 cards if possible;
- including through counting;
- and by inferences drawn from the bidding and play;

- and sometimes by playing for the only possible layouts that will make your contract or take their contract down.

Here is his example.

Brd	♠ 4		
Dlr N	♥ KQ9854		
Vul Both	♦ A8		
	♣ KJ96		
	♠ T	N	♠ 72
	♥ AT62	W	♥ J73
	♦ J932	E	♦ KQT6
	♣ AT84	S	♣ Q752
			♠ AKQJ98653
			♥ -
			♦ 754
			♣ 3

	13	
9		8
	10	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1H	Pass	2S
Pass	3H	Pass	4NT
Pass	5D	Pass	5S
All Pass			

Lead 2♦

South, admittedly, did not play the hand well. He must duck and the opponents are faced with the issue of whether to take out the diamond (in which case he ruffs the third) or drawing dummy's trump, in which case he has an entry to dummy for a discard (assuming, of course he picks clubs). This declarer however rose with the diamond and drew three rounds of trumps. For East it is now important to count and visualise and to assist partner in their defence because he has less information than you do. What would you do?

First it is important to reconstruct the hand (i.e. count). You know by now that declarer has nine Spades and partner, from his lead, almost certainly with four diamonds. That means declarer has 12 cards accounted for in spades and diamonds with therefore only one outstanding card. Even if you have given count in diamonds with the ten you would play identically with KQT or maybe to encourage at this level even with five

diamonds to the King and Queen, so the picture isn't all clear for West. How do you try to clarify this situation for partner? The answer may not be obvious but you must throw the queen of clubs. Now when declarer tries a hapless club to the dummy, partner must perform rise Ace since any other action is hopeless. Short of continuing clubs, partner will either try another diamond or the A of Hearts. Either road will lead to defeat. It may well be the case that partner would have done all of this but you at least made the task simpler. Something some partners enjoy. (Oh, and if after all this effort partner does play another club on winning the Ace, take the small revolver from your bag that you have kept precisely for such contingencies and shoot either him or yourself, according to your whim.)

## Hand Two

(Reported by Dan Horwitz)

This hand was played in a par rubber bridge contest played in the US by 64 expert players. For those of you not familiar with the concept of par contests (and it does vary) points are awarded for bidding, play and defence but, despite the outcome of the auction, the contract and the opening lead are mandated as is the declarer. In this case 16 South experts all played six spades on the required lead of the Ace of diamonds. Of the sixteen only three made the right play to make. (Oddly enough single dummy I also found it but partly because the article had said it was a par contest and that means unusual plays are required.) That being said all 16 experts also knew that. In an odd way when you think about it, it is not actually that hard. I'm giving it to you double dummy because even then, unless you count and visualise, you may not see the right play. The declarers are handed a card before play

### 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 **20<sup>th</sup>** of each month to be included in the following month's issue.

**Send to Linda Bedford-Brown**

[bedfords@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bedfords@bigpond.net.au)

that gives them the bidding and the opening lead, the same applies to the opposition.

Brd	♠ 942				
Dlr W	♥ K6				
Vul	♦ T7432				
	♣ A74				
	♠ 6	N		♠ 85	
	♥ QJT	W	E	♥ 75432	
	♦ AKQ65			♦ J98	
	♣ KT63	S		♣ J98	
				♠ AKQJT73	
				♥ A98	
				♦ -	
				♣ Q52	

7	
15	2
16	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1D	Pass	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT
Pass	5D	Pass	6S
All Pass			

Lead A♦

A precarious contract to say the least. West must lead the Ace of Diamonds according to instructions (you almost certainly would anyway). It is early in the piece but now you must find the key play. Yes, at trick one - if you try to do it later you mistimed the hand and cannot recover. Don't forget you have the advantage of knowing this, and a view of all four hands and the fact that trick one your response, as harmless as it seems may be crucial. Readers of the magazine and the players had no such insight. So what did you do armed with this extra information? Imagine you are the declarer. Let's look at count and therefore what you know from the bidding. Firstly, West almost certainly holds the high diamonds and the King of clubs to justify the opening bid. He also figures to have at least four (they play Standard almost certainly in such competitions) diamonds if not more. That is your roadmap - what do you do? You have really only two chances to make this contract - one is to set up the fifth diamond (unlikely but possible) or to effect a squeeze on West between the last diamond and the king of clubs. In either case, given the number of entries to dummy, you must throw a club on the Ace of diamonds. To effect a squeeze, as you all should know, you must allow the opponents to eliminate all the tricks they can get down to the number which you will need to

make. In this case it is 12 so you must give up one trick, and on this hand it must be on the first diamond. Now when you ruff the heart in dummy and three diamonds on route you will squeeze West. The endgame will comprise of him choosing between baring his King of clubs (then you throw the diamond from dummy and cash Ace and Queen of clubs or alternatively throwing his last high diamond in which case you throw the club from AX. and claim. Neat stuff, but note it relied on three key concepts, - count, visualisation and then rectification of the count. Preserving communications in the event the diamonds were 4-4 was an unlikely but relevant consideration.

Well these are all ideas to keep in mind when you play - try them out and don't worry if experimentation occasionally goes wrong. Just realising the possibilities is fun. Particularly when it works. Finally on an unrelated subject may I congratulate the entire WA contingent to the National Bridge Championships on their stellar results. Maybe they don't need to read this article, they probably already can do it!

Happy Bridging

## ANC Darwin 2012

### ANC Swiss Teams

3rd: Simon Brayshaw, Matthew Raisin, Chris Mulley and Paul Brayshaw

### Territory Gold Matchpoint Pairs

Consolation Winners: Joan and Bob Prince

### ANC Swiss Pairs (32)

1<sup>st</sup> Ross Harper and Michael Courtney

10<sup>th</sup> James Steer and Stella Steer

19<sup>th</sup> Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt

### ANC Open Butler (20)

2<sup>nd</sup> Rhys Cooper and Ron Cooper

### ANC Senior Butler (22)

6<sup>th</sup> Anton Pol and David Matthews

### Women's Butler (20)

14<sup>th</sup> Viv Wood and Cynthia Belonogoff

17<sup>th</sup> Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll

## Bridge for Brain Research Challenge Nationwide, May 1-7, 2012

I am pleased to report that the 2012 "Bridge for Brain Research Challenge" has raised almost \$46,000 for research into Alzheimer's and other dementias. The total raised since 2004 is over \$261,000.

The overall winners were Allison Simon and Geraldine Hare from the Melbourne Cricket Club Bridge Club with 76.5%. The over 75 category was won by Elizabeth and Gerry Greenwood from the Helensvale and Southport Bridge Club with 66.5%.

Media coverage of the event was excellent with good regional support. I have asked for all the wonderful photos of players appearing in the Press to be placed on our web site. It was an opportunity to promote Bridge as well as Neuroscience Research Australia.

I acknowledge the work done by Stephanie Grove of NRA and the helpers at her end. I thank all the clubs and those working at this end to see that the event was a success. Our thanks go to- Migration Path and John Delaney for their huge scoring effort. Next year will be our 10th anniversary and we want to make it special. I hope you will start planning to help the ABF celebrate this milestone achievement. Any suggestions for improving the event and raising more money would be appreciated.



Keith Mc Donald  
President  
Australian Bridge Federation



# Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs

By Fiske Warren

Nedlands Bridge Club recently held this inaugural event in memory of Ranjit Gauba, a much loved and regular player at the club. As usual, the club excelled in providing magnificent refreshments both before and after the event. If you haven't experienced a Nedlands Congress, it is high time you did! The day was considerably enhanced by Ranjit's daughter, Shanta Hobbs, who generously sponsored the event and awarded the prizes.

The hand below arose in the second round. 6H is a very reasonable contract for North-South but how should it be bid? Most pairs reached only 4H and found it far from easy.

Brd 10	♠ A543		♠ KJ962
Dlr E	♥ KQ5		♥ AT4
Vul Both	♦ K6		♦ T85
	♣ AT32		♣ J4
	♠ T87	♠ N	
	♥ 76	♠ W	♠ E
	♦ J974	♠ S	
	♣ 8765		
	♠ Q		
	♥ J9832		
	♦ AQ32		
	♣ KQ9		

	16	
1		9
	14	

Playing Acol or Standard, after a pass from East, the North-South bidding is likely to start 1H-1S-2D. North's hand has now improved considerably with all its points working. No heart bid would be forcing so there are really only two choices. One is to bash 4NT but ideally you would like to find out more about partner's hand before asking for Aces. So it seems the better choice is 3C, fourth suit forcing, over which South will bid 3NT to confirm a club stop. Now what should North bid? Well, it doesn't get any easier. One option is 4H which should be a non-forcing slam try, showing a better hand than 1H-1S-2D-4H. South is quite likely to pass this, worried about the poor heart suit. What should 4NT mean over 3NT? Your partnership needs to have a clear agreement

about when 4NT is Blackwood (or Key Card) and when it is natural. I am very firmly of the opinion that all raises of any NT bid to 4NT should be natural and invitational.

Playing Two over One Game Force, an increasingly popular system, North does better to respond 2C rather than 1S. This has the considerable advantage of creating a game force early. South will rebid 2D and North can bid 2H to show 3 card support and set hearts as trumps. One way of continuing is for South now to show the rest of the hand's shape. So 3C would show 1-5-4-3 shape. (2S would show 1-5-4-3 and 2NT would show 2-5-4-2). There is now plenty of room for the partnership to exchange cue bids before asking for Aces. Still not easy but certainly a lot easier than playing Acol or Standard.

When I played this hand, I sat West and expected to have a relaxing time with no taxing decisions. However, our opponents had a rare bidding misunderstanding and arrived in 6NT by South. As a founder member of the Unlucky Opening Leads Club, I was called upon to make the opening shot. With a swing of 27 IMPs riding on my choice I confounded my partner by getting it right and leading a spade. I guess it was my lucky day.



**Winners:**

**Maura Rhodes and Fiske Warren** with Ranjits' daughter Shanta Hobbs

# Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs Cont.



2<sup>nd</sup> - Roz Trend and Alan Harrop



3<sup>rd</sup> Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton who also won the door prize



4<sup>th</sup> Sathi Moses and Tony Stevens



5<sup>th</sup> Charlie Lim and Lily Lim

## South West Friendly Teams

Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>

9.30-4.30

Busselton Tennis Club, Marine Terrace



Lunch provided

Cost \$20 Entries via BAWA website

Convener Jane Moulden 9756 7752 or

[janemoulden@westnet.com.au](mailto:janemoulden@westnet.com.au)

## BAWA Daytime Pairs



Winners - **Rick Rhodes** and **Maura Rhodes** with Sue Grenside and Helen Hellsten who placed second.

Third were Denise Sharbanee and Deidre Greenfeld.



# Alerting

From Suzanne Goodall

The alerting regulations change from time to time but for the most part they remain the same in principle.

Let's start with why some bids are alertable. If the bid is artificial that is, it does not show the suit implied and or there is a partnership agreement, then that bid is deemed alertable.

There are 3 categories of bids which fit that criteria but are not alerted as they are said to be 'self-alerting'.

They are:

- (1) ALL Doubles and Redoubles.
- (2) A bid of the OPPONENT'S SUIT (Cue Bid)
- (3) A bid ABOVE 3NT with the following exception -  
A high level TRANSFER Pre-empt.

(\*This exception will not affect most of us.)

Let me give some examples of those bids which have special meaning but we do not alert because according to the regulation they 'self alert'.

1) The Opponents open 1NT and your partner X's. The X shows Spades and another suit. While this bid looks like a penalty X you cannot alert it. The opponents can unearth the meaning of the bid by enquiring about it if they intend to take some action.

Similarly your partner opens 1NT and the OPP X. You enquire and learn that this is a penalty X. You now XX to ask partner to bid his better minor. Partner should not alert the XX although he should be forthcoming in giving information regarding your agreement should an opponent make an enquiry.

2) Bidding the Opposition's suit. Say the Opposition open 1D and your partner bids 2D. You do not alert this but if there is an enquiry you must tell your opponents your agreement. Saying it is a MICHAELS CUE Bid is not acceptable. You should describe the shape and point range of the bid.

3) Your partner opens 1H and you make a splinter bid of 4C agreeing hearts and showing a club shortage. As this bid is over 3NT it self-alerts and you should not alert it. ...

*Continues on page 34*



ABN 7005 365 1666



ABN 8205 719 9126

BAWA in association with the ABF presents

## 2012 SWAN RIVER

### OPEN SWISS PAIRS

PQP'S (32, 24, 16 & 8) and GOLD POINTS

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August @10am**

*and*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August @9.30am**

*at the*

**West Australian Bridge Club**

Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

#### Directing Team:

Matthew McManus and Bill Kemp

#### Tournament Organizer:

**Hilary Yovich**

Phone: 08 9341 8116

Fax: 08 9341 4547

[hilily@inet.net.au](mailto:hilily@inet.net.au)

Entry Fee **\$80** per player payable at the table  
or on the BAWA web site

(Account BAWA BSB 016464

Acc No 255674541)

*Lunches from Kirkwood Deli may be ordered  
before play each day*



# The WA Teams in Darwin

A personal view from David Schokman

Last year, after the Melbourne ANC, I asked the question as to why, West Australia, with so much bridge talent available, did not have more success at the ANC. Yes, we have won some Open Championships: probably two or three by the women and the youth once or twice. The seniors have reached a couple of finals but never quite made it. But this year, in Darwin, one could well say that our cup runneth over, winning two titles, the Women's team, comprising Alida Clark, Marnie Leybourne, Leone Fuller, Valentina Biltoft, Cynthia Belonogoff and Viv Wood, who is, probably the most dedicated bridge player, that I know in Australia, followed by Dave Munro. The women's team were finalists last year, and were quite upset, this time, that I talked up the open team and only said that the others were capable of a top three finish. To me that meant that 3<sup>rd</sup> place would be their worst result and I did not want to cast an evil eye on their chances, by predicting a win! They were quite brilliant from the beginning, but lost their last match to NSW and went into the final eight points in arrears. But there was never any doubt that they would win, and they did that with ease.

What can one say about the youth team? They have had some tough years but everything fell into place in 2012. The pairings were compatible and they had a strong skipper in Ron Cooper. But it makes it enjoyable when two of the team are your children, and another, your niece. There was Rhys and Renee Cooper, who also represented Australia in the recently played 14th World Youth Championships in China. Kirstyn Fuller was on holiday from studying in the UK. Then there was Jane Reynolds, probably the senior member of the juniors, and Michael Bausor, both state title winners. Then lastly Tim Knowles who we do not see enough of in Perth because of work commitments. I think that they dropped to second spot once during the triple round robin. Both our teams performed magnificently. I have no doubt that all of you are very proud of them and will join me in saying Congratulations.

What about the Open? I was just waiting for them to pounce but a bad loss in the penultimate round

saw them drop to fifth place, which did not do them justice. But in their defence it was only Gerry Daly and Karol who play regularly together. The others, Paul Brayshaw/Chris Mulley and Matthew Raisin/Simon Brayshaw are young men young with work and family commitments, making it difficult for regular practice. But Simon and Matthew showed quite clearly that they are a pair to be reckoned with, winning the Butler Trials: the WAP's and the playoff.

As part of the senior's team there is no doubt that we are all disappointed in our 6<sup>th</sup> place, a few imps behind Queensland. However, in our defence, none of the three pairs were established partnerships, but there is still no excuse for some of the errors that we made. Two of the players were also not 100 percent fit. Our only claim to glory can be that we defeated the eventual winners, Victoria, by a small margin, and also defeated NSW twice. Hopefully we can aim a little higher next year in Adelaide.

Going away with teams is always an exciting time. In Hobart most of the teams stayed at the casino but this time we were spread around. But as Annabel Booth told me it is a great chance to really meet and get to know other West Australian bridge players, who are otherwise, in Perth, just like ships passing in the night. In Perth our communication is usually just a polite "good day" or some other pleasantries as we move from table to table.

We also often share meals, or a coffee, with other team members, and the waterfront food outlets provided a wide variety of food in a delightful atmosphere by the water.

And however badly our own team is performing it is great to see how much the West Australians enjoy the success of the other teams. This year the two successes were relatively muted when the round robin was concluded, as both the women's and youth teams had their final positions locked in fairly early. In 2010, when the open team stole a finals spot in the last round, all the West Australian players showed so much emotion, almost as if we had already won the final. This is good stuff, and all of you with

ambitions in moving further in your bridge life, I can assure that being part of is state team is something that you should aspire to.

But we tend to forget the most important people – the non- playing captains. Theirs is a thankless job. From the time the teams are selected they have to collect all the system cards to send to the ABF: arrange for team meetings, and practices. And when they actually get to the venue it is a 24 hour job, with little respite. But who congratulates them when their team wins? Probably no one at all.

But what we also forget is that their job requires hard decisions as to whom to play and whom to rest, or whom to bench. This is a difficult task as we all feel that we are going to play better in the next match!

So on behalf of all the players may I offer our thanks to Hilary Yovich, who was NPC of the Open and Senior's teams. Kate Smith- NPC of the women, and Ron Cooper, who has tasted a lot of ANC success, looking after a wonderful youth team.

The best part of it all was getting away for the cold of Perth to the warmth of Darwin.



## **New Chairman of the Youth Committee**

In accordance with his intentions when he became Chairman of the ABF Youth Committee for the second time in early 2010, David Stern will step down as of 31 December 2012. The ABF is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ishmael Del'Monte** to this role. Ish will work with David through to the end of the year. David will always be available to help or counsel on Youth matters.



## **State Open Teams**

**8 weeks event starts Thursday,  
20<sup>th</sup> of September 2012**

**Event commences at 7.30 pm**

**VENUE:** South Perth Bridge Club  
(corner of Brittain Street  
and Barker Street, Como)

**ENTRY FEE:** \$340 per team

**ENTRIES:** via BAWA Website  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

### **2011 Winners:**

**Don Allen, Henry Christie, Gerry  
Daly, Trevor Fuller and Karol Miller**



## **State Mixed Pairs**

**6 weeks event starts Monday,  
24<sup>th</sup> of September 2012**

**Event commences at 7.30 pm**

**VENUE:** Nedlands Bridge Club  
(14 Melvista Ave,  
Nedlands)

**ENTRY FEE:** \$65 per player

**ENTRIES:** via BAWA Website  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

### **2011 Winners:**

**Toby Manford and John Ashworth**



# A Week of Bridge

By Bill Jacobs

bill.jacobs55@gmail.com

Congratulations to the Western Australia Women's and Youth teams, who won their categories at the recent Darwin ANC. I don't know if the Focus magazine will include any articles on "how they done it", but let me give you a perspective from a loser: as a member of the Victorian Open Team, we narrowly qualified for the final, but then lost in comfort to South Australia.

What do you think is the most important determinant of success in a week-long bridge tournament? A few ideas:

- A. Solidity of system agreements with partner.
- B. Performance of your partner and teammates (an excellent copout which I use for most events)
- C. Practice sessions in advance of the tournament

I'm sure it is none of these. The key factor is:

## Your ability to concentrate

Here are a few pointers on how to maximise your concentration levels.

## Manage your health.

You have to stay healthy throughout the week. Since no-one could blame the Darwin weather for giving them colds or the flu, I would suggest:

- No alcohol
- Get plenty of sleep
- Eat healthy food, and not too much of it
- Exercise: walking or swimming
- Drink lots of water

All of these activities directly relate to your ability to concentrate over long periods.

## Put the previous deal out of your mind.

You have a competitive auction, and the opponents "win" it, bidding and making 4♥ with an overtrick, after you competed in diamonds. Should you have bid 5♦? How many down does it go? Looks like 2 off at favourable vulnerability, a good save. Or might the opponents have bid 5♥

... oh, but you can beat 5♥ with a spade lead. No, that's not right; declarer can still make 11 tricks by playing on clubs.

It was an interesting hand.

Meanwhile, you are in 4<sup>th</sup> seat on the next board, and the bidding has gone:

LHO	Pard	RHO	You
1♥	2♣	Pass	?

You sort your cards and see:

♠ Kx ♥ xxxx ♦ Axxxx ♣ Jx

That looks like a pass, no problem, and LHO passes it out. That's good, you are dummy, and you can go back to thinking about the previous hand.

By the way, did you notice any hesitations by the opponents in the bidding? Or did you check the vulnerability? No, too busy thinking about 5♥. Or did you notice that you mis-sorted your hand, and you actually hold:

♠ x ♥ xxxx ♦ Axxxx ♣ KJx

"Sorry partner ... I had a card in the wrong place." Partner scowls as he looks at his own hand again:

♠ QJx ♥ Kx ♦ Kx ♣ AQxxxx

Sound familiar? Solution: make a conscious effort to put the previous hand out of your head, *before taking out the cards for the next hand.*

(By the way, if you find a method by which you can achieve this, please let me know, because I sure cannot do it. But if I could ...)

## Keller Convention.

This is the world's most valuable partnership agreement, invented by American Adam Wildavsky. It will win you moreimps than all other conventions, combined.

Unfortunately, it's fiendishly difficult to play.

The Keller Convention (named after Helen) is simply stated: you and your partner do not speak. No post-mortems, no comments during

the bidding or play, no participation in the opponents' post-mortems, nothing.

What Keller does is free up your mind. You will learn that since you're not allowed to *talk* about the hand just played, it will help to prevent you *thinking* about it. It leaves your brain free to concentrate on the right things.

Try agreeing with your partner to play Keller for just one session, or one match. It's actually quite fun. And there is a very positive by-product ... when you have a bad board, your opponents won't gain an extra psychological advantage from listening to you "discuss" it.

### **Bring a book.**

I was watching the Polish National Championships on Bridge Base Vu-Graph. The presentation included a web-cam, so we could watch the players in real-time. One of Poland's top players, Krzysztof Jassem, brought a newspaper to the table, and read it when the hand was on the other side of the screen, also when he was dummy.

Maybe he was posing for the camera, but more likely; this is a tool he uses to keep his mind clear.

Top player Cathy Chua (now living in Geneva) operates similarly. During Stages 2 and 3 of a recent Butler event, she brought a book (not a bridge book!) along, and read it between sessions. Not for her the detailed post-morteming, consulting of the hand record, and working out why Deep Finesse says you can make 3♣.

She won the Butler. I rest my case.

### **Beware the Last Board.**

The ANC involves 20 board matches. When you get to the final hand in a match, your thoughts naturally turn to the score-up ... will this be a win or a loss? Concentration wanes, and if you are not careful, your small win will convert to a small loss through insufficient attention to board 20.

I have seen this phenomenon often in recent VuGraphs. On average, more imps are thrown on the final board of a set than the others (just try to disprove me!) So make a conscious effort to gather your concentration when you get to the final board.



## **Youth in New Zealand**

### **2012 NZ Congress**

Expressions of interest are sought from eligible Australian youth pairs to play in the New Zealand National Congress commencing Saturday 29 September 2012 and to contest a match against the New Zealand Youth Team on Friday 5 October 2012 and Saturday 6 October 2012.

An airfare subsidy of up to \$400 per player will be made available from the Friends of Youth Bridge Fund. It is likely, but not assured, that local billeting will be available and the hosts will use their best endeavours to arrange transport to and from Auckland Airport to the venue in Hamilton.

A 50% discount on entry fees to the congress events will apply. The hosts have also offered complimentary tickets to the Australian team for the Victory Dinner on Saturday 6 October 2012.

To be eligible you must be a bona fide resident of Australia born on or after 1 January 1988 and an ABF member in good standing.

Expressions of interests will be promptly considered by the ABF Youth Committee which will ratify a team of four for this event. A strong preference will be given to partnerships intending to trial for Australian representative teams in 2013.

If you are interested in playing, please respond no later than Friday 17 August 2012 with the following information:

1. Your name and your proposed partner.
2. Your date of birth and current contact details.
3. A brief summary of your bridge experience and achievements, particularly in the proposed partnership.
4. Whether or not and in what partnership you intend to trial for the Australian youth teams in 2013.

If you have any queries in relation to the foregoing or require any additional information, please contact the National Youth Coordinator, David Thompson ([dave@amontay.com](mailto:dave@amontay.com)), to whom expressions of interest should be sent.



**Hans G Rosendorff Memorial Congress  
Women's Swiss Teams**



**2012 National Women's Swiss Pairs Event**

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> & Sun 16<sup>th</sup> September**

at the West Australian Bridge Club, 7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne WA

**Gold Points**

**PQPs: 1<sup>st</sup> 24, 2<sup>nd</sup> 12, 3<sup>rd</sup> 6**

Play commences 9.30am and finishes 5.30pm (approx.)

**LUNCHES MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE START OF PLAY EACH DAY**

Presentation of ABF Medallions at supper after play on Sunday

**Entry Fee: \$320 per team**

Information and online entry facility on the BAWA website [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

**Tournament Organiser:** Sheenagh Young 0409 381 439 or [hgr@abf.com.au](mailto:hgr@abf.com.au)  
**Tournament Unit:** Bill Kemp CTD 9447 0534 or [diggadog@inet.net.au](mailto:diggadog@inet.net.au)  
 Peter Holloway 0411 870 931  
 Neville Walker 0418 944 077



**Hans G Rosendorff Memorial Congress  
Restricted Swiss Pairs**



**2012 National Restricted Swiss Pairs Event**

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> & Sun 16<sup>th</sup> September**

at the West Australian Bridge Club, 7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne WA

**Gold Points**

Play commences 9.30am and finishes 5.30pm (approx.)

**LUNCHES MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE START OF PLAY EACH DAY**

Presentation of ABF Medallions at supper after play on Sunday

Players should note that this event is restricted to players **UNDER 300 masterpoints** as at 1st Jan 2012  
 This qualification will be checked carefully.

Top two pairs will qualify to receive \$300 per pair from the ABF towards travel/ accommodation expenses when playing in an interstate ABF event within the following 12 months

**Entry Fee: \$70 per player**

Information and online entry facility on the BAWA website [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

**Tournament Organiser:** Sheenagh Young 0409 381 439 or [hgr@abf.com.au](mailto:hgr@abf.com.au)  
**Tournament Unit:** Bill Kemp CTD 9447 0534 or [diggadog@inet.net.au](mailto:diggadog@inet.net.au)  
 Peter Holloway 0411 870 931  
 Neville Walker 0418 944 077



# Bridging the Gap — An insight into the Management of Bridge

By John Aquino

The purpose of this brief article is to give the bridge playing public an insight into how the game in WA is administered and to introduce you to the current members of the Management Committee.

Western Australian Bridge is part of the global bridge playing family. The peak international body is the World Bridge Federation (WBF) which promotes the game at an international level and is responsible for managing and updating the Laws of the Game, regulating the game, and conducting world championships. The membership of the WBF is made up of the National Contract Bridge Organisations (NCBOs). There are approximately 115 NCBOs worldwide including the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) — which is the peak bridge body in Australia. The ABF is a 'federation' of State and Territory Bridge associations.

The peak bridge organisation in WA is the Bridge Association of WA (BAWA). BAWA is a not for profit incorporated organisation which is an association of affiliated bridge clubs across the State. It is our link to the National and International bridge world. These affiliated clubs are the members of BAWA — who are charged, in the constitution, with its control and management. The Associates exercise 'control' over BAWA through a Council which generally meets annually at the AGM. Clubs nominate suitable persons for election to the Management Committee and the Council elects a Management Committee that manages the day to day operations of the organisation.

The Constitution of BAWA Inc. specifies how the organisation is allowed to operate and is the 'touchstone' document providing the rules for governing the organisation. It is published on the BAWA website. There are currently 4,109 ABF registered players who are members of the 33 WA bridge clubs. Twenty of the clubs are metropolitan based and 13 are country / regional clubs geographically spread from Esperance to Geraldton.

So who are the 'Management Committee' that are the managers of BAWA and the game on behalf of all bridge clubs in WA? The Management Committee currently has 11 members, many of whom have served on the MC for a number of years. The following is an introduction to the 2011/12 members:

**President: Nigel Dutton.** (Home Club Nedlands BC) Nigel has been the President of BAWA for 15 years. As a player Nigel has represented the State at the national level and as a Silver Grand Master is one of the elite players in the state. Nigel is Manager of Operations at Willetton Senior High School.

**Vice President: Allison Stralow.** (Home Club Melville BC) Allison has achieved Grand Master status. Allison is also the convener for the Golden West Tournament. She represents WA as a councillor on the ABF. Allison is head of Year 7 at St Hilda's Girls High School.

**Treasurer: Pepe Schwegler.** (Home Club WABC) Pepe has been the BAWA Treasurer since 2005 and brings to the Committee a background in business and financial management. Pepe has worked in Local Government with the City of Stirling.

**Executive Officer / Secretary: John Aquino.** (Home Club WABC) John took over the role eight months ago and has been the recent Convenor for the Western Seniors Pairs — an ABF/BAWA gold point event. John has also convened other bridge events, is a Chartered Accountant and has a background in financial and project management.

**John Beddow.** (Home Club WABC) John is a Grand Master and has been involved in bridge administration for almost twenty years including 10 years as the Executive Officer of BAWA. John has had a long career in the military including serving with the Royal Marine Commandos.

**Linda Bedford-Brown:** (Home Club Nedlands BC) Linda is also the President of the Nedlands BC. She has been the Editor of *Bridge Focus* since 2003 and has built the magazine up to be one of the best bridge magazines in Australia. As a

player she has achieved Grand Master status. Linda runs a a boutique B&B in Nedlands.

**Noel Daniel:** (Home Club Melville BC). Noel is the Tournament Organiser for the 2012 Super Vets Congress — a gold point event restricted to players over 80 years of age. Noel has worked for many years in the travel industry and has managed a travel agency specialising in travel to India.

**Lii Soots:** (Home Club South Perth BC). Lii has been on the Management Committee since the inception of BAWA. She has been the BAWA master point secretary for 39 years. Lii has been a tournament director at an international level.

**Isabella Gorski:** (Home Club South Perth BC). She has been on the MC since 2005.

**Sheenagh Young:** (Home Club WABC). Sheenagh has for many years has been the Executive Officer for WABC and is the Tournament Organiser for the Hans Rosendorff Congress an ABF/ BAWA blue ribbon event.

**Hilary Yovich:** (Home club Nedlands BC). Hilary is the Tournament Organiser for the Swan River Open Swiss Pairs which is one of the Blue Ribbon events on the annual playing calendar. Hilary has worked for many years as a maths teacher.



*At work - clockwise from Left: Noel Daniel, Lii Soots, John Aquino, Linda Bedford-Brown, Nigel Dutton, John Beddow, Pepe Schwegler, Sheenagh Young, Isabella Gorski, Allison Stralow, Hilary Yovich*

The Management Committee meets monthly to address operational and strategic issues. It recently completed a Five Year (2011—15) Strategic Plan for BAWA. The Strategic Plan is a document that seeks to look 'over the horizon' and set a strategic direction for BAWA and bridge in the State.

The Management Committee is able to form sub committees to assist it in its administration of the

game. Currently there is only one sub-committee of the MC — The Tournament Committee. The TC is currently comprised of 13 people who, as a body, have an extraordinary depth of knowledge into the competitive side of the game.

The MC is currently considering establishing a Finance Sub Committee and also a Fund Raising Sub Committee. Minutes of the monthly Management Committee meetings are sent to the affiliated clubs and can be viewed by players at their club.

The Management Committee members are all passionate about the game and give generously of their time as volunteers to ensure that bridge in WA as a game and 'mind sport' is well managed.



## Undercroft Bridge Club ANNUAL CONGRESS

*Percy Doyle Reserve*

*Corner Warwick & Marmion Rd, Duncraig*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012 (Pairs)**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012 (Teams)**

**Time:** 10am (sharp) - both days

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person - per day

**Food:** Lunch provided on both days

### **GENEROUS PRIZES**

**Director:** Bill Kemp 94470534

**Convenors:** Connie Coltrona 92451723

David Cowell 94035552

#### **TO ENTER**

*(Preferable) on the BAWA website:*

<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

*or telephone the convenors*



Brd	♠ KQT6		
Dlr E	♥ KJT987		
Vul NS	♦ A8		
	♣ 3		
		♠ 983	
♠ AJ52		♥ Q654	
♥ 2		♦ Q9	
♦ T543		♣ AK62	
♣ QT87			
	♠ 74		
	♥ A3		
	♦ KJ762		
	♣ J954		

13	
7	11
9	

Contract: 4H by North

### If 3NT is an Option...

As the great Bob Hamman recommended, if 3NT is an option, you should bid it. South opened 1H in third seat, West overcalled a spade and I responded 1NT rather than pass and hope for a 1-level penalty. Errol took big Bob at his word and propelled me straight into 3NT.

Brd	♠ Q8742		
Dlr N	♥ 94		
Vul Nil	♦ A72		
	♣ T98		
		♠ 95	
♠ AKT63		♥ QT73	
♥ 82		♦ KT9	
♦ 543		♣ K432	
♣ Q75			
	♠ J		
	♥ AKJ65		
	♦ QJ86		
	♣ AJ6		

6	
9	8
17	

Contract: 3NT by N

Lead: S9

While the situation was not hopeless, this was a distinctly skinny contract and I'd need a couple of things to work. East started by leading partner's suit, the 9S fetching the jack, king and a small one. West, on lead, had a dilemma and he settled on a small spade return. The good news was that my 7S held trick 2, but the bad news was I had to discard something from dummy. The only thing I could spare was a diamond.

It's not easy to plan the play: anyway I decided to lead a club at this point. I'd like to take 2 finesses, the percentage play with KQ missing, but entries are scarce. However, if East covered, I could win and lead the suit from dummy. If West won he would again be on lead with only tenaces to lead towards. The latter scenario occurred, West

winning and leading a diamond. I had no real choice but to play low and allow the king to win. From what I knew of the hand it seemed unlikely to drop singleton, as I didn't believe West had a 5-5 shape.

Sure enough, the king won and a diamond was returned for me to win in hand, my last entry. I tried the heart finesse this time. A 3-3 split with the king on-side would have been easy, but I played the jack, ace and king and saw that East still had a heart winner.

Brd	♠ Q8		
Dlr N	♥		
Vul Nil	♦ 7		
	♣ 98		
		♠ AT	
		♥	♥ Q
		♦ 4	♦ T
		♣ 75	♣ K43
		♠	
		♥ 65	
		♦ Q	
		♣ AJ	

6	
9	8
17	

Fortunately I knew a fair amount about East's hand by this stage. He had started with a doubleton spade, four hearts and 7 minor suit cards. If diamonds were 3-3 I could force him to take a club finesse which I couldn't get back to hand to take myself. I cashed the last diamond winner, removing his possible safe exit, and indeed the suit did split evenly. Then I threw East in with the heart, he promptly returned a low club and folded his cards when I played the jack.

At the end of the match Errol and I exchanged astonished glances, thinking we had more than held our own. We were even more surprised to score a 23-7 victory. Our unlucky opponents descended to the second bottom table, only to face Michael Courtney! However, they had the last laugh, as they steadily climbed back up to finish in 5th place, and were also in the winning team in the Open Teams. Despite their misfortune in this match, both opponents displayed top-class sportsmanship and ethics, exactly as the game should be played.

In all honesty, we did nothing particularly brilliant. It just shows that you shouldn't give up hope whoever the opponent happens to be - you play the percentages as best you can and sometimes more of your decisions go right.



# Australia vs. Croatia

By Ron Klinger



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

## PROBLEM

West dealer; NS vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1H (1)	X	1S (2)	1NT
4D (3)	5C	X	5H
Pass	Pass	6D	?

- (1) Artificial, 4+ spades, 10-17 points
- (2) Artificial, 10-13 points
- (3) At least 5-5 in spades and diamonds

What should do now as East with:

♠	A4
♥	KJ
♦	QJT6
♣	Q7653

Competitive judgment at high levels is tough. Here is a useful approach: If your side has bid to game vulnerable against not and they outbid you, either you bid on or you double them. At this vulnerability you will be bidding game to make and so their action will usually be a sacrifice.

This deal from the match between Australia and Croatia in the 2004 Olympiad Open Teams illustrates the situation.

Brd	♠ J8		
Dlr W	♥ Q7532		
Vul EW	♦ 4		
	♣ AK1042		
		♠ A4	
♠ KQ10962		♥ KJ	
♥ -		♦ QJ106	
♦ AK9732		♣ Q7653	
♣ 8			
	♠ 753		
	♥ A109864		
	♦ 85		
	♣ J9		

10	
12	13
5	

Australia North-South:

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

(1) Michaels, 5+ hearts and a 5+ minor

Declarer could not avoid four losers and so was -500. North judged well that West, vulnerable against not, was not bidding 6D as a sacrifice. At the other table, Australia was East-West:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1H (1)	X	1S (2)	1NT
4D (3)	5C	X	5H
Pass	Pass	6D	All pass

- (1) Artificial, 4+ spades, 10-17 points
- (2) Artificial, 10-13 points
- (3) At least 5-5 in spades and diamonds

South tried to muddy the waters with that 1NT reply to the takeout double. East was happy enough to double 5C, but when South emerged with 5H, the gag was revealed. East pushed on and found West with a totally suitable hand. The slam proved an easy make for +1370 and +13 Imps.

## 2012 Bridge Holidays with Ron Klinger

### Norfolk Island Nov 25-Dec 2

For details, please contact

[ron@ronklingerbridge.com](mailto:ron@ronklingerbridge.com)

or 02 9958 5589.



# ROVING RHODES

## Mandurah Winter Swiss Pairs



By Maura Rhodes

[rhodesfamily@westnet.com.au](mailto:rhodesfamily@westnet.com.au)

On July 14-15, Mandurah Bridge Club held its winter Swiss Pairs and what a great event it was. 38 Pairs competed over the two days and the event ran smoothly and pleurably. Neville Walker directed efficiently, the Bridge mates behaved and there was a lovely lady called Ursula who ensured that all the boards moved the right way at the right time- no mean feat where Bridge players are involved! We had finished play by 4pm on Saturday, so Neville and the Mandurah Bridge Club decided to change the start time to 10am for next year. Rick and I were delighted to hear that, as were the many others who drove down from Perth to play. It will make it much easier for players from afar and I imagine that more people will enter next year, when the word spreads about how good this event is.

Mandurah Bridge Club made us all very welcome in its splendid new premises. I must mention the ladies who were in charge of the food. What a fine spread was provided! I particularly loved the fruit scones –thank you to the Chef! For lunch we had a selection of soups with hot rolls, very welcome on a cold winter weekend. Why does bread always taste so much better when it is warm? I don't know, but it does!

On the first day, Rick and I didn't do well, but we recovered ground on the Sunday and finished up 8<sup>th</sup>. Here is a hand where my partner shone:

Brd 28	♠ AKQT6		
Dlr W	♥ Q6		
Vul NS	♦ K8		
	♣ K984		
♠ 943	♠ J872		
♥ 97	♥ A84		
♦ QT763	♦ A952		
♣ A65	♣ T3		
	♠ 5		
	♥ KJT532		
	♦ J4		
	♣ QJ72		

17	
6	9
8	

Here is how the bidding proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Maura</i>		<i>Rick</i>
Pass	1S	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Playing Two over One, Rick's response was wide-range showing 5-11 HCP and my 2NT rebid showed a hand too strong to open 1NT i.e. a good 17 to 18 HCP. Rick's 3H then showed me that he had a six card suit and less than an opening hand, so it was easy for me to set the contract.

On the lead of the six of Diamonds, Rick played the eight, which West covered with the nine, allowing Rick's Jack to win the trick. Rick then played the two top Spades, discarding his losing Diamond from hand, and then tackled trumps. He lost only the Ace of trumps and the Ace of Clubs to notch up eleven tricks and twelve Imps. Nicely bid and played, Partner!

It would be interesting for you, dear reader, to bid these hands with your favourite partner and see what contract you end up in. The contracts people ended up in varied widely, with nine pairs playing in 3NT, only one of whom made, on a favourable Club lead. Two pairs played in the non-making 4S contract, while two pairs played in part-score Club contracts. One pair played in 5C making ten tricks.

Congratulations to all the people at Mandurah who made this Congress a huge success. We will certainly be back next year and will encourage more people from Perth to come. Congratulations also to the very convincing winners, Tad and Beata Bieganski, who led the field from Round 6 onwards- well done! Jan Blight and Heather Williams narrowly pipped Sue Gammon and Richard Fox for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. To all three Pairs: well done and also congratulations to all the Pairs who won restricted prizes. I was not amongst the prize winners, but I believe that the prize money was very generous.



# Martin Hoffman

From Ross Harper

Ask any expert: “who is the best pairs player in the world?” and the name which keeps recurring is:

MARTIN HOFFMAN.

A holocaust survivor, diamond cutter, gambler on horses and greyhounds, bridge author and happily married to Audrey. His dummy play (at lightning speed) and his defence are without parallel. I met him many years ago, when visiting London. I boldly went into a bridge club to try out rubber bridge. I played a rubber with Hoffman but did not appreciate who he was. On returning to Glasgow I told my friend and mentor Willie Coyle (recent winner of a European medal for Scotland – their first) that I perhaps should have raised to 2NT on a particular hand but had felt that I lacked the values. When Willie heard who was playing dummy he said with barely a glance: “Hoffmann playing the hand – raise to 3NT”. Sure enough, Martin had made 9 or 10 tricks, played rapidly – with a throw in and a pseudo squeeze. A slight, but polite raise of the eyebrow.

Some years later Ursula (the wife) and I moved to London and again encountered Martin at the bridge club. By then I knew who he was and admired his outstanding record in international and cross national events. One day he approached me and said that he had been suffering from bad luck...and asked if I would advance him 50 pounds to be repaid within a week. My pleasure ....but not repayment, and I was the butt of some jokes. One week, two weeks, three weeks – all passed. My Scottish blood took over and I approached him with a gentle reminder. “Times are a bit tough at the moment but I will play a duplicate game with you some evening”. For me a no brainer; 24 boards with the great Hoffman – beyond value.

This was the best bad debt I have ever had and we started to play regularly. And he enjoyed playing with Ursula (whom Boris Shapiro had

named “the best of the bimbos”). We attended congresses in England, Europe and America and enjoyed them all. His speed of play, analysis and good nature overwhelmed us. I suspected that any money we paid him went straight to the bookmaker.

Sometimes, in a hot country, he would play in short shirt sleeves and, one day, I noticed numbers tattooed on his arm. He did not talk openly about his past life but did say that they were identification numbers from the notorious Auschwitz – and the matter was left there. Painful memories should not be aroused. He bore no grudges against the current generation and, indeed, he has always been most kindly and charming to my German born wife. As he is to humanity around him, always ready with a joke and several bridge hands. He is a gentleman in every meaning of the word. How could a man who suffered so grievously be tolerant of society? And be so kindly?

Now the past is revealed in breathtaking form.

When in London in June for business I arranged a few games at our duplicate club – the Young Chelsea bridge club – a double oxymoron – it is neither young or in Chelsea. However, he gave me an advance copy of his autobiography which is electric – and unique for him – not one bridge hand. It is called “**Bridging Two Worlds**”. I read it from cover to cover on my way home and it took my mind off the bridge hands I was going to write about in this article. In fact, I think, the hands are languishing in Dubai. The book contains a foreword by Omar Sharif (an erstwhile partner) which includes the tribute “His greatest success; however, it is, that despite everything he still has decency and human feelings. I am proud to be Martin Hoffman’s friend.”

Martin was born in Czechoslovakia, as it was then, and was subsequently carved up between the Hungarians and Germans. He grew up in a conventional middle class Jewish family of 6. His paternal grandfather was a rabbi. When trouble arose in Prague, he was sent to the Carpathian Mountains – visited by his mother in 1939 when

he was 7. He never saw her again. His family all disappeared and his efforts to find them after the war were fruitless. Eventually, he was caught in the mountains and a horrific transport in a goods train took him to Auschwitz.

Martin made a determined effort to trace and find relatives after the liberation but, apart from an uncle, the loving, caring family had been wiped out by the holocaust. Yet, despite privation, sorrow and tragedy Martin had survived. He was offered a transfer and chose London and part two of an amazing life commenced.

He quickly found work as a diamond cutter and quickly moved to an expert rank, meeting with royalty at the factory where he worked.

He was introduced to whist and then to bridge. And he shone. Studying experts and starting to play Rubber Bridge for money he survived a recession in the diamond business and became a full time bridge player, improving by the day and surviving. Yet, after such a harrowing existence he found he needed more excitement. As a result of this irrational desire, the bookmakers of London benefited. Martin would win at bridge and spend the winnings on racehorses and greyhounds. Not a happy continuation but a trait which was to follow him for quite some time.

HIS LIFE CHANGED WHEN HE MET AND MARRIED Audrey – a charming lady- who also played no mean hand of bridge – but not with Martin! When Martin's love of betting grew, Audrey, who looked after the family finances was, at times, driven to distraction but thanks to Audrey's patience, powers of recovery and level headedness, they survived. Martin now played international bridge and took Europe by storm. He played with Paul Hackett who is an organiser par excellence. His catalogue of successes is immense and he became recognised as "world class".

Martin played with a variety of partners, all with great success. He would be the first to admit that, however good his card play was, he was not a bidder. It is true that his nose for the right bid was, and is, uncanny – and the over-bidder becomes, by necessity, the uncanny card player. When he played with Omar Sharif, he was presented with sheaves of a Roman Club System. Martin, being Martin, agreed to it all but I doubt if he read more than the first two pages. Nevertheless, he still triumphed. When playing the dummy or defending, each card and all

possible distributions obtained a foothold in his memory. For bidding, he relies on his nose and knowledge of all basic systems.

I recall playing with him quite regularly as he became attuned to the finer points of Standard American. I noticed that he was reluctant to use Roman Key Card Blackwood and I worked out that remembering the response of 14/30 worried him. Eventually, as an aide memoir, I pointed out that 14/30 is the score for a vulnerable slam. I would like to think that helped! But Martin does not always need RKC. Missing an Ace and the King of trumps, he is quite liable to drop the singleton K.

He was encouraged to write a host of bridge books – on playing and defending – not bidding!!

Each one is a treasure and some can be borrowed at the WABC and Nedlands bridge libraries. While he is kind enough to say that he enjoys playing with me I have to say that if I was twice the player I am, I would not be half as good as Martin Hoffman.

And so - back to the Young Chelsea. If you go to London, play there. The manager, Gordon Rainsford, is a great player and an excellent manager. Partners are provided. There are a number of differences to Perth:

1. Play is a little slower, no tea break, but bar open and coffee and food to be had at all times.
2. You can wander through to the bar and check current scores which are displayed on TV.
3. While the dreaded match point game rules mostly (dreaded by me – manna for Martin) on a Friday night there is IMP scoring against the whole field.
4. All N/S and E/W scores are merged – more difficult to come first.
5. For first and second, vouchers are given – attractive for a Scot like me.
6. You may, by arrangement, land a game with Hoffman

I conclude by reminding myself that the wife always has the last words. And here they are: "I love Martin. He is the only person I know who is incapable of saying a bad word about anybody. He is a model for us all."

*(Editors note: The full extract can be viewed at Focus online [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au) August 2012)*



# SuperVets\* Pairs

\*Restricted to Players over 80 years of age

**This is a Gold Point Event**

**11 November 2012**

**This event is part of Seniors Week**

This prestige event will be held at  
WA Bridge Club, 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne  
Plenty of Car Parking is Available. Play Starts at 10.00am

There will be awards for:

- ❖ The best performer over 80 years of age
- ❖ The best performer over 90 years of age
- ❖ The Best performer over 100!

Entries: Via the BAWA Website:

[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

Entry Fee: \$12 Per Player

Tournament Director: **Bill Kemp**

Convenor: **Noel Daniel**

noel25@iinet.net.au

Phone: 0418 910 255

A light lunch will be provided to players at around 12.30pm.

Afternoon Tea and Presentations at 3pm after play to recognise the incredible contribution that older players have made to the game.

**Part of the Bendigo Bank Seniors Week Festival 2012**



This event is supported by  
COTA WA; the Department of  
Communities and Lotteries West





# Book Review

By Mike McGlone

## 121 Tips for Better Bridge by Paul Mendelson

ISBN 9780091936051 2010

This is a pocket size paperback jam packed with a host of tips for players wishing to improve their bidding and play prowess.

Each tip has a page or two outlining the tip and its usefulness. Tips are categorized into four areas: Bidding, Play, Defence and Tactics, Duplicate Tips and Advice.

Here is a sample page on a bidding tip that Mendelson gives for No-Trump Contracts.

*#96 Keep Aiming for No-Trumps: Stopper-Showing Bids for No-Trump Contracts.*

This bidding will transform your results; it is essential that you and your partner add it to your system straight away. Instead of having a minor suit as trumps, your thoughts should always be on trying to play in 3NT. Compared to 5C or 5D, this offers you game for two less tricks, and extra points if you are scoring for Duplicate Pairs.

Whenever you agree a minor suit or if one player emphasizes a minor suit, any new suit introduced is a Stopper-Showing Bid for no-trumps. Simply, a bid in a new suit tells partner that you have a stopper in that suit, and you need him to name the suit(s) where he has stoppers. Once a player knows that all the suits are covered, he makes a limit bid in no-trumps. Let's see these clever bids in action:

♠ A5		♠ 73
♥ 643		♥ KQ8
♦ AQ7		♦ K543
♣ AQ832		♣ K976

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C		3C	
3D		3H	
3NT			

5C may not make but 3NT is a certainty. After East agrees clubs, West's 3D bid shows a

diamond stopper. Knowing all suits are covered, West bids 3NT confidently.

♠ 5		♠ AK4
♥ AJ853		♥ 62
♦ A754		♦ KQ9832
♣ AJ8		♣ 74

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1H		2D	
3D		3S	
3NT			

When West supports East's diamonds, East investigates the possibility of 3NT by making a Stopper-Showing Bid for no-trumps – his 3S bid. This confirms a stopper in spades and suggests that East is worried about the one unbid suit - clubs. As West has clubs covered, he re-bids 3NT and the best Game is reached.

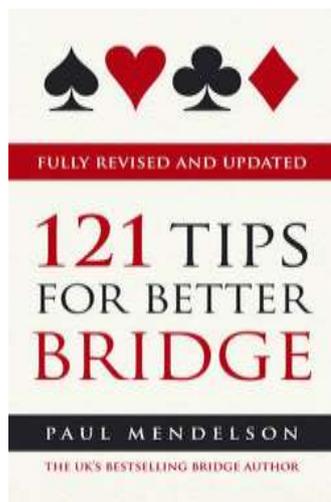
♠ AK5		♠ QJ4
♥ J6		♥ AK752
♦ 75		♦ 43
♣ AKJ832		♣ Q96

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C		1H	
3C		3S	
4C		5C	

When East bids 3S over West's strong re-bid, this shows a stopper in spades and, since you show stoppers in ascending order, denies a diamond stopper. As West is without a stopper in diamonds also, he does not bid NT's, but returns to his own long suit where, on this occasion, his side will play.

To use a Stopper-Showing Bid, you must have agreed a minor suit, or emphasized one. You must have sufficient points between you for Game. Bid your stoppers in the cheapest, or ascending, order. Failure to bid a suit denies a stopper there.

Once a player knows that all suits are covered, he must bid NT's immediately. If a suit is identified with no stopper between your two hands, play in your minor suit, at the 4 or 5-level.



These tips cover a multitude of topics in an easy to read format and should prove valuable if put into practice and yield many additional match points over time.



## Alerting

By Suzanne Goodall

*(Continues from page 19)*

To my understanding bids of 3NT that have a special meaning are alertable.

Some examples might be

- a Gambling 3NT Opening
- a 3NT Opening which asks partner about specific aces
- a sequence of 2NT-P-\*3C-P-3NT

Opener here has 20-22 hcp, partner asks if he has a 5 card major and the 3NT replies contains specific information which is that he doesn't have a 5 OR 4 card major.

Also for several years now we have not alerted a 2C bid over our partner's 1NT opener in an uncontested auction.

It does not matter what the 2C means, it should not be alerted. However a response if artificial should be alerted. When this exception was first introduced there was much confusion and occasionally there still is. Some people thought that any 2C BID (say an opening) was not alertable or extended the exception to 3C over 2NT. Having said that, I believe most of us are reasonably comfortable with the concept these days.

Another area here that players occasionally misstep is failing to alert strong bids that look weak. An example of this a 1C-2C sequence where you are playing inverted minors. The 2C response looks weak but is actually strong.

And even more common error is not drawing attention to weak bids that look strong. An example of this is the Weak Jump Response. Take an auction such as 1C by you followed by a jump to 2S by partner showing 0-5hcp and 6 spades. You must alert this or potentially your opponents may be disadvantaged.

A few other things concerning alerts that should concern us. Presume a bid is natural if it is not alerted. I play a weak two system with partner and invariably if partner opens 2D I will be asked is that a MULTI? If the opponents fail to alert a bid you may be able to prove that you are damaged. Say, you have a partnership agreement where a X of artificial bids is lead-directing. If the opponents fail to alert the bid you have lost your opportunity for the lead-directing X You must be able to present a good case to the Director who should be called. I would suggest that if the opponents failed to alert a negative 2D over a 2C Opening would not prove to be a good case as most players would infer that this is artificial.

I have also noticed that many novice players and some seasoned club players ask about every bid that is alerted. Legally they may do so but it wastes time and interrupts the flow of the auction. So unless you have some intention of bidding, pass and wait until the auction is completed to ask about the entire auction.

Say you are playing some form of MULTI-2's. Your partner opens 2S which you dutifully alert. When the opposition enquires you say the hand shows 5 spades and 5 of another suit and 6-9 hcp. If your partner is known to occasionally bid with 5/4 shapes you must include that information. This is known as full and frank disclosure.

Also for those of you who may be interested there is information available on the BAWA website under Supplementary Regulations regarding Pre-Alerts and Delayed Alerts.

So in closing make an effort to know which bids in your system should be alerted and learn how to give a complete explanation.

# Results

## State Swiss Pairs

1st	Nigel Dutton and Marie France Merven
2nd	Dave Parham and Frank Fikke
3rd	Phil Tearne and Val Bilotto

## State Winter Teams

1st	Joan Touyz, Doreen Jones, Catherine Hood and Heather Williams
2nd	Noelene Law, Allison Stralow, Annabel Booth and Lauren Shiels
3rd	Gerry Daly, Viv Wood, Michael Bausor and Rhys Cooper



## West Coast Congress

CIVIC CENTRE  
TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT,  
CITY BEACH

**SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 10.00AM**

DIRECTOR – BILL KEMP

**ENTRIES via BAWA**

[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

Or post to: The Congress Convenor WCBC

The Civic Centre  
Templetonia Crescent  
CITY BEACH WA 6015

Arrive - 09:30

Qualifying round - 10:00

Lunch (bring your own) - 13:00 to 14:00

Final round - 14:15

Refreshments - 17:30

**ENTRY FEE \$30 PER PLAYER**

**RED MASTER POINTS**

**ENTRIES CLOSE 20 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Each player must have a system card

## TEAMS OF 4 – as at 20<sup>th</sup> July

### OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
<b>RED TABLE POSITIONS</b>			
Undercroft Red	6	3	93
Melville	4	2	64
Maccabi	4	2	52
SPBC Taipans	2	2	31
<b>GREEN TABLE POSITIONS</b>			
Nedlands	3	2	57
Undercroft Green	3	1	50
SPBC Cobras	4	1	40
WABC	2	1	31

### INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
<b>RED TABLE POSITIONS</b>			
Maccabi	7	4	112
SPBC Copperheads	6	3	91
WABC Red	4	2	72
Undercroft Red	4	2	62
Undercroft Gold	5	1	51
<b>GREEN TABLE POSITIONS</b>			
WABC Green	9	8	191
Melville	9	2	111
Nedlands	9	3	107
SPBC Bushmasters	6	5	103
Undercroft Green	4	2	56
Undercroft Blue	4	1	54

### RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
<b>RED TABLE POSITIONS</b>			
Nedlands	6	2	69
South Perth 'Mulgas'	3	3	61
WABC Red	3	2	49
Kalamunda	4	1	35
<b>GREEN TABLE POSITIONS</b>			
Undercroft Green	7	5	120
South Perth Gwardars	6	5	108
WABC Green	7	2	93
Swan Dists	6	1	74
Meville	6	2	71

## June Pennants Results

ALBANY	54.1	52.3	65.2	42.2				213.8	<b>53.45</b>	
BRIDGETOWN	63.7	43.8	52.1	59.3				218.9	<b>54.73</b>	
BUNBURY	51.4	54.5	51.4	55.1	52.5			264.9	<b>52.98</b>	
BUSSELTON	57	61	50.4	54.8	54.2			277.4	<b>55.48</b>	
ESPERENCE	65.5	57	60.6	54				237.1	<b>59.28</b>	4 PTS
GERALDTON	50							50	<b>50.00</b>	
KALAMUNDA	55.8	47	53.1	40.1				196	<b>49.00</b>	
KALGOORLIE	50							50	<b>50.00</b>	
MACCABI	53.9	50.4	59.1	67.7	62.7	59		352.8	<b>58.80</b>	2 PTS
MELVILLE	62	47.9	56.3	56.2	44.6	54.9	36.6	358.5	<b>51.21</b>	
NEDLANDS	50.2	55.2	53.2	50.4				209	<b>52.25</b>	
ROCKINGHAM	56.3	50.9	55.4	53.8	51.6			268	<b>53.60</b>	
UNDERCROFT	54.1	45.4	66.6	68.5	64.6	61		360.2	<b>60.03</b>	6 PTS

## Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

### 2012 Congress

**When** Long Weekend in **September**  
Friday 28th to Sunday 30th

**Where** Kalgoorlie Golf Club  
Killarney Street, Kalgoorlie

#### Playing Times

**Fri Eve** Registration and Welcome Pairs

**Sat** Pairs (morning and afternoon)

**Sun** Teams (morning and afternoon)  
Presentations

Tournament Director: **Peter Holloway**

Accommodation: Railway Motel

Ph 90880000

*(Discounts when mentioning Bridge Congress)*

Registration can be made on the web site and registration forms have been sent to all clubs to go on the noticeboard.

For more information contact: **Sue Lia** -  
90214707 or 0418215308

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO BAWA COMPETITIONS

BAWA takes this opportunity to remind all players, new and established, of the attendance requirements when entering a BAWA event

#### Attendance:

Entry to an event entails a commitment to play every session. Penalties may apply to pairs failing to arrive or failing to give 24 hours notice to the Tournament Director. Should unforeseen circumstances prevent attendance, it is the players' responsibility to arrange a suitable substitute.

#### Substitutes:

Proposed substitutions should be notified to the Director at least 24 hours prior to the session. Penalties apply to players who play with unapproved substitutes.

(See the BAWA regulations for full details)

# Diarize Now



## Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2012

	<b>Aug</b>	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Perth Bridge Club Congress-see flyer</b>
		Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BAWA State Men's/Women's Pairs 1 of 4</b> Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Swan River Swiss Open Pairs (PQP &amp; Gold Points)</b>
		Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GNOT City Final and Restricted Heat</b>
	<b>Sep</b>	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Great Southern GNRP Regional Final</b>
		Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	HGR Memorial Congress Weekend
		Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Open Teams 1 <sup>st</sup> of 8 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	West Coast Bridge Club Sunday Congress
		Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress</b>
	<b>Oct</b>	Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Melville Bridge Club Spring Congress - see flyer</b>
		Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nedlands Bridge Club Congress - see flyer</b>
		Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Busselton Bridge Club Congress - see flyer</b>
		Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Undercroft Bridge Club Congress</b>
	<b>Nov</b>	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Masters in Teams of Three Venue; Nedlands Bridge Club 10 am
		Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Open Teams Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10 am
		Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Match Point Swiss Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Golden West Welcome Pairs
		Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Golden West Congress
<b>GNOT Finals</b>		<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sun 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tweed Heads</b>
		Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> – Mon Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	West Australian Bridge Club Christmas Congress
	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Thu 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BAWA Award Presentation Night 6.30pm</b> <b>Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>	<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.</b>		
<b>**NOTE**</b>	<b>BAWA/Congress Events</b>	Entries <a href="http://www.bawa.asn.au">www.bawa.asn.au</a> unless other specified.	

## FOCUS OnLine

Focus can be seen in full colour on the BAWA website:

<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

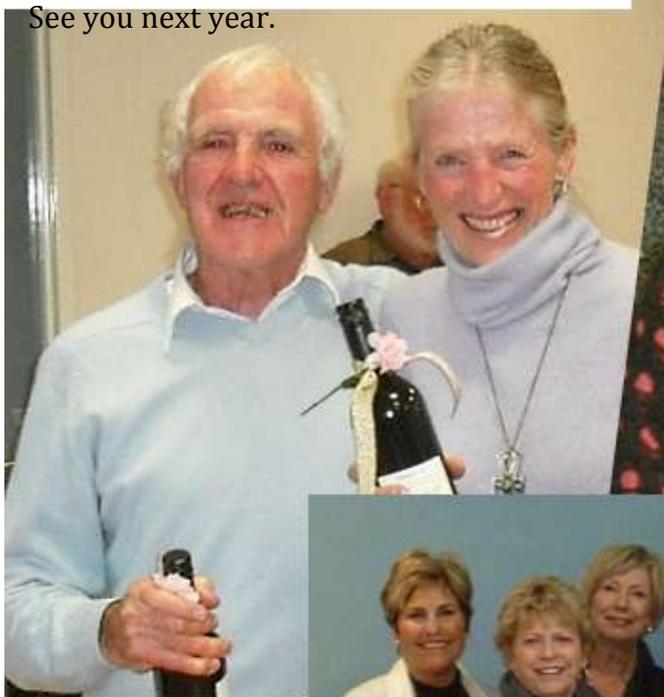


# Zonta Bridge Day

from Jane Moulden

Zonta's 2012 Annual Bridge was a success in many ways. Over \$2,000 was raised, the majority of which will go towards establishing a women's refuge in Busselton. The balance will go to international projects aimed at eliminating violence against women. For nine years this event has been strongly supported by members of the Busselton, Bunbury, Margaret River, South Perth and Kojonup Bridge Clubs. It is a low-key event which certainly fosters bridge in a country region. We thank BAWA and Focus for patronizing the day. Most importantly everyone has an enjoyable day which includes a superb lunch. Everything is done with style, class and professionalism. This is hardly surprising because Zonta is an international service organization of business and professional women. Zonta is a Sioux Indian word meaning "honest and trustworthy"

See you next year.



*(Editors note:  
More photos can be  
seen at Focus online  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)  
August 2012)*

# Peter Smith and Nigel Rosendorff Lectures

Lectures for Major Suit Raises (Part 1 & Part 2) and Dealing with High Level Pre-empts drew strong crowds of experienced players.

In late June West Australian Bridge Club hosted a series of lessons given by Nigel Rosendorff and Peter Smith and were aimed at the more experienced player.

Most of the participants would have at some time attended lessons from either Peter or Nigel but few had experienced the "duet". Peter and Nigel were a formidable partnership when they were playing competitive bridge and they certainly still work well together. At each session the large playing area was full to overflowing. As well as being informative and supported by interesting practice hands and notes, the lectures were interspersed with amusing anecdotes.

I know all present enjoyed the classes and I suspect Peter and Nigel also had fun. The "take home" message? Let's do it again soon.

