



Welcome Home to our ANC Teams and **Congratulations!**



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NPC Chris Ingham
Jack O'Reilly
Kirstyn Fuller
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2nd in the Open Teams:

NPC Jonathan Free
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Jane Reynolds
Tim Munro
Viv Wood
Chris Mulley
Fiske Warren



ANC Restricted Butler Pairs Winners
Martin Broome and **Valerie Broome**
with Tournament Convener
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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Record numbers at last weekend's Mandurah Winter Congress and an advertised 50% of entry monies to be returned in prizes saw a prize pool of \$4000 being shared by a large number of players. A \$1200.00 first prize was, as far as I know, a WA record. Prizes down to 10th with many categories kept the President and photographer busy for some time. Great congress, well run, excellent technology, guaranteed to be full next year; put it in your diary.

Coming up soon is the Swan River Open Swiss Pairs; the premiere Open event in the BAWA calendar. At the time of writing there are 96 pairs entered. I know the convener Hilary Yovich would love to reach 100 pairs. So get your entry in soon and let's hope winter chills don't affect numbers too much. Don't forget lots of Gold Points are on offer.

I had a very pleasant meeting this week with Steve Weil from TBIB - Insurance Brokers. As you may know TBIB have been sponsoring a number of ABF events for quite some time. The relationship started some years ago when a member of the ABF finance committee, who worked in the same building as TBIB, suggested they prepare a quote for public liability insurance for the ABF as their annual invoice had just arrived. Steve suggested they meet; he would get all the information and details required, including, what's the ABF and what's bridge. He didn't want to know what the current invoice was so he could start afresh. A couple of weeks later he returned with three quotes for policies with improved cover. The best option was selected at \$35 000.00. The shocked, and delighted, ABF official then revealed that the current invoice was for \$70 000. This massive saving has allowed the ABF to include, for all affiliated clubs in Australia substantial improvements in all areas of liability cover including personal liability for every office bearer in every club. One of the most successful projects Steve has undertaken has been the Travel Insurance Policy for ABF members.

Steve was keen to discuss two main issues; firstly TBIB want to improve their relationship with the individual states. To this end news will soon be

forthcoming regarding TBIB sponsorship of a major event next year. Secondly, from an understandable business point of view, Steve is keen to promote TBIB to clubs and players. He will be happy to provide quotes for ALL of your insurance needs. I know a number of our clubs and players have made substantial savings in their insurance costs. Look out for more information coming to clubs or check out the TBIB link on our web site.

There is a whisper around about the latest advance in bridge technology - I haven't seen it or know any more than the name. A "desktop dealing machine" was mentioned briefly in an article - not sure what it might be - but I would imagine a machine on the table, wirelessly connected to the main server, which dealt each board as needed. The board would be played- the cards returned to the machine, which would deal the next hand whilst the score was being entered. Think of the thousands in savings in cards and boards. Cute - no?

They are a couple of months away but two of my pet projects the Masters in Teams of 3 and the Grand Master - Restricted Pairs are coming up later in the year. Info on the BAWA site soon. If you are a Restricted Player - check them out.

I did make an error last column re the Novice Events in Canberra for 2017. Please note the MP categories. Super Novice: 0-20 masterpoints; Rising Stars: 0-50 masterpoints; Novice: 0-100 masterpoints. So if you will have less than 100 master points by 1/09/2016 and you are going to Canberra send me an email I hope some free entry vouchers.



Coming up Events

- **BAWA State Mixed Teams**
3 weeks event starts Thursday 11th August
- **Swan River Swiss Open Pairs**
Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August
- **BAWA State Open Teams**
6 week event starts Thursday 8th September



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Cherry Zamudio

It is great to see so many members enjoying so many sessions of bridge and in particular so many newer members and potential members enjoying the Monday Supervised Bridge. This is going from strength to strength and is a great vehicle in maintaining the ongoing interest in bridge and a wish to improve, and for those new to the game it allows those people to get a 'feel' for it. For there is definitely a point in the learning curve where suddenly the sky is brighter and bidding makes more sense and one becomes more attuned to the game. But so many of us have discovered the learning never ends which is why we come back session after session in order to get it right next time! Do we ever?!!! Fiske Warren's lessons are proving to be invaluable in this respect.

The first set of Intermediate lessons planned for the year presented by Fiske Warren had a strong attendance over each of the 4 weeks. There were 24 to 28 attending each of the 4 lessons. Friday 17 June was the last of Fiske's lessons. This was followed closely on Saturday 18 June with a lesson on Competitive Bidding Judgement by David Beauchamp and 30 players attended. David presented his topic and had all of us ready to bid beyond our normal range when distribution of trumps opened the hand to this opportunity. While thanking David for his time and information, he was asked to record Kalamunda on his list of clubs interested in receiving lessons on any of his bi-annual visits to WA.

Winning the Daytime Teams:

1 st	Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown, Stephen Thyer and Joseph Gaudet
2 nd	Nicolas Moniodis, Mike Klasztorny, Peter Clarke and Joe Louis
3 rd	Madge Myburgh, Wendy Harman, Bente Hansen and Carmen Jackson

Winning the Men's and Ladies Pairs:

Men's:

1 st	Gordon Brown and Brian Davison
2 nd	Garth Scotford, Peter Clarke and Jamie Paterson
3 rd	Mark Goddard and George Bozanich

Ladies:

1 st	Bente Hansen and Wendy Harman
2 nd	Carole Dickie and Betty Roberts
3 rd	Elizabeth McMillen, Joanne Payne and Jane Adams

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Convener Di Brooks

35th Birthday Celebrations

Thirty members attended the 35th Birthday luncheon. All contributed to the delicious selection of savouries and Cheryl Evans brought in two of her favourite desserts - the Birthday sponge and vanilla slices.

The Lucky Dip Winners receiving a bottle of wine each were Jennie Drennan and Lola Livingston.

Well done to everyone who made the day so special.





Vice President Andy Males and Brendan Gaynor.



Phyl Barnes and Joy Gibson



Louise Walker and Brian Wade



President John Ferguson gives the members a brief Club history. Acknowledging the work of all the volunteers since 1981, who have done so much so that we can all enjoy their efforts.



Nils Andersson



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Club Championship Pairs Competition were:



1st Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood

2nd	Graeme Hillier and Maurice Herman
3rd	Corinne Monteath and Beryl Farrell

West Coast Congress

Our Congress will be held on Sunday September 11 at 10.00 am. Please see the flyer in this issue.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs

58 Pairs competed in the popular Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs and the aroma of hot cheese scones, courtesy of Ann Ashman, greeted the players upon arrival. Such a favourite!



(Photo courtesy of Mimi Packer)



President Mary Jane Whitehead with Winners Jonathan Free and Rose Moore.



2nd Jessica Chew and Kevin Chen

3rd Linda Bedford-Brown and Heather Williams



4th Gerry Daly and Viv Wood



5th and Best Restricted Pair: John Ewing and Peter Cameron

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6th Charlie Lim and Lily Lim



7th and Best Nedlands Pair: Jane Henderson and Chris Bagley



Pat King, Alan Harrop and House Manager Robin Burton.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman



The Mid-Winter Pairs red point event was held at Fremantle Bridge Club on Monday, 20 June. The winners were Marcia Mazanetz and Neville Stafford.



Pat Wells and Chris Wells 2nd



Maureen Schram and Renee Santich-Philpott 3rd

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

June 20th saw the visit of David Beauchamp who gave a very interesting talk on "Myths and Truths". Those who attended will, no doubt, be trying out the many tips highlighted for improving bridge play.

At the recent Geraldton Congress, **Carol Emmerson** and **Janet McKay** won best East/West pair. Congratulations.



The club has for sale a speaker system – make an offer!

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during office hours.



Rockingham Bridge Club celebrated its 37th year and the occasion was marked with a delicious cake. Pictured above is long term member Marjorie Harrison (left) and Life Members Ian Oldham and Ron Philpot with President, Hazel Bennett.



President Hazel Bennett with Understate Masters Winners **Jean Dance and Jen Green.**



President Hazel Burnett with Anniversary Pairs Winners **Joan Rickers and Rae Edwards.**



Members, Carol Emmerson (middle back) and Liz Sayers (foreground) recently flew to Japan on a bridge holiday presented by David Beauchamp and his wife. Whilst in Japan they travelled on the bullet trains, visiting many iconic places such as Hiroshima. It was an excellent way to hone up on their bridge skills and at the same time enjoy the wonderful sights that Japan had to offer.

Undercroft Bridge Club

From Graham Milward

The Understate Masters completion was won by **Gary White** and **Kay Parry**, with minor places going to Wendy Baillie and Mike Mahon, and Val Hildebrand and Lorraine Poynton.

Winners of our Open Pairs/Club Championships were **Gerard Roussilhes** and **Trevor Burr** prevailing over Satish Bedekar and Anthony Eardley, and the James ladies, Debbie and Gloria.



Bruce Penhey and Trevor Burr

The Mid Year Congress was a great success and saw **Jo Sklarz** and **Pauline Hammond** take out the honours followed by Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller. The award for Best Under State Master went to Wendy Baillie and Barbara Hendrie of the

UBC. Many thanks go to our convenor Bruce Penhey, who put in many hours to make the day a memorable one for all participants.



Winners Jo Sklarz and Pauline Hammond with Convenor Bruce Penhey.

Our June competition was the Don Fraser Swiss Pairs which was conducted somewhat under a cloud as Don had sadly passed away a short time earlier. Don was a great stalwart of the Club and a very popular member. He will be fondly remembered each year when this event is held. **Marie Sheridan** and **Carol Fensome** were clear winners from Susan Levy and Wilhelmina Piller, and Tony Martin and Russell McCann. Russell is one of those players who keeps on keeping on the body is tiring but the mind is sharper than a tack!! Well done Russell, keep it up.



Carol Fensome and Marie Sheridan with Vice-President Alan Tolley.

July opened up with the Jim and Irene Sanderson Teams of 4 and the **Fensome/Bieganski** combination proved to be unassailable overall, finishing the day with 5 wins to just 1 loss. Second place went to Satish Bedekar, Anthony Eardley, Judy Havas and Ken Smith with third being taken out by Peter Stephenson, Bruce Penhey, Diane Tilvern and Win Nordstrand.

Undercroft was well represented in the 2016 Australia-Wide Novice Pairs with 4 pairs finishing in the top 100:

Lesley Smith/ Nevia Medica (33), Fiona Han/Jane Hui (58), Robin Strom/Anita Johnson (81) and Mark Cooper/Brian Taylor (94). Very well done those players.

Away from the bridge table the excitement level is building, as the officers of the City of Joondalup are currently assessing tenders for the extension of our clubrooms and upgrading of our toilet facilities. The trip to this point has been a long and winding road. For in excess of 12 years Members have tried to convince the City of our need and fund raising has continued to support the project.

The extensions, due for completion by the end of March 2017, will enable the comfortable housing of 32 tables and permit Leslie and Ray Rutledge to return to the convenience of the clubrooms with their biannual lesson sessions, which have proven to be a great success.

During June the Club ran a trial of a split session, offering a separate competition for Members with less than 50 Master Points. It proved to be very successful with table numbers increasing substantially on that day. The session has been made permanent and a second split session has been introduced on Monday afternoons, with possibly more when the extension is completed.

As the new Club President, one of my main objectives is to enhance the Club's inclusivity of all Members and the enjoyment everyone obtains from attending the Club, by reducing the amount of player behaviour that impacts detrimentally on other people.

Unfortunately along with all the good news, Undercroft has experienced more than its share of passing members during 2016. As well as Don Fraser we have had to say sad farewells to Norma Price, Terry Farrall, Aileen Carvell, Gillian Hopkins and Arnold van Wonderen. They will all be missed.

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Bridgetown is a busy place during June/July/August, when it becomes the "Winter Capital of W.A." with myriad events put on each weekend to attract and entertain visitors and locals alike – everything from chess competitions, writers' festivals and poetry presentations, art exhibitions and artists in residence, Italian pasta

making workshops and banquet, African drumming and dance workshops, an Antique Fair, a Winter Wonderland and Snow Pit, live music at several locations and a “duck derby”, to list but a few. A very popular feature is the Long Table Lunch on a Bridge and we, at the Bridge Club, had our own version of this at the beginning of July.

Our parties are superbly and creatively orchestrated by Mona Stockwell; on this occasion, we were each asked to choose a flag from a page of flags passed around two weeks beforehand and subsequently asked to prepare a dish from that country for our winter party – so as you can imagine the food was an exotic and interesting mix with offerings from Costa Rica, Spain, Austria, Germany, Thailand, Turkey, Russia, Belgium, China, France, Sweden, Singapore, Portugal, Holland, Italy, and the UK as well as New Zealand and Australia. The evening commenced with warming cups of Gluwein (mulled wine) being offered around and gratefully accepted (this is Bridgetown in the winter remember). Our 'long table candle lit dinner', accommodating 18 of us, almost the club's total membership, was beautifully presented and again there was a flag in front of each place setting. At the end of this gastronomic feast, accompanied of course by some nice wines, we then had to find the flag of the country bordering our own flag, and that person was to be our partner for the evening's bridge to follow. It was a wonderful evening – full of laughter, fun, delicious food and enjoyable bridge what more can one ask! Thank you to all our great cooks. And thank you, again, to Mona, our party guru, par excellence!

Bridge winners that evening were:

1 st	Anthony Warburton and Jan Burgess
2 nd	Patricia Rodgers and Mandy Ryding
=3 rd	Ursula Wade and Jenny Dewing
=3 rd	Jana Mayhew and Peter Taylor

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Mandurah Winter Congress 2016

The Winter Swiss Congress took place over the weekend of 16th - 17th July, with 68 pairs from all over the State competing. The event was run and directed by Neville Walker, assisted by Peter Holloway.



The winners were **Beata and Tad Bieganski**, pictured with Convenor Neville Walker (left) and President Ann Shalders (2nd right)



2nd Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven



3rd Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll



4th Fiske Warren and Kaiping Chen



5th Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



6th Mandurah Club pair Phil and Kathy Power



Best Mandurah Pair Vera and Doug Hardman



Best Country pair was Robyn Howe (Jane Moulden)



Best Under State Master Mandurah winners were Warwick Jones and Isobel Jones

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The Northern Districts Bridge Club has had a quiet month. Our winter travellers are returning gradually. We even had a visit from Maureen Heslop who was back from Canberra for a week. They are feeling settled there now and their new home is well insulated against the cold.

We have had good numbers of players, especially on Mondays. It is the best weather to play bridge as the hall is air conditioned and we can keep warm. Membership numbers are increasing which is very pleasing. Our next Red Point day for members only is on Monday 15th August 2016.

Our club is a very friendly and welcoming and we would love to see you there. We play in the Seacrest Park, Seacrest Drive, Sorrento Monday and Thursday at 12.15 for a 12.30pm start. The venue has plenty of parking and a pleasant outlook over the park. You will find further details on our website ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org



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14th, 15th, 16th October 2016

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Perth Couple helped gather WW2 intelligence.

A new book on Perth Modern students, titled “A Celebration of Contribution: Tales of courage, commitment and creativity of Modernians 1911-1963”, was launched on June 24th 2016. The book reveals the story of the parents of Mandurah Club member **Warwick Jones**.



Both his parents, Frank and Constance, attended Perth Modern and went on to study at UWA. His mother completed a degree in history and a diploma of education, whilst Frank studied languages, being

awarded a first class honours degree and a Hackett studentship to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. They were both in Paris when war broke out in 1939; Constance managed to return to England via St Malo as the Germans were advancing through Normandy. Frank left Paris on the last train before the Germans arrived, taking 24 hours to reach Bordeaux. The train was so packed that many were left behind and Frank had to hang on an outside doorstep.

Constance worked with the London Fire Service during the war and was recruited to a communications unit that monitored German radio traffic. Frank was recruited to the naval section at Bletchley Park, believed to be based on his linguistic skills (German fluency) and via the cryptic Daily Telegraph crossword.



Bletchley Park is famous for cracking the German's Enigma code under the guidance of mathematician Alan Turing, depicted in the 2014 film “The Imitation Machine”. Set up by Winston Churchill, it is widely accepted that Bletchley

Park's effort drastically shortened the war. The intelligence received at Station X, as Bletchley Park was discreetly known at the time, was directly responsible for locating the German battleship “Bismarck”, sunk in 1941, and this was the first time that codebreakers had decrypted a message that led directly to a victory in battle.

Frank worked as a cryptographer, decoding enemy messages. Whilst his son Warwick remains in the dark about his father's war work, and his father died in 1968 before Bletchley people were released from the Official Secrets Act, Warwick remembers several anecdotes. After the war Frank was asked to write 2 books or chapters of the official (secret) history of the Naval War. On his return to Perth Frank met a senior officer who mentioned certain events from the war that showed he was familiar with war records. Frank made some comment that demonstrated he was intimately familiar with the events, and the office did a double-take, saying “How did you know that? It's supposed to be secret”, whereupon Frank responded: “I wrote the book”.

Another story relates to “The Cruel Sea”. Frank was due leave during the war and as leave was not easily given and Bletchley people were subject to limited travel, he was posted to a Corvette, which incidentally Nicholas Monserrat had just taken command of. In the first edition of The Cruel Sea Monserrat refers to this, making it clear that he did not believe a word of what he had been told when he was obliged to take on a passenger (Frank), and that he was convinced that his passenger was an Admiralty spy sent to check on him. Warwick mentions that the whole episode was removed from the second edition of the book, and that when Frank and Monserrat met by accident on a flight to Geneva from Australia in 1957, when they spent several hours exchanging stories, Monserrat was still convinced that Frank had been sent by the Admiralty to watch him. Frank even then was unable to persuade him otherwise.





Did you hear your partner speak? Correct answers – YES and NO

From Matt McManus

A normal part of a bridge auction is when you make a special systemic bid, your partner alerts it, the opponents ask and you partner tells them what he thinks your bid means. That last part of the process is rather problematic in terms of how the laws of bridge apply. One part of the laws wants you to hear what your partner said; another part of the laws insists that you don't hear it!

Although this is an area which I have previously considered in these articles, it is quite complex and still not understood by many players. Perhaps it will be easiest to explain by example:

You, sitting North, hold:

- ♠ 5
- ♥ KQ942
- ♦ 96
- ♣ KQJ84

The auction goes:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1D	2NT*		

You and your partner have agreed to play that a jump to 2NT over the opponent's opening bid shows at least 5-5 in the lowest unbid suits. Partner alerts 2NT. East asks and South says, "5-5 in the minors". That's interesting! Partner seems to have forgotten that 2NT shows the minors only after a major suit opening. What are your rights and responsibilities?

Responsibilities first: under the laws, EW is entitled to an accurate explanation of your agreements. Therefore, unless your partner does so first, you need to tell them. But and it is a very big BUT, you can only do so at the correct time. The correct time is:

- a) if you become declarer or dummy – **AT THE END OF THE AUCTION;**
- b) if you become a defender – **AT THE END OF THE PLAY OF THE HAND.**

Until the correct time, you must not do anything at all. You cannot say, "I think my partner got it wrong". You cannot call the director. You cannot excuse yourself and go and speak to the director

away from the table. You must just sit there, saying and doing nothing about partner's mistake, until the correct time arrives. You may think you are trying to be helpful, but in most cases you will just be making things worse for your side.

Those are your responsibilities under the laws. In order to satisfy this duty to correct partner's mistake, you obviously need to have heard what partner said when the opponents asked.

Rather confusingly, when we come to what your rights are in exactly the same situation, the laws require you to act as if you didn't hear your partner speak! This is a rather difficult concept to grasp. When considering what future action to take, if any, you need to behave as though your partner said that 2NT showed at least 5-5 in clubs and hearts (ie: what you have), even though you know that this isn't the case. Let's assume that the above auction continued as follows:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1D	2NT*	Pass	3C
3D	?		

You may be tempted to bid 3H now to clarify things for your partner – after all, he doesn't think that you have hearts and you might have a big heart fit. However, to do so would be **very wrong**. When you bid 2NT, you were telling him you had 5 hearts (as well as 5 clubs). If, in response to East's question, he had said that 2NT shows 5-5 in clubs and hearts (I know he didn't) and bid 3C, you would know that he had heard about your hearts but didn't care about them. There should be no temptation to bid them now.

Although it is a normal part of the game, the laws refer to what you heard when your partner answered East's question as "**unauthorised information**". This is something which you cannot use when making a decision about what to do next. In fact, you need to go out of your way to make sure that you do not take advantage of it. That means you virtually need to act as if you didn't hear you partner speak. If your partner had given the right answer when asked, you would be free to make any bid over 3D in the above

auction, even 3H if you felt like it (no matter how misguided that action may be!). However, when you get the “unauthorised information” that partner has misunderstood your bid, you have no alternative other than to pass.

Are there ever any occasions when you might bid again even when partner has responded incorrectly to East’s question? Yes, but these are times when the hand you hold definitely warrants another call. For example, you might have a much stronger hand with six hearts and five clubs:

- ♠ 5
- ♥ AKJ1095
- ♦ 6
- ♣ KQJ84

Just one useful card from partner would probably be enough for you to make game in hearts, so now 3H would be justified. Of course, partner, thinking you have the minors, might now be very confused. Your 3H might wake him up to his mistake. If so, well and good – that’s allowed - But if you have done anything else apart from just bidding 3H – (eg. saying “you got it wrong, partner”, glaring and tutting at him, calling for the “sheriff”, handing your system card to the opponents, etc). – then you will find yourself in trouble with the director – and no one wants that.



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.

**2016
NEDLANDS ONE DAY
CONGRESS**
SUNDAY 4th September
Two sessions 10.00am and 2.00pm

SWISS PAIRS FORMAT

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DIRECTED BY PETER HOLLOWAY
CONVENOR ROBIN BURTON
LUNCH PROVIDED
TABLE MONEY \$35
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ANC 2016: Seniors' Team

From John Beddow

Unfortunately, the three pairs representing WA Seniors at the recent ANC played well below their potential. But on a positive note, all three pairs got on very well with each other. In fact, all members of the four teams interacted very well. Especially on the Wednesday night when the Open, Seniors and Women's teams all got together for an Italian night at a local restaurant to firstly thank their NPC's: Chris Ingham and Jonathan Free for so ably looking after us all, and secondly to have a good time. Both objectives were well achieved.

So not to end on a negative note, Egmont and I played against a QLD pair who, as is common for most pairs in the Eastern States, play very aggressive two level overbids. Sometimes this doesn't work so well for them!

Board 2 | Dealer EAST | NS vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1C*	2H
X**	Pass	Pass	Pass

*Precision. 16+ HCP

**5-7 HCP any shape

The full hand:

Brd 2	♠ 75		
Dlr E	♥ -		
Vul NS	♦ KQT8432		
	♣ T873		
		♠ AK4	
♠ QJ98		♥ KQJT942	
♥ -		♦ J	
♦ 9765		♣ KQ	
♣ A9654			
	♠ T632		
5	♥ A87653		
7	♦ A		
9	♣ J2		

Lead: AC

Result E/W +1400. In the closed room E/W 4H 11 tricks 450 +14 imps.





Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

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Brd	♠	KJ106
Dlr S	♥	87
Vul EW	♦	A52
	♣	K874
	♠	N
	♥	W
	♦	E
	♣	S
	♠	AQ98543
11	♥	AQ
	♦	3
16	♣	A92

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

West leads DK. Plan the play.

Solution:

Brd	♠	KJ106
Dlr S	♥	87
Vul EW	♦	A52
	♣	K874
	♠	7
	♥	K10432
	♦	KQ1064
	♣	J3
	♠	N
	♥	W
	♦	E
	♣	S
	♠	AQ98543
11	♥	AQ
9	♦	3
16	♣	A92

There are two main chances for the 12th trick: clubs 3-3 or the heart finesse. There is nothing to stop you testing the clubs and if they don't divide, falling back on hearts.

The smarty-pants way to do this is to let West win the DK. Then discard a club on the DA, and try to ruff out the clubs. This demonstrates your

wonderful grasp of the game and the fact that you read bridge books.

The right way to do it is to give yourself the extra chance of an endplay on West.

Win DA and ruff a diamond at trick 2, draw trumps, ruff dummy's last diamond, and play CK and a small club from dummy, planning to insert the 9 if East plays low.

If West has to win this, his only safe return is a club. If clubs are 3-3, you claim, and if West turns out to have four clubs, you fall back on the heart finesse. But if West started with only two clubs, he is stymied.

The moral: Play smart, but don't show off.



AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Now in its second year, the Victorian Bridge Association presented Awards for Excellence in two categories recognising outstanding individual contributions to our game in the 2015 calendar year. The selection panel was again the Presidents of the VBA and the three regional associations.

The winners were **BILL JACOBS** (Northern) for Teacher of the Year and **GEORGE SKARBEEK** (Waverley) for Volunteer of the Year. Both have made contributions over many years that have benefited many clubs and players.



Capel Life

The Capelite in Mandurah

By Di Brooks

Red versus Black

Playing in a Swiss event is akin to a Teams session. Partner, Brian Wade and I didn't have too good a time and I was definitely off my game. My decisions weren't always the best when I came across this hand: with everyone vulnerable.

East Dealer, E and S passed. West opened 1H, playing Standard. My hand cried out for the Michaels bid of 2NT as I held the Minors. East bid to 4H and the bidding was passed back around to me. I chose to bid 5D as my diamonds were far better than my clubs. Not a great bid but at least it ensured a diamond lead from partner if East decided to be declarer. (Not likely with a heart agreement). Anyway, the upshot: Diane was doubled and gave away 500. If played by partner, the lead comes through my hand and we would go for -800. Never a great score.

Deep Finesse records the loss of 2 tricks by North, but 3 by South.

My hand:

- ♠ 3
- ♥ 6
- ♦ AK10932
- ♣ K10852

Partner held:

- ♠ K654
- ♥ J73
- ♦ J86
- ♣ 763

As you can see by our shape, we had two tricks in defence. This time, we came up smelling of roses. ;o)

- | | | |
|----------|--|--------|
| ♠ QJ108 | | ♠ A972 |
| ♥ AK1085 | | ♥ Q942 |
| ♦ Q | | ♦ 754 |
| ♣ QJ9 | | ♣ A4 |

Although our results were disappointing, we live to play another day.

Happy Bridging

Winter in Capel

Winter in Capel has been very cold and wet. Paddocks nearby have flooded. Livestock have been relocated whilst the water birds take over residence. All types of ducks as well as black swans can be seen paddling along. Wading birds hope for a good feed. It's an ornithologist's heaven.

Our garden is frequented by smaller birds. Silver Eyes dart in amongst the vines, trying to find something tasty, whilst the galahs and parrots take the front pews on the seed table. I love the antics of the galahs. The invasion of the corellas is noisy. These are the Bullyboys of the avian world. It's like a circus with the clowns giving a great show whilst we have breakfast.

The raised vegie beds are producing Silver beet and Beetroot as if they were going out of fashion. This feast attracts the insects. I don't mind sharing..... but would love the bugs to take smaller bites. Some of the greenery looks like a lace curtain.

Bulbs are sprouting up everywhere. A sure sign that spring is around the corner. We are expecting a good show of Daffodils; a colourful flower to bring cheer to anyone's day.

Have a Great Day 😊



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A Nicely Played Hand

By Gerry Daly

I had the pleasure of playing in the Open Butler at the ANC this year. It's a great opportunity to play against some of the nation's best players and as always delightful to play with Trevor. We are all familiar with the maxims that to do well you simply need to avoid errors and maintain concentration throughout. Unfortunately we don't get the opportunity in WA to build the match fitness and stamina to maintain the required level over 6 full days. As a consequence we didn't finish as well as we would have liked.

Although "avoiding errors" is the bread and butter of winning bridge it does not make for good copy.

Instead here is a hand from the qualifying stage where I watched from dummy and didn't even see the conjuring act until after Trevor had landed an impossible game.

- ♠ 8
- ♥ 2
- ♦ AJT8762
- ♣ 8653

As dealer, and vulnerable against not, I opened with 3D urged on by my singletons in both majors. This bid won't be supported by all having too many losers at adverse vulnerability. Partner bid 3S and a couple of bids later, best forgotten, we were in 4S.

I was not enjoying proceedings and things didn't get any better when the KH lead held the 1st trick. You can see what is coming next.

Let's have a look from the defenders perspective. Partner shows an even number of hearts on your King.

- ♠ A2
- ♥ KQ87
- ♦ 94
- ♣ KT974

What would you do next? Let's be honest. You will do what our opponent did. Cash your Ace of trumps to remove declarers trump in dummy so you can cash your remaining heart tricks.

Both defenders and dummy got a huge shock when Trevor won the heart continuation with the Ace and claimed the next 11 tricks.

The full hand was

Brd		♠ A2	
Dlr	E	♥ KQ87	
Vul	EW	♦ 94	
		♣ KT974	
			♠ 8
♠ KQJT63			♥ 2
♥ AT63			♦ AJT8762
♦ KQ			♣ 8653
♣ Q			
			♠ 9754
	12		♥ J954
			♦ 53
17		5	♣ AJ2
	6		

Like most good plays the duck looks easy in retrospect. Nonetheless it needed to be accomplished in a tempo that didn't raise the defenders suspicion and have them question the need for the "obvious" trump switch. Well done to Trevor for smoothly pulling this off.



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PROBLEM

WEST dealer | BOTH vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1C	Pass	1D
X	2H (1)	2NT (2)	?

- (1) Splinter raise of diamonds
 (2) 'I have the clubs stopped'

What would you do as SOUTH holding:

♠ 3
 ♥ J1085
 ♦ AJ107632
 ♣ 3

The Losing Trick Count can not only help you to reach good slams, but it can also keep you out of trouble. The formula is easy: count your losers, add partner's losers, deduct the total from 24. The answer is the number of tricks you are likely to make. The LTC should be used only when a good trump fit is present.

When counting your losers, in a suit of three cards or more, consider only the top three cards. The ace, king and queen count as winners, others are losers. A doubleton is two losers except for A-x or K-x (one loser) or A-K (no losers). A singleton is one loser unless it is ace-singleton and a void is no losers.

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To estimate partner's losers, consider a normal hand of 13-15 points as 7 losers and add or subtract a loser for each three-point range, so that 16-18 = 6 losers, 10-12 = 8 losers, and so on.

From a national teams event:

Brd		♠ AKQ	
Dlr	W	♥ -	
Vul	ALL	♦ KJ94	
		♣ A109765	
			♠ J42
			♥ AK43
			♦ 8
			♣ KQJ84
			♠ 3
			♥ J1085
			♦ A1076532
			♣ 3
	17		
4		14	
	5		

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

- (1) Splinter raise of diamonds
 (2) 'I have the clubs stopped'

Declarer made all the tricks easily enough for +1390. At the other table North was happy to double East-West in 5S for +800, but that was -11 Imps. Datum: N-S 790.

Note that N-S has an excellent trump fit. South has 7 losers, North has 4 losers. Total = 11 and 24 - 11 = 13 tricks potential. Obviously it is very difficult to realise potential when there is opposition bidding, but notice the accuracy of the LTC.

There are some who play in the seniors' events, while others are waiting for the senile events.



Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

2016 Congress



**23rd, 24th and 25th September
(long weekend)**

Director – **Peter Holloway**

Friday 23 rd	Welcome Pairs	\$30pp	Play start at 7pm
<i>Registration from 6pm with finger food and bar open.</i>			
Saturday 24 th	Open Pairs	\$40pp (incl lunch)	Play starts at 9.30am
Sunday 25 th	Open Teams	\$40pp (inc lunch)	Play starts at 9.30am

Presentations – finger food and bar open at the end of teams competition.

Free tea and coffee and water available thru out congress.

VENUE:

Goldfields Arts Center
35 Cheetham St, Kalroorlie
(10 min walk from Railway Motel)

ACCOMMODATION RECOMMENDED:

Railway Motel phone 9088 0000 for Sarah or Kris to get the Bridge Congress rate.

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West Coast Bridge Club



2016 CONGRESS

CIVIC CENTRE

33 TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT, CITY BEACH

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 10.00AM

DIRECTOR – BILL KEMP

ENTRIES via BAWA (www.bawa.asn.au)

PRIZES

QUALIFYING ROUND	1st	\$75
	2nd	\$50
FINAL	1st	\$150
	2nd	\$75
	3rd	\$50
PLATE CONSOLATION	Prizes depend on numbers	

In the event of a pair winning two prizes they will be awarded the prize having the greater monetary value and the other prize will be awarded to the second placed pair in that section of the Congress.

SCHEDULE

- Arrive: 9:30
- 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

Each player must have a system card

Entries close 7th SEPTEMBER 2016

Convenor: **Patrick Garnett**

RESULTS

TEAMS of FOUR As at 24th July

From John Beddow

INTERMEDIATE OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
UNDERCROFT	3	3	48.47
WABC1	2	2	36.25
MACCABI	3	2	29.41
NEDLANDS	2	1	24.01
SOUTH PERTH	2	0	12.53
WABC2	2	0	5.36

INTERMEDIATE BLUE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WEST COAST	5	5	78.00
MACCABI	5	4	61.90
SOUTH PERTH	5	2	51.55
UNDERCROFT	4	2	32.38
WABC	5	1	31.27
KALAMUNDA	4	0	24.90

INTERMEDIATE GOLD

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC B	4	2	59.21
SOUTH PERTH	4	2	33.09
UNDERCROFT	3	2	27.55
WABC A	2	1	22.57
NEDLANDS	3	0	17.58
MANDURAH	0	0	0.00

NOVICE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC A	6	3	75.06
UNDERCROFT	3	3	38.83
KALAMUNDA	3	1	37.09
SWAN DISTS	3	2	28.85
SOUTH PERTH A	2	1	20.21
SOUTH PERTH B	3	0	12.97
WABC B	2	0	6.99

Mandurah Congress (68)

1 st	Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski
2 nd	Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven
3 rd	Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku
4 th	Fiske Warren and Kaiping Chen
5 th	Viv Wood and Gerry Daly
6 th	Kathy Power and Phil Power

7 th	Carol Fensome and Christine Jenkins
8 th	Cynthia Belonogoff and Deana Wilson
9 th	John Beddow and Egmont Melton
10 th	Pauline Hammond and Lynne Milne
11 th	Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free
12 th	Peter Gill and Salim Songerwala
13 th	Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt
14 th	Nilesh Patel and Bhavna Patel
15 th	Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell

WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB

MASTERS IN TEAMS OF THREE



Sunday 28th August 10.00am

*Open to all with less than 100 Masterpoints
as at 1 April 2016.*

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 the opportunity to play with the bridge professor as their partner.

Entry Fee: \$30 per player

Lunch: Bring your own or place an order before start of play - drinks, nibbles and prizes after play at approx. 5.00pm

Entries via:

BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au

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Neville Walker - 0418 944 077

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	Aug	Wed 3 rd	BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1/3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Fri 5 th – Sun 7 th	City of South Perth Congress
		Sat 20 th – Sun 21 st	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs Gold/PQP
		Sun 28 th	WABC Restricted Open Masters in 3
	Sep	Sun 4 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Sunday Congress
		Thu 8 th	BAWA State Open Teams Championships 1/6 Venue South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 10 th	Albany Bridge Club Restricted Pairs Congress
		Sun 11 th	West Coast Bridge Club Congress – see flyer
		Wed 14 th	South Perth Bridge Club 777 Open Pairs
		Sat 17 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Open Red Point Event 1.30pm
		Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th	HGR Congress Women's Pairs PQP/Gold
		Fri 23 rd – Sun 25 th	Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress
	Oct	Fri 14 th – Sun 16 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Sat 22 nd – Sun 23 rd	Busselton Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Thu 27 th	State Open Teams Semi Finals 7.30pm Venue: South Perth Bridge Club
	Nov	Thu 3 rd	Restricted-Grand Masters Pairs 1/2 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 5 th	Kendenup Bridge Club Restricted Pairs Congress
		Sat 12 th – Sun 13 th	Golden West Gold Point Congress
		Sun 20 th	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
	Dec	Fri 2 nd – Sun 4 th	WABC Xmas Congress
		Thu 8 th	BAWA Xmas Function/Awards 6.30pm @NBC
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website. VENUES AND STARTING TIMES Unless otherwise advertised all BAWA daytime and weekend events are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands, All Thursday evening events are held at the South Perth Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Commencing 7.30 pm.		
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NEW FORMAT

Women's Swiss PAIRS Event

Sat 17 & Sun 18 September

GOLD POINTS

PQPs: 1st - 24, 2nd - 12, 3rd - 6

West Australian Bridge Club,
7 Odern Cres., Swanbourne

Play commences 9.30am and finishes 5.30 pm (appr)

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

*Presentation of ABF medallions at supper after
play on Sunday*

ENTRY FEE: \$80 per player

PRIZES: 1st - \$1,000; - 2nd \$500

*Information and online entry on the BAWA
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Open to players with less than 300 Masterpoints
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Saturday 20th August at 10 am

and

Sunday 21st August at 9.30 am

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Directing Team

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Busselton Bridge Club



CONGRESS 2016

Naturaliste Community Centre
Dunsborough Lakes

**22nd and 23rd
October**

Saturday 9.30am Pairs \$40 pp

Sunday 9.30am Teams \$40 pp

Director – Peter Holloway

Entries via BAWA website

Convener Jane Moulden

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Lunch provided

