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BUNBURY CELEBRATES 40th BIRTHDAY IN STYLE *from Colleen Skipsey*

On June 27th 2021 Bunbury Bridge Club celebrated its 40th birthday. Dressed in their finery, amidst stylish décor, the members enjoyed a wonderful lunch and a special walk down memory lane.

Founding members Colin Doney, Peter Morgan, Moth Andersson and Edith Piper met on June 27th 1981 and formed The City of Bunbury Bridge Club. The Little Theatre in Malloy was the venue for the first session and among attendees were Peter and Jan Morgan, Fred and Judy Clarke and Alex Balloch. The club moved to the Tennis Club, then the Hockey Club and finally to its current rooms in Balgore Way in 1991. The success of the club is due to the dedicated members who have worked tirelessly to maintain the club premises, upgrading it when possible and making it a welcoming place to play the game we all love so much. Without the commitment of Peter and Jan Morgan, Monica and Jim Offer and Esther and Colin Saunders who have regularly given up their time to teach and mentor new players the club would not be where it is today



*Club Presidents from the left:
Andy Males, Dennis Evans, John
Ferguson, Fred & Judy Clarke, Jim
Offer and Colin Bell*



*Enthusiastic party-goers:
Jock Mullen, Andy Males, Judy Clarke,
Margie Mullen, Patrick Smith,
Deborah Males, Fred Clarke.*



Andy Males and Jan Morga



Holly Nutley and Jennie Drennan



*June Keil, Liz Norton, Marianne
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*Dennis and Cheryl Evans – Your cake
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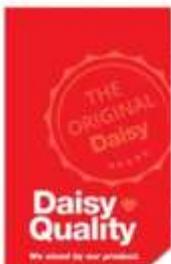
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President's Report

It is with some trepidation that I write about upcoming events. These are uncertain times and when I look back at the last few Focus Columns I note that very few of my predictions have been accurate, much like Nostradamus. So I'm not making any. OK just a couple, the Gold Point GNOT Metro Final and Provincial Event are only a couple of weeks away – fingers crossed.

Hopefully if we all get vaccinated the massive end of the year bridge fest will go ahead without a problem.

BAWA hopes a couple of new events on a Thursday Evening may interest players. We are going to program a 2-week pair's event where the players have NEVER played together before. Not just a State Event but anyway; even a club session; also, no practice before the event, only a short discussion on the first night. Keep an eye out on the web site for details. We are also thinking of an event with a single simple system card that everybody plays.

If you have any thoughts about these ideas, let us know.

Later in the year there are two events for Restricted Players both of which I am keen to see succeed. They are the Masters-In-Teams of 3 and the Grand Master – Restricted Pairs. So make you plans for the Teams of 3 and I will find you a Master to mentor you for the day. Entries are open now on the MyABF web site.

With regard to the Grand Master – Restricted Pairs I have added a link on the flyer which goes straight to the ABF Masterpoint Centre and lists all of the Grand Masters in WA. Not one of them will mind being approached to play. Conversely, should you be a GM, that's Grand Master not Genetically Modified, although I suppose you could be both, and, you have an upcoming member of your club why not suggest a game? Entries are also open on the MyABF web site

Nigel Dutton

See you at the ANC!

Once every 7 years we have the opportunity to host the Australian National Championships in Perth

Bridge for all levels is available – support the clubs that are sponsoring side events – play at any level during this two-week Bridge - a - thon!

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Albany Bridge Club

From Adrienne North

On Sunday 25th July the Albany Bridge Club held its annual Restricted Congress for players with less than 300 Master Points.



The event attracted players from Albany and surrounding districts, Perth, Mt Barker and Bunbury. It was a lovely sunny day, in between all the recent storms! Cash prizes were awarded to players in categories 0 – 25 master points, 25 – 100 master points, over 100 master points and overall winners.

Play began at 9.30am, directed by Brian Wade who very kindly travels down from Bunbury and ensures we have a trouble-free, pleasant event. Once again the tables were groaning with delicious home cooking for morning and afternoon teas, and lunch was an array of home-made soups followed by delicious apple pie/cake. Our Club President Pam Goodman thanked all those who helped with the cooking and running of the kitchen.

Prize giving by President Pam Goodman and Brian Wade was followed by drinks and fond farewells to visitors and local players.



1st Wendy Wade and Michelle Randle with Club President Pam Goodman



2nd Ken Beatty and Clive Smith



3rd Jo White and Anne-Marie Horwitz



4th Sharon Schneider and Tom Burton



Best 25-100 masterpoints Phillip Powell (and Karen Sivyer)



Best >100 master points Anne Louie Dubrawski and Andy Cayley



Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

After another short break because of Covid 19 we are back at bridge again, thankfully without masks. The Club Pairs Red Point was held on Monday 12 July 2021. It was good to be inside on such a wet and windy day.



Best 0-25 masterpoints Jim White and John McBeath



Winners N/S were Barbara Partridge and Ken Partridge

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E/W Eddie Pozarowszczyk and Carol Thomas.

Well done to all who attended and thanks to those who helped with the catering.



Congratulations to Denise Odell who turned eighty during the month. The Club supplied a delicious cake for us all to enjoy the celebration.

Should you wish to visit the Club it's best to check the website www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org for the latest information in a changing world. Please be aware that Red Point games are for members only.

Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Betty Roberts

DAYTIME TEAMS

1st Team Stephen Thyer, Kit Lemann, Tom Lemann and Joanne Payne

2nd Rob McMahon, Carole McMahon, David Harris and Michael Barker

MIX-N-MATCH N/S

1st Jim Steel and Kaye Prance

2nd Joanne Payne and Jean Rackham

MIX-N-MATCH E/W

1st Elizabeth McMillen and Bruce Cowen

2nd Peter Bolden and Dianne Barker

RESTRICTED PAIRS

1st Winners Judith Poole and Lynne Roberts

2nd Jacqueline Keir and Jim Steel



80th birthday celebrations for David Kininmonth. It was unfortunate that the COVID lockdown on the weekend of 24/25 April spoilt celebrating his OBE (Octogenarian Birthday Event). I am sure he made up for it. Congratulations David.



VALE EUGENE MURPHY—1941-2021 It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Eugene Murphy on Friday 23 April 2021. Eugene joined the club in 2007 and played the majority of his games partnered by Anita. Eugene was a truly wonderful gentleman in the true meaning of the word and always had a good word for everyone. He played at the club during ill health and did not give up playing until it just became too much.



The March beginner lessons included 10 ladies and 2 men. They were a keen and friendly bunch of people who all seemed to really enjoy the lessons given by Fiske! After doing a 4 week revision course offered by the club I am pleased to say that 10 of the 12 people have now joined the club.

The next beginner lessons with Fiske Warren begin August 20th 9.30 am – 11.30 am for 8 weeks.

Contact Jenny 0407 085 229 for further information and to register.

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Club Championship Pairs
(Anton Brazowski Trophy)



1st Ray Wood and Wence Vahala (with Shirley Bloch in week 1)

2nd Rick and Maura Rhodes

3rd David Cowell and Ann Hopfmüller

Mandurah Bridge Club

from Ian Jones

Gudrun Kemmer and Sandra Hardie won the Best 3 out of 4 event, with Carole Hazelden and Christine Leather runners up.

If you're heading to Mandurah our sessions times are -

MON	1.00pm	5:00pm	<i>no partner required</i>
TUE	1.00pm	5:00pm	<i>no partner required</i>
WED	1.00pm	5.00pm	<i>no partner required except for Special Teams</i>
		12.00pm	<i>Supervised session for new players - No partner required</i>
THU	1:00pm	5:00pm	<i>no partner required - 2 Sections - Open & Less than 25 MPs</i>
FRI	1:00pm	5:00pm	<i>no partner required</i>
SAT	1.00pm	5:00pm	<i>partner required</i>

BEGINNER'S LESSONS

The Club will be conducting another series of lessons for beginners commencing on September 14th 2021.

The course will run for 5 weeks with two lessons per week. The lessons are sequential.

Lesson Days: Tuesdays and Fridays - Time: 9:30am to 12:00 noon

First Lesson: 14th September 2021 - Last Lesson: 15th October 2021

Venue: Mandurah Bridge Club, Bortolo Park, Greenfields.

Registration: People interested in participating can register by contacting Corrie Davis on 0422338870 or register online.

Maylands Bridge Club

From Linley Le Page

Congratulations to those who placed in the David Scott Trophy.



1st Colleen Prosser and Bernie Smith



2nd Norma Pears and Vince Menezes
3rd Deanna Sheng and James Sheng



3rd Viv Zotti team- Eve Clarkson, Jeff Veling and Sandra Veling

West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

Like all clubs WABC experienced a strange July. Lockdowns and the dreaded masks meant a scurry to reschedule many club events.

We were pleased however that the Masters in Teams of Three “missed the cut” and a very successful event was enjoyed by the teams who participated.

18 teams means that 18 Masters gave of their time to help newer players to navigate around the scoring and strategies of this form of our great game. Heartfelt thanks to them all. I am sure the experience will encourage many of the participants to enter Teams competitions in future.



Final results showed a win to Lynne Milne’s team - Liz Jacoby, Shirley Laverack and Diana Humphry



2nd Tad Bieganski team - Brian Embleton, Jill Jenkins and Shelley James

Our Novice and Rookies competition will now be held on July 22nd. This event where “rookie” players with less than 15 MPs are partnered for the day with Novice players of less than 100MPs is proving very popular and is the “brainchild” of club member Carla Sullivan.



Carla has for many years run our supervised session on Friday morning, the club mentoring program, and has been very committed to helping graduates from Beginners classes to gain confidence to take that next step in competition bridge. Her patient and kindly manner has won her many adoring fans and WABC are very grateful for the many hours she continues to put in to encourage new and established players. Eve Clarkson has now taken on the organisation of the mentoring program which we hope will give Carla more time to play.

The Rookies competition sits in well with WABC’s program to encourage new members to learn the game, progress through a guided path to consolidate their newfound skills and conquer the fears we all have had and to enjoy the game.

Step 1 is our Beginners lessons with Andy Hung.

Step 2 the Mini-Supervised where Andy gives a short recap on a previous lesson and then makes available pre-dealt boards illustrating that topic. Players play the boards with the guidance of Jane

Henderson and receive playing notes at the completion of the session.

Step 3 is to join our Regular Supervised sessions on Monday afternoon, Friday morning or Wednesday evening.

These sessions are not restricted to WABC club members and all are welcome.

Busseton Bridge Club

From Jenny Goyder

The Zonta Charity Bridge Day was held on 19th June 2021. Even with attendances down this year, those who attended really enjoyed the wonderful Dunborough Zonta Clubs hospitality and the true spirit of a “friendly” day of competitive bridge, well directed by Brian Wade.



Winners Jane Henderson and Karen Wallwork (Zonta President Pauline Vukelic – centre)



2nd Barry Witham and Pip Witham



3rd Gillian Disney and Patrick Smith



Best pair with < 100 master points Di D'Espessis and Jane Talbot-Ponsenby



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Visitors to our bridge club are always warmly welcomed and this occasion was no exception.



The club held the Bob Brierly team's competition on May 24th, 2021. Team Vidalis comprising of John Whiting, Jackie Clare, Sally Vidalis and Ruth Willers were victorious. Club President Alf Valentine presented the trophy. All who participated enjoyed the healthy competition.

The Geographe Cup is coming up on August 1st. This is an annual team of four event between the Bunbury and Busselton Bridge clubs. Bunbury will be trying to gain the win this year after Busselton took home the cup last year. Watch this space!

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Colleen Skipsey
Celebrating 40th Birthday



Mandurah

Winter Congress 2021

Swiss Pairs

*This year's Winter Congress has been rescheduled due to the ANC and will be a one day event.
Swiss Pairs with 6 x 9 board matches.
Cross Imp Scoring converted to VPs.*

<p>Convenor: Sheryl Coates</p> <p>Tournament Director: Neville Walker</p>	<p>Phone: 0415 748 525 Email: sheryl_coates@yahoo.com</p> <p>Phone: 0418 944 077</p>
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When: Saturday 21st August, 2021. Play commences at 10:00 am

Where: Bortolo Pavilion, Murdoch Drive, Greenfields.
Venue is a 5 minute walk from Mandurah Train Station.

Catering: Morning and afternoon teas provided.
Lunch can be ordered on arrival.
Light refreshments with prize giving.

Cost: \$35 per player. Prizes to be 50% of Entry Fees. 24 Table limit.
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The WBF President's Address at the Opening of the BAMSA Conference (Bridge: A Mind Sport for All)

(With appreciation to Anna Gudge and the WBF for their kind permission to print this article)

Dear friends, dear all, wherever you are.



WBF President Gianarrigo Rona

Good afternoon. I am very pleased and honoured to be here with you, being kindly invited, and I am glad to thank the organizers for this opportunity given to me and to congratulate them, the University of Sterling and in particular my dear friend prof. Samantha Punch, the “deus ex machina” of this Initiative. They made a great job and I wish them a great success, as they have already achieved in their fundamental research about the beneficial effects of bridge.

Bridge is the most widespread and popular card game in the world and counts a number of players larger than that of any other game.

The reason for this success is linked to the fact that Bridge is a universal game that can be played by anyone, anywhere, in the same language and the same technique, without particular tools, since all you need are just four people and a deck of cards.

The cards represent, unique case in the field of games, only the instrument needed to carry out tactics and do not constitute a fundamental element of the game. Today, as you know, with the modern technology, the game is normally and usually played also without cards, at a distance,

with a simple computer and four players in different places.

We love to say that Bridge is Hobby, Sport and Culture.

Hobby, obviously, because it represents a recreational pastime, a game in the most complete sense of the word.

Sport. Bridge is a Sport fully recognized by the IOC since 1994 and has been already proudly included in the Olympic Asian Games together with all the other sports since 2018.

Bridge represents an irreplaceable workout for exercising the brain and it is probably for this reason that it is defined as the ultimate sport of the mind.

But it is not only a sport for the brain: it requires particular concentration, fighting spirit, quick reflexes and stamina: qualities only achieved through physical fitness.

It should be highlighted, also, that in the important competitions, that require practicing ten, twelve hours a day for ten to fifteen consecutive days, the stress is not just psychological and that aptitude to effort and resilience must be reviewed under a purely physical perspective.

Culture. Bridge is substantially about socialization and aggregation, since its fundamental nucleus is composed firstly by the couple and then by the four players.

Bridge is different to other mind sports like chess, in which the ultimate objective is to defeat the adversary, to beat the other, a war game, in other words. With bridge instead, the most important element is the mutual understanding existing with the partner and therefore it's about communication, harmony, solidarity above all.

Bridge promotes the most unimaginable socializations between people of different age, sex, class, education, culture and characteristics. Bridge is regulated by ethical and practical rules, the respect of which represents the main aim of the game, and this aspect, especially for the

younger players, is of considerable educational value.

Regarding young players, Bridge is able to offer a consistent help in refining their analytical skills, in a moment of fundamental importance in their formation, and to perfect, through constant verification, their ability to synthesize.

One finds oneself in the best conditions for feeling strong, determined and ready to face life and its many and varied challenges. Bridge is intrinsically effective in bringing out the best qualities in young players, it will help them to patiently accept the negative events and correct or eliminate all that can hinder, or even just slow down, their success.

The experience of teaching bridge in schools has given extraordinary results, enabling the social reintegration of kids who were particularly introvert, unresponsive to any commitment, unyielding to any socialising initiative.

Bridge is undoubtedly a discipline that can be indulged in by people with disabilities on a par with anyone else, without problems of any nature, without the need of particular alchemies, without the limitations of architectural barriers, that have aroused so much discussion.

People with disabilities measure themselves on a par with the fully able and do not feel disheartened by their condition and, above all, they can practice a discipline, also at competitive level without being isolated and marginalized together with their unfortunate peers.

Finally for the elderly bridge represents an opportunity to exercise their mental skills, often destined to diminish with retirement and the progressive lack of direct interests, but above all it offers the opportunity to be in contact with younger people, to talk to them, to be involved in their problems, to speak their language, to somehow feel similar to them, to overcome the terrible feeling of oppression which is the direct consequence of feeling "out of the game".

Specific studies have highlighted how elderly people who play bridge have greater mnemonic and intellectual skills than those who don't play.

Moreover, various scientific researches carried out and in particular that by the Sterling University, which is a fundamental theme of this meeting, revealed extraordinary results: playing bridge helps to produce more T type lymphoid cells and, therefore, strengthens the immune

system, which is what protects the body from harmful microorganisms.

Let me conclude saying that Since June 2001 the Secretary General of the United Nations Mr. Kofi Annan contacted the WBF President José Damiani to explore ways in which the United Nations and the world of sport can work more closely together for the benefit of people everywhere and particularly for the world's youth, in order to identify tasks, programs and new initiatives that might benefit from collaboration between the United Nations and World Bridge Federation.

Thank you for the attention and good work.

Gianarrigo Rona

28th June 2021

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WABC Winter Congress

From David Schokman

This probably will be the last bridge column that I will ever write (Do not cheer too loudly) because every expert will tell you that what I am saying is totally wrong, and, in fact, they will be 100 pc correct. However, all of you know that bridge can be a crazy game and in our lifetime we sometimes make psychic bids, and on most occasions only end up by fooling our own partners. I once played with a good player who would always bid 1S, after the double of 1H. He had success with other partners on occasion, but, in the end, I believe that the bad outweighed the good, particularly when partner, not fielding the psyche, bid to 4S. There usually was an escape suit, but penalties too!

So, before I go any further let me say that the bid that I made was, and is, totally wrong and you should never make it, but for me the stars were aligned. It is possible that Lady Luck just wanted me to have one bright moment for the day.

Brd		♠	Q108.		
Dlr	S	♥	A876542.		
Vul	None	♦	4.		
		♣	65.		
		♠	42.		♠ J53.
		♥	93.		♥ J.
		♦	KJ83.		♦ AQ97652.
		♣	K10974.		♣ 82.
			♠ AK976.		
	6		♥ KQ10.		
7			♦ 10.		
	19		♣ AQJ3.		

As you can see the bidding should have gone 1S – 2S – 4S making 12 tricks. So how can/could I possibly justify making a bid of 2H, which should have guaranteed at least 11 HCP? Let me start at the beginning of the day. From the first round of a congress Swiss teams things started going wrong. In a bidding sequence my partner asked whether I had the queen of trumps (a heart), I told her that I had it, (when I did not) and was put into 6S which had no chance at all.

Our opponents were polite, kind and generous, giving us 800 twice in penalties. This was not enough and we lost the match by 5 imps.

In the second round we were pitted against the WA Youth team. Looking at our opponents, I noticed that one of them was a seven year old boy, Oliver Brayshaw. Now if he was anything as good as his dad the team was going to have a fight on our hands, and they put us against Jane Reynolds and Jonathan Free – the coach and NPC Captain of the Youth team. Now this top combination is surely one that all of you must be looking forward to playing against. So, another loss, again by 5 imps. The best part of the bridge day was seeing Oliver (7) and William (9), playing in their first congress. They are both part of the West Australian Youth team who will play at the ANC, in November, picking up their first Gold Points. But this occasion was better, as we were responsible for giving them their first Red Master points ever. Again a 5 imp loss. The next match saw us losing by 2 imps, and needless to say I was (the team too) feeling pretty depressed. By the time we reached this table we were lying 18th out of 22, and I really began to wonder whether being an Octogenarian had finally brought an end to my bridge playing career.

If you wonder why I am telling you all this irrelevant stuff is because I want you to understand the state of my mental health, (it seems to be something that can be used for anything that goes wrong – even murder!) and what prompted me to make such a bad bid in this round. Actually, it became worse. My LHO bid 1D – a 10-point opening – 1S. 2D. 6NT. There I was, with my singleton king of diamonds, and every card right for declarer, easily making 7NT.

I was still smarting when board 14 came along and my partner opened with a bid of 1S. The bidding should have proceeded with 2S: 4S. End of sequence. Then I thought that if I was going down (in my bridge life) it would be with a bang and not with a whimper and bid a bold 2H. I then notice that my partner has bid 4D – a splinter. I thought that I could keep Cynthia quiet by bidding 4S, but she would not have a bar of it. 4NT. I lied again by bidding 5H, showing Zero or three Key cards. (We play 41-30) Cynthia did not believe me and

bravely bid 6H. The club was led and we cashed 13 tricks, picking up 11 imps. We still lost the match by 2 imps as the 6NT bid cost us 13.

90 pc of the field were in 4S making 11 or 12 tricks. One pair went down in 4S. How; A revoke? Two pairs were doubled in 5D.

There were two bits of good news. One other pair, Geoff Holman and Chris Ingham also bid to 6H. Welcome Gentlemen, to the Crazy Bidders club! How would you bid it? The other good news was when I asked Dave Munro, my regular partner, what he would bid and his response was 2H. So I am vindicated.

Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs

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Dir S ♠ KQ7
 Vul All ♥ AQ8
 Matchpoints ♦ AK432
 ♣ 108

♠	N	♠
♥	W	♥
♦	E	♦
♣	S	♣

18 ♠ A63
 ♥ K109
 16 ♦ J65
 ♣ AKJ9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

This deal cropped up in recent BBO matchpoint duplicate. Many declarers got it wrong: perhaps they could blame lockdown fatigue. You Western Australians however will have no excuse.

West leads ♠4 to your 6NT. How will you play it?

SOLUTION on page 23

MASTERS IN TEAMS OF 3

For players with less than 300MP as at
1/07/2021

Sunday, 29 August 2021
Commences at 10 am
City of Melville Bridge Club

GRAND MASTER - RESTRICTED

2-week event starts
Thursday 28 October 2021
City of Melville Bridge Club
Commences at 7.30pm

A cashless BAWA and MyABF

In line with current trends and on the advice of our insurance company BAWA is going cashless. As from August 1 2021 all BAWA events will require entry fees to be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer. Bank account details can be found on the BAWA website.

It is possible that by that time BAWA events may be entered and therefore paid for via the MyABF website and ABF Bridge Credits.

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Winners will be given a form to submit their bank account details to the convenor. Prizes will be transferred within 2 business days.



Guide to Growing Your Bridge Club Club Management Workshop

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Peter has researched and analysed the history and current state of bridge in both Australia and internationally, the competitive marketplace, the trends in players and club numbers and the challenges and opportunities for bridge clubs in the future.

Bridge clubs are facing declining memberships because of the ageing members (average age over 70) and growing attrition, the decline of night Bridge and a highly competitive market for leisure activities. Now they face the additional challenge of the effect of the clubs being closed for months and how to win members back.

We need to attract more people to bridge and to retain them through the beginner's classes and supervised stages to becoming regular club players and members.

TEN POINT PLAN FOR BRIDGE GROWTH

1. Social – creating a very friendly club and an activity perceived as good for mental health
2. Members - 35,000 strong Sales force – understand and motivate them to bring friends

3. Traditional marketing – emails, leaflets, media releases, local papers and radio
4. Social Media – advertising with Facebook, Google, Instagram is more highly targeted
5. Teaching – Bridge teaching on Demand, Online Teaching in the future
6. Retention – the Buddy System to retain beginners to members
7. Incentives - Grants and Advertising subsidies to encourage local advertising
8. Online – embrace in F2F clubs, convenience, partners not required
9. Congresses – select and promote social aspects, location, accommodation, restaurants
10. Workshops - Marketing and Management advice available free to all clubs

The presentation takes about 2 hours. Members of all WA clubs are welcome to attend because there are many suggestions on how everyone can make your club a more welcoming, social and community experience. In particular all club officials, directors, teachers, volunteers and those who would like to contribute to the success of your club.

There is no fee to attend but bookings are essential and can be made via the BAWA website Enter a Club Congress section.

Peter Cox is a highly energetic, enthusiastic and entertaining professional speaker having spoken at over 70 industry conferences and conducted seminars or workshops for thousands of executives.

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Spotlight on Diamonds



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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		2♥ (1)	2♠
Pass	?		

(1) Weak two

What would you do as North with:

Dir E ♠ J63
 Vul NS ♥ KQ932
 ♦ Q42
 ♣ 86

♠	N	♠
♥	W	♥
♦	E	♦
♣	S	♣
8	♠	
	♥	
	♦	
	♣	

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SATURDAY BRIDGE

West Australian Newspaper

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



West Coast Bridge Club 2021 CONGRESS

CIVIC CENTRE, 33 TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT, CITY BEACH

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 10.00 A.M.
 DIRECTOR – NEVILLE WALKER

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

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to pairs placed first, second and third in the Final; first and second in the Qualifying Round; and winners in the Plate and Consolation events, depending on the number of participants. If a pair wins two prizes they will be awarded the prize having the greater monetary value and the other prize will be awarded to the next placed pair in the relevant section of the Congress.

SCHEDULE

Qualifying round	10:00
Lunch (bring your own)	13:00 to 14:00
Final round	14:15
Refreshments	17:30

ENTRY FEE \$35 PER PLAYER – RED MASTER POINTS

Each player must have a system card
 Entries close 5 SEPTEMBER 2021

Movement type and scoring

- Morning session: Qualifying, match point pairs.
- Afternoon session: Finals, match point pairs.

Convenor: Patrick Garnett



Maylands Bridge Club Inc.

One Day Novice Pairs Congress

RED POINT EVENT

Restricted to 150 Masterpoints as at 30 June 2021

FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2021

Two sessions 10.00 am and 2.00 pm

Director: David Burn

Convenor: Joyce Archibald

BYO LUNCH

Table Money \$25.00

Enter via the BAWA website or contact the Club

Joyce 0409 100 744



Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friends

By Di Brooks

During a Club session, it makes for an easy bidding sequence to get to a small slam, especially once partner has opened the bidding. The difficulty arises when an opponent opens an unfriendly weak Two! Take this hand –

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	2D (1)	? (2)	

- (1) Weak major
- (2) Massive hand

Well, I thought the hand was very strong, holding:-

K2
4
AKQ10543
AK73

I considered all my options and decided to bid 4NT. Partner would definitely take this as Ace Ask. (I prayed she wouldn't pass) The bidding continued thus; -

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	2D	4NT	Pass
5D	Pass	6D	All Pass

Forever the optimist, I bid the six. After all, what does partner need to bring this home?

The play went as follows:

West set off with AH. Small heart from the other 3 hands. Followed by a second heart. Again, everyone played a heart, won in Dummy with the HK. Declarer now played the Ace Clubs, then followed with a small club, trumping with a small diamond. Ace Spades, taking out the singleton spade in Dummy. Another spade and trumped small in Dummy. So far, so good. Another small club, trumped with the DJ. Great stuff. Now came the crucial play..... Declarer had started with 7 spades, now played the smallest spade, West followed, Declarer trumped with the small diamond and was in horror when East overtrumped with the D7.

Dummy's hand had five cards left, the DA,K,Q, 10, 5. Down one.

Now Deep Finesse said the contract should have been 5D. That was only possible if West starts off with a trump lead. But the defence hadn't found that crucial lead and the contract was there, as the cards lay. Another great story which starts off, If Only!!!!!!!

The full hand;

Dir	W	♠ Q5										
Vul		♥ AQJT76										
		♦ 98										
		♣ T52										
	♠ AJT9863	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; margin: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">N</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">W</td> <td style="background-color: white; padding: 2px;"></td> <td style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">S</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 2
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6		♣ QJ986										

Reminds me of the time playing in Canberra with Jean McLarty, myself, Shirley Drage and Jan Blight, in the Women's Teams at the Summer Congress...

Jean and I bid to 5H, with no interference from the opponents. We had masses of trumps between us and Dummy had a shortage in Clubs. The AC was lead, followed by another club. Dummy trumped with a small card and was overtrumped by the opponent, who then cashed an outside Ace, for one down.

That night, three of us slept well!!!!

It's always a great feeling to reminisce over successes, but still important to keep in mind our mistakes, however small they may be!

Another old saying, "Never send a boy to do a Man's job" Ah well, next time!

Happy Bridging ☺



Mentoring at Rockingham

From Di Brooks

Teacher, Nicky O'Connell prepares her students for the basics in bridge and then her fledglings come into my classes where they learn some basic conventions as well as Safety Plays and quotes from my parrot!

The Learners and Mentors Day was established by Nicky, where her students partner a more experienced player. The rules of bridge are still in practice, but the session is more relaxed and at the end of each set of boards the Mentors give a bit of advice and a lot of encouragement.

Sunday, 18th July, was one such session. Four and a half tables in play. A Howell movement, with 3 boards a round, gave everyone a sit-out and therefore a chance to give some extra hints. Not too many, as we don't want to overawe the students.

Winners of the Day:



1st Mike Fulwood and Pat Ditchfield scoring a massive 75%. Well done. (Left Nicky O'Connell)

Runners Up were David Clark and Yvonne Mathews, (Non contenders as they came to make up the session)



2nd Di Brooks and Nia Parker



4th Walter Hall and his student Leshek Maciejewski

Winners were awarded a Club Pen, all place-getters received prizes - chosen from the Prize Table. Beautiful Orchids / Ferns, Boxes of Chocolates or 2021 Diaries.



Catering on the day was provided by Wendy Usher and Leshek Maciejewski. A meal and a half - hot stockpot, cheese platter, homemade bread and a delicious torte. Enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Nicky for all her work and to those who were there to support this initiative. Those members who couldn't join in - you missed a wonderful afternoon.



**September
Deadline**

August 20th is the deadline for inclusion
in the September Focus.



ABN: 70 053 651 666



ABN: 82 057 199 126

2021 Hans G. Rosendorff Memorial Women's Swiss Pairs - Perth

Sat 18 & Sun 19 September

Prizes: 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200

Prizes paid by EFT within 5 working days



GOLD POINTS
PQPs: 1 st 16, 2 nd 12, 3 rd 8, 4 th 4



Melville Bridge Club, 431 Canning Highway, Melville

Play commences 10.00 am both days

Presentation of ABF medallions at supper after play on Sunday

ENTRY FEE: \$90 per player. Enter via MyABF

Pay with MyABF credits or bank transfer to BAWA BSB: 016 464 Acct: 255674541

Ref: HGR your surname

Tournament organiser:

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2021 Hans G. Rosendorff Memorial Restricted Swiss Pairs - Perth

Open to players with less than 300 Masterpoints as of 31 March, 2021

Generous cash prizes for 1st - 5th and other placings.
Prizes paid by EFT within 5 working days



Sat 18 & Sun 19 September

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Test Your Slam Play

SOLUTION

Dir	S	♠	KQ7
Vul	All	♥	AQ8
Matchpoints		♦	AK432
		♣	108
		♠	98542
		♥	54
		♦	107
		♣	Q764
		♠	A63
		♥	K109
		♦	J65
		♣	AKJ9

		♠	J10
		♥	J7632
		♦	Q98
		♣	532

18	
2	4
16	

Start, as always in a notrump contract, by counting your top tricks. 3 top spades, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs = 10. You're looking for 12, so where are the extra two tricks to come from?

You could finesse East for the ♣Q: if it works (a 50% chance) there are 4 club tricks, not 2. That brings your tally to 12. Many of the actual field did indeed finesse clubs immediately ... and down they went.

Instead you should play on diamonds. If diamonds divide 3-2, which they usually will, then you can, for example, play ♦AK, give up a trick to the ♦Q. East's two remaining diamonds are good, and there are your extra two tricks.

Even better, if the diamonds are foul, you will find out when someone discards on the second round of the suit. You can then divert to Plan Clubs, again making if the club finesse works.

How best to attack the diamonds? After ♦A (all follow small) you could play the ♦K next, hoping the ♦Q appears. If it does, there's an overtrick available, which could be very handy at matchpoints.

Or, after ♦A has won, you could play a low diamond from dummy, towards your ♦J. This is a safety play, because it will score up the slam if East started with ♦Q10xx, without needing the clubs. If making your contract is your sole objective (and it often should be, even playing for matchpoints), then that line of play gives you the absolute best chance of success.

Deciding between these two good plays (♦AK or ♦A then low to jack) is a tricky business. It depends on your estimate of what the field will be

doing. If you think you will be the only one in 6NT, then you should take the safety play: just making your contract is paramount. But if you think everyone will be in 6NT, then it's best to play diamonds from the top, as the possibility of an overtrick is a more likely outcome than you needing the safety play. You pay your money and you take your choice. Give yourself full marks if you thought about this decision, no matter which choice you made.

The moral: Whatever others may tell you (and many have religious feelings on the matter), matchpoints is an extremely complex and worthwhile form of the game.

Spotlight on Diamonds

SOLUTION

Declarer found a fine play to bring home his game on this deal:

Dir	E	♠	J63
Vul	NS	♥	KQ932
		♦	Q42
		♣	86
		♠	7542
		♥	-
		♦	1073
		♣	KQJ1052
		♠	AKQ109
		♥	854
		♦	A8
		♣	A94

		♠	8
		♥	AJ1076
		♦	KJ965
		♣	73

8	
6	9
17	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		2♥ (1)	2♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

(1) Weak two (sic)

Lead: CK

Although the hearts seemed of little value, North did well to raise to 3S. With support, give support. In fact, the hearts proved essential. South had quite a bit to spare for the 2S bid and had no hesitation in pushing on to game.

West began with the CK, ducked by South. A switch to diamonds was needed now to beat 4S, but why would West find that play? West continued with the CQ.

South took the CA and ruffed his last club with the SJ. He then played four rounds of trumps to reach this position:

Dlr	E	♠	
Vul	NS	♥	KQ9
		♦	Q42
		♣	
		♠	
		♥	AJ10
		♦	KJ9
		♣	
		♠	9
	8	♥	854
		♦	A8
		♣	
6	9		
	17		

South knew at the outset that East had started with only five hearts. After showing out on the third club and the second spade, East was marked with 5-5 in the red suits. South played off his last spade and East discarded the C9. A heart to the king was taken by the ace and back came the HJ. South won with dummy's HQ and exited with the H9. East won but had to surrender the last two diamond tricks to declarer.



Results

ANC Restricted Swiss Pairs (30)

1	Christine Bacon and Mavis Koay
2	Harry Crosby and Rick Morris
3	Hamish McCracken and John Finlay-Jones

70% Results (Random search)

Albany

71.6 Kate Boston and Murray Webber

Armadale

72.5 Dorothy Dean and Brandon Baynes

Kalamunda

71.6 Kit Lemann and Tom Lemann

72.0 Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

Undercroft

71.5 Joe Peci and Anthony Eardley

South Perth

74.8 Trevor Fuller and Marnie Leybourne

Joondalup

82.0 Lorraine Rea and Helen Larsen

75.0 Magda Lawes and Michael Lawes

71.8 Jeanette St Ledger and Karen Hassan

Geraldton

76.0 Olga Criddle and Elise Criddle

71.0 Elise Criddle and Lila Evans

Mandurah

70.0 Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg

Nedlands

71.0 Trish Hunter and Barbara Smith

TEAMS OF FOUR – July 2021

From John Beddow

OPEN

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	5	5	87.31
NEDLANDS	5	3	58.01
UNDERCROFT	5	3	44.02
SPBC	5	-	27.64
MACCABI	4	1	23.02

INTERMEDIATE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WEST COAST B	6	3	66.45
SPBC	6	3	64.62
WABC A	4	4	62.64
MELVILLE	6	3	50.53
MAYLANDS	4	3	46.94
UNDERCROFT	4	2	42.08
WABC B	4	1	36.49
WEST COAST A	6	1	30.25

NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
NEDLANDS	4	3	59.25
SPBC	4	4	53.49
WABC	3	2	45.36
MELVILLE	3	1	22.04
MAYLANDS	4	-	15.50
WEST COAST	2	-	4.36

KALGOORLIE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS 2021

Director: Brian Wade

24, 25 and 26th September 2021

(long weekend)

At the Railway Motel Kalgoorlie

Recommended Accommodation - Railway Motel

- mention Bridge Congress for a great deal

Fri 24th September - 5.30pm Registration

*Finger food and Bar open during
registration time.*

7pm – Welcome Pairs - \$20pp

Saturday 25th September - 9.30am

Open Pairs \$35pp– Qualifying Round

~1pm Open Pairs – Final, Plate and Cons

Sunday 26th September - 9.30am

Teams Competition - \$35pp

**Followed by Presentations, Finger Food
and Farewells – Bar Open**

Red Points - \$\$\$\$\$\$ and prizes

*Free tea, coffee and water available
throughout Congress*

Conveners:

Sue Lia 0418215308

Mary Williams 0400681608

**Congress will be provisional on WA Covid
regulations**

DENMARK BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

October 15th-17th 2021

New Venue

Denmark Recreation Centre Brazier Street



Friday 15th October 6.00pm

- Welcome Pairs (MPs) \$25

Saturday 16th October 9.30am

- Swiss Pairs (IMPs) \$50pp

Sunday 17th October 9.30am

- Swiss Teams (IMPs) \$50 pp

- ✓ Limited to 30 tables
- ✓ Open to all players
- ✓ Prizes in various categories
- ✓ Light supper on Friday (play at 7.00pm)
- ✓ Light lunch on Saturday and Sunday
- ✓ Gluten-free and vegetarian options available on request (by Oct 1)
- ✓ Players to be seated 10 minutes before play
- ✓ Bar available after play
- ✓ Please bring your own water bottle
- ✓ Entries via BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au (July 1)

Director: Brian Wade

Convenor: Bob Stick

Ph: 98923003

Mob: 0405353251

Email: bobstick44@gmail.com

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	Aug	Tues 3rd	BAWA State Daytime Open Pairs 1/3
		Sat 7th – Sun 8th	GNOT City Final + Restricted
		Sun 15th	<i>NBC Sunday Congress</i>
		Sat 21st – Sun 22nd	<i>Mandurah Winter Congress</i>
		Thu 26th	BAWA Open Teams final 1/2 Restricted IMP (Swiss) Pairs 1/ 2
		Sun 29th	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
	Sep	Sun 12th	<i>Westcoast Congress</i>
		Wed 15th	<i>South Perth Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs</i>
		Sat 18th – Sun 19th	HGR Memorial Congress Weekend
		Fri 24th – Sun 26th	<i>Kalgoorlie Congress</i>
	Oct	Sat 2nd	<i>Melville Birthday Congress</i>
		Sun 3rd	<i>Bayswater Novice (0-150) Congress</i>
		Tues 5th	BAWA Open Daytime Pairs 3/3
		Fri 8th – Sun 10th	<i>Nedlands Congress</i>
		Fri 15th – Sun 17th	<i>Denmark Congress</i>
		Sat 23rd – Sun 24th	<i>Undercroft Congress</i>
		Thu 28th	Grandmaster Restricted Pairs 1/2
		Fri 29th	<i>Maylands Novice Congress</i>
	Nov	6 th -7 th	***Joan Prince Swan River Swiss***
ANC		6 th -18 th	***ANC***
		Sun 7 th	Super Vets
		Sun 16 th	<i>Undercroft Open Pairs</i>
		Fri 19 th	Golden West Welcome Pairs – Mandurah Bridge Club
		Sat 20 th – Sun 21 st	BAWA Golden West
		Sat 27 th – Sun 28 th	<i>Busselton Congress</i>
	Dec	Fri 3 rd -Sun 5 th	<i>WABC Xmas Congress</i>
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.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	

MyABF

The exciting and innovative initiative of the ABF known as MyABF is now up and running. It is likely within 12 months ALL BAWA events along with affiliated club congresses will be entered and paid for via the MyABF website. Some clubs are actively pursuing this course.



It is therefore imperative that all bridge players in WA register with the MyABF website. It is very easy simply visit the site – there is a MyABF logo / link on the main BAWA website page.

Click that link and follow the instructions to register. All that you are required to do is to enter your ABF number and choose a password.



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A GOLD POINT AND OPEN PQP EVENT

1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$600, 3rd - \$400, 4th - \$200

** Any additional prizes in the categories of 'Restricted', 'Youth',
'Local' or 'Interstate' will be dependent upon entries.

Saturday 6 November at 10.00 am

and

**Sunday 7 November at 9.30 am at the
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre**

Chief Director: Matt McManus

Tournament Organiser

Nigel Dutton – 0419 043 926 or nigeldutton@westnet.com.au

Enter on MyABF website: or [Enter Here](#)

Entry Fee: \$200 per pair

**Early Bird: Pay online before 25 October: \$180 per pair [payment methods include
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