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focus had yet another marvellous year due to the excellent contributions from our regular columnists, guests and the Bridge Clubs maintaining their fabulous support with Around the Clubs. BAWA is justly proud of *focus* and W.A. Bridge players make this happen.

Thank YOU all and let us make 2015,
the ANC Year, a great event.

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with Convenor Allison Stralow



2nd Jonathan Free and Ron Cooper



3rd Marie- France Merven and
Nigel Dutton



4th Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



5th David Matthews and
Cynthia Belonogoff



Best Women's Pair:
Sharon Evans and Leone Fuller



Best Mixed Pair:
Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski



Best Mixed Pair:
Bhavna Patel and Nilesch Patel



Best Under 300:
Jane Henderson and Lisa Cusack



Best Seniors:
Annabel Booth and Lauren Shiels



Best Youth:
Cesca McGrath and Ailsa Peacock

Best Men's Pair:
Steve Rogoysky and Hugh Probert

Best Veterans:
Ann Ohlsen and Pauline Hammond

SuperVets 2014

By Noel Daniel



BAWA recently held the third Super Vets Bridge Tournament where all competitors were required to be over 80 years of age. This event is sanctioned by the Australian Bridge Federation and has 'gold point' status.

BAWA sincerely thanks the West Australian Bridge Club for making their premises available for this Tournament and for all their help and support. A Special Thank You to Di Nelson and of course to Director Bill Kemp.



2014 SuperVets Trophy Winners:
Charlie Lim and **Lily Lim** with
John Aquino



SuperVets Perpetual Trophy
Donated by **John Aquino**



Runners Up:
Jean Calder and Lee Fordham



Marjorie Thunder
Best performer over 90 Yrs



Iris Dick and Helen Baker
Third Best performer 80 yrs



Players relaxing



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Articles always welcome

## The *Focus* Magazine

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

As the year draws to a close it is often a time to remember great things that happened during the year and I think it is fitting to thank and congratulate **Linda Bedford-Brown** and **Beata Bieganski** for the wonderful *Focus* Magazine, the professional product of such incredibly hard workers and promoters of bridge. The *Focus* has become an integral part of bridge in Western Australia and is a real marketing tool in itself, not only commenting on bridge throughout the state and giving information and insight into bridge but also providing a showcase for the game itself.

By leaving a copy of the BAWA *Focus* at our local libraries, medical centres and hair salons we could help to 'get bridge out there' with the session times for the local bridge club attached.



# President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Just so everybody is clear- this column is my personal view on WA Bridge matters which I think may interest you or WA Bridge developments which I think you should know about. Official BAWA policies and decisions can be found on the BAWA web site or via Committee Minutes which are sent to all of our members. Very occasionally I may make reference to such a decision or policy should it be particularly important and relevant.

It was pleasing to see players making an effort with regard to their TBA congress entries and updating the web site or the director when partners were known. Keep up the good work. With regard to these TBA congress entries and how they are managed is, of course, entirely a matter for the club congress convenor and director. Unfortunately BAWA has no event that is ever full and only one of our four licenced events ever fills.

I am delighted to report the success of two events that I have been mentioning for the last few columns. Firstly, the Gold Point Super Vets was a great day and, I believe, enjoyed by all participants. Special thanks to Noel Daniel for convening the event and to WABC for making their premises available at no cost. The second event is the inaugural Grand Master – Restricted Pairs which attracted 14 tables of friendly and pleasant bridge players who, by all accounts, loved the event. Hopefully we can repeat the success of both events in 2015.

I recently attended the ABF Mid-Year meeting held in Sydney, I love (not) flying to Sydney on Friday PM and coming home Saturday PM – however, one of the interesting items at this year's agenda was a visit by Tony Bemrose and Steve Wells from TBIB Insurance Brokers. Over the past few years the ABF have developed an extremely successful relationship with TBIB. So successful in fact that TBIB have recently appointed a dedicated ABF consultant on their team. ABF blanket policies covers Public Liability, Management Liability and Worker's Compensation for ALL affiliated clubs in

Australia. The TBIB Travel Insurance for ABF members has also been an outstanding success. What I was not aware of is that TBIB will happily quote any club for any insurance needs the club has; by all accounts clubs can save many hundreds of dollars on their current policies. TBIB is a generous sponsor of bridge including the 2015 ANC; Tony and Steve have also recently learned to play so maybe we will see them at the table in July.

As the ANC is in Perth next year and the NT is usually able to send a team for one event (Open, Women and Senior) it is highly likely that at least 2 of these categories will require WA to nominate 2 teams thus eliminating the need for byes. The NT usually sends a team to compete in the Senior event or occasionally in the Open. So we will definitely require 2 Women's Teams and most likely 2 Open teams. So keep an eye out for the selection events early in 2015.

The ABF have also introduced a Restricted Butler Event at the ANC and is providing a significant subsidy for 2 pairs from each state (except, of course WA) to compete. You will note in next year's calendar that we have scheduled a selection event for this Restricted Butler. The first two pairs will be WA official entrants and will have their entry fee paid.



## BAWA Venue Details for 2015

Unless otherwise advertised **all daytime and weekend events** are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands.

All **Thursday events** are held at the South Perth Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Evening events commence at 7.30 pm.





# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

## Denmark Bridge Club

From John Elliott

Kendenup/Denmark Challenge



*Denmark President John Elliott and Kendenup President Bob Fergie*

In recent years, Kendenup and Denmark clubs have met twice annually to compete in what is known as the “Kendenup/Denmark Challenge”. Whilst endeavours to win are strong and play is taken seriously, the event is also regarded as a very pleasant social get together for these two small country clubs. Each club takes a turn at being the host, organising the day and being responsible for the afternoon tea and post game drinks and nibbles.



*Annette Ruvidini; Margaret Middleton; Jo White*

Play is organised so that there is an equal number of pairs from each club and when possible all

pairs play each other. In our last challenge (held in Denmark) however each club fielded eight pairs and so the teams were split into two groups of four and played a total of twenty eight boards. Regrettably for the author of this article, Kendenup finished the day as victors – again. Their pairs played consistently well throughout the afternoon and thoroughly deserve the win. However some consolation for Denmark is taken from the final scores which were very close and arguably came down to just one game.



*Owen Stokes-Hughes, Heather Fergie, Neville Koenig and Bob Stick*

The scene is now set for a spirited replay next year and as William Shakespeare once wrote “and the armourers riveting up give dreadful note of preparation”.



*Molly Pilkington and Brian Mee*



*Barbara Averill; Michelle Randall; Alison Mettam;  
Wendy Livesey; Thanga Prathalingam*

(Ed note: My appreciation to Denise Stanko Sec/Tres Denmark Bridge Club)

## Fremantle Bridge Club

Like many bridge clubs in Australia, November saw Fremantle Bridge Club run a Melbourne Cup Lunch event followed by bridge. This was a great success with a wonderful spread for lunch: a lot of hard work by some of the members. Members had a drink and nibbles on arrival, and a chance to participate in the sweep stake before lunch. Then the race was watched on the TV.



*Margaret Mitchel, Margaret Elliott, John Finlay,  
Maxine Leary, Janice Winsor*



*Mary McNeilly, Doreen Zappara, Verona Sleeman*



*Who's in front?*



*Germano Chiarle,  
a winning icket!*

Following it all was the bridge.

A red point event on 14 November was won by **Brenda Evans** and **Marion Jefferson**, with John Mitchel and Else Mikkelsen second, and Christine Leather and Se-Moi Loh third.

This year's BAWA Simultaneous Pairs was held at Fremantle on 17 November. The winner of our contribution was **Margaret Elliott** and **Bill Turner**, with Janice Winsor and Cliff Collinson second, and Judy Toey and Julie Hayes third.

## Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

The old saying 'a friend in need is a friend indeed' was evident recently at the Bayswater Bridge Club in Bedford. Even though the club runs smoothly due to a great amount of help from many members a recent family crisis left the club without a director or secretary. It is a credit to the network of our bridge world here in Western Australia that the problem was solved immediately with David Kininmonth, the President of the Swan Districts Bridge Club, stepping in to the breach and taking over to



direct Bayswater's Wednesday session. David is one of the most conscientious and active promoters of bridge and a real friend. There is already a close connection established between the two clubs with an Invitation Evening held during the year at the Swan Districts' Tuesday evening session and David and his partner often coming to play at Bayswater.

The day ran smoothly and the club is very thankful to David for his assistance given without even being asked. It goes almost without saying that Bayswater members are ready to help Swan Districts whenever possible and look forward to organising a return Invitation Session to their club next year.

### **Armadale, Gosnells and Fremantle Bridge Clubs Inter Club Teams Match**



*Members of the Gosnells, Fremantle and Armadale Teams - deep in thought during the first hand of the Inter-Club Team Competition.*

Tradition often helps to bind communities and families together and it certainly helps to build friendships in the bridge world. The annual inter club teams match was held recently at the Gosnells premises in Towncentre Road in Thornlie. Two teams of six from the host team Gosnells played against a team of six from Armadale and from Fremantle. It was wonderful to see Chris Wells playing for Fremantle after his recent bout of illness.

The match and the Shield were won fairly convincingly by the Gosnell's team consisting of Hugh Probert, Steve Rogoysky, Dorothy Dean, Jenny Bowler, Susie Szabo and Alan Byrne. Fremantle came second with the Gosnells B team coming in third and Armadale team in fourth place. The competition was followed by a delicious afternoon tea provided by the host team, Gosnells.

This annual ritual is one of the main events on the calendar and each club looks forward to fielding a

team for the next bout, with Armadale the host team in 2015.

## **Margaret River Bridge Club**

From Linda Andrews

### **Presentation of the JOHN OVERSTONE Trophy**



A moment of delight during the presentation by Betty Overstone of the "John Overstone Trophy" (known as "The Ashes") to **Eleonore Green** who was the 2014 winner of this individual event run by Margaret River Bridge Club in memory of Betty's late husband.

Although we are only a very small club we are all enthusiastic Bridge players and meet three times a week Monday evening at 6.45pm, Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 12.45pm. We look forward to seeing you when you are next in Margaret River.

## **Northern Districts Bridge Club**

From Maureen Heslop

On behalf of the Committee and Members of Northern Districts Bridge Club we wish all bridge players A Happy Christmas and lots of happy bridging in 2015.

Thank you Linda and Beata for the BAWA **Focus** magazine and keeping all members up to date with what is going on in Western Australia. Keep up the good work.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





## Geraldton Bridge Club

From Wayne and Heather Cupitt



The inaugural Handicap Pairs Championship was won by **Wayne Cupitt and Heather Cupitt**.



Doreen Stevens and Stuart Stevens 2<sup>nd</sup>



Pat Hovell and Maxine Bohan were 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Club plays its usual Monday and Saturday sessions through the Holiday period, so if you are travelling north, or visiting Geraldton you will be made very welcome at any session.



## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our 'Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy' Swiss Pairs Competition were:

Marlene Medhat and Don Whooley

Leonie Lorian and Richard Pianta

Elizabeth Bennett and Maureen Phillips

|                 |                                        |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Marlene Medhat and Don Whooley</b>  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Leonie Lorian and Richard Pianta       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Elizabeth Bennett and Maureen Phillips |



*Marlene Medhat and Don Whooley*

A good time was had by all at our **Melbourne Cup Party**, which combined bridge with sweepstakes and a delicious lunch.



A glamorous Patricia Quinlivan



Director Michael Smith calls the odds.

Our **Christmas party** will be held on **Saturday December 6** with bridge commencing at 1.00pm followed by refreshments and trophy presentations and possibly some entertainment!

## Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

Congratulations to **Alfreda Philippe** and **Norma Marwick** who celebrated their 90th birthdays recently.

The new Management Committee is:

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| President          | June Scott        |
| Vice President     | Hazel Bennett     |
| Secretary          | Stephanie McGlew  |
| Treasurer          | Sandra Sandilands |
| Catering Officer   | Pat Hoson         |
| Tournament Officer | David Clarke      |
| Master             | Terry Turner      |
| Publicity Officer  | Jen Green         |
| 7 NT's             | Jean Dance        |
| Committee          | Ian McGuckin      |



Many thanks to Raewyn Lewer for organising a seminar presented by David Beauchamp.

David is a leading bridge player, representing Australia internationally, winning many prominent bridge competitions and he is a teacher of much renown.

Club members who attended the seminar found it very enjoyable and worthwhile.



NEDRA ARNOTT PAIRS Winners: **Rae Edwards** and **Carol Emmerson** with President June Scott



SCORPIO PAIRS  
Winners:  
**Joy Turner** and  
**Terry Turner**



Under State Masters:  
**Keith Fulker** and  
**Sue Stephen**





Under Local Winners: **Sharon Fussell** and **Patti Mellor**.



## Undercroft Bridge Club

From David Cowell

Since the last newsletter Undercroft has had its **Gwen Johnson** teams of four competition and Annual two day Congress.



1<sup>st</sup> **Terry Farrell, David Womersley, Neil Consigliere and John Lees**



2<sup>nd</sup> **Margaret Szymakowski, Peter McCann, Anthony Eardley and Satidh Bedekar**



3<sup>rd</sup> **Joanna Tennyson, Jennifer Bandy, Mary Lang and Tony Martin**

Our **Congress** was held on the weekend of October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. For various reasons, the

Members and visitors:



Due to Kitchen Renovations, there will be **NO BRIDGE** ON 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015

## Armadale Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Even though the Friday afternoon session at the Armadale Bridge Club is steadily growing, possibly due to lessons on Friday mornings, it is with regret that the Tuesday evening session is now cancelled at least until the end of February 2015 when the club will open for a trial session. It is hoped that with improved lighting to the premises, more publicity in the diary of the local newspapers, and some Tuesday evening lessons will help to increase members to a viable number. Until then the club will hold one session per week on Fridays at 1.00pm at the St Mary in the Valley Church Hall River Road in Kelmscott.

## 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.

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main one - being lack of space, we decided to have the Swiss pairs on Saturday, with Swiss teams on Sunday.

Like most of the clubs these days the entry list was filled very quickly. I am pleased to say it turned out to be a very enjoyable occasion. Many thanks to Bill Kemp, who as always, did a sterling job directing for us and many thanks to all those helpers who worked behind the scenes ensuring the event ran very smoothly.



On Saturday in the Swiss pairs **Kim Morrison** and **Viv Wood** pictured with President David Cowell were clear winners with 103 VP's. The rest of the placing's were very close to each other and after the final round, three pairs tied for fourth place.



2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Clear and Margaret Melson



3<sup>rd</sup> Domenico De Gasperis and Christine Smitham



Equal 4<sup>th</sup>: Ian Rowlands, Peter McCann, Brian Fensome, Jean Muller and Ted Roscoe (John Beyfus)



Teams 1<sup>st</sup> **Merle Wylie, Ann Hopfmuller,** President **David Cowell** and **Bob Wylie**



2<sup>nd</sup> John Beddow, Beata Bieganski, Tad Bieganski and Egmont Melton



3<sup>rd</sup> James Steer, Stella Steer, Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt





4<sup>th</sup> Peter McCann, David Cowell, Anthony Eardley and Satish Bedekar.(Margaret Britten)

Like many clubs Undercroft had a **Melbourne Cup** day. A joyful time was had by all and many of our ladies dressed up for the hat parade.



Ann De Souza



Carola Neutgens

From the Undercroft Bridge Club I would like to extend to all the bridge clubs and players warm wishes for a happy, pleasant Christmas and successful 2015.



## West Australian Bridge Club

From Deborah Greenway



The WABC Evening Championship was won this year by **Geoff Yeo** and **John Aquino**.



Running a close second were Jo Sklarz and Sue Gammon . Congratulations.

The **BAWA Super Vets** is an event to aspire to - for all of us. **Charlie Lim** and **Lily Lim**, so well done, as the 80+ winners. You are an inspiration to all of us.



The **Melbourne Cup** luncheon as always was a fun and extremely popular event. The theme was orange and purple and the venue looked quite stunning. There was plenty of food and of course champagne. Well, what would a Melbourne Cup be without champagne?



All the ladies looked beautiful but a special mention should be made of Lorna Good who won "Best Hat". Lorna rose at the crack of dawn to pick the stunning flowers that made her hat so special. Faye Cullen looked very striking in the outfit that won her "Best Dressed", always such good taste. And the sweep? Helen and Mike George have been doing this for years and I don't think a sweep would be the same without them holding the reins (excuse the pun).



The annual **Jackpot** finals were held at the beginning of November and the winners included: Alain Bernay and Jayne Surry, Marty Holman and Vinod Nasta, Sue Evans and Barbara

Riddle, Ian and Valerie Jennings, Jan Blight and Bill Kemp, Fiske Warren and Margarita Hughes, Jo Dundas and Margaret Fairbrother, Geoff Yeo and John Aquino, Noriko Sakashita and Shirley Bloch.



Geoff Yeo and John Aquino



Fiske Warren and Margarita Hughes



Noriko Sakashita and Shirley Bloch.



## EDITING OF MATERIAL

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## Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Congratulations go to club Members **Deana Wilson, Sue Gammon and Jane Henderson** who with Master David Matthews were 1<sup>st</sup> in the Master in Teams of Three.

|                 |                                                                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Alan Dundas, Jo Dundas, Robin McConnell with Master <b>Dave Munro</b>                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Melanie Sheffield, Michael Gaff and Andrea McCallum with Master <b>Linda Bedford-Brown</b> |

Winning the Super Vets we also congratulate **Charlie Lim and Lily Lim** and to members in the BAWA Xmas Match Point Pairs

|                 |                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Catherine Hood and Doreen Jones    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Eddy Mandavy and Deana Wilson      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Pauline Hammond and Shira Shilbury |



**Fiske Warren and David Beauchamp** wove their unmistakeable Bridge magic to enthusiastic bridge players attending their November lecture.

Accolades also **Jonathan Free and Ron Cooper** 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Golden West - **Marie- France-Merven and Nigel Dutton** 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Viv Wood** 4<sup>th</sup> and to **Jane Henderson and Lisa Cusack** for Best Under 300. Best Veterans –was won by **Ann Olsen and Pauline Hammond**

The club looks forward to seeing everyone at the Red Point Christmas Party and Prize giving on Saturday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and again on Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> for a Red Point afternoon of Bridge.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a successful year of Bridge in 2015

## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Walter Aldridge

The Under 300 Master Points Competition ran over two weeks, and was won by **Margaret Busani and Bev Ford** — Congratulation girls and a win for Acol.



A close second within less than 3 pts behind were **Alan Dundas and Robina McConnell**.



A draw for horses and a draw for partners and a wide variety of Hats proved to be a winning day at the Melbourne Cup Luncheon.



The NIGHT-TIME PAIRS CHAMPIONS were **Doug Hardman and Andy Pennycott** with runners up Sheryl Coates and Ian Wake . Two pairs tied for third place- the Powers- Kathy and Phil with Eugene Wichems and Alan Dundas.



*Doug Hardman and Andy Pennycott*



*Sheryl Coates and Ian Wake*

## Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Cherry Zamudio

The Team which included Wendy Harman, Carmen Jackson, Bente Hansen, Joan Valentine and Madge Myburgh came third in the State Grand National Open Teams Final in Perth recently and will now qualify to go to Tweed Heads in late November to play in the National Final. This will be the second time this group will be representing us in an Australian Final. The competition they faced was extremely stiff. Gerry Daly was a member of the team that came second and will also be attending the Final. Many congratulations to them all and we are so proud of their achievement.

### August 2014

|                          |                                        |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Best Player of the month | <b>Stephen Thyer</b>                   |
| Most Improved Pair       | <b>Joan Andrews and Julie Bechelli</b> |

### September 2014

|                          |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Best Player of the month | <b>Garth Scotford</b>              |
| Most Improved Pair       | <b>Ian Brown and Ian Medlycott</b> |

Mixed Pairs Competition – Winners were **Peter Cameron** and **Bente Hansen** and the runners up Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce.

### October 2014

Novices Competition – Winners **Jacqui Keir** and **Dianne Smith** and the runners up Mary and Mike Pepper.

Day Time Open Pairs – Winners **Gordon Brown** and **Sheila Pryce** and runners up Guy Gaudet and Joe Louis.



## Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

### Melbourne Cup Day



(Left to right) Sue Blacklock, Noelene Smith, and Marguerita Douglas heading up the style stakes at the club's Melbourne Cup Day.

Better known for being a day of dressing up, cheering for a favourite horse, having fun and enjoying good food and champagne, rather than the actual bridge play - second place on the day - members at Melville Bridge Club once, regardless of the sweep result, had a winningly good time.



Winners of our Melbourne Cup Day - Hon Dean Nalder Trophy: **Erica Augustson** and **Larry Szalay** (right), and President Dorothy Stevenson flanked by, Hon Dean Nalder office representatives Louis and Elli.

|                 |                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Erica Augustson and Larry Szalay  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Barbara Sheriff and Aileen Willis |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | John Firth and Mary Firth         |

### Guys Winners:

|                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Noel Daniel and Leon Randolph       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Merwyn Menezes and Salim Songerwala |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Leon Ref and Larry Szalay           |

### Dolls Winners:

|                 |                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Brenda Evans and Marion Jefferson |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Suzanne Goodall and Barbara Frost |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Anne Mitchell and Lyndall Steed   |



## Teams of 12 with South Perth



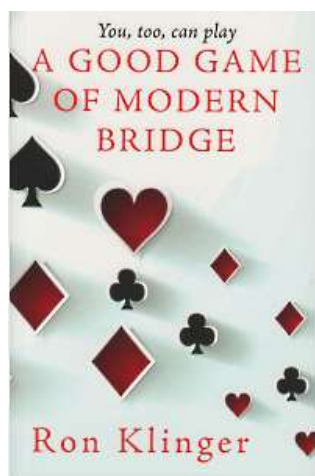
Winners: **Team Melville** (back left to right) Suzanne Goodall, Merwyn Menezes, Bhavna Patel, Nilish Patel, Leon Randolph, Bridget Cooke, Noel Daniel, (front left to right) Leon Ref, Marty Goodall, Elizabeth Cooke, Tony Stevens and Bill Symons (absent)



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Tuesday, May 5 to Tuesday, May 12

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Includes daily bridge workshops and duplicates, plus visits to Seal Bay, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch, sheep dairy, honey farm and others.

Sunday, July 5, to Sunday, July 12

Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort on **Moreton Island**, off Brisbane.

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Wednesday, August 5 – Saturday August 22

An intimate **luxury cruise** on Silversea's Silver Wind, from **Monte Carlo**, Monaco, to Civitavecchia, **Rome**.

Ports include Saint Tropez and Marseille, France, Alcudia, Valencia, Barcelona, Palma De Mallorca and Ibiza Spain, then Sardinia and Portofino, Florence, Italy, finishing at Civitavecchia (Rome).

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# ALBANY BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

**March Long Weekend 2015**

**Friday: Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - Monday: Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Convenor: Mike Trafalski 9842 8576

Director: Peter Holloway

|                               |                       |         |             |        |             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Registration / Supper | 6.30pm  |             |        |             |
|                               | Welcome Pairs         | 7.30pm  |             |        |             |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Swiss Pairs           | 10.00am | Round 1 & 2 | 2pm    | Round 3,4,5 |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar    | Swiss Pairs           | 10.00am | Round 6,7,8 |        |             |
| Sunday/Monday                 | Swiss Teams           |         |             | 1.30pm | Round 1,2,3 |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar    | Swiss Teams           | 9.30am  | Round 4,5,6 |        |             |

Presentation of Prizes Approximately 1:30 pm

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Welcome Pairs | \$15 each  |
| Swiss Teams   | \$ 35 each |
| Swiss Pairs   | \$40 each  |

Presentation of Prizes Approximately 1:30 pm

LIGHT LUNCHES WILL BE PROVIDED DAILY

## ENTRIES:

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PAY ON THE DAY AT THE TABLE

CLOSING DATE: 19<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2014

## HOW TO GET THERE:

- Travel down YORK St
- Turn RIGHT into GREY at the Town Hall
- LEFT into MILL St (3<sup>rd</sup> street)
- BRIDGE CLUB AT END OF STREET next to park.

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# Smash Hit!

From Pam Beddow

Thursday night: the atmosphere was abuzz with excitement. Nervous smiles were on the faces of half the people and the room was awash with comments like *"I am sooooo nervous – look at all these good players"*, *"I hope I don't make too many mistakes"*, *"I am terrified but excited"*. Like a blanket of calm, re-assuring smiles were on the faces of the other half and encouraging comments could be heard all round. And so began the **Grand Master – Restricted Pair (GMRP)** competition, a 2 session event held over two Thursday nights at South Perth Bridge Club. What an event!

Key to its resounding success was the Grand Masters. Thank-you to you all. 28 wonderful Grand Masters stepped up and invited a Restricted player (less than 300 master points) to partner them and then gently shepherded them throughout the two sessions. The Grand Masters accepted that their partners would make mistakes through inexperience at this higher level of bridge. They never forgot that their role was to mentor, encourage and guide their less experienced, but "puppy-dog" enthusiastic Restricted partners. And they did! There was guidance – not criticism. There was encouragement – not castigation. And there was laughter. It was close to perfect.

But it wouldn't have happened without those gutsy, game Restricted players. All kudos to them for taking the next step. Their enthusiasm and excitement was contagious, as was their delight at correctly bidding a difficult hand, of bringing off a difficult contract or of playing tight defence. Without exception, the many Restricted players I spoke with said how very much they had enjoyed themselves.

The **GMRP** was truly a Smash Hit!

Well done to BAWA for a great idea. Thank-you to Director David Parham for a well-run, very smooth event. And congratulations to the winners:

| Rank            | Grand Master  | Restricted  |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Fiske Warren  | Dave Sloan  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Val Biloft    | Mimi Packer |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Jonathan Free | Julie Short |

See you all (if you are still Restricted) next year.  
Any Grand Masters and Restricted players

reading this who weren't a part of the event, perhaps we will see you there as well. Hope so.



## Playing Bridge at Nedlands

From Phil Power

Kathy and I came across this interesting hand at the Nedlands Bridge Club one recent Saturday afternoon. At first glance it doesn't look that remarkable but what makes it stand out, I think, is that N/S can make 4 spades with their 4/2 fit and 5 hearts with their 4/3 fit. 5 Clubs also makes for N/S.

N/S has just enough HCP for game and 4 pairs played in 3NT with 2 being successful and two not so successful. 2 pairs played in 4H - one successful and one not. One pair played in 2H making 11 tricks.

The bidding at our table was Pass from West and playing Standard I bid 1C showing at least three. East overcalled 1D and Kathy as South bid 1H. West found a very cheeky 1S bid. At this point I can bid 1NT with my 4 spades to the Ace, Ten but with my 2 top honours in my partners suit I chose to Double showing 3 card support.

Revved up by their partners 1S overcall East supported by bidding 2S. A double from Kathy now would bring us a score of +800 but I doubt anyone would double here and Kathy decided 3H looked a good spot and I raised her bid to 4H.

Kathy made the 11 tricks Deep Finesse says are possible although she said later that making 11 tricks was a little tricky.

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Brd 24  | ♠ AT73  |
| Dlr W   | ♥ AK5   |
| Vul Nil | ♦ 742   |
|         | ♣ K95   |
| ♠ Q642  | ♠ 985   |
| ♥ 863   | ♥ J72   |
| ♦ Q86   | ♦ AJT93 |
| ♣ J72   | ♣ A8    |
|         | ♠ KJ    |
|         | ♥ QT94  |
|         | ♦ K5    |
|         | ♣ QT643 |

|      |
|------|
| 14   |
| 5 10 |
| 11   |



# Bridge and Mickey

From Marnie Leybourne

Nick Cantatore and I recently spent a week in Orlando, Florida. After four days with Mickey Mouse at Disneyworld, we were ready for more adult interaction, so opted to play a session of bridge at the Orlando Bridge Club.

Orlando is a large and spread-out city, in the middle of North American retiree paradise (no icy winters). However, a Google search threw up only two bridge clubs, and one was very small, so we selected the larger venue.

It turns out that the Orlando Bridge Club is actually a whole handful of clubs that, some years ago, made the decision to share facilities rather than having lots of smaller clubs dotted around. One player commented to me that it has certainly paid off given the number of members falling off their perches. It was felt that smaller clubs may not have survived.

Each club is also owned by someone, so depending on which day you play or which room you play in (there are two playing rooms), you are effectively playing at a different club.

Anyway, the system seems to work, although we felt the table numbers were pretty small compared to that which Perth's clubs combined would be able to generate in numbers on any given weekday. There were 13 and a half tables. We were told where to sit: the guy who owns the club seeds the pairs as they arrive and pay (\$6 each, whether visitor or not) so that the NS and EW fields are balanced. No-one gets to choose their table or their seats!

Everyone was friendly and, although there were a few eyebrows raised at our playing Acol and our multi-2 diamond openings, we were not asked to change (as we were in New York in 2010).

We had a minor brush with fame, as we played against the mother of multiple world champion Bobby Levin.

My favourite hand of the day shows Nick finding an inspired lead to defeat 3NT:

|     |     |       |         |
|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| Brd |     | ♠     | KT6     |
| Dlr | E   | ♥     | JT5     |
| Vul | Nil | ♦     | Q53     |
|     |     | ♣     | AT32    |
|     | ♠   | Q     |         |
|     | ♥   | 8432  |         |
|     | ♦   | J87   |         |
|     | ♣   | KJ654 |         |
|     |     |       | ♠ J9874 |
|     |     |       | ♥ Q7    |
|     |     |       | ♦ A964  |
|     |     |       | ♣ 87    |
|     |     |       | ♠ A532  |
|     |     |       | ♥ AK96  |
|     |     |       | ♦ KT2   |
|     |     |       | ♣ Q9    |

|   |    |   |
|---|----|---|
|   | 10 |   |
| 7 |    | 7 |
|   | 16 |   |

| WEST | NORTH | EAST     | SOUTH |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Nick |       | Marnie   |       |
|      |       | Pass     | 1NT   |
| Pass | 3NT   | All Pass |       |

A normal lead of a small club will eventually lead to declarer making 10 tricks. Nick figured that as North did not use Stayman, there was a good chance that I held some spades, so he led his singleton Queen of Spades!

This lead could have gone spectacularly wrong, of course, however if it had I probably wouldn't have written about it (unless I wanted to end in the divorce court). On this occasion the lead was great and I encouraged by playing my spade 9 (not realising Nick's lead was a singleton).

Declarer ran the lead around to her Ace in hand and, also misreading Nick's lead, took the "guaranteed" spade finesse at trick two, in order to gain an additional trick and entry to dummy.

We both nearly fell off our seats when Nick discarded. Declarer let me win this trick and I played a third spade to dummy's King. She then ran four heart tricks (my Queen helpfully falling for her) and played a diamond to the Queen in dummy. I won, cashed my spades and exited a club (for which Nick had signalled), which set up our fifth trick to defeat the contract.







## Rockingham Bridge Club Inc

Corner McClarty Road & Watts Road,  
Shoalwater

# CONGRESS 2015

## February 14 – 15, 2015

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

### PROGRAM

|                                                                   |                                        |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------|
| <b>Saturday 14</b>                                                | <b>Congress Pairs</b><br>(Swiss Pairs) | 10am |
| <b>Sunday 15</b>                                                  | <b>Congress Teams</b>                  | 10am |
| \$30.00 per player (includes lunch) - pay at the table on the day |                                        |      |

## 20 TABLES

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## 2015 Summer Congress

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**  
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To be held at our premises  
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**Greenfields, Mandurah**

### PROGRAM

**Saturday** 9.30 am Swiss Pairs  
**\$30** per player - Includes lunch

**Sunday** 9.30 am Swiss Teams  
**\$30** per player - Includes lunch

Prizes will be a minimum of  
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# Marketing Officer Report

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

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## ABF Marketing Special Grant

Three states were successful in the recent ABF special grant process. The Trumps Bridge Club in NSW received a grant to introduce beginners to the game by showing them that bridge can be an enjoyable social occasion. Ballina Bridge Club received a grant to hold a 'Friendship Day' in their area to encourage more novice players to enter competitions and to work their way up through the rankings. Canberra Bridge Club's grant was aimed at retaining more novice and restricted players through an integrated and strategic approach to teaching, mentoring and transitioning new players between levels.

The Western Australian application, along similar lines to the Canberra application, was unfortunately not successful mainly because it had not fully addressed costings and was incorrectly thought to apply to only some of the state. However, the ABF has requested that the application be sent in again with the items addressed for further consideration so this will be worked on and sent in by January 2015. BAWA hopes that the idea for an Education and Gold Point Event for Restricted groups, below 300 and 300-700, to help with the transition to their respective next level of competence will perhaps get a guernsey at the next consideration. The rationale behind the project is to enhance members' enjoyment of bridge and increase their participation in BAWA and club events.

## The Demise of Evening Club Bridge

It is sad when an evening session of bridge is closed due to the lack of viable numbers. Over the last couple of years many clubs have had to close their only evening of bridge or at least reduce the number of sessions, including Friday evening at the South Perth Bridge Club, Thursday evening at the Melville Bridge Club, Monday evening at the Bayswater Bridge Club and now the Tuesday evening at Armadale. There are many reasons put forward as to why this is the case including the

increasing age of our clientele who avoid driving at night, or who don't like to return to an empty house.

The relevance of this can't be overestimated. Unless the problem is addressed there will be very few clubs with evening bridge which means that younger players will no longer be filling the tables as they have done for years to come. We need to look at the clubs which hold viable sessions and note that the reason for this is that Lessons and Supervised sessions are run alongside the main sessions or at least on some evenings so that the workers, students and younger retirees are able to learn bridge and become more proficient and take up their places in clubs. If they are able to learn in the evening they will be able to play in this time slot whereas lessons in the day don't often translate into the ability to play in the evening sessions.

Tuesday evening at South Perth is a goer with problems finding a car spot if you come in a bit late. There is a main session directed by Bill Kemp and a supervised session directed by David Burn. WABC runs a successful evening session on Wednesday evenings with a supervised session alongside.

So the answer again lies in Education. The best way to increase evening numbers seems to be to hold a series of evening lessons followed up by supervised sessions.

If we miss out on teaching the next generation of bridge players and rely on the following young techno generation there will be little hope for the continuation of bridge as we know it.

I would love to hear some more ideas to increase the attendance at evening bridge.





THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB

***RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS***

To be held at the  
WABC CLUB ROOMS 7 ODERN CRESCENT SWANBOURNE

**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2015**

**COMMENCING 10:00am**

**TOURNAMENT ORGANISER: Kitty George 9447 5303**

**DIRECTOR: Neville Walker 0418 944 077**

**ENTRIES VIA**

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

**Or telephone 9284 4144**

**PLAYERS MUST HAVE LESS THAN 300 MASTERPOINTS**  
**as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015**

**ENTRY FEE \$30 per player**

**RED POINTS and PRIZES**

**ALL PAIRS MUST HAVE 2 SYSTEMICALLY IDENTICAL COMPLETED SYSTEM CARDS**

**PRIZE GIVING, DRINKS & NIBBLES AT COMPLETION OF PLAY**





opponents 1NT opening. (So if you are a fledgling player, learn one convention at a time. Ensure that you and your partner do have a good understanding of the new toy. Don't be disheartened if you have a few glitches. Rome wasn't built in a day!)



## Coming up Events 2015:

### **New Year Pairs**

3 weeks event, starts Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of January

### **Interstate Open Selection Butler (qual)**

4 weeks event, starts Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of January

### **Interstate Open Selection (final)**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March

*Venue: South Perth Bridge Club*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of March

*Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club*

### **ANC Restricted Butler Pairs Selection**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of March

*Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club*

### **Interstate Women's Selection Butler Pairs**

4 weeks event, starts Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of March

### **Summer Swiss Pairs**

3 weeks event, starts Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of March

## Kendenup Congress

From Heather Fergie

With a wonderful view of the Stirling Ranges from the windows, the Kendenup Lodge was the ideal venue for this year's Kendenup one day restricted congress. For the smallest club in the state to host such a marvellous event is a credit to all involved. The morning and afternoon tea and lunch lived up to country hospitality and made the guests glad that they had made the trip to the sunny slopes of the Stirling's.

Accolades go to the director, Mike Trafalski from Albany.



President Bob Fergie with the Winners of the final from the Denmark club **Claire James** and **John Elliot**.



Runners up were Gavin Deer and Stephanía Gísladóttir from Kendenup.

Winners of the plate were **Vivian Davis** and **Alison Gunton** from Albany and runners up were Heather and Bob Fergie from Kendenup.



# Masters in Teams of Three

Another successful BAWA Masters in Teams of Three was held in November.



Master of Ceremonies and BAWA President  
Nigel Dutton.

Thank you to the following Masters who were so generous with their expertise and time:

- David Matthews • Dave Munro
- Linda Bedford-Brown • Wendy Driscoll
- Doreen Jones • Annabel Booth
- Cynthis Belonogoff • Noelene Law
- Shizue Futaesaku • Jan Blight
- Terry Piper • Richard Grenside
- Stella Steer • John Beddow
- Beata Bieganski • Nigel Dutton
- John Ashworth • Heather Williams
- Sue Grenside



1<sup>st</sup> Deana Wilson, Master **David Matthews**,  
Sue Gammon and Jane Henderson



2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Dundas, Robina McConnell, Alan Dundas  
with Master **Dave Munro**



A slip between the blowing out of the candles –  
all 83 not 80!

**Derek Pocock** did in fact celebrate his **83<sup>rd</sup>**  
Birthday and not his 80<sup>th</sup> as reported to *Focus*







# Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

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Brd  
Dlr E  
Vul NS

♠ J102  
♥ QJ82  
♦ KJ5  
♣ K64

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ♠ |   |   |   | ♠ |
| ♥ |   | N |   | ♥ |
| ♦ | W |   | E | ♦ |
| ♣ |   | S |   | ♣ |

♠ A65  
♥ A653  
♦ AQ83  
♣ AJ

11

19

East deals and opens 3C, and after an auction best left forgotten, you find yourself at the helm in 6H. Yikes!

West leads C3.

## Solution:

Brd  
Dlr N  
Vul Nil

♠ J102  
♥ QJ82  
♦ KJ5  
♣ K64

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ♠ |   |   |   | ♠ |
| ♥ |   | N |   | ♥ |
| ♦ | W |   | E | ♦ |
| ♣ |   | S |   | ♣ |

♠ K974  
♥ 10974  
♦ 9764  
♣ 3

♠ Q83  
♥ K  
♦ 102  
♣ Q1098752

♠ A65  
♥ A653  
♦ AQ83  
♣ AJ

11

3 7

19

Obviously your partner has bid this very badly, and it is up to you to retrieve the situation.

A spade loser seems inescapable, so you have to somehow pick up the hearts for no losers. There are two ways this can happen: East can have specifically HK74, or East can have specifically HK singleton. In the former case, you lead the HQ

from dummy, and then the HJ, squashing West's doubleton H109. In the latter case, you cash HA, and then finesse West's 10 and 9.

With clubs probably dividing 7 with East and 1 with West, East is more likely to have a singleton heart, rather than three of them. So the best play is to win the club and bang down the HA.

*The moral:* There's no point regretting the auction, when there's a hand to be played.



NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB



**Christmas Bonus**

**Open Red Point Day**

**SATURDAY**  
**20th December, 2014**

**1.30 P.M. START**

Normal table money  
Turn up and have a fun day






# Second best was best...

By Ron Klinger

<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

Improve Your Bridge Online

## PROBLEM

Pairs | West dealer | Nil vulnerable

| WEST     | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass     | 1S    | Pass | 2C    |
| Pass     | 2D    | Pass | 3NT   |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

West to lead from:

W ♠ 974  
♥ 108  
♦ Q72  
♣ 9762

It is certainly normal to lead the unbid suit. The only misgivings you might have is that South's jump to 3NT sounds chock full of confidence. It is not likely that South is too frightened of a heart lead.

If South's confidence does tempt you to try something else, what would you choose? A club lead into declarer's main suit holds little appeal

## 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)

and the same can be said for dummy's first bid suit, particularly as you can see that this suit will break favourably. If you wanted to try something other than a heart, dummy's second best suit is the place to go. Clearly this is a risky move and may best be reserved for those occasions when you need to depart from the likely choice of the field.

Awards: H6: 100; D2: 90; spade: 30; club : 10.

*Principle: If declarer has jumped to 3NT after three suits have been bid, you can expect declarer to be well-heeled in the unbid suit. It may pay you then to lead dummy's second bid suit.*

The deal arose in the 2000 Generali Open Individual. The full deal:

|         |   |       |        |
|---------|---|-------|--------|
| Brd     | ♠ | KQJT8 |        |
| Dlr W   | ♥ | AJ5   |        |
| Vul Nil | ♦ | A983  |        |
|         | ♣ | 5     |        |
| ♠ 974   |   |       | ♠ A53  |
| ♥ 108   |   |       | ♥ Q32  |
| ♦ Q72   |   |       | ♦ KJ54 |
| ♣ 9762  |   |       | ♣ T43  |
|         | ♠ | 62    |        |
|         | ♥ | K974  |        |
|         | ♦ | T6    |        |
|         | ♣ | AKQJ8 |        |

At every table bar one the opening lead was a heart, normally after an auction that went 1S : 2C, 2D : 2H (fourth-suit), 3NT. At each of these tables declarer made twelve tricks.

At the remaining table, after the auction given, Apolinary Kowalski, who came second in this event in 1998, led the 2 of diamonds. This held declarer to ten tricks and gave East-West a top.

*Top class declarers: Raiders of the lost art.*







# Roving Rhodes

## Double Indemnity

By Maura Rhodes

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Brd 24  
Dlr W  
Vul Nil

♠ 6  
♥ KT  
♦ AJ2  
♣ AQJ7652

♠ T98  
♥ A532  
♦ T653  
♣ K3

♠ N  
♥ W E  
♦ S  
♣

♠ AQJ7432  
♥ J64  
♦ Q9  
♣ 9

15  
7 10  
8

♠ K5  
♥ Q987  
♦ K874  
♣ T84

The above interesting hand arose in one of my regular weekly games with Fiske. After a Pass, by West, most natural systems will open 1C by North. East has a standard 3S overcall. South passes as she does not have enough HCP to force to game over a possible minimum opening by her partner.

Here is where the hand becomes controversial. I want you to decide what you would do as North after East's 3 Spade overcall is passed back to you. You can hardly pass, as you have a strong hand with a shortage in Spades, so please decide what to do before you read on.

Most North's rebid 5 Clubs, which I strongly think is not the best bid. Fiske chose to double. Now of course you need partnership agreement here. What is double by North? I believe the Americans call it a "card-showing double". Fiske and I play it as a "Do something sensible double", a hand which promises good values. OK, now we come to the next dilemma: what is South's action? I thought and thought. I could see three options: Pass, converting the double to penalty, bid 4H, but I knew Fiske's double certainly wasn't promising a four card Heart suit and I didn't fancy playing in a Moysian after East's pre-empt, which could mean the trump suit breaks badly. So, I decided to take the third action and bid 3NT.

Fortunately, the King of Clubs was onside, so the contract posed no problem at all.

I asked my Guru, Ron Klinger how these hands should be bid. He explained that Larry Cohen believes that North is required to double on many hand types and that 3NT by South is sensible. Ron would have bid 4H on my hand and told me that North should remove that bid to 5C. I really appreciate Ron's advice; he is always so helpful whenever I ask him questions about Bridge.

The teaching point in this article is that as North, you are entitled to double with unusual shape, as long as you can rescue an undesirable reply by partner.



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BRIDGE CLUB

# NEDLANDS

## BIRTHDAY CONGRESS

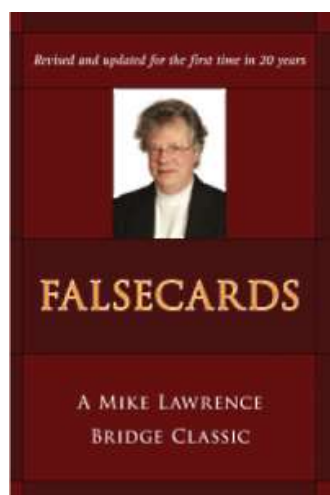
Sunday, February 8th, 2015 at 10am



Sunday: 10.00 am and 2 pm.  
Open to ALL players  
Red Master Points  
Directed: Peter Holloway  
Convenor: Robin Burton  
\$30 Lunch supplied.

Cnr Melvista and Bruce Street.  
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Entries on BAWA Website  
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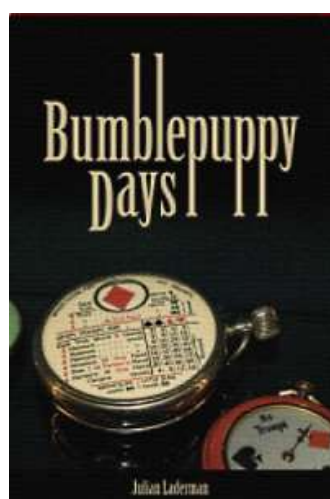
# Holiday Reading



## Falsecards

by Mike Lawrence  
\$32.95

This is a reworking of the 1984 original, but like all Mike Lawrence books these days, has been updated and re-written to reflect contemporary ideas



## Bumblepuppy Days

by Julian Laderman  
\$ 32.95

Laderman's first two books won the ABTA Book of the Year Award – no mean feat! Meet all the characters and personalities that thrust Contract Bridge onto the front pages 60-70 years ago and beyond.



## Bridge on a shoestring

by Michael Shoenbron  
\$ 29.95

Another general interest book and a 2014 IBPA Book of the Year nominee. Shoenbron is a great raconteur and the stories and anecdotes in this book follow his bridge development. A great read.

These three books are available immediately from Linda Bedford-Brown – all proceeds to the Australian National Bridge Championships 2015

They are also available from The Bridge Shop

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## RED POINT EVENT



SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB

## SWISS PAIRS

MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 12<sup>TH</sup> 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015

PLAY COMMENCES AT 7.30PM SHARP

COST PER PLAYER \$45.00

Prizes 40% of entry fees  
&

Prize for Best Pair below  
300 master points

DIRECTOR: BILL KEMP

CONVENOR: WENDY HARMAN

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*Light supper on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January*

ENTER VIA BAWA WEBSITE



# Results

## TEAMS of 4

From John Beddow

### OPEN

| Club            | Played   | Won      | VPs       |
|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Melville</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>96</b> |
| <b>Nedlands</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>87</b> |
| <b>SPBC B</b>   | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>84</b> |
| SPBC A          | 4        | 3        | 72        |
| Maccabi         | 4        | 4        | 71        |
| WABC            | 6        | 1        | 71        |
| Undercroft      | 4        | 1        | 59        |

As there were less than 9 teams, no Playoffs are required:

|                 |          |                    |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Melville | 50% of prize money |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Nedlands | 30% of prize money |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | SPBC B   | 20% of prize money |

### INTERMEDIATE

| Club              | Played    | Won      | VPs        |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| <b>SPBC A</b>     | <b>10</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>183</b> |
| <b>West Coast</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>182</b> |
| <b>SPBC B</b>     | <b>10</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>160</b> |
| <b>Melville</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>160</b> |
| Maccabi           | 10        | 7        | 158        |
| WABC Sharks       | 10        | 4        | 156        |
| Kalamunda         | 10        | 6        | 150        |
| WABC Sparkles     | 10        | 2        | 133        |
| Nedlands          | 10        | 3        | 131        |
| WABC Others       | 10        | 1        | 113        |
| Undercroft        | 10        | 2        | 93         |

SPBC B 17 (+12) - West Coast 13. (-12)

SPBC A 16 (+7) - Melville 14 (-7)

GRAND FINAL: SPBC B(+12) host and play SPBC A(+7)

|                 |            |                    |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Melville   | 20% of prize money |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | West Coast | 10% of prize money |

### RESTRICTED

| Club                    | Played   | Won      | VPs        |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| <b>Kalamunda</b>        | <b>8</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>156</b> |
| <b>WABC Sandgropers</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>140</b> |
| <b>SPBC A</b>           | <b>8</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>134</b> |
| <b>SPBC B</b>           | <b>8</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>134</b> |
| WABC B                  | 8        | 4        | 121        |
| Swan Dists              | 8        | 3        | 113        |
| Undercroft              | 8        | 4        | 106        |
| WABC Silverfish         | 8        | 2        | 102        |
| Melville                | 8        | 1        | 65         |

Kalamunda 25(+63) - SPBC B (-63)

WABC Sandgropers 15(-3) - SPBC A 15(+3)

GRAND FINAL:

Kalamunda (+63) host and play SPBC A (+3)

3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Places:

WABC Sandgropers (-3) host and play SPBC B (-63)

## BAWA Xmas Match Point Swiss Pairs (22 Pairs)

|                  |                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>David Matthews and Cynthia Belonogoff</b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Catherine Hood and Doreen Jones              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Eddy Mandavy and Deana Wilson                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Pauline Hammond and Shira Shilbury           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Lauren Shiels and Annabel Booth              |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Jan Blight and Heather Williams              |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Rose Moore and Linda Coli                    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Sue Gammon and Mark Doust                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Alfred Dupont and Sheelagh Dupont            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Dave Parham and Frans Fikke                  |

## Super Vets 2014 (28 Pairs)

|                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>   | <b>Charlie Lim and Lily Lim</b>     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Jean Calder and Lee Fordham         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Iris Dick and Helen Baker           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Diane Tilvern and Desmond Warner    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Derek Pocock and Margaret Sacks     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Beverly Crump and Mavis Kellaway    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>   | David Charters and Marjorie Thunder |
| =8 <sup>th</sup>  | Norma Pears and Vince Menezes       |
| =8 <sup>th</sup>  | Lorna Good and Gillian Tuckey       |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Judith Brown and Dorothy Stevens    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>  | John Penman and Norman Solomon      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Betty Watson and Douglas Grace      |
| =13 <sup>th</sup> | Rhona Barton and Anne Walker        |
| =13 <sup>th</sup> | Elizabeth Carle and Jillian Hopkins |



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## Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2014 / 2015

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                 | <b>Dec</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>                                            | <b>WABC Xmas Congress</b>                                                                                                                                 |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>                                                                 | BAWA Award Function 6.30pm<br>Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club                                                                                                 |
| <b>2015</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                           |
|                 | <b>Jan</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>                                                                  | <b>South Perth Bridge Club Swiss Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> of 3</b>                                                                                            |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>                                                                  | BAWA New Year Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3<br>Venue to be advised                                                                                           |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> – Sun Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>                                       | <b>Mandurah Bridge Club Summer Congress – see flyer</b>                                                                                                   |
|                 | <b>Feb</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> – Sun Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>                                       | <b>Mandurah Bridge Club Summer Congress – see flyer</b>                                                                                                   |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>                                                                  | <b>Nedlands Bridge Club Birthday Congress-see flyer</b>                                                                                                   |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>                                               | <b>Rockingham Bridge Club Congress-see flyer</b>                                                                                                          |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> –Mon Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                        | <b>Albany Congress</b>                                                                                                                                    |
|                 | <b>Mar</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>                                                                  | Interstate Open Selection Final<br><b>Venue :South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm</b>                                                                           |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>                                             | Interstate Open Selection Final<br>ANC Restricted Butler Pairs Selection<br><b>Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club</b>                                            |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>                                            | <b>Melville Bridge Club Congress</b>                                                                                                                      |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>                                                                 | Interstate Women's Selection Butler Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4<br>Summer Swiss Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3<br><b>Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm</b> |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>                                           | <b>Kalamunda Bridge Club Congress</b>                                                                                                                     |
|                 | <b>BAWA AGM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10.00am                                                                              | <b>Nedlands Bridge Club</b>                                                                                                                               |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                 | <b>WABC Restricted Pairs Congress –see flyer</b>                                                                                                          |
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>                                           | <b>WA Country Championships</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>VENUES AND STARTING TIMES</b><br>Unless otherwise advertised all daytime and weekend events are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands, All Thursday events are held at the South Perth Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Evening events commence at 7.30 pm. |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>**NOTE**</b> | <b>BAWA/Congress Events</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Entries <a href="http://www.bawa.asn.au">www.bawa.asn.au</a> unless other specified. |                                                                                                                                                           |

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The Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers News for BAWA Clubs and Members

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#### #4. Stolen luggage leaves you out in the cold"

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