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*Wishing you  
a happy and healthy  
Christmas and prosperous  
New Year!*

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



**We've made it through 2020!**

Thank you everyone for your continued support for *focus*, your clubs and bridge in this Great State!

**Linda Bedford-Brown - Beata Bieganski**

*Thank  
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# President's Report

Congratulations to John Aquino and his team for another successful Super Vets Congress; a special Gold Point event for players over 75. It was very pleasing to see 42 pairs taking part. Special thanks to WABC who, since the event started eight years ago, have generously donated the use of their premises.

Congratulations also to Allison Stralow and her team for a great Golden West Swiss Pairs held mid-November and hosted by the Mandurah Bridge Club. This Gold Point event attracted 94 pairs which, in the current climate, is outstanding. Unfortunately, we were unable to welcome any interstate or overseas visitors this year.

As you may be aware, there is still a cloud hanging over the 2021 ANC due to be held in Orange NSW. The main issue is the reluctance of venues to commit to the numbers required to run a successful event. The ABF will be deciding the fate of the 2021 ANC on December 31. Until that time the BAWA calendar remains very much in draft mode. However, all club congress and important local events are programmed and I would urge any interested parties to check out the calendar to ensure your events are correctly recorded.

As a challenging year draws to a close, I feel confident in saying that, not only has WA fared well but, BAWA, with the sound stewardship of our treasurer Stella Steer, is in a similar state and we can look forward, with assurance, to 2021.

As this is the last Focus for 2020, it would be remiss of me not to mention the incredible editorial team of Linda Bedford-Brown and Beata Bieganski. They produce the finest bridge magazine in Australia and do so 11 times a year. Well done, ladies.

Let me take this opportunity to wish all WA bridge players a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

*Nigel Dutton*

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## Christmas Party and Annual Prize Giving



### Saturday 12th December, 2020

The bridge will commence at 1.30 pm  
and this is a red point event.  
The prize giving, accompanied by light refreshments,  
will follow immediately after the bridge  
at about 5.00pm

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All Welcome

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# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

## Canning Districts Bridge Club

From Angela McDonnell

Canning Districts Bridge Club is one of the founding Clubs within the Perth area. Current changes have been afoot including a technological make over. Compscore launched, with Bridge mates and instant online results.

The club began 51 years ago and was vibrant with day and evening sessions however over time numbers dwindled. The club was looked after by Philip Moog until his death a few years ago. Kevin Stubbs took on the role of director to continue to keep the club viable, and the club is appreciative of his work.

2020 has been a momentous year of renewal with a strong committee choosing to embrace the new technology to make bridge more enjoyable. The friendly ethos of the club is still paramount with warm and enthusiastic committee and players who all make it a very welcome place to play bridge.

President	Angela McDonnell
Secretary	Kath Jaques
Treasurer	Laurie Corboy
Committee Members	Margaret Smit,h Pat Whipple
Partner Co-ordinator	Glenice Smyth

### Recent events

Canning and Willetton Social Bridge Day October 27 2020.

Canning Districts Bridge Club invited Willetton Bridge Club to a social day of bridge to get to know each other and increase interaction and participation between the clubs. This two way event extended to Bayswater Bridge Club as Don Sutton-Mattocks kindly directed and several Bayswater players who regularly play at the clubs joined the event.

A superb lunch was supplied by Canning Districts Club, topped off with Margie's infamous profiteroles.



1<sup>st</sup> N/S Phillip Harrison and Philomena Whitton and 1<sup>st</sup> E/W Peter Miller and Ameer Ali

It is hoped an organised friendly team match will happen in the near future with Willetton.



Friendly welcome from Laurie Corboy at the door.



Kath Jaques and Joan Marks chatting before play.



So, the players gather on the day

The Club meets Every Tuesday starting 10am until 2pm at Beasley Hall, Bullcreek Leeming Football Club. Cnr Karel Avenue and Beasley Road Leeming

Enquiries to Angela - 0430064771

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ALL visitors welcome.

## Kendenup Bridge Club

From Heather Fergie

### SWISS PAIRS DAY

Another delightful day of bridge food and fun was had at Kendenup when we held our Swiss Pairs day on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

14 tables of keen players entered in a wide range of abilities. The strength of the day is that there are four categories for prizes; so that you are only competing against players in your own level of experience. There are very few Swiss events held in the country (possibly because of the large number of boards that you need to run the events ...up to 3 times the number of sets you would need for ordinary club scoring) so this is an event where country players can practise this type of play.

We are considering calling it the gourmet event in the yearly calendar - the food is amazing!

Everyone enjoyed the country hospitality and Brian Wade, once again did a great job of running the event.

Our outright winners this year were Kate Boston and Murray Webber from the Albany club and runners-up were Kimberly Zhao and Alan Cransberg.

A huge thank-you to all members of the Kendenup club as well as Denmark and Albany for their help. We cannot run these events without your support as we are such a small club that we struggle to get 3 tables on a club night.

We will hold our Swiss Pairs day in 2021 in May (all going to plan) and will not hold a restricted congress in November anymore.



*Kate Boston and Murray Webber*



*Kimberly Zhao and Alan Cransberg*

## Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The final Red Point for the year was held on Monday 9 November 2020, ably directed by Peter Wilson.



1<sup>st</sup> N/S were Susan and John Sharland with 63.19%





1<sup>st</sup> E/W Ken Partridge and Barbara Partridge with 59.95%

Members are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch, which this year will be held at the Hillarys Yacht Club, on Tuesday 15 December 2020. Our final Green Point playing session for the year will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

We are grateful to be living here in WA where we have been able to continue playing bridge together after a comparatively short closure due to Covid 19. It has been such a strange and scary year for so many and here's hoping things will improve worldwide in 2021.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year

Please check our website

[www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org](http://www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org) for all the latest information

## Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Patron's Trophy 2020 Awarded annually at the AGM

It has always amazed me, ever since our first little band of beginner bridge players became a group in search of a bridge club, just how willing and eager our members have been to put themselves forward and to work hard and long to keep our club going and growing. At that first meeting I remember one after the other stepping forward – "I'll be President, I'll be Secretary, I'll be Treasurer", etc and that same eagerness to help is still an integral part of our club today.

Our Patron is Alexandra Russell, whose advice extends not only to our teaching and learning of contract bridge and the etiquette at the table but in her ideas for the cohesive spirit of our club.

Sandra donated our Trophy to be given out not to someone always winning at the table as there are other rewards for them but to be awarded to someone who gives of themselves and helps to support our happy club, often in the background unsung and sometimes unnoticed.



It gave me great pleasure to award this year's 2020 Patron's Trophy to **Alicia Zwaan**, our outgoing Treasurer, a person definitely not unnoticed but very much appreciated and very deserving of this trophy.

Alicia has worked conscientiously on maintaining good order with the financial side of the club; keeping us on track to purchase, without grants, much new electronic equipment; keeping great records, maintaining inventory and up-keeping our insurances.

Alicia has carried out her role often in times of great hardship dealing with family, business and illness issues taking much of her time. Alicia has always come through with energy in her role. The words and that spirit of those at the very first meeting came back to me when Alicia let me know she was stepping down as Treasurer and she added "I'll still be on the Committee to help out!" with that same fervour that we have become used to in this great club. Alicia is a very worthy recipient of the Bayswater Bridge Club Trophy 2020

Advance notice for all Restricted players <300 mps – Diarise October 3rd 2021 Bayswater Restricted Congress – with Director Neville Walker

### Session Times over Festive Season

Bayswater Bridge Club is open for business throughout the holiday season for both the

Monday and the Wednesday sessions, starting from 12.30pm to 4.00pm. All welcome.

### **Nutshell Lesson**

15 minutes prior to the start of play there will be a nutshell lesson on some random topic for bidding, play or defence. A handout will be sent out to all who attend. The lessons have been very popular and players like to look for the topic and are very pleased when they turn up in the hands of the day.

### **Venue**

Bayswater Bridge Club

Top Floor of Bayswater Tennis Club (There is a lift)

80 Murray Street, Bayswater

For more info ring Sandy 0448 005 967



## **Fremantle Bridge Club**

From Jenny Langridge

With the relaxing of certain rules with regard to the Covid 19 pandemic, Fremantle Bridge Club has returned to the tables with renewed vigour. Restructuring the Events Calendar means there has been quite a few competitions within the club to keep the members busy.

Following an excellent turn-out, congratulations go to John Penman and Rose Marie Gandini for winning the 2020 President Pairs followed by Jenny Grummet and Ros Mitchell who came in a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> with Jenny Langridge and Alexis Keynes 3<sup>rd</sup>



1st John Penman and Rose Marie Gandini



2nd Rosalind Mitchell and Jenny Grummet



3rd Jenny Langridge and Alexis Keynes

Club members enjoying fellowship and drinks after the Championships.



L-R: Neville Stafford, Steve Pynt, Lindsay Mollison, David Sloan, Suzanne John and Marcia Mazametz.



Kaye Egan, Alexis Keynes and Rosalie Raine.





Barbara Dickenson, Hazel Spong and Marcia Mazametz



Director Malcolm Dick, Birthday girl centenarian Verona Sleeman and committee member Peta Kiernan.



Winners: Jenny Langridge and Alexis Keynes with Director Chris Wells



L-R: Maxine Gauci, Jean Lugert and Odelle Davison, Verona Sleeman and June McCormack



Fremantle Bridge Club members recently took the opportunity to extend their congratulations and good wishes to long time member, Verona Sleeman, when she celebrated her 100th birthday with friends at the club. Verona has retired from golf but still plays Bridge weekly at Fremantle Bridge Club - no doubt quietly outplaying many Bridge opponents over a long time. In actual fact Verona and her partner took top honours at the table on the day!! Director Malcolm Dick presented Verona with a bouquet and a special gift from the club and thanks go to her partner, Maxine Gauci, for arranging the cake. Happy birthday Verona, from all at FBC!!!

#### CATCHING UP.....

Due to the enforced closure of our club during COVID-19, many club competitions were put on hold until we got the all clear to return to the tables. However there has been a busy time catching up with events. Below are Fremantle Bridge Club winners for the Mid-Winter Pairs



MID WINTER PAIRS WINNERS: Chris Wells and Helen Kolozs







2nd Jean Dance and Judy Toey

The Fremantle Bridge Club Champion Pairs were held over two weekends on Oct 31 and November 7th both adeptly directed by the ubiquitous Chris Wells and enjoyed by all.

- ✓ Winners of week one were Lindsay Mollison and Suzanne John, followed by Marion Jefferson and Tom Wheatley 2nd with Alexis Keynes and Jenny Langridge 3rd
- ✓ Winners of week two saw Dave Sloan and Steven Pynt first with Judy Toey and Jean Dance 2nd closely followed by Alexis Keynes and Jenny Langridge 3rd place.

#### OVERALL CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR 2020



1st: Alexis Keynes and Jenny Langridge with Director Chris Wells

2nd : Marion Jefferson and Tom Wheatley

3rd : Laurel Lander and Se-Moi Loh

#### MELBOURNE CUP

About 40 Fremantle Bridge Club members enjoyed a fun Melbourne Cup Luncheon on Tuesday November Florence Slater and Jenny Langridge took off the winning hat prizes. Many thanks go to the convenor Rosalie Raine and her team of workers – and to all who helped make it a great day.



Special thanks to Judy Toey for stepping up to the starting gate and running the sweeps and to Director Chris



First “Past the Post” on the Bridge tables were Se-Moi Loh and Laurel Lander



2nd Aruni Bandarage and Rohan Bandarage



3rd Maureen Bellet and Carmel O'Neill

## Maylands Bridge Club

From Linley Le Page

The Maylands Bridge Club (MBC) held its first Congress for many years on Friday, 30 October 2020. From all the positive comments received on the day, it was a resounding success. 72 players who met the Novice criterion attended. Many of these players had never been to the Club before. Comments were made about how lovely it was to have an outlook on the oval and to be able to watch dogs and their owners walk by, to see mothers stop for a break with their infants, and to just enjoy the sunshine. Others mentioned the carpet. The room was well ventilated, and the air conditioning did an excellent job with keeping everyone comfortable. For the occasional person who was seated directly in the path of the air conditioning, shawls were provided so all could enjoy the day.

MBC members contributed delicious home-made treats such as pumpkin scones made that morning. These were much appreciated by everyone. MBC volunteers who were not playing on that day came in before the end of play to set up a light supper for everyone. All this was done in a COVID-19 safe environment, with lots of hand sanitizer and careful cleaning of all surfaces. Everyone seemed very appreciative of the efforts made by club members. The event more than met its aim of welcoming people to the club who had not previously played there and showcasing what our Club had to offer.

The day was organised into two sessions with the top pairs from the morning session put into competition with each other for the main prize and the other pairs playing against each other for the Consolation prize. The Director for the day, David Burn, did an excellent job with everyone feeling they had been fairly treated and the day finishing in the time predicted.

Prizes were presented to the best qualifying pair for North/South (won by Pat Allen and Alan Gregory), best qualifying pair for East/West (won by Alfred Leung and Diane Smith). The Major winners were

1	Harry Crosby and Rick Morris
2	Hamish McCracken and John Finlay-Jones
3	Sue Thomas and Louise Thompson

Plate

1	Jodie Basham and Richard Basham
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2	Andrea Gaff and Mike Gaff
3	Suzy Tasnady and Bev Hales

The prize for the best Maylands pair was won by the MBC President, Rosemary Cant and her partner Joyce Archibald.

We hope this will become an annual event showcasing our reputation for friendliness and good play.



1<sup>st</sup> Rosemary Cant and Joyce Archibald receive their prize from Fran Carter



2<sup>nd</sup> Harry Crosby and Rick Morris

## Mandurah Bridge Club

from Ian Jones



The Thursday Best 3 out of 4 event in October was won by Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao.



Runners up were June Mulholland and Pam Cooper.

### MELBOURNE CUP DAY

This event always attracts a great crowd and this year was no exception. A lot of effort goes into the organising and Corrie Davis and Robyn McKenna did a wonderful job of ensuring everyone had an enjoyable day, made even better by a superb race. Sparkling wine flowed with lunch and Corrie organised a dance routine, based on the Chicken Dance song, for both the ladies and the men. This was great fun and hilarious to watch, but it was difficult to work out whether the ladies or the men were the best - probably the ladies!



Winner of the Best Ladies hat went to Jenny Cormack, pictured left, with event organiser Corrie Davis.



The Best Mans hat award went to Doug Hardman.



Congratulations to Florence Maltby and Di Brooks, winners of the Club Pairs Championship with Director Brian Wade.

Extremely close runners up were Jenny and Bill Maley.

## Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

The Thursday session celebrated the change of season with a Spring Cup event. The winners were Carol Pearce with Richard Bailey, Paul Sheriff and Norma Lodge 2nd and Roz Barker and Lila Evans 3rd





*Roz Barker, Richard Bailey, Carol Pearce, Norma Lodge, Lila Evans.*

In the race to play all the championships post-Covid we have been busy.

The Monday Championship was won by Maureen Knight and Piri Kacso, Elise and Olga Criddle 2<sup>nd</sup> with Liz Woodman and Joyce Stribley 3<sup>rd</sup>



Maureen Knight and Piri Kacso

The Saturday Championship winners were Heather and Wayne Cupitt, with Norma Lodge and Paul Sheriff second and Richard Bailey and Norma Follington in third place.



Wayne Cupitt and Heather Cupitt

The Handicap Pairs is always an interesting competition and this year, in spite of the lead in their saddle bags, Wayne and Heather Cupitt managed to scrape home ahead of Paul Sheriff and Maxine Bohan, with Sonia Bursill and Barbara Allen 3<sup>rd</sup>

On Guy Fawkes Day the Club had a happy day in graduating seven students, who were welcomed to the Club's regular sessions with a certificate and lots of cake!



Geoff Hearne, Peter McAuliffe, Robyn Westlake, Joan Darnley, Gaye McAuliffe, Barb Blayney, Joy Bland, Jeanette Day (Pres), Heather Cupitt (Teacher).

## Maccabi Bridge Club

From Luba Klein

Congratulations to our members upon their Stirling effort in the Undercroft Congress!



3<sup>rd</sup> in the Teams Judy Havas, Chris Ross, Louis Klein and Luba Klein



Best Team with < 300 m/points David Saunders and Bernie Plath (Ky Khan / David Chatman)



# West Australian Bridge Club

From Janine Hughes  
(Photos courtesy of Sheenagh Young)

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Evening Pairs championship resulted in a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Vinod Nasta and Ann Youngs tied with Kali Crosbie and Simone Pettorino. Congratulations to both pairs.

Our re-scheduled Daytime Pairs championship was won by Deana Wilson and Dave Munro. Runners-up were Mimi Packer and Virginia Seward.

## JACKPOT FINALS

Although our members missed 3 months of play we still had enough results to run this annual competition. Congratulations to all of our winners for 2020.

## RED POINT DECEMBER

As the Club had quite a large number of red point sessions to use before the end of the year we decided to make the last half of December all red point sessions so do come along and play. Usual table money only.

## COMING EVENTS

January – The Charles Pearce Cup. Open to all players, higher green point weighting.

January 30<sup>th</sup> - Anniversary Pairs. Red point session open to all players. As this is scored across the room pairs do need to enter to allow the field to be seeded.

February – Three week Red Point Swiss Pairs on Wednesday nights. Pairs must enter to play. Usual table money. No prizes.

## CONGRESS

Novice/Super Novice congress will be held on Sunday 14 February.

Restricted Swiss Pairs congress will be held on Sunday 21 March.

Entry is via the BAWA website. Please check flyers for details.

## LESSONS

Andy will be running a new term of lessons commencing in February. Details will shortly be available on our website.

## MARGARET RIVER BRIDGE HOLIDAY WITH ANDY



It was a week of doubling for the 24 bridge players who joined Andy Hung at Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton, in November. A long way away from the proposed St Petersburg, Russia, destination originally planned but still enjoyed by all who attended.



It was a very insightful week with classes on common misunderstanding of doubles, fundamentals of takeout doubles, mastering the negative doubles and support doubles and redoubles.

Plenty of duplicate play followed, allowing us to put the lessons into practice.

There should be a marked increase of doubles on the WABC bridge tables as most people who attended the week were regular club players. There were also two Margaret River players and two couples from Albany.

But the week was not all about bridge as a wine tour was included. Plenty of wine tasting ensued along with a winery tour at Flametree explaining how wine was made and grown. The House of Cards winery visit was very appropriate

considering all the wines are named after cards. For example, the queen of diamonds is their sparkling wine. The visit was finished with some chocolate from the shop at the winery.



The Dunsborough economy also received a boost when most of the women players went shopping on the free afternoon.



## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Thursday Pairs Competition were



1st Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood

2nd Nerilyn Mack and Cathy Slaughter

3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Patrick and Geoff Friebe

## Christmas Party

We look forward to welcoming members and visitors to our Christmas Party at 1.00 pm on Saturday December 5. Bridge is free and refreshments are provided after bridge.

## City of Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

### MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed nine new members to the Club this month: Wendy Wade, Donna Dennis, Aruni Bandarage, Sydney Tong, Ann-Marie Marias, Claire Bennett, Guy Bennett, Paul Cox and Linda Yeoh. Our membership now stands at 385.

### RECENT EVENTS

Guys and Dolls. Early in October we ran our annual Guys and Dolls Championship. Twenty pairs of ladies and twelve pairs of men competed in this event. Winners of the Dolls were Barbara Frost and Suzanne Goodall (663) closely followed by Gwyneira Brahma and Cassie Morin (656). Merwyn Menezes and Salim Songerwala won the Guys with 336 followed by Bill Symons and Martin Goodall (323).



Barbara Frost and Suzanne Goodall



Gwyneira Brahma and Cassie Morin





Merwyn Menezes and Salim Songerwala



Bill Symons and Martin Goodall

#### Arthur Finley Novice Pairs

Twenty pairs competed in the Arthur Finley Novice Pairs which is sponsored by Arthur's niece Sue Levy, who made a generous contribution to fund the event. Arthur joined Melville Bridge Club in 2006 when he was 87 years old and is remembered as being very supportive of beginners and novice players. He passed away in 2016 aged 97. The event was closely contested. The winners were Peggy and Tom Stacy, who also won the inaugural event in 2019, with a score of 256 MPs, closely followed by Adele Patterson and Heather Watts (254) and Rob and Laura Breen (253).



Arthur Finley Novice Pairs winners: Peggy and Tom Stacy with event sponsor Sue Levy.



Arthur Finley Novice Pairs second place: Adele Patterson and Heather Watts.



Arthur Finley Novice Pairs third place: Rob and Laura Breen.

#### Songerwala Swiss Pairs

Salim Songerwala, who was the previous President of Melville BC, donated and presented an impressive trophy for the Songerwala Swiss Pairs that was won by Martin Goodall and Suzanne Goodall with a score of 85.4 VPs in a field of thirty pairs. Second place went to Lyn Toft and Abe Rosenstreich (76.7), closely followed by John Clarke and Gordon Dunlop (74.8).



Winners of the Songerwala Swiss Pairs: Martin and Suzanne Goodall with trophy donor Salim Songerwala.



Songerwala Swiss Pairs second place: Abe Rosenstreich and Lyn Toft.



Songerwala Swiss Pairs third place: Gordon Dunlop and John Clarke.



### Novelty Prizes

We have adopted the practice of awarding some of the prize money in our major events to randomly selected players who were not major prize winners. This gives everyone - not just the top level players - a chance to win something in the event



Some happy winners of our novelty prizes.

COMING EVENTS open to all players

We invite you to the following open events that will be held over the next few weeks:

- ✓ Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1.00pm. Pancare Charity Red Point pairs to raise funds for research into pancreatic cancer. This event was initiated by our late member Ajay Tandon who suffered from the condition.
- ✓ Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 12.30pm. Gerald Burns Pharmacy Red Point pairs.
- ✓ Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December, 12.30pm. Total Dentures walk in Red Point pairs.

## South Perth Bridge Club

From Cassie Morin



Winner of the hat parade John Bamfield Melbourne Cup day lunch.

Winning on the day - Mei Hung and Dave Munro.

Congratulations to members Dave Munro and Pim Birss on coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Golden West



# Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown  
Club Mixed Pair Championship



1st Vinod Nasta and Cynthia Belonogoff



2nd Phil Power and Kathy Power

3rd David Schokman and Catherine Hood

Melbourne Cup - as always this event is a sell out with everyone going the extra mile to ensure all have a fabulous time.

*(Photos courtesy of Penny Styles and Cheryl Barker)*



Tom Wheatley and Sally Leonhardt took out the hat couture award



The Hat!



Master of Ceremonies President Ian Bailey







Marmalades



Marmalades are now available – be quick!

Congratulations to our members 1st Viv Wood and 2nd Dave Munro 3rd Chris Mulley and Paul Brayshaw in the Golden West, Trevor Fuller 4th, Deana Wilson and Renee Cooper 5th , 6th Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free, 7th Ron Cooper, 8th Catherine Hood, 9th Stella Steer and James Steer.

Christmas Party Awards – Saturday 12th December – all are welcome.

Blennerhassett Red Point – Saturday 19th December – Open Red Point Event.

A Merry Christmas to All!



## Willetton Bridge Club

From Noel Daniels

The Willetton Bridge Club Members were invited by the Canning District Bridge Club on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 20 to play Bridge along with their Members at their Club.

Most of our Members went along. Wonderful Lunch was catered by the Canning Members.



Members enjoying playing bridge together at Canning District Bridge Club



Winners N/S Phillip Harrison and Philomena Whitton; E/W Peter Miller and Ameer Ali.

It was a wonderful day and Thank You to Canning District Bridge Club for inviting our members.

We will invite their members to play at our club sometime in February 2021.



Mike Oehme receiving ABF Certificate from our President Peter Miller.





Members of the Bridge Club and visitors enjoying a Red Point Event at the Club

We have just finished 4 weeks of Bridge Lessons and some are attending our supervised session and have joined the Club. We welcome them.



As this will be Christmas time our Members would like to wish the Bridge community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



# Undercroft Bridge Club

From Connie Coltrona

The **Undercroft Bridge Club Annual Congress** was held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October (Swiss Pairs) and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October (Teams, sponsored by St. Ives Carine)

Congratulations to Director Dave Parham and assistant Gwen Kremer for two days of excellent work.

Grateful thanks to all the volunteers and members of the Management committee for your assistance to ensure the success of the Congress.

Saturday Swiss Pairs results



1	Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller
2	Gill Dolling and Chris Cullen
3	Beata Bieganski and Lilia Male
4	Catherine Hood and Pauline Collett

Best Undercroft Pair - Gwyneira Brahma and Cassie Morin

Best Undercroft Pair under 300mp.

1	Helen Larsen and Jamie Luxton
2	Magda Lawes and Michael Lawes

Sunday Teams



1	Stella Steer, James Steer, Gwyneira Brahma and Cassie Morin
2	Gerry Daly, Trevor Fuller, Viv Wood and Martin Doran
3	Luba Klein, Louis Klein, Judy Havas and Chris Ross

Best Undercroft Team - Tuya Cooke, Carol Fensome, Brian Fensome and David Cowell

Best undercroft Team under 300mp - David Saunders, Bernie Plath, Ky Khan and David Chatman

Well done!!

## Don Fraser Swiss Pairs

1	1 <sup>st</sup> Peter McCann and Jairo Giraldo
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tad Bieganski and Andrew Swider
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Julia Hustad and Harry Crosbie

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

# Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

## VALE Raewyn Lewer



Sadly, the Rockingham Bridge Club lost a valued member in Raewyn Lewer.

She was a gentle lady showing concern and interest to all who came into her presence. Raewyn contributed much to the Club in a variety of ways, but in particular as a bridge teacher and mentor.

In Raewyn's honour, Stephanie McGlew, a long-time bridge partner and former student of hers, instigated, with the Club, "The Raewyn Lewer

Trophy" This inaugural event was held on 21st July. Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg won the event with Raewyn's former students, Jen Green and Jean Dance, coming second. It was a request of Raewyn's to have cake for supper - she was a keen cook and often contributed sumptuous culinary delights for afternoon tea and supper.

### Rockingham and Mandurah Competition Oct 4th

1st Di Brooks and Florence Maltby (R)

2nd Yvonne Mathews and Hilary Tunnard (R)

3rd Jane Ophorst and Rita Hood (R)

4th Mike Mulholland and June Mulholland (M)



Club Championship Pairs



1<sup>st</sup> Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg with President Nicky O'Connell



2<sup>nd</sup> Florence Maltby and Di Brooks



3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Philpot and Betty Philpot



# From Fiske Warren

Brd	5		♠	976532	
Dlr	N		♥	J9	
Vul	NS		♦	832	
			♣	T2	
	♠ -			<b>N</b>	♠ AKT8
	♥ AK86532				♥ 7
	♦ QT		<b>W</b>		♦ AKJ9765
	♣ QJ95			<b>S</b>	♣ 6
			♠	QJ4	
	1		♥	QT4	
12		15	♦	4	
	12		♣	AK8743	

Brd	9		♠	A					
Dlr	N		♥	A63					
Vul	EW		♦	AKQJ5432					
			♣	8					
		♠	98732		<b>N</b>		♠	KJT5	
		♥	QJT2				♥	754	
		♦	7		<b>W</b>		♦	T98	
		♣	K93			<b>E</b>	♣	Q62	
					<b>S</b>				
				♠	Q64				
				♥	K98				
				♦	6				
				♣	AJT754				
		18							
6			6						
		10							

4 pairs tried a grand slam but had no play to make it.

North-South have a combined 32 points and a 4-4 spade fit but the identical 4-3-3-3 shapes actually make 6♠ less than a 50% chance of making. Without North's ♣10 and ♦10, slam would have virtually no chance. Nevertheless, 22 pairs bid 6♠ and a further 9 tried 6NT.

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Brd	12	♠	AKT6	♠	Q95
Dlr	W	♥	Q5	♥	AJ8743
Vul	NS	♦	JT9	♦	54
		♣	7643	♣	K5
		♠	J432		
		♥	KT962		
		♦	32		
		♣	T8		
		♠	87		
		♥	-		
4	10	♦	AKQ876		
	16	♣	AQJ92		

After two passes, East has a choice of opening bid, either 1♥ or something pre-emptive, depending on partnership style. Either way, South will have a bid to show a minor 2 suiter and East will probably compete in hearts. Then it is a question of whether North-South bid slam themselves or whether they get pushed into it. Most of the field stopped at the 5 level, 6 pairs went to the 6 level and 2 pairs triumphantly bid to the making grand slam.

Amid all this excitement, Viv Wood and Gerry Daly emerged as the clear winners of the event. This was well deserved as they were the only pair not to lose any of their 9 matches.



## SWISS PAIRS



### KENDENUP OPEN SWISS PAIRS

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

**OPEN RED POINT EVENT WITH CASH PRIZES, LIGHT LUNCH AND MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.**

**\$45**

**Overnight powered sites for vans.**

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**PRIZE-MONEY AWARDED IN FOUR SECTIONS:**

**COMBINED POINTS PER PAIR:**

- >600pts,
- 300 to 600pts,
- 100 – 300pts
- and less than 100pts.

**ENTRY VIA THE BAWA –  
WWW.BAWA.ASN.AU**

**START PLAY AT 9.30AM**

**Convener:**

**HEATHER FERGIE**

**98514168/hjfergie@hotmail.com**



# DEEP-AND-MEANINGFULS #13

Paul Brayshaw taps into the innermost thoughts of Deep Finesse®...

Hand record in one hand, wine in the other. The only way to be at the end of the Golden West congress this year, you feel - or any event, really. Perhaps the wine could be substituted for something else, but that would be the only acceptable difference. You stare at the set of hands that have provided you with the large win required to gain a top-three placing. You wish that the placement was a reflection of your superior skill and superb negotiation of the weekend's bridge, rather than the stroke of luck rounding off a tournament that exhibited chiefly your own displays of mediocrity.

You focus on Board 10 of the last round, as an example. You had the luck simply to have this deal turn up at your table. A fairly routine 6S to get to, for sure, but the majority of the field would not have the required skill to make it. Whichever way you happened to be sitting, you would either have opponents likely to be going down in it (many IMPs), or you would play it yourself and make it (even more IMPs). As it happened, you had the former situation. You muse upon how you would have played it:

Brd	10			♠	K873		
Dlr	E			♥	AK5		
Vul	All			♦	AT5		
				♣	AQT		
♠	J95				N		♠ 62
♥	632						♥ T984
♦	K764			W		E	♦ 932
♣	984				S		♣ KJ75
				♠	AQT4		
				♥	QJ7		
				♦	QJ8		
				♣	632		

Assuming North plays the hand and East leads something sensible (let's say the HT), then, as soon as dummy hits, you immediately see that you have a textbook endplay, provided that the DK is onside and trumps are 3-2. You win in hand to preserve an entry to dummy, and then draw trumps in three rounds, ending in dummy. Diamonds are finessed and three rounds played of those. Now hearts are played out, ending in dummy. With the hand completely stripped, you are down to

Brd	10	♠	8		
Dlr	E	♥			
Vul	All	♦			
		♣	AQT		
		♠			♠
		♥		N	♥ T
		♦	7	W	♦
		♣	984		♣ KJ7
				E	
				S	
		♠			♠ T
		♥			♥
		♦			♦
		♣			♣ 632

Now, regardless of which defender holds which club honour(s), you are home. Simply play a club to the ten (the queen would do just as well). In this case, East wins and is forced to lead a club into your remaining tenace to give you the rest of the tricks, or suffer the ignominy of leading their heart and conceding a ruff-and-discard for the same result.

As it happens, on this hand East holds both club honours, so anyone who did not exhibit the correct technique of stripping the suits before touching clubs would lose two club tricks. Of course, if South plays the hand, West has the ability to blow the contract out of the water at trick one by leading a club. Thus, North can always make 6S but South only 5S. You glance at the matrix created by your dear friend, Deep Finesse. Indeed, that is what she says. Curiously, she has also mentioned that North can make 6NT, but not South. Must be some sort of endplay, once again, but how would you prevent East from having a heart to cash when in with a club?

Just as you are considering this, you hear your name called for a photo opportunity, so you discard your wine and carefully fold the hand record for later perusal.

You think about DF on your way home. How is she, you wonder? You have not seen her for a very long time, as the bridge has mostly dried up this year due to the pandemic. So has your own spare time, ironically, so you have not been analysing hands like you normally would. You look forward to snuggling up to your hand record later. Unfortunately, “later perusal” does not occur, as

you immediately fall asleep on your hand record when you get to bed.

But, joy! You are conscious in your dream, and descending that long staircase to the dim glow below. Is it purple, or violet? You are thrilled with the anticipation of seeing your friend once again. As you advance into the misty glow, you spot DF in the distance, sitting down. She has her head in her hands and looks rather glum. Her entourage of playing cards circles her very slowly. As you approach, she looks up, and rallies somewhat, with an attempt at a smile. You realise that hugs are currently frowned upon up above, but it looks as if she needs one, and you feel that she is not a being who is susceptible to mortal illnesses.

"What's wrong?" you ask, after giving her a warm embrace. "I've never seen you so miserable. I haven't played that badly, have I?"

"No – I'm just ... so ... BORED!" she says, her usual soft voice having a bit of an edge to it. "No-one seems to be playing bridge any more, and I don't understand it. I normally have to analyse thousands of hands every day, but it's all just about dried up. I've had to generate my own deals just for entertainment. I've analysed the hands in my favourite book – *Adventures in Card Play* – about 500,000,000 times. I'm contemplating my own existence. Do I even matter any more?"

Oh dear. Of course, the poor thing has no idea.

"Yes, I'm terribly sorry about what's happened. Face-to-face bridge has had to cease in most countries for months; there has been a terrible virus going around the world that has ruined bridge for everyone."

"Oh yes, wait, I think I have heard of it – is it called 'Minor-suit Keycard'?" ..

"No. But, fortunately, it is likely to be under control well before MSK is. You will be back into the swing of things before you know it."

"That doesn't help me now. I need something to do!" she grumbles, kicking the ground and sending some of her cards flying. "If I don't keep my brain active, I'll go insane!"

"OK, OK. Listen, why don't we have a look at a hand together? How about the one from the last round of the tournament I've just played in, where North can make 6S and 6NT, but not South."

She brightens considerably. "Which one?" she asks. "What does North have?"

"K873 of spades. AK5 of hearts ..."

"Oh, yes," she says, and swishes her hands in the air. Obediently, her little army of cards goes into a flutter of activity, assembling themselves into a deal in front of your very eyes. "This one?"

"The very one," you say. "Now, if North is playing 6S it can't be beaten if trumps are 3-2 and the diamond finesse works..."

"What is 'finesse'?" she enquires. "Does that mean you have to take care when you play it?"

"Oh, sorry – no, it means you take a trick with a card when the opponents hold a higher one."

"I thought that was 'quack'?"

You smile, as you realise she's thinking of 'duck'. "No, the other situation – look at the diamonds and you'll see what I mean."

"Oh, that," she says. "I didn't know it had a name."

"So," you continue, "you finesse in diamonds and strip the red suits..."

"Please, what is 'strip'? Do you have to go naked when you play your cards that way?"

You do well to suppress your giggles. "I'm sorry; I keep forgetting you're not familiar with the lingo. It means to play the suits out, ruffing if necessary, until either you or your opponents have none left. I suppose that is naked, in a way."

"Yes – that is the way to make the 6S", she says, "and also the 6NT."

"That's where I have my question. I haven't looked at 6NT in great detail, but it seems to me that declarer needs to find a way to prevent East from playing the last heart when in with a club."

"Why don't you let me play the hand, and you can be East?" she suggests.

You agree. "OK, I lead the HT against 6NT."

"I win it with the ace, and I play a spade to the ace."

"Fine," you say, "and what next?"

"Now I take care in diamonds and go naked in them."

You instinctively look at her fingers with those fascinating, ephemeral diamonds, and then pull your mind out of the gutter and back to the hand. "Yes, go on", you say.

"Now I play the HK, and then play spades."





# Taking the Lead



By Ron Klinger  
<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>  
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SOUTH Dealer | BOTH Vulnerable

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

(1) Rescue re-double

What should West lead from:

Dlr	S	♠
Vul	All	♥
		♦
		♣
♠ KQ765		♠
♥ KJ		♥
♦ 954		♦
♣ KJ7		♣

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**MANDURAH BRIDGE CLUB**

**2021 SUMMER CONGRESS**  
**Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th January**  
**At our premises on the corner of**  
**Murdoch and Bortolo Drives,**  
**Greenfields**

### PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY** Welcome Pairs  
 (1:00pm start) - Walk-in.

**SATURDAY** Duplicate Pairs  
 2 Sessions  
 Qualifying & Finals

*Be seated by 9:45am for 10:00 am start*  
*\$30 per player*

**SUNDAY** Swiss Teams VP scoring.

*Be seated by 9:15am for 9:30am start*  
*\$30 per player*

Lunch is NOT provided but can be ordered on arrival at the player's cost. Light refreshments will be provided.

Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of entry fees.

Convenor: **Sheryl Coates**

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Director: **Neville Walker**

0418 944 077 nifty1940@outlook.com

Entries via the Mandurah Bridge Club web site  
[www.mandurahbridgeclub.com.au/events.php](http://www.mandurahbridgeclub.com.au/events.php)





From Gerry Daly

Dlr	W		♠	-	
Vul	EW		♥	92	
			♦	763	
			♣	AKJT7653	
	♠ K			N	♠ 7
	♥ J				♥ 6
	♦		W		E
	♣			S	♣
			♠	Q942	
	8		♥	KT53	
			♦	AQJ2	
	14		♣	Q	

Dlr	E	♠	KT986532	
Vul	NS	♥	Q5	
		♦	7	
		♣	J3	
		♠		♠
		♥		♥
		♦		♦
		♣		♣
				2
		♠	J7	
	6	♥	K9863	
		♦	864	
	9	♣	K09	

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is already 14HCP so the diamond finesse is working. Happy with this knowledge declarer now set about making the overtrick by combining chances of ruffing out Spade Ace, 3-3 diamonds and squeeze. On the run of clubs hearts were pitched from dummy and W was left with the impossible task of guarding each suit. However when we look closely even this final outcome could be deduced once W failed to follow to the first club. He has 5 hearts (not 6 or he would have given partner a ruff at T1) less spades so 4 (he opened 1H) thus 4 diamonds. A lot can be learnt from analysing all the clues.

Dlr	W	♠	-					
Vul	EW	♥	92					
		♦	763					
		♣	AKJT7653					
	♠	AK85		N		♠	JT763	
	♥	AQJ87		W		♥	64	
	♦	T854			E	♦	K9	
	♣	-			S	♣	9842	
							♠	Q942
	8						♥	KT53
14		4					♦	AQJ2
	14						♣	Q

On hand 2 the small diamond lead tells a story. A sound declarer will not be under leading an Ace. Furthermore with touching honours they will lead one of those so at least A and QD are with West. Therefore East must hold SA to make up 16HCP for their opening bid. We now have only one option in spades which is to play W for the queen. Sometimes table work is in vain. Indeed the Queen was where we needed it to be but it was singleton. ☹ Everybody was getting this one right.

Dlr	E		♠	KT986532					
Vul	NS		♥	Q5					
			♦	7					
			♣	J3					
		♠	Q		N		♠	A4	
		♥	JT				♥	A742	
		♦	AQT95		W		E	♦	KJ32
		♣	T8754			S		♣	A62
				♠	J7				
	6			♥	K9863				
9		16		♦	864				
	9			♣	KO9				

### Hand 3

Following the same procedure we note that the opener has shown up with 7HCP by trick two, AH, SQ and inferred SJ. This means he can't have CA so therefore it is singleton with West. When we add

JC to East's hand we see that he also can't have the KD. Knowing the lie of the key cards, you will now duck the spade Queen, and with careful play can force 9 tricks. In due course you will lead a diamond towards the jack. West can't rise as that gives you 3 diamonds and your 9<sup>th</sup> trick. Once you have taken the JD, removed West's last spade and ducked a club to the Ace, you are in control. Depending on what West did at trick three you will score your 9<sup>th</sup> trick by either end playing East in clubs to lead from 95 spades into your K6 or endplay West in hearts to lead a diamond away from K.

Dlr	N		♠	T7				
Vul	Nil		♥	KQJ6				
			♦	J542				
			♣	874				
		♠	82		N		♠	QJ954
		♥	975432		W		♥	AT
		♦	KT96			E	♦	3
		♣	A			S	♣	JT932
							♠	AK63
		7					♥	8
7			8				♦	AQ87
		18					♣	KQ65

**FESTIVE OPEN PAIRS**  
**South Perth Bridge Club**  
**Monday 21st December**  
**12:30 pm**  
**\*\* RED POINT EVENT \*\***  
 Come and join us for an enjoyable  
 afternoon of bridge

Normal table money  
 Members: \$7  
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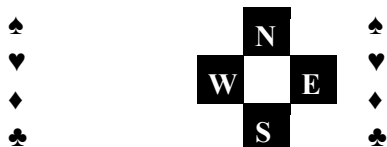
# Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs  
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Dlr S  
 Vul All

♠ A62  
 ♥ 94  
 ♦ 43  
 ♣ 1086432



♠ KQJ109  
 ♥ A5  
 ♦ AK852  
 ♣ A

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West leads ♣K. You win and start the diamonds:  
 ♦A, ♦K (all follow) and ♦2, West follows with ♦J.  
 Now what?

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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!

Nedlands Bridge Club

## The Blennerhassett Pairs

GET AN EARLY CHRISTMAS  
 PRESENT AND COME TO OUR  
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 SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1.30PM

19th DECEMBER

*NORMAL TABLE MONEY,  
 NO NEED TO ENTER*

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**Restricted Swiss Pairs  
 Congress 2021**

**Sunday 21 March at 10:00am**

Director: David Burn 0409 661 010  
 Tournament Organiser: Kitty George 0408 097 881  
 Enter via [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au) or phone 9284 4144



Venue: WABC Clubrooms 7 Odern Crescent,  
 Swanbourne

PLAYERS MUST HAVE LESS THAN 300 MASTERPOINTS  
 as at 1st January 2021  
 ENTRY FEE \$35 per player  
 Players may order lunch before start of play  
 Prize-giving at completion of play

From David Schokman

Today's deal is from the last round of the event and our opponents were Lynne Errington and Joanna Tennyson (no relation to the famous poet Alfred Lord Tennyson). N/S had more than their fair share of cards, and there was a game, or slam bid on every board. This was B 10 where 24 out of 47 pairs reached the slam in spades and nine the slam in no trumps. Only south can make 12 tricks in spades or no trumps, and if north plays it, a club lead is required to defeat either contract. Why did those sitting in the south seat fail to make 12 tricks in either contract? The solution is relatively simple, and surprisingly the 76 pc chance of success fails, but there happened to be a 100 pc chance, which our opponent, Lynne Errington took.



So, this is the frustrating part of a Swiss event where you can play well and then have your opponents play better when you may have hoped that they kept their “A” game at home.





# Bridge Detective

By Di Brooks

North is the dealer and passes. East opens with 1D and South overcalls 2C. West then ventures with 2H. Now this is where Sherlock Holmes would use his intuition to sum up who has what points and who should play the contract!

So, to break down the 40 points that are divided between four players, North doesn't have 12 points, as he passed. East must have minimum of 12 points to open the bidding (maybe with the Rule of 20, he had 10 high card points but a two suited hand). South overcalled at the 2 level freely. He must have minimum of 10, max of 15 points. So far, we have located minimum of 20 points.

West then bids a new suit, showing a long major and another 10 points minimum. The total now stands at 30 - minimum. North passes again. So now the question is: "Who has the balance of Power"?

Sherlock Holmes says East /West.

South has done their job by overcalling 2C to give North a clue of which suit to lead. At this stage, there is no need to re- enter the bidding. East /West have yet to find a fit, let alone game or slam.

The four hands were -

Dlr	W	♠	976532			♠	AK108
Vul	All	♥	J9			♥	7
		♦	832			♦	AKJ9765
		♣	102			♣	6
		♠	-	N			
		♥	AK86532	W		E	
		♦	Q10				
		♣	QJ95		S		
		♠	QJ4				
	1	♥	Q104				
12	15	♦	4				
	12	♣	AK8743				

A happy outcome to this tale would be that East-West bid game. (Well, happy for the opponents). There is 6D to be had, but not 6H. So, the moral to this story, let sleeping dogs lie, even if they are the Hounds of the Baskervilles!

## Cancer Morning Tea

Rockingham Bridge Club held its annual Cancer Morning Tea recently. The day started with a quiz on TV and Films. Members, who attended, groaned as the questions were rattled off. Obviously, convenor, Di Brooks should have done the quiz on General Knowledge! (Di's favourite pastime, second only to contract bridge) is to veg out in her chair, cup of tea in hand and watch a good movie but as Question Master was ineligible for taking part in the quiz) Shame.

Two local businesses generously donated goodies to use as prizes throughout the day; - Rockingham Village Chinese restaurant gave two vouchers, each worth \$50 for a meal in their establishment. Palm Springs Pharmacy donated two gift bags of products to delight any lady... Members were also very supportive, making up their own bags of goodies to add to the prizes. One member gave three lovely pieces of jewellery.

What with the quiz, raffles, sale of Christmas Angel earrings, the generous personal donations and the day's table monies, \$700 was banked for the Cancer Council of WA.

Grateful thanks to everyone who participated in making the day a great success.

Well done, everyone.



Happy Bridging ☺



*Work out who the stunner is in the opera dress!*



## **GNOT COUNTRY 2020 FINAL**

All members of the following 12 (country) clubs who declare they are permanent residents of the said region are eligible to represent the WA Country region: Albany, Avon Valley, Bridgetown, Bunbury, Busselton, Denmark, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Kendenup, Kojoonup, Mandurah.

Players irrespective of Masterpoint status, who are members of the Avon Valley, Esperance, Geraldton or Kalgoorlie clubs are eligible for both WA Country and WA Provincial regions. Any player(s) from any of these four clubs may, at his/her own discretion, play in the WA Country region, in the WA Provincial region or in both. By entering the event entrants are affirming their eligibility to play for that Region. Metropolitan Area is defined as: the area bounded by Rockingham to the south, Mundaring to the East, and Yanchep to the North, or as determined from time to time by Council.

### **Gold Point Event**

**16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

**CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB**

**10.00 AM BOTH DAYS**

**Please enter ONLINE**

Director TBA

**Cost \$100 PAIR**

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# 2020 SuperVets

By John Aquino



The SuperVets is an ABF Gold Point event run in Perth each year by the Bridge Association of WA. The bridge governing bodies wish to use the tournament to celebrate the extraordinary contribution that older bridge players have made to the game we love. The tournament is restricted to bridge players over the age of 75.

This year, in spite of the cloud of Covid over the rest of the country, in Perth we were able to attract a field of 84 players for a 'face to face' bridge tournament. The event was held on Sunday 8 November and run as a Swiss Pairs format comprising six matches of seven boards per match — an exhausting day of bridge but from the feedback it was enjoyed by all competitors.

The field boasted many Grand Masters and players who had reached Gold and Silver Life Master Status. Although they had been playing for decades, their bridge playing skills were as formidable as ever. It was truly awe inspiring to see a room full of veteran bridge players, horns locked in silent competition.



Winners David Schokman and Geoff Yeo with Tournament Organiser John Aquino.



2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy Driscoll and Jan Blight with BAWA President Nigel Dutton

3<sup>rd</sup> David Petterson and Beverly Petterson



The best non medal player (80-90) was Rod Bryant and the best player 90+ was Judy Crooke.

Analysing the demographics of players this year, of interest was that players from 11 BAWA affiliated club participated. There were 3 players in the 90+ age group, 45 players aged 80-90, and 34 in the 75-80 age bracket.

Bridge is recognised as a sport by the International Olympic Committee. It is a game that engenders the following attributes and values common with other competitive sports — technique, competitive attitude, strategy, fair play, discipline, stamina, quick reflexes, rapport with your partner, and concentration. Contract bridge is an excellent gymnastic of the mind for men and women of all ages. Medical research in the United States has concluded that playing the game significantly lowers the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and is even said to boost the immune system.

This year's event was sponsored by the WABC and by the TBIB. WABC provided their wonderful club rooms and facilities free of charge. TBIB, Insurance Brokers have long sponsored bridge events across Australia. The organizers are grateful for the generous support received from both sponsors.

After a highly successful tournament in 2020, planning for 2021 has already commenced. Next year will be the **Tenth Anniversary of the SuperVets** in WA. Entries can be made online via the BAWA website. If prospective competitors need further information or assistance with lodging an entry for next year's event, they are encouraged to contact the Tournament Organizer, John Aquino - johnleonaquino@gmail.com

## Albany Bridge Club Congress 2021

26 February to 1 March 2021

Address: Mill Street, Albany

Convenor: Carole Munro

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Director: Brian Wade

Cost: \$100 all-inclusive or pay per session (see below)

Enter via the BAWA website or contact the convenor. Limited to 27 tables.

Cash prizes (minimum 55% of entry fees)

**Welcome Pairs - \$20**

Friday evening 6:30 pm for bridge at 7pm

Finger food provided

**Duplicate Pairs - \$45**

Saturday 9:30 am - please be seated by 9:15  
(two sessions)

Light lunch provided

**Swiss teams - \$45**

Sunday 9:30 am - please be seated by 9:15 am  
(two sessions)

Monday 9:00 am - please be seated by 8:45  
am (one session)

Light lunch provided on both days

Arrangements are subject to change according to the prevailing government requirements.







## GNOT METRO 2020 FINAL

### *Gold Point Event*

16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

**CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB**

10.00 AM BOTH DAYS

If qualified please enter ONLINE

Director TBA

Cost \$200 PER TEAM

Convenor Robina McConnell

Phone 0400943367

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## GNOT PROVINCIAL 2020 FINAL

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

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# Results

## BAWA Masters in Teams of 3 (16)

Master of Ceremonies - BAWA President Nigel Dutton; Director - Neville Walker



1	<b>Nick Cantatore</b> - Wendy Wade, Peter Knight and Jo Dundas
2	<b>Dave Munro</b> - Wilma Coloper, Sarita Singh and Jennifer Simpson
3	<b>Elizabeth McNeill</b> - Kumiko Matsumura, Mark Hughes and Eugene McClorey
4	<b>Beata Bieganski</b> - Juliana Westlake, Anne Durack and Atsuko Takeuchi
5	<b>Cynthia Belonogoff</b> - Hamish McCracken, Phil Jacobsen and John Finlay-Jones
6	<b>Trevor Fuller</b> - Will Nunn, Ron Grogan and Catherine Grogan
7	<b>Leone Fuller</b> - Hilary Stilling, Sue Shadbolt and Jay Wongphasukhot
8	<b>Richard Wallis</b> - Jane Glass, Dianne Dwyer and Mavis Koay
9	<b>Nigel Dutton</b> - Sylvia Bray, Ziggy Morawiec and Kerry Barns
10	<b>Deana Wilson</b> - Rajeeve Gunawardena, Rohan Bandarage and Aruni Bandarage
11	<b>Tad Bieganski</b> - Britt Baird, Melanie Sheffield and Nicki McGrath
12	<b>Gerry Daly</b> - Margaret Baird, Sue Thomas and Julie Coates
13	<b>David Matthews</b> - John Nelson, Kathleen Negus and Jodie Basham
14	<b>Stella Steer</b> - Catherine Minchin, Carol Thomson and Barbara Pritchett
15	<b>Marnie Leybourne</b> - Marsha Hopkins, Ian Wake and Claire Weston
16	<b>Robert Prince</b> - Gary Wood - Heather Bannerman and Roslyn Varkevisser

## BAWA Grand Master - Rest (21)

(Photos courtesy of Stella Steer)

A Grand Thank You to the Grand Masters!



1 Sarita Singh and Trevor Fuller



2	Julie Short and Viv Wood
3	Nigel Dutton and Ian Clark
4	Leone Fuller and Andrea Peretti
5	Gerry Daly and Dianne Dwyer
6	Gill Dolling and Chris Cullen
7	Stella Steer and Atsuko Takeuchi
8	Ron Cooper and Mavis Koay
9	David Matthews and Hamish McCracken
10	David Schokman and Rohan Bandarage

*"Well done if you recognised the stunner in the opera dress - performing Vivia from The Merry Widow at His Majesty's Theatre, Perth"*

*It is Ruth Katavatis*









## Golden West (94)

(Photos courtesy of Allison Stralow)

	
1	Viv Wood and Gerry Daly with BAWA President Nigel Dutton
	
2	Dave Munro and Pim Birss
	
3	Chris Mulley and Paul Brayshaw
	
4	Trevor Fuller and Marnie Leybourne

	
5	Deana Wilson and Renee Cooper
6	Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free
	
7	Tim Knowles and Ron Cooper
8	Catherine Hood and Pauline Collett
	
9	Stella Steer and James Steer
	
	Best Country Pair Gerald Merven and Patricia Anderson



Restricted Winners Mavis Koay (2), John Finlay Jones (1), Dianne Dwyer(2) and Hamish McCracken (1)

## 70% Results (Random search)

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## Bayswater

## 70.5 Bob Hawkins and Pam Hawkins

Busseleton

## 71.0 Rosemary Lill and John Lill

## Mandurah

## 76.0 Vera Hardman and Doug Hardman

### 73.8 Eugene Wichems and Doug Hardman

## 72.0 Pamela Calver and Ann Kelley

## 70.7 Douglas Hardman and Vera Hardman

**WABC**

## 70.0 Trevor Smith and Diana Wellby

## Nedlands

71.5 Frank O'Connor and Tom Wheatley

## Fremantle

## 72.9 Tom Wheatley and Marion Jefferson

## 70.8 Judy Toey and Sue Moonen

## Bunbury

### 71.7 Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders

## Armadale

80.7 Steve Rogoysky and Hugh Probert

## 72.8 Michael Flacks and Lucille Duncan

## Joondalup

## 70.4 Harry Crosby and Edward Roscoe

## 78.4 Julia Hustad and Harry Crosby

### 71.4 Ann Burr and Trevor Burr

## Undercroft

### 73.0 Robyn Giraldo and Jairo Giraldo

## Melville

## 70.8 Mary Johnston and Leon Ref

## South Perth

## 72.0 Matthew Wilding and Jackie Wilding

70.0 Bruce Maguire and Tirza Cohen

## West Coast

## 70.0 Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes

## Kalamunda

## 75.9 Nicolas Moniodis and Carmen Jackson

75.0 David Kininmonth and Robert Willemsen

"I wanna be evil and trump an ace  
Just to see my partner's face"

*(Taken from Eartha Kit song- I Wanna Be Evil – 1954)*



NO NEED TO BOOK    USUAL TABLE MONEY





## Test Your Slam Play

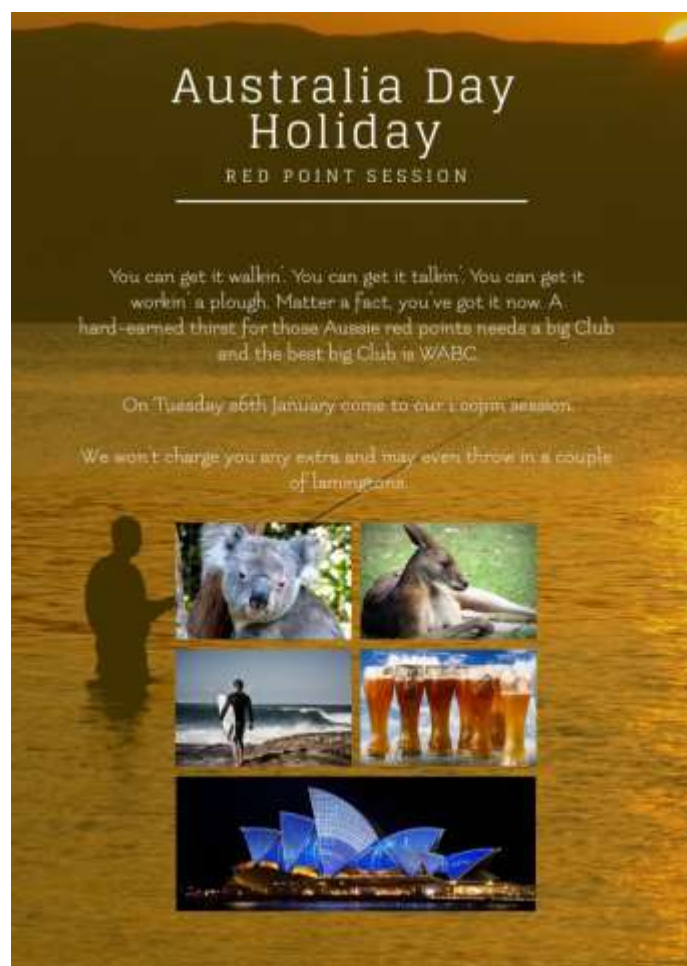
By Bill Jacobs

## SOLUTION

Dlr	S		♠ A62		
Vul	All		♥ 94		
			♦ 43		
			♣ 1086432		
	♠ 7		N		♠ 8543
	♥ QJ862		W	E	♥ K1073
	♦ QJ96				♦ 107
	♣ KQJ		S		♣ 975
			♠ KQJ109		
	4		♥ A5		
12		3	♦ AK852		
	21		♣ A		

If diamonds are dividing 3-3, the contract will be easy. But if East is out of them, you have a problem, probably unable to safely ruff two diamonds ... and there is a heart loser.

You can prettily fix this by combining these two problems into the one trick. Discard a heart from dummy on this trick, giving the defence their heart trick now, and avoiding the need to ruff two diamonds.



Ruff the (say) club return, then ruff a diamond with the SA. Return to the HA, ruff your second heart, then draw trumps and claim.

An equivalent alternative play is to ruff the third round of diamonds with the SA, return to the HA, and discard a heart on the fourth round of diamonds.

This deal is from the 1938 ANC, and was successfully negotiated by the declarer, Bob Williams.

The moral: Bridge bidding has come a long way since 1938, but not the play of the cards.

## Taking the Lead

By Ron Klinger

## SOLUTION

From the final of a National Open Teams:

Dlr	S		♠	43		
Vul	All		♥	1043		
			♦	J1072		
			♣	9842		
	♠	KQ765			N	♠
	♥	KJ				♥
	♦	954	W			E
	♣	KJ7			S	♣
			♠	AJ1082		
	1		♥	Q962		
13		13	♦	AQ6		
	13		♣	10		

With doubleton support for the 5+ spade suit and no sure trump fit elsewhere (South possibly 6-3-2-2), not everyone would find the SOS redouble from North. Expecting dummy to have a singleton or void in spades, West started with the HK (!) to protect the spade honours. West continued with the HJ, ducked to the HQ. Declarer played the DA, followed by the DQ, ducked.

Next came the SA, followed by the S8. West played low and East ruffed. He cashed the HA, CA and played another club. Declarer made one spade, one heart and two diamonds to be three down for -800.

At the other table the bidding began the same way, but 1S doubled was passed out. The lead there was also the HK, followed by the HJ to the ace and the third heart ruffed. After a club to the ace and another heart ruff, West played the CK, ruffed. The outcome was two down for -500, but +7 Imps.



# NEDLANDS

## BIRTHDAY CONGRESS

### SWISS PAIRS

Sunday, January 31st, 2021 at 10am



Sunday: 10.00 am and 2 pm.

Open to ALL players

Red Master Points

Directed: Peter Holloway

Convenor: Robin Burton

\$30.00 BYO Lunch.

6 Gilmore Lane, Nedlands

Phone: 9386 8166

Email: officenbc@westnet.com.au

Entries on BAWA Website

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13th Year at Swanbourne

## WABC ANNIVERSARY PAIRS

SATURDAY 30 January 2021 @ 1:30pm

RED POINT EVENT

ALTHOUGH THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO PLAYERS OF ALL CLUBS  
ONLY WABC PAIRS ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE TROPHY

THIS EVENT WILL BE SCORED ACROSS THE ROOM SO PLAYERS  
MUST ENTER TO ALLOW THE FIELD TO BE SEED

*There will be no side movement on this day*

ENTRY FEE: USUAL TABLE MONEY



# Australia Day

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NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB

AUSTRALIA DAY

RED POINT EVENT

TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2021

12.30 PM

And a Lamington Afternoon Tea!

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Saturday February 20th 2021

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### ENTRIES

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

### PROGRAM

Start Time : 9:30am Swiss Pairs

Entry Fee : \$40pp (Pay at the table)

Limit of 24 Tables

Sandwich lunch provided.

Refreshments & Prize Presentation at 5pm approx.

#### Convenor :

David Wheaton

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#### Director :

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