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WA Bridge



Thank
you 

A big thank you to everyone who has played a part in our wonderful bridge community this year. From the BAWA Management committee, our fantastic directors (congress level and especially club level), tournament organisers and to everyone who has turned up to play. Thank you!

Also, thank you to everyone who has been involved with the Focus magazine this year. From our columnists, our 'Around the Clubs' contributors, photographers and most importantly to our two fabulous past editors Linda Bedford-Brown and Beata Bieganski. Thank you for all your fantastic efforts spreading the WA Bridge news throughout our community.

BAWA Novice Championship

The Inaugural BAWA Novice Swiss Pairs Championship was held on Sunday 16th October at Undercroft Bridge Club. For many of the 46 pairs entered it was their first BAWA event and first experience of the Swiss Pairs format. The winners, Jamie Luxton and Jeff Veling, kept the seats of Table 1 warm most of the day. Anu and Nilesh Shah were second with Daphne Andersen and Robyn Wansbrough third. BAWA is keen to encourage Novice and Restricted players to play in BAWA events. There are two BAWA Novice events in the 2024 calendar: the BAWA Novice Championships on Sunday 21 July at Undercroft Bridge Club, and the BAWA Novice Congress on Sunday 10 November at Joondalup Bridge Club.



1st: Jamie Luxton and
Jeff Veling



2nd: Anu Shah and
Nilesh Shah



3rd: Daphne Andersen and
Robyn Wansbrough

BAWA Grandmaster and Restricted Pairs.

Twenty-six Grandmasters and their partners played in the BAWA Grandmaster and Restricted Pairs held on Sunday 5 November at Melville Bridge Club. Andrea Peretti and Marnie Leybourne were clear winners, but less than one Masterpoint separated second and third, with Faye Shelton and Nigel Dutton taking out second and Nicki McGrath and Jonathan Free coming in third.



First



Second



Third



President's Report

From Ian Clark

We have completed a very busy year of events, including hosting the ANC this year. Over 400 WA bridge players have played in at least one of our events this year. This is an increase of over 25% on 2022, primarily driven by our first Novice pairs event, which was very successful and attracted 44 pairs. BAWA would like to thank all players who have supported our events program this year.

In July, we made a change to the operation of our major gold point events, to ensure we generated a net profit of at least 15% from each of these events. From the three events run since that change, we have raised nearly \$5,000 in funds to support the development of bridge in WA. Most of these funds have been put to immediate use, by providing some financial support to seven young bridge players to attend Youth Week in Canberra in the New Year. If you have played in one of these events you have contributed to this financial support, so thank you.

We have finalised our Calendar of events for 2024 and are very pleased with the support we have had from our member bridge clubs. Nine different clubs have agreed to host at least one event in 2024.

Entries are now open for our 2024 State Selection trial events. The first stage of the Open selection event starts on Thursday February 1. All BAWA events and Club Congresses will now be operating under the BAWA Code of Conduct, which clearly outlines our expected minimum standards of behaviour for all players and officials.

BAWA would like to wish all WA bridge players, and their loved ones, a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all back at the bridge table in 2024.

Super Vet Congress Winners:



David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller

2nd Place:



Geoff Yeo and John McMullun

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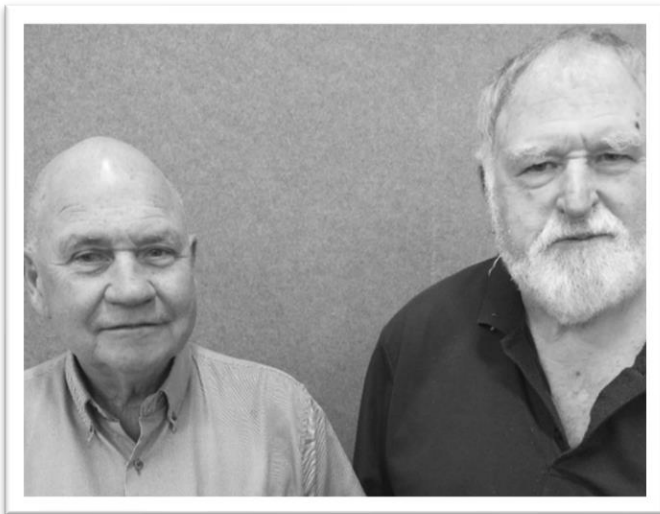
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By Helen Rogoysky

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

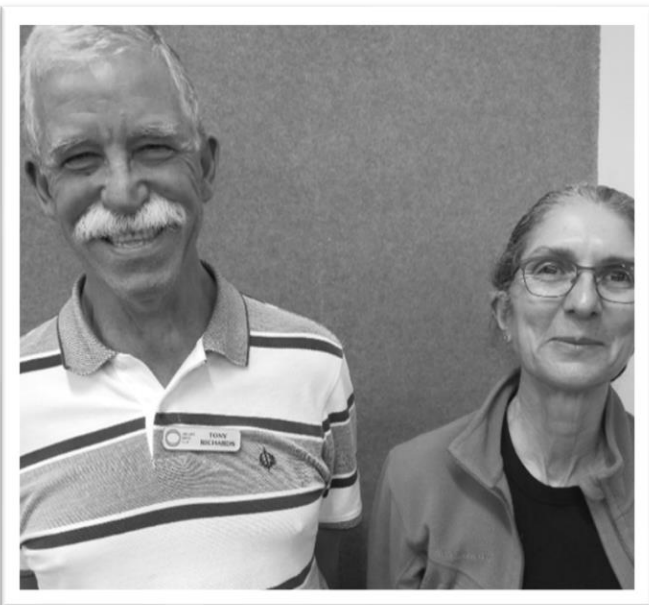
Club Pairs Championship



1st	Chris Ingham and Bruce Fraser
2nd	Vinod Nasta and Tim Wright
3rd	Robyn Giraldo and Jairo Giraldo

Oct 3 Day Congress

Friday Restricted Pairs



1st Anthony Richards and Jeanne Borde



2nd Patricia Lynch and Darrell Lynch

3rd Angie Bloxsome and Liz Gray

Friday Open Pairs



1st David Matthews and Geoff Holman

February Deadline
 January 20th the deadline for
 inclusion in the February Focus.



2nd Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma
3rd Debbie Chappell and Sally Savini



2nd David Matthews and Don Allen



4th Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes

Afternoon tea at the Congress – and Thursday players are delighted when the first Thursday of the month rolls around for scones.



3rd Lilia Male and Beata Bieganski



4th Christina Wu (Patrick Garnett)

Saturday Swiss Pairs

1st Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro



5th Viv Wood and Gerry Daly

Sunday Teams



4th Viv Zotti, Terri Garbutt, Jan Blight and Wendy Driscoll

Club Mixed Pairs Championship



1st Geoff Holman, Henry Christie, Don Allen and David Matthews



1st Robyn Giraldo and Jairo Giraldo, 2nd Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton, 3rd Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma

Saturday Club Pairs



2nd Chris Bagley, David Burn, Lynne Milne and John Aquino

1st	Chris Cullen and Gill Gavshon
2nd	Terri Garbutt and Jonathan Pynt
3rd	Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven



3rd Dave Munro, Gwyneira Brahma, Pim Birss (Rez Karim)

Merry
Christmas

The Melbourne Cup was once again a fabulous turnout with a great lunch and Cup fever! Some went the extra mile!



Congratulations to our members who placed so well in recent events.

Golden West

1st Martin Doran (Karol Miller)
2nd Don Allen and David Matthews
3rd Terri Garbutt and Viv Zotti

Super Vets

2nd John McMullan and Geoff Yeo
3rd Geoff Holman and Don Allen
4th Jan Bight and Wendy Driscoll

Well done to David Schokman for achieving the highest Red Point percentage – ever - in WA and he is 12th in Australia.

Currently leading the field in the Nedlands Top Masterpoint earners in WA –

Nigel Dutton Gold Grand Master: 5,473.74

David Schokman Silver Grand: 5,245.84

Both members are also the only 2 WA players listed in the top 100 of all time - nationally. Congratulations!

The Blennerhassett Fine Jewellers Red Point Pairs is on Saturday December 16th 1.30pm – the last red event of the year. No need to book – normal table money - see you there.

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Our Club plays only one session a week; some of us are still working and some of us are busy and committed to other activities / events taking place in our small town, so numbers for playing at the Club more than once a week are just not there. For very many years, our bridge club sessions have taken place on Tuesday evenings but there has been a move to “test the water”, as it were, and see if a change to a daytime session would suit our ‘ageing cohort’ better. So presently we are playing on a Wednesday afternoon, with a meeting planned to take place at the end of the year to review and weigh up the alternatives so watch this space and maybe contact us if you are visiting and would like a game.

With Christmas just around the corner, we are looking forward to our annual party on 6th December and knowing how many excellent cooks we have amongst our members, it promises to be another memorable evening.

We send our best wishes for the forthcoming festivities to our fellow bridge players; we look forward to future strong but amicable competition across the bridge table and wish you all a year of contentment – and some success! – in 2024.

West Australian Bridge Club

From Martin Doran

The 2024 Committee was elected at the October Annual General Meeting and consists of Sylvia Bray (President), Prue Hart (Vice President), Jacqui Ecclestone (Secretary), Christine Spartalis (Treasurer), Eve Clarkson, Brian Embleton, Jan French, Veronica Ntoumenopoulos, Carla Sullivan and Sandy Veling.

Retiring were Bernard Yates (Secretary), Shirley Lavarack (Treasurer) and Kate North (former President). The other big news was Richard Basham being awarded a Life Membership. Richard, pictured with his wife Glenis, continues to be a tirelessly supportive of the club. He is always friendly, willing to help, and has devoted many hours of his time to the club. As a Life Member he joins a select group (25 since 1975) who have been recognized by Club Committees over the years.



Also, at the AGM our Patrons, Helen George and Peter Smith presented the Mabs McCulloch Cup to Kate North. Kate has won this cup for the past six years and joins Jocelyn Parry with the most wins. Congratulations yet again Kate! At the bridge tables we saw the WABC Mixed Pairs Championship won by Anne Youngs & Vinod Nasta from Fran & Geoff Holman. The WABC Restricted Teams Championship was won by the Veling Team (Patrick Cooney, Jeff Veling, Mira Erskine and Ziggy Morawiec with the Leung Team (Beverley Lurie, Alfred Leung, Sandy Veling and Anrea McCallum) coming in second place. For those just starting their playing career, Saturday afternoon Supervised Sessions recommenced in October under the able direction of Peter Hicks and volunteers. Another Super Saturday in early November saw both Supervised and other club players playing bridge followed by tackling another quiz from John Nelson in the social area.

The Annual Jackpots have just finished with the winners being: John Finlay-Jones & Prue Hart (Monday AM); Julie Coates & Brian Embleton (PM); Jane Henderson & Jo Sklarz (Tuesday); Robin Challenor & Veronica Ntoumenopoulos (Wednesday AM); Kate North & Bernard Yates (Evening); Patricia McNamara & Belinda Taranto (Thursday); Diana Currie & Sue Lind (Friday AM); Jo Sklarz & Ann Youngs (PM); and Kate Pinniger & Carla Sullivan (Saturday). The Saturday event suffered from some technical problems, but the directors assure me the result is correct and no money changed hands.



Around the traps, Peter Holloway, one of the club's directors, & Tuya Cooke won the Spring Swiss Pairs at the Undercroft Congress; and Martin Doran, our executive officer, & Karol

Miller won the Golden West Swiss Pairs in Mandurah.

The Christmas Congress will be over by the time you read this, but the Christmas Party will be coming up and not to be missed.

Next year we have Andy Hung's 2024 First Term Lessons starting in late January and then there is the Birthday Congress and Anniversary Pairs in early February.

Take care over the Christmas Festive Season and we hope to see you at the club as often as possible, playing and socialising.

Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Di van Santen

Kalamunda Bridge Club celebrates 50th birthday in grand style.



Cutting the 50th birthday cake by early Life Members Derek Townsend and Jan Burgess, together with Jackie Harper, Carol Littlechild, Carole McMahon, Alan Harper and Rob McMahon.



Kalamunda District Bridge Club had over 100 guests to celebrate our 50th Anniversary dinner party with great atmosphere and camaraderie of members past and present, with some local dignitaries joining in the fun. The day started with the new anniversary Alan Harper trophy

competition with 22 tables. There was a detailed timeline display for guests of photos and articles showing the incredible hard work, fun and commitment of members over fifty years. Further photos and a KDBC 50th Birthday video, which also tells the history of the club can be viewed on our website:

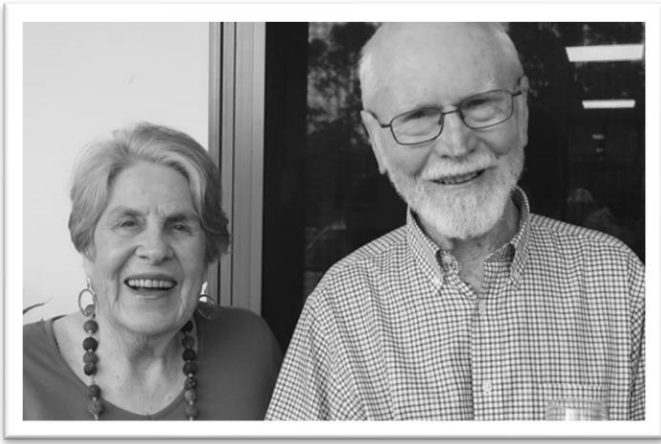
<https://kalamunda.bridgeaustralia.org/>



Mayor Margaret Thomas with current members, Herman, Cora Brown, and David Kininmoth.

Some top achievers in the KDBC Alan Harper 50th Anniversary Competition held on 30th September 2023.





Novice Plate Competition <15mp

Much competitive fun was had by many of our novice players, 9 pairs played on the day.

Winners were Ken Bowness and Meg Bowness followed by Gerry Davies and Dennis McKinley.



Melbourne Cup

Members served up the usual scrumptious lunch, sweeps, raffles and champagne. We also played bridge with 20 pairs playing on the day.



Hat winners:



Winners North/South:



Winners East/West:



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Swiss Pairs Competition were:



1st	Martin Broome and Peter McCann
2nd	Graeme Hillier and Shirley Drage
3rd	Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes

The results of our Thursday Pairs competition were:



1st	Peach Partis and Sally Britliffe
2nd	Patrick Garnett and Harold McKnight
3rd	Joanna Tennyson and Nerilyn Mack

Our Christmas party will be held on:
Wednesday 6 December at
11.30am-Play commences
1pm-Buffer lunch (cold dishes only)
1.45pm-Play resumes
3pm-Trophy presentation, Dessert, Raffle Draw
and most importantly, Refreshments!

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

On Monday 2 October 2023 we celebrated life member, Reg Dawson's 90th birthday with a cake to share. Congratulations Reg!



The Spring Pairs Red Point on Thursday 12 October 2023 was enjoyable. Winners E/W were Margaret Carter-Pyne and Ken Partridge with 58.99% and N/S Astrid Piller and Chris Price with 59.23%.



The Monday 6 November 2023 Red Point was won by Astrid Piller and Graham Woodard N/S and Carol Thomas and Eddie Pozarowszczyk E/W with 58.99%.



Thanks to all who helped make these events successful, especially those who contributed to the afternoon teas.

Our annual lunch will be held at the Atrium, Crown Perth on Tuesday 9 January 2024.

Our website is ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org where you can find all the latest information about our Club and where to find us if you wish to visit.

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

The winners the Club Pairs Championship were Jan Ovens and Jenny Maley (pictured below), with Sandra Hardie and Christine Leather runners-up.



The winners of the Thursday Best 3 out of 4 were Mei Zhao and Trish Christy.



Runners-up were June Mulholland and Pam Cooper.

The Club Mixed Championship winners were Sheryl Coates and Peter Knight, pictured below with Director Ann Shalders (centre).



Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton were runners-up and Sandra Hardie and Doug Hardman a very close third. Congratulations to Mimi De Ravel and Marie Ducler on winning the Mandurah heat of the Australia Wide Restricted Pairs.



Moira McIntrye and Marjory Bufton were a very close second.



The Melbourne Cup was well attended as usual. Thanks to Trish Anderson and the social committee team who organised a wonderful day full of antics, Doug Hardman who ran the sweep and Sandra Hardie for the photos and captions.



Didn't quite make the Melbourne Cup.



Best Ladies Hat.



Robina, the director, kept everything running smoothly.



Best Gentsman's Hat



Doug, the master of the sweep!



Best Frock!



Best Combined Hat and Frock!

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Joanne Saunders

The Bunbury Bridge Club held their annual Peter Morgan Teams Championships on the 19th of November. Thanks to Jan Morgan for her kind donation in honour of her late husband, Peter, we were able to award prizes in two categories: overall winners and restricted winners. The entire day was well-run thanks to our wonderful director, Brian Wade.

Eight teams fought it out on the day. It was a very competitive yet friendly event with the top two teams having an extremely close score, only 8.24



VPs between them. It just so happened that these two neck-and-neck teams ended up playing each other in the final round of the day. The winning team being Team Long: Colleen Long, Colleen Skipsey, Colin and Esther Saunders (pictured below). The team that came second was Team Gibson: Joy Gibson, Bev Hopley, Andy Males and Dennis Evans.



The restricted category comprised of three teams with each member having less than 50 MPs. The winners of the restricted category was Team De Klerk: Jos De Klerk, Di Taylor, Alex and Pam Balloch (pictured below).



Another thanks to Joy Gibson for her donation of a Participation Prize awarded to one of the remaining six teams as a “door prize”. This was won by Team McCartney: Bob McCartney, Jo Saunders, Fred and Judy Clarke.

Albany Bridge Club

From Adrienne North

The Albany Bridge Club held its annual Club Championships on 7.10.23. There were 7 tables.

For the first time ever, it was a tied result. The winners were: Alison Gunton/Vivienne Davis, and Murray Webber/Kate Boston. Second place

winners were Bob Fergie/Sybil Davies, and third place winners were KayThompson/Ken Else.

It was an enjoyable event followed by drinks and delectable finger food laid on by the Club, as well as pumpkin scones made by our President, Claire James. It was the third time Vivienne and Alison have won the club championships. They've known each other since Kindy, so no surprise they understand their bidding system!!



Murray Webber and Alison Gunton - their respective partners had flown the coop!



Bob Fergie and Sybil Davies

Fremantle Bridge Club

From Jenny Langridge

Congratulations to the winners of the Fremantle Bridge Club October Red Point event:



1st Carmel O'Neill and Sue Corson



2nd Martin Jones & Alexis Keynes



3rd Helen Sugars Duff & Judy Toey

Melbourne Cup

The second “Fremantle Cup” was run at this year’s Fremantle Bridge Club Melbourne Cup Luncheon in a flurry of noodles, felt and exhausted jockeys. Five entries in this year’s Cup spent months – well minutes really - building, grooming and training their “Steeds” – and then “they were off...”

After a lap of the “Course” (galloping around the bridge room) and with an eventual “All Clear” by the winning post judge – Michael Mazanetz, Team 3’s “THREE LEGS” ridden by Jorgen Fugl won by a nose at the finishing line over Team 1’s THUNDER ridden by Helen Sugars Duff And this was just some of the fun on the day!

Team 1: THUNDER – Blue & Green – owner Chris, Jockey Helen
Team 2: LIGHTNING – Black & White - owner Marcia, jockey Shirley
Team 3: THREE LEGS – Red & Green – owner Janet, jockey Jorgen
Team 4: PINK – Pink – owner Sam, jockey Maureen
Team 5: BLACK BIDDY – Grey – owner Odelle, jockey Ryan



Members groaned over the “EASY” quiz questions, salivated over the wonderful food provided and, generally, enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Many thanks go to Marcia Mazanetz and her catering team (so many creative chefs/members)

who managed the food, to Michael Mazanetz for his “sommelier” skills, and to Sweeps Facilitator Sue Simper and her on-course bookie Peta who coped brilliantly with the punters seeking that elusive winning horse....



The popular table dipping in for the Sweeps! The bridge room underwent a quick change, thanks to all the members present giving a hand, and the day was finished with a game of Bridge directed by Sue Simper.

Bridge winners on the day were:

North/South:

1st	Malcolm Dick and Peta Kiernan
2nd	Rohan Bandarage and Sami Zurub
3rd	Cheryl Harding and Do Dean

East/West:

1st	Sarita Singh and Cliff Collinson
2nd	Kaye Egan and Rosalie Raine
3rd	Laurel Lander and Aruni Bandarage



Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Australia-Wide Restricted Congress 2023

Max Gerber and Robert Wall achieved the top result for players in WA with a score of 62%. Well done both of you.



Bayswater Restricted Congress 2023



Laura and Rob Breen won the Best Bayswater Pair, coming third in the Plate with a score of 59.05%.



Jodie Basham and Karen Moller came third in the Final with a score of 56.09%.



Winners of the Plate were Annelouise Dubrawski and Andy Cayley with a score of 64.61%.



Runners Up in the Plate were Rina Shah and Divyesh Shah with a score of 61.34%.



Jill Jenkins and Joscelyn Charters from the Bayswater club topped the East-West field in the morning Qualifying round with a score of 62.14%. Gary Wood and Roslyn Varkevisser topped the North-South section with a score of 58.95%.

Memorial Afternoon Tea to remember Kaye Murray

It is with shock and sadness that we fare-welled Kaye Murray, our treasured Bayswater Bridge Club member, partner, opponent and great friend who died after a relatively short illness in November. To honour her memory and to offer our condolences to her husband Rob, Kogie Naidoo and Gina Ryan hosted a Memorial Afternoon Tea at the club where we all recounted

our memories of Kaye who has partnered many of our players over decades, either here at Bayswater or at South Perth where Kaye also played.



Vale Kaye Murray



Kaye's life was celebrated at an uplifting ceremony at Pinaroo Valley Memorial Park. Many

of our Bayswater club members attended alongside South Perth Bridge club members; her cycling fraternity, and many from the Fire Brigade there to honour Kaye and to support their colleague, Rob. It was a very moving ceremony with the theme of Kaye's life there for all to share – Kaye was an indefatigable ambassador for Wildlife and the Environment.

She had travelled to every part of the globe as part of her journey of sustainability of the planet. Although Kaye may have seen every iconic landmark it was not the Eiffel Tower or the Great Wall of China that intrigued her as much as the insects, the wildlife and the birds from the area, Kaye was especially interested in their sustainability, often travelling to wild, fairly frightening places to monitor birds of endangered species, and was often photographed with a contraption which detects bird calls. Kaye's special love was the Red Finch and she raised and cared for many of the species over the years. The traditional sprigs of Rosemary were replaced by Woolly Bush, the soft vegetation so loved by Kaye's finches.

Another of Kaye's lifelong interests was Human Rights. Kaye was born in Kalgoorlie and saw much of Australian rural and outback life. From her career as a Social Worker tackling the very toughest of community issues, Kaye never lost sight of the inequality in many societies, including in Australia, and she worked tirelessly wherever she could to address this. A recent disappointment to Kaye was the result of Australia's Referendum on an Indigenous Voice.

The music at the Funeral was unusual, to say the least, but hauntingly beautiful and definitely echoed Kaye's love of the eclectic and indigenous culture and music of the areas she visited. There was a wonderful finale of beautiful birdsong to say farewell to our friend.

On a lighter note, our members will always remember Kaye, not just when they pay attention to the correct protocol with the boards, cards, bidding boxes etc but also when we separate our rubbish into various materials for recycling. Kaye was instrumental in recycling in a big way at the South Perth Club, and with Stephen Chang at Bayswater had us all aware of different plastics, different bins for different waste. Her partners and her opponents and her friends here at

Bayswater will miss her greatly. When her most recent partner, Max Gerber, heard the sad news about Kaye he said that “Kaye was one of the nicest people anyone could ever meet”. I think that sums Kaye up for all of us. Vale, Kaye, you will be missed. November 2023.

The Sutton-Mattocks Trophy

The second trophy, the Sutton-Mattocks Trophy was introduced two years ago by our Tournament Director, Pat Allen. It is run as part of a normal single session alongside, or over the top of the normal results. The director adds a handicap scale to the best pair on handicap derived by masterpoint standing. The session with the usual winners and masterpoints is open to all members and visitors, whereas the Handicap trophy can only be won by a partnership with both players members.

The 2023 event will be held on 29th of November and the winner announced in the January Edition of Focus.

Willetton Bridge Club

From Richard Harris

A strong field entered for the Mayor’s Trophy, won by a country mile by Ken Harrison and Neil Rankine, with 66.45%.

The other red point winners were – 2nd: Leon Ref and Ameer Ali, 57.48; 3rd: Michael Oehme and Stephen Ha, 56.2; 4th: Bridget Cooke and Richard Harris 55.34; 5th: Carmel O’Neill and Jane Waters 53.34; 6th: Dammika Gunasekara and Jean Marks 54.91; 7th: Alan Bryne and William Carnell 52.35; 8th: Robin Antrobus and Terry Antrobus 52.14; 9th: Pamela Thompson and Nick Taylor 51.5; 10th: David Lobo and Daphne Lobo 50.85.

Willetton plays only twice a week, Mondays and Fridays and thus members play at other clubs outside these spots. Michael Oehme made a name for himself coming first with Roma Addison at an event at Bull Creek. Roma celebrated her 100th birthday on November 10. She is a founding member of the Bull Creek Club and is often placed in events. She was still driving her car at age 99 and only stopped driving when she broke her collar bone.

At the club’s annual Christmas lunch, held in November this year at The Pines, Bentley, Willetton president Noel Daniel announced that the club’s most improved player for the year was Nick Taylor.

About 30 attended this function, which included a welcome glass of bubbles, seared scallop with pearl Israeli couscous and hazelnut; pumpkin soup; turkey breast with cranberry sauce, roast potato and other vegetables; Christmas pudding; petit pois; and tea or coffee. This five-course meal came in at \$35 per head for members, or \$40 for visitors. The wait staff were in formal dress. They were polite and helpful. There was plenty of room at the table and the acoustics were good.

So, what was wrong with it? According to a poll of members - The bread roll was not gluten free; the turkey was poached and not roasted and needed more gravy; the milk for the coffee wasn’t hot; the vegetables needed more cooking; the wait staff were clearing away plates while some members were still eating.

Personally, I really enjoyed it and my partner wants us to go again, so that we can take her mother.

Food is a lot more controversial than bridge at Willetton.

Maylands Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Open Novice Congress

1st	Gary Wood and Roslyn Varkevisser
2nd	Bob Peters and Joan Peters
3rd	Kath Negus and Karen Moller





Best Maylands Pair:
Gloria Worthington and Ian Pleydell

Plate Results

1st	Katrina will and Jane Adams
2nd	Stephen Chang and Kogie Naidoo
3rd	Cathy Hancock and Jennifer Sharp





Just Call the Director

This couple of paragraphs is addressed to all of you that play in our State events and Congresses and is a reminder that BAWA's Code of Conduct comes into effect on 1st January 2024. If you have yet to see a copy, I refer you to BAWA's website.

What isn't obvious from all the formalities is the importance now being attached to immediacy. If you find yourself on the receiving end of what you believe to be offensive behaviour of any sort, you must call the Director straightaway or at the end of the hand. Don't wait until the tea break or the end of the session and then hunt for the Event Recorder.

The Tournament Director is fully equipped to deal with the matter and, if particularly busy, may choose to use the services of the Recorder to assist in the gathering of witness statements etc. The Recorder is there in a supportive role, supportive to the complainant and supportive to the Director. Possibly the only times you might want to approach the Recorder direct is if the incident occurred outside of the playing room and the Director is unaware of it, or the Director is very obviously "under the pump".

Don't forget that, in a large playing room with a big field, the Director might not pick up on a low-level recriminatory exchange, but surrounding tables will already have had their concentration spoiled by what is going on. The Director is there to apply the laws of bridge, so call him or her without hesitation. You are used to them dealing with technical issues, but the Laws are also quite specific about poor behaviour. Remember to be concise and specific it is very difficult to deal with general feelings of unpleasantness.

My thanks,

Garth Scotford (Chair BEC)



South Perth Bridge Club

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SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS

Sunday, 7 January 2024

Starting 9:30am

RED POINT EVENT

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SWISS PAIRS

Sunday, February 4th, 2024



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Open to ALL players
Red Master Points

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Director: Peter Holloway
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Pre-emptive Bidding

By David Schokman

May I start by wishing all of you a very happy New Year, and hope that you will have great success in your bridge endeavours in 2024.

What do you feel about pre-emptive bids? I believe that all of us consider them to be an impediment to happy bridge! Most of the time we may not have a good enough defensive plan, and on other occasions we bid bravely, (or foolishly,) and get into serious trouble. This is what happened to many pairs on board three in the last round of the Golden West.

Diagram.

Brd	3	♠	KT7		
Dlr	S	♥	KQ865		
Vul	E/W	♦	J		
		♣	AQT7		
♠	AQ954			♠	832
♥	JT74			♥	32
♦	9			♦	AQ63
♣	KJ6			♣	8543
		♠	J6		
		♥	A5		
		♦	KT87542		
		♣	92		

If there ever was a deal where west should have exercised discipline it was on this one, and I will offer my reasons for saying so later. What happened at the table was that where West got busy, there were some large penalties. I will start by giving you a few statistics, which I just love doing. Where South opened 3D it was passed out four times and doubled by West on five occasions. This was passed by East, converting it into a penalty, giving N/S a score of +570. Where West passed, and North bid 3H, South made a disciplined pass, even though holding the heart ace might have been tempted. Both the 3D and 3H contracts, making, proved to be a poor result for N/S because of undisciplined West activity. I will be taken to task for saying this but will justify my comment later.

Then where East bid after the double E/W really got into trouble. There were two minus 1700

scores in 4C, doubled, and another minus 1700 in 4S, doubled. East also tried 3NT over the double with no success at all, being defeated a dozen times. I consider that it is almost impossible for them to be doubled. North also chose to bid 3NT over the 3D opening. Yes, North has excellent values, but the singleton diamond should make that bid a No-No. However, it was successful contract with East probably having to give away a trick on the lead.

All of you who played this deal will have a first-hand experience, whether it was good or bad, and the rest of you will have your own opinion on how to handle it, with caution or aggression. So, what does this Octogenarian say, after 70 years of making errors at the bridge table? He would pass the without a moment's hesitation. There are two reasons for this. The first is that any outstanding high card strength could be with North (or even East) and your king -knave of club, and queen of spades could count for nothing. The other aspect of danger is the vulnerability. Then there is one other option where west need not have rushed into making a hasty double, or bid 3S, over 3D, and that is if partner (East) had any values at all he/she/it would have reopened the bidding and the West hand would have been a surprise, and a pleasant sight to see.

What if the vulnerability were different? In that case South would probably have had stronger values and the risk still exists. Then is the same breath I would say that I would almost certainly have taken some action if I were playing Match Point pairs where a disaster is just one score only. Playing Swiss or teams a 1700-point penalty would certainly result in you losing the match, and possibly a partner and/or teammates who will be disappointed in your undiscipline. So, in the final analysis there is no substitute for playing disciplined bridge. My old partner Milton Miller always talked about playing PERCENTAGE bridge. However, winning bridge does not happen by sitting placidly and hoping that your opponents will make mistakes. You have to play positively but always temper your aggression with wise caution.

Locate the Strength



By Ron Klinger
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NORTH Dealer | Both Vulnerable

Dir N ♠ AK83
 Vul ALL ♥ AJ1095
 ♦ Q4
 ♣ J2

♠ N
 ♥ W E
 ♦ S
 ♣

♠ 1075
 ♥ K43
 ♦ K1062
 ♣ K85

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NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1H	PASS	2H	Dble
Rdbl	PASS	PASS	3C
3H	PASS	3NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

North's redouble showed extra strength and, with flat shape and a club stopper, South elected to play for nine tricks rather than ten. West leads the C4 (third and fifths). Which card do you play from dummy?

Decide before reading further.

The first thing you must do is to play the CJ from dummy. If it wins, you still have a club stopper with your CK-x. Plan the play from here.

Solution on page 25



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Golden West Reflection

By Di Brooks

I played in the Golden West with Maureen Knight from Geraldton. We had been bridge friends for many years so we were guaranteed a happy time. (Our results didn't always reflect that attitude, but it was nevertheless FUN).

We started off with a small win, with plus one imp on the second round. Then came the game against Tim Wright and David Schokman. We sat and watched the experts bid and make 7C. We knew the end result would not be pretty. -33, a hard number from which to recover.

Match 4, playing against Trish and Sandra from Mandurah was a comfortable game, even though Diane missed the opportunity to trump and take the 3Cx contract down by one. We were surprised to record a win. The match seemed very even, but you cannot be sure of the field results.

Last game of the day was against Florence Maltby and Anton Pol. One hand in particular drew many comments from other participants. Bd 6, as East, I opened a weak Multi 2H, showing 6-10, 5H plus 5 of another suit. Maureen responded 2NT, asking for my other suit. I replied 3D and in a heartbeat, I found myself in 5D. The handmade 13 tricks. The lead CK.

Dlr	E	♠	K1095		♠	Q
Vul	EW	♥	J83		♥	K9652
		♦	109		♦	K8763
		♣	10875		♣	96
		♠	A7432			
		♥	A			
		♦	AJ542			
		♣	A2			
		♠	J86			
		♥	Q1074			
		♦	Q			
		♣	KQJ43			

Deep Finesse records 7D. The discussion on the Sunday morning showed a lot of pairs didn't get to game, let alone slam. It all came down to East if they passed, then there was no way back. South

opened, West doubled. A bid from East of 1H and a jump to 2S by West resulted in a pass all round. A small loss for us.

Match 6 against Jo Dundas and Roz Trend was tightly fought and we had another small loss.

Next opponents, Craig Hardman and Doug Hardman. We bid 3 slams. Made two but lost on Board 1. The lead of the 2C to Doug's Ace and the club return killed the contract. Yet the hand looked great for 6H. (Gremlins in the dealing machine).

Dlr	N	♠	63			
Vul	Nil	♥	42			
		♦	KJT8			
		♣	AJ954			
		♠	J8		♠	AKQT9
		♥	KQ7		♥	AJT53
		♦	A432		♦	
		♣	KQ73		♣	T86
		♠	7542			
		♥	986			
		♦	Q9765			
		♣	2			

Another good bridge set and a small loss. Ah well. Them's the breaks.

Session 8, we had the cards, we bid the games and our defence was good. This gave us a win.

Then came Match 9. We had two hiccups and lost to Nigel Dutton and Marie-France. A good game and most enjoyable.

So, my advice to those of you that are new to the bridge scene. Come on and give it a go. There are many opportunities to play in restricted events or be brave and play in a Swiss competition.

Happy bridging ☺



Locate the Strength

By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION

The first thing you must do is to play the CJ from dummy. If it wins, you still have a club stopper with your CK-x. Plan the play from here.

The heart length, and hence the HQ, is likely to be with East, because of West's takeout double. In any event you do not want East to gain the lead and push a club through. You play the HJ at trick 2 and let it run. It wins. You do the same with the H10 and it scores, too. A heart to the king followed by a low diamond gives you game. The full deal:

Dlr	North	♠	AK83			
Vul	All	♥	AJ1095			
		♦	Q2			
		♣	J2			
	♠	N		♠	QJ4	
	♥	W	E	♥	Q876	
	♦	S		♦	987	
	♣			♣	973	
				♠	1075	
				♥	K43	
				♦	K1062	
				♣	K85	

Note that the CA or CQ lead will defeat 3NT. No other lead will do. Making 3NT was worth 8 Imps against the datum of N-S 240.

Two pairs bid 4H for -100 and -200. Two scored +110 in 2H and one was +140 in 3H.

In the auction given, did you notice East's problem when North redoubled. East passed and let West rescue himself. At another table East bid immediately over the redouble, something I like to do, too, but the outcome was not a happy one:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1H	PASS	2H	Dble
Rdbl	2S	PASS	PASS
Dble	PASS	PASS	PASS

Lead: S5

The result was -1400. With fewer spades than expected, West might have rescued East from this

debacle. East-West can make seven tricks in clubs.

'Tis better to give than to receive: This does not apply to good bridge scores.



SAVE the DATES:

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Results

TEAMS OF 4 – November 2023

From John Beddow

OPEN

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
UNDERCROFT B	6	5	94.78
UNDERCROFT A	6	4	62.81
WABC A	6	3	56.39
SPBC	6	3	56.29
MELVILLE	6	2	52.51
NEDLANDS	6	3	49.30
WABC B	6	1	47.92

INTERMEDIATE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
SPBC	6	5	81.54
NEDLANDS	6	4	78.60
MELVILLE	6	3	62.55
WEST COAST B	6	3	60.10
UNDERCROFT	6	2	53.79
WABC	6	3	49.96
WEST COAST A	6	1	33.46

NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	8	5	103.96
SPBC	8	7	102.56
JOONDALUP B	8	6	95.47
JOONDALUP A	8	4	94.39
UNDERCROFT A	8	4	86.11
MELVILLE B	8	4	79.93
UNDERCROFT B	8	3	65.42
WEST COAST	8	0	51.34
MELVILLE A	8	2	40.82

Teams of 4 Prize Money

1 st	50% of prize money
2 nd	30% of prize money
3 rd	20% of prize money

Open

1st	Undercroft B
2nd	Undercroft A
3rd	WABC A

Intermediate

1st	SPBC
2nd	Nedlands
3rd	Melville

Novice

1st	WABC
2nd	SPBC
3rd	Joondalup B

70% Results (Random search)

Bridgetown

74% Ruth and Anthony Egerton-Warburton

Kalgoorlie

80% Mike Fisher and Ronnie Rogers

75% Sue Lia and Leanne Lapworth

70% Kerry Williams and Ronnie Rogers

Nedlands

70% Sheila Bishop and Christine Bradley

70% Elizabeth Ross and Tom Wheatley

Albany

73.35% Kay Thompson and Robert McLaughlin

Denmark

71.88% Fred Rieben and Robert Stick

Geraldton

76.6% Lesley Watson and Elise Criddle

Joondalup

75% Trevor Burr and Ann Burr

73.64% James Fitzgerald and Rita Buzzard

70.64% Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell

Mandurah

76.4% Sandra Mingay and Fred Hoetmer

73.3% Janice Bodeker and Katherine Kirby

72% Corrie Davis and Kimberley Zhao

70.1% Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg

Melville

71.7% Abe Rosenstreich and Lyn Toft

Northern Districts

72% Gary Wood and Roslyn Varvevisser

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	Jan	Sun 7th	<i>South Perth Swiss Pairs Congress</i>
		Fri 26th – Sun 28th	<i>Mandurah Summer Congress</i>
	Feb	Thurs 1 st and 8th	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Qualifying
		Sat 3rd	<i>WABC Birthday Congress</i>
		Sun 4th	<i>Nedlands Birthday Congress</i>
		Mon 5th and 12th	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Qualifying
		Sat 10th – Sun 11th	<i>Rockingham Congress</i>
		Sat 17th	<i>Joondalup Congress</i>
		Sun 25th	<i>WABC Novice/Super Novice Congress</i>
		Thurs 29th	BAWA Online Pairs 1 of 2
	Mar	Fri 1st- Sun 3rd	<i>Albany Congress</i>
		Thurs 7th	BAWA Online Pairs 2 of 2
		Sat 9th – Sun 10th	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Final
		Sun 10th	<i>WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress</i>
		Sat 16th – Sun 17th	<i>Kalamunda Congress</i>
		Sat 23rd – Sun 24th	<i>Melville Congress</i>
		Fri 29th – Sun 31st	<i>South Perth Easter Congress</i>
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.		

70% Results continued (Random search)

Rockingham

72.1% Mike Fulwood and Nicky O'Connell
 71.4% Steven Rogoysky and Helen Rogoysky
 70.8% Steven Rogoysky and Helen Rogoysky

South Perth

76.7% Jackin Clare and Ken Strain
 72.6% Ken Strain and Heather Sjoberg
 72.6% Lois Somers and Tony Ramage
 71.4% Paul Platt and Bill Lambe
 71.1% Ian Clark and Robert Kirberger
 70.8% Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro
 70.3% Efrem Gamba and Bill Lambe
 70.2% Scooby Doo and Jennifer Cooper

WABC

75% Paulien De Boer and Jackie Shillington
 71.73% Pam Zink and Audrey Stokes
 70.83% Claire Fitzpatrick and Emma Langford
 70.61% Kath Negus and John Nelson
 70.37% Catherine Minchin and Robin Cordin
 70% Sara Amir-Ansari and Rory Morrison

Swan Districts

70.42% Sue Hillan and Bob Steer



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