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(Best Partnership)



Renee Cooper and Andrew Spooner

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President's Report

Happy New Bridge Year to all of you.

I note from my calendar that the 2020 Congress Season is about to kick off in a big way, there is barely a free weekend between now and April. I note also the number of congress with FULL on the entry list; bridge is thriving in WA and that's great.

Speaking of full congresses I would like to mention that every Internet Service Provider (ISP) places a limit on the number of emails that a single account can send in a day as well as the number of recipients in a single email. I mention that because Kalamunda BC has just broken the record for filling a congress; I added the flyer and congress to the database at 8.15 am on Friday, January 17. The date was not worth mentioning as the congress was full just before 10.00 am.

Each entry generates four emails so 60 entries create 264 individual emails; this was well above our quota for the day. Consequently, error messages were generated and players thought, oops I should enter again. Which many players did and caused a few problems as they now had three or four entries which I was deleting as fast as possible. I have now modified the code to ignore the email error; this is not the best of programming practice but should ameliorate the problem. You may not receive an email but as the database is updated before an email is sent all you need to do is to check the entry list. If your name is there you are entered; if you need to withdraw or modify an entry email me and I will send you the necessary code.

Congratulations to the Willetton Bridge Club, after much work and many venues they have now found a new, and hopefully permanent, home. They can be found upstairs at the RSL club at 153 High Road Willetton. It's a great venue with plenty of parking, particularly at the rear of the premises. Naturally, the RSL club has a fully functional bar for drinks after the game on Monday or Friday afternoons beginning at 12.30 pm. Although upstairs the venue does have wheelchair access.

The APBF Congress is approaching fast; the first event a, must do, two-day Swiss Pairs starting

April 24 at 10.00 am. This will be the biggest bridge event in WA since Brazil won the Bermuda Bowl at the Hyatt in 1989. The congress is open to ALL players and is an event not to be missed. This will be a rare opportunity to play against international players. Full details, including entries and program can be found on the BAWA web site

Nigel Dutton



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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Prize Winners for Australia Wide Pairs

It was a thrill for two of our members, Daphne Outred and Lesley Hardingham who received pens as prizes for placing in the Australia Wide Pairs 2019.



Monday Session

The recently introduced Monday Session from 12.30 to 4.00pm is going very well with up to 7 tables so far. It is a very relaxing and friendly session where members are happily practising and trying out new systems.

Visitors are welcome. A duty dummy is available in either Acol or Standard American.

Directors at Bayswater

On behalf of all the committee and members I would like to thank Noel Daniels for directing at our club for several weeks last year. He is unable to continue due to commitments at Willetton Bridge Club. Noel helped to set up Compscore2 and enabled Don Sutton-Mattocks and Pat Allen, our Director-in-Training, to become more conversant with the new system.

Compscore2

The changeover to Compscore2 has been a somewhat difficult as it is a lot more problematic than the easy-to-use and well supported ScoreBridge. Even though Scorebridge has served

us well over the last few years and is extremely cost-effective, the club has decided to run with Compscore2 as we need to have access to directors from other clubs to run our sessions in case of illness or absence and the only other Scorebridge directors hail from clubs in the South West.

It must be said that initially the changeover was difficult due to the lack of help from the system provider but we have now been put in touch with our Compscore2 go-to person, Neville Walker, who has been a great support.

Director Training Course

Neville Walker is holding a training course at our club at a date to be set so that our trainee directors can become more confident and fluent with Compscore2 especially in the troubleshooting areas.



Club Master Award

Luckily for us David Amson spends summer in Perth before heading back to the UK for our winter. He is a treasured member of our club and was delighted to be awarded the Certificate of Club Master.

Trinity School for Seniors

It is heartening to see some of our students from bridge classes at Trinity School for Seniors now playing at Bayswater Bridge Club.

We have welcomed Joan and Michael Jackson; Veronica Woodward and Connie van den Ende; Carolyn Reed and Murray Sutherland and Maxine Munkton and Margaret Merritt. It is really great to see them enjoying playing bridge in a club situation. Ian and Dale Christie and Leonie Sims have also moved from lessons at Bayswater to playing in the regular sessions.

COTA Seniors' Week Lessons at Bayswater

Although not successful in obtaining the Lotteries Commission grant for our COTA Seniors' Event we did hold a successful Free Bridge Lesson and Morning Tea and provided 4 more free follow-up lessons.

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

The Mary Wheatley Trophy, our Club's prestigious handicap event, has been played annually over the last 20 years. Mary and her husband, Tom, were early members of the fledgling Club, which developed from a few friends getting together to learn and play bridge over 30 years ago. The MWT event is held in late November and in 2019, the winners, for the first time, were Jacquie Edwards and Mandy Ryding who are a relatively new partnership; it was a popular result and it was good to see Jacquie and Mandy doing so well. The two, identical, attractive trophies feature a framed hand of cards and were designed and made by John Sibbes, a former member. The event was very well supported with two visitors joining us for the evening. In all 80% of our members turned out to play - can any other Club match that turnout for a major competition?!



Mandy Ryding and Jacquie Edwards

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

Event Winners 2019

The Club room was full for our Christmas celebration and prize giving party.

All the students were there, and some retired, honoured players.

The prizes were presented by the President, Jeanette Day.

Monday Championship



1. Heather Cupitt and Wayne Cupitt
2. Leslie Watson and Julie Martin-Carabes
3. Jeanette Day and Bryan Baldock

Saturday Championship



- = 1st: Leslie Watson and Doug Gavinsson
=1st Wayne Cupitt and Heather Cupitt
3rd Bronwyn Peet and Jeanette Elliott

Teams



1st Wayne Cupitt and Heather Cupitt with Elaine Cook and Narelle Bate

2nd Richard Bailey and Maureen Knight, Lila Evans, Ros Barker and Olga Criddle

3rd Norma Follington and Norma Lodge, Dot Paynter and Shirley Hoskins



The hardest competition to win, the **Individual**, was taken out by Sonia Bursill.



Monday Aggregate

1. Heather Cupitt
2. Wayne Cupitt
3. Richard Bailey

Saturday Aggregate

1. Heather Cupitt
2. Wayne Cupitt
3. Bryan Baldock



Thursday Aggregate

1. Bryan Baldock
2. Richard Bailey
3. Jeanette Elliott



Most Improved Club player - Leslie Watson



Under 100 MP Championship

- 1st Bronwyn Peet and Marjorie Smith
- 2nd Lila Evans and Ros Barker
- 3rd Doreen Stevens and Rolf Nagel



Handicap Pairs

1st Elise Criddle and Barbara Allen
2nd Joyce Stribley and Liz Woodman



Norma Lodge trophy for Most improved Novice -
Simone Ward



Barbara Allen Trophy and Pat Hovell Memorial
Trophy - Joyce Stribley and Bryan Baldock



Elaine Cook Memorial Trophy - Julie Martin-

Carabes and Heather Cupitt

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Mandurah Local Legend and past President Judith Tuckey became a nonagenarian in December and a celebration party was held after bridge that day. We wish her many happy years of bridge ahead.



Judith, centre, flanked by Maxine Clarke and
Neville Walker



The winners of the Club Pairs Championship were
Di Brooks and Florence Maltby, pictured with
Director Bruce Penhey and President Josephine
Dundas (left)

The Jackpot winners were:



Monday – Alan Dundas and Gerald Merven



Tuesday - Craig and Doug Hardman



Wednesday – Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg



Thursday –Kimberley Zhao and Sheryl Coates



Friday – Patricia Anderson and Alan Dundas, with Director Ann Shalders (centre)

Saturday - Vera Hardman and Gudrun Kemmer



Eight teams took part in the last teams event for 2019, won by the Brooks team, comprising Florence Maltby, Robina McConnell, Di Brooks and Michael Turner.

Maylands Bridge Club

From Ann Semaan

In December 2019 MBC celebrated Steven Orner week, in honour of our benefactor, with free bridge and trophy for the outright winner of all the week's play.



Paul Rideout with President Rosemary Cant.

This year the trophy went to Paul Rideout who very graciously attributed his success to his partners.

The week ended on Thursday 19th December with a festive lunch of meats, salads and desserts. The club thanked Alan Baldock for his years of voluntary work running the Thursday morning supervised session and his teaching of new strategies. Robin Clarke organised for a mother and daughter singing duo who entertained us all in honour of Alan.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Swiss Pairs Competition

The results of our Swiss Pairs Competition were:-



1st Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood

2nd Ron Dalton and Margaret Tierney

3rd Barbara Martin and Michael Smith

The Wilma Piller / Jim O'Brien Trophy for the player who earned the most Green Master Points during the year was once again awarded to Marlene Medhat.

Christmas Party and Awards Presentation

There was, as usual, a good turn out for our Christmas Party on the afternoon of Saturday December 9. After an afternoon of bridge, Town of Cambridge Mayor Councillor, Keri Shannon, presented awards to the winners of club competitions. Following the presentations, we enjoyed good company with festive food and drink organised by Sarah Westergren.



Jean Calder and Helen Baker with Mayor Keri Shannon



Ray Wood, Marlene Medhat, Shirley Bloch and Wence Vahala



Max Havercroft with Mayor Keri Shannon

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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Sarah Westergren

West Coast Bridge Lessons and supervised play for 2020

We have made changes to our bridge lessons for 2020.

The main change is the introduction of supervised play on Wednesday mornings and new beginner's lessons on Tuesday evenings.

You may come without a partner to all sessions. Lessons start in the week of January 20 and are held at the Club –

33 Templetonia Avenue, City Beach.

Email : wcbc@iinet.net.au

Beginner Lessons: Monday 10–12

☎ Patsy Davey on 0414324558

(\$8 per session)

Beginner Lessons: Tuesday 7-9 p.m.

☎ Noel Jordon on 9285 8181

(\$50 for a set of eight lessons)

Intermediate lessons: Monday 10–12

☎ Harold McKnight on 9447 4610

(\$6 per session)

Supervised play : Wednesday 10–12

☎ Maureen Phillips on 9245 2138

(\$6 per session)



Bunbury Bridge Club

From Jan Morgan

CHRISTMAS AT BUNBURY



Gareth Braid





Kerry Fraser, Rob Skipsey and Colleen Skipsey



Margaret Duce with President Andy Males

(More photos on Focus Online
<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>)

IT'S "JUST A GAME"?

A special Mention must be made of Judy Clarke and Fred Clarke (Décor and Organisation) – Colleen Skipsey and Rob Skipsey (The Ham) – Gareth Braid (who took these terrific photographs) and Margaret Duce (Choir Mistress of the Canto Belles) all of whom contributed so well to produce such a wonderful Christmas party held at the Clifton Park Golf Club.

Just look at the happy faces in these random photographs. They speak so well of the joy of Christmas but also of the warmth of friendship; of the good fellowship engendered by playing bridge.

Friendly rivalry – yes! But much more – win or lose, the knowledge that you have tried your best and are held in high esteem, cherished, respected by your bridge playing contemporaries; the ease of being, the comfort of good companionship.

Yes! This 'Bridge' is much more than "just a game". It is many things to many people.

West Australian Bridge Club

From Jan McNab
(Photos courtesy of Sheenagh Young)

WABC CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

The Christmas Congress took place over three days at the end of November/early December.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to players who supported each event. David Burn ably directed the Congress, assisted by Peter Hicks and Gwen Kremer.

Friday morning Restricted Pairs: (32 Tables)

North/South

Winners: Lorraine Rea and Angela Newton

Second: Carol Thomson and Britt Baird

East/West

Arianna Yusof and Mavis Koay with a worthy 66.59%, won this section by a considerable margin from the rest of the field.

In second place: Debbie Chappell and Sally Savini

Friday afternoon Pairs

North/South

Winners: Cynthia Belonogoff and David Schokman

Second: Deana Wilson and Dave Munro

East/West



1st Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao
2nd Jan Blight and Cassie Morin

Saturday Pairs

North/South

1st Robyn Howe and Jane Moulden
2nd Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku

East/West

1st Wence Vahala and Ray Wood
2nd Trevor Fuller and Nick Cantatore

Sunday Swiss Pairs



1st winning five out of 6 matches with a total of 87.49 VPs Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



2nd Leone Fuller and Marnie Leybourne on 84.44 VPs. Congratulations

Sunday President's Pairs

North/South



1st with a rather large margin, husband and wife pair, Max and Judy Havercroft, with 59.95%



2nd Fran Brennan and Maxine Litwin

East/West



1st Andrea Peretti and Val Biltott, also with a considerable margin, won the East/West section with 64.8%





2nd Bruce Fraser and Deborah Greenway

WABC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PRIZE GIVING 2019



Red Point Duplicate session followed by the Christmas Party and Prize Giving was a great success, with over 200 in attendance. Robin Paterson, together with her team, organised the impressive Christmas fare including a delicious range of pizzas which were cooked on site, sushi, petit fours and fruit. As we do every year, a full range of drinks were available and free of charge.



WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSIONS – CHANGE OF START TIME

Please note the Wednesday evening start time has been changed to 7.15pm as of 8 January. An

interesting range of events is planned for these sessions in 2020.

RED POINT ANNIVERSARY PAIRS – CHANGE OF DATE

The date for this Open Red Point event has been changed and will now take place at 1.30pm on Saturday 15 February. Registration is required as the field will be seeded and scored across the room. The Trophy will be awarded to the best WABC Pair.

HOW TO FILL OUT A SYSTEM CARD - The next class is scheduled for Thursday, 13 February starting at 11.30am. Catering for those needing help filling in and understanding System Cards, the sessions are run by volunteers and free of charge. You can attend with or without a partner. No need to book.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WABC

WABC Novice/Super Novice Congress takes place at 10am on Sunday 16 February at WABC.

Novice: < 150 Masterpoints as at 1 January, 2020.

Super Novice: < 50 Masterpoints as at 1 January, 2020.

If you have never played in a Congress before, this an excellent starting point. An enjoyable way to spend a day.

Labour Day Red Point Events on Monday 2 March involve the regular Duplicate format with Red Points awarded for each session. The first starts at 9.15am (note later starting time) and the afternoon session at 1.15pm.

As with all Red Point events, System Cards are mandatory.

Open Red Point Pivot Teams is a new one session Red Point event to be played at 7.15pm on Wednesday, 4 March and open to all players. Entry fee \$10 per player.

Form a 4 person team and play with each member of the team as a partner for a 9 board match – a total of 3 matches.

Cheese will be served at the tables during the evening and wine may be purchased at the Bar.

WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress is a Red Point all-day event with cash prizes, commencing at 10am on Sunday, 22 March. Players must have less < 300 Master Points as at 1 January, 2020. Prize giving will be at completion of play and accompanied by drinks and nibbles.

EASTER BRIDGE AT WABC - The Club will be open for all the regular green point sessions over the Easter period. However, the Bar will not be open on Good Friday. Note that the Monday morning session starts at 9.15am.

LESSONS for Term 1 with Andy Hung will have already commenced by the time this issue is published but the second module, Book 2, with the final 3 lessons of each level, will start early in March. Lessons are presented using the Standard American System, offering a wide range from Beginners to more Advanced levels.

For further information regarding Lessons and Upcoming Events (including booking), consult the WABC website.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Committee and members of Rockingham Bridge Club have been active in this past month, running an extensive program to promote our great club.

We have tried to cover all aspects of the media, to bring Bridge and its Benefits to everyone.

So far, our program has been thus:-

- Two adverts of quarter of a page in the local Community News
- 10,000 brochures delivered by Australia Post
- Dated copies of Focus and ABF magazines dropped into Medical Centres
- Posters placed on Public notice boards
- Three weeks of bridge demonstrations at a local shopping centre
- Invitations given out to a Morning Tea, 15th Jan - Members donated delicious plates of goodies for all to enjoy.
- Invitations to our second Morning Tea for Sat. 1st Feb
- Announcements on Curtin Radio
- Members doing a letter box drop in their street
- City of Rockingham Seniors Newsletter promoting our Club
- Past members and students have received invitations to come along and join in the fun.

What more can I say, Rockingham members you do us proud.

Thank you for all your support.

We are looking forward to seeing new faces enjoying their classes very soon.

Happy Bridging,

Di Brooks- Promotions Officer - R.B.C.Inc

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Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Betty Roberts

CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATIONS

The Christmas party was very well attended with 18½ tables, split into two sections. As usual the food was amazing and the President thanks all members for their contribution.

(A) N/S

1st Joe Louis and Wendy Harman
2nd Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

E/W

1st Kit Lemann and Tom Lemann
2nd Dianne Dwyer and Lina Zampichelli

(B) N/S

1st Gerry Daly and Stephen Thyer
2nd Bente Hansen and Madge Myburgh

E/W

1st Carole McMahon and Rob McMahon
2nd Judith Poole and Lorraine Stivey

2019 AWARDS



Individual – Frank Parker Plate – Sandra Hoffman



Women's Pairs – Constance McCullough Cup –
Madge Myburgh and Bente Hansen



Men's Pairs – Rex Mizen Cup – Tom Lemann and
Stephen Thyer



Mixed Pairs – Elfrieda MacLean Trophy –Joe Louis
and Bente Hansen

Daytime Pairs (< 300 Masterpoints) DVG Cup –
Guy Gaudet and Joe Louis

Daytime Teams – Gordon Brown, Sheila Pryce,
Stephen Thyer, Peter Clark

Congratulations



Stephen Thyer Awards!

1. Open Pairs – Mike Hopper Shield - With
Peter Clarke
2. Friday Champion Pairs – Venture Cup –
with Alan Harper
3. Most Masterpoints

Open Teams – Sylvia Parker Plate Tom Lemann, Kit
Lemann, Joe Louis, Nic Moniodis



Restricted Pairs (< 50 Masterpoints) – Gerry Riley
Vase Trophy – Lyn Shinnick and Marlene
Robertson





Novice Pairs (< 15 Masterpoints) – Susan Collinson Plate - Sherrill Duncan and Wendy Dodd



Champion Pair – Wednesday Afternoon – Doris Broad Plate – Ann Todd and Carmen Jackson



Champion Pair – Monday Morning – Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce



Saturday Afternoon Champion Pair – Mike Nestor Cup – Elizabeth Bazen and Denise Borger



Knockout Pairs – Wendy Harman and Carmen Jackson



Two club members plus one did a bike trip from Geraldton to Perth recently.

Geraldton to Perth Bike Ride – Jean Paul Tedeschi and John Shinnick

Jean Paul and John with John's golfing buddy Les recently pedalled the 626 kilometres from Geraldton. Apparently, it was done because they could, and to prove that "Life is about Memories, not Dreams".

50th Year Celebrations will be happening - stay tuned!

Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

Our Christmas party was a great success – the first we've held in our new clubrooms. This year we did it differently, playing bridge first and then having our Christmas celebrations in the early evening. Members appreciated the new arrangements and we expect that the 2020 Christmas party will be even better.



During the celebrations we made presentations to some worthy members:



Vicki Brown and Eileen Dutton received the award for Most Improved players in 2019, presented by Club President Mark Hughes.



Club President Mark Hughes presented Merwyn Menezes with the trophy for the Home Club member who earned the most masterpoints in 2019.



Salim Songerwala received the Bob Simpson award for outstanding service to the Club, presented by Bob Simpson and Club President Mark Hughes

Charity event

In December we ran a special event to raise funds for the Pancare Foundation, a national organisation fighting pancreatic cancer. Eighty players participated in the event which was

arranged following a generous sponsorship by Ajay Tandon, and which raised \$1,750 for Pancare.

Membership

We welcomed seven new members to the Club this month: Emiko Kina, David Simojoki, Vanessa Browne, Juenne Browne, Betty Day, Gillian Rex, and Devin Kilminster. This brings our membership up to 354.

Richard Harris has been the most active member during the past month, playing 23 times, followed by Lyn Green and Dorothy Stevenson (20 and 17 times respectively).

Coming Events

We are holding an open walk-in red point event to raise funds for the Bushfires Appeal on Friday 21st February at 12.30. Minimum table money is \$10. Please come along and support our efforts.

We will hold the Oakwood Melville BC Congress on 6th – 8th March 2020. Friday 6th March is a Welcome Pairs event, Saturday 7th March is Swiss Pairs, and Sunday 8th March is Teams. This congress is very popular so book early through the BAWA website to make sure that you get a place.

Maccabi Bridge Club

From Luba Klein

Café 61 did the catering for our End of Year break up – A party enjoyed by all with plenty to eat and drink.



The Eric Samuells trophy winners Joan Touyz and Hymie Touyz with Club Secretary Bruce Leedman



The Bess Cohen trophy won by Cynthia Adler (and the late Bella Zeitlin) with Director Louis Klein



The Fan Goldblatt trophy winners Dadie Greenfeld and Debra Majteles, center - Club President Luba Klein



The Club Championship trophy winners Deb Frankel and Debra Majteles



The Wolinski Jackpot Winners Charles Kur and Barry Saker



Saturday Open Pairs Winners, Saturday Jackpot Winners, Saturday Sessional Winners and Interclub Open Teams Captains Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku



Happy New Year to all!



Monday Jackpot Winners Robyn Todd (Sylvia Chang)

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

2019 finished with our Christmas and Awards Party. True to form it was a great afternoon, good camaraderie, bridge and festive food.



Club Mixed Pairs Champions Viv Wood (Simon Brayshaw)



Tuesday Jackpot Winners Ken Todd and Robyn Todd

Wednesday Jackpot Winners Dave Munro and Doreen Jones.





Thursday Jackpot Winners Barbara Smith (May Schonwolf)



Friday Jackpot Winners Audrey Brady (Jill Sinel)



Monday Session Winners Lily Lim and Charlie Lim



Tuesday Session winners Tom Wheatley (Elizabeth Ross)

Wednesday Sessional Winners Doreen Jones and Dave Munro



Thursday Sessional Winners Ann Ohlsen and Ken Todd

Friday Sessional Winners Robin Burton and Suzanne Welborn



Appreciation Award to Richard Cullen – Club Maintenance



The Gay Jones Trophy –was awarded to Jeanne Borde for her active contribution to the club



Directors Janet Hunt, Peter Hicks, Peter Holloway and President Ian Bailey/Director, Web Master, Masterpoint Secretary



Having a Merry Time!

March

The Club Daytime Pairs will be held over two Wednesdays - March 4th and 11th - 12.30pm start

The AGM is on March 28th at 1.00pm – consider joining the Committee, make suggestions, thank the Committee for the great job they are doing!

Bridge will start at 1.30pm

VALE Glynn Schragger

Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

How good it was to get back to bridge after the short break for Christmas and New Year. How good to catch up with friends and hear all the "Happy New Year" greetings. *(Photos courtesy of Robyn Strom)*



It seems a while ago now but our Christmas Lunch at the Hyatt was a great success; really good company as well as food and drink. I think our bus drivers were a bit envious that they couldn't join us.



The first Red Point of the year was held on Monday 20th January, directed by David Burn. Winners N/S were John and Susan Sharland and E/W Sue Richards and Eddie Pozarowszyk

To everyone who contributed to the afternoon tea – many thanks.

I hope you enjoy the follow-up to a story, published in the October 2018 Focus Magazine. Tim and Carol Cornwell were able to get in touch with friends from the UK after 43 years because these friends found their photo in Focus with the help of Google.



From Tim Cornwell

We caught up with Jeremy and Margaret Webb when we went back to UK in August 2019. We spent two nights with them and, believe it or not, we just carried on where we left off in 1976. Sadly, Jeremy is not very mobile these days, but his enthusiasm for science and the natural world has not changed. When we left UK all those years ago, he was busy cataloging and photographing British spiders.

The attached photo was taken in their garden near the centre of Tunbridge Wells. Every evening a badger and a fox come into the garden to eat food that Jeremy puts out for them. The badger comes at about 8.30pm and the fox an hour later! Both animals seem quite home in their city environment and somehow know the routine. Margaret is still the great organiser and is heavily involved with the local amateur dramatic society which puts on at least three productions each year.

So, thanks to your work and the BAWAFocus magazine we are back in touch with some very dear friends.

Our website www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org has all the information you will need if you wish to visit us.

South Perth Bridge Club

From Cassie Morin

Our Xmas party was held on Dec 15th and Jackie Wilding our member did the delicious catering enjoyed by all.



We had over 80 members attend with local member John McGrath MLA pictured enjoying the festivities.



Pauline Doran who turned 90 in December with her Birthday Cake

Swiss Pairs



Vice President Danny Ravn with Winners Leone Fuller and Trevor Fuller



2nd Val Biltuft and David Matthews



3rd Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao

Willetton Bridge Club

From Noel Daniel

The Willetton Bridge Club has its New Opening at the RSL Club Building- 153 High Road-Willetton on Monday 20th January 2020- Story of the Willetton Bridge Club

Invited Guests

- *His Worship the Mayor Mr Patrick Hall – Chief Guest-City of Canning*
- *Mr Bill Collidge - President of RSL Riverton & Committee Members*
- *The Hon. Dr Mike Nahan MLA - State Member for Riverton & Patron*
- *Councillor Mr Ben Kunze - City of Canning*
- *Councillor Mrs Yaso Ponnuthurai - City of Canning*
- *Ms Ellie Efijemueh - Community Development Officer-City of Canning*
- *Ms Carley Robbins-Cultural Development Officer – City of Canning*
- *Mrs Allison Stralow-President of Australian Bridge Federation*
- *Mr Nigel Dutton - President of Bridge Association of WA*
- *Ms Robina McConnell - Executive Officer of BAWA*
- *Mrs Diane Graves-Centre Manager – Rostrata Family & Neighbourhood Centre*

The Willetton Bridge Club has now moved to the Riverton RSL Building 153 High Rd Willetton. This move has been facilitated by the generosity of Mr Bill Collidge- President of RSL and its Committee and Members who have welcomed us to share their premises. The Management Committee and

Members of the Willetton Bridge Club are extremely thankful and grateful for the warm welcome, generosity and community spirit shown to us in making us welcome to share your extensive premises. It is this community spirit which will allow our club to continue its growth and provision for its expanding local membership.

Our club has grown from a small social group meeting once a week at Herald Avenue Senior Citizens Centre to a nationally registered and recognised Club with more than 75 members who are predominately from the local community.

The Club was established in 2017 after receiving City of Canning funding to conduct bridge lessons for seniors. These lessons attracted over 30 participants, some of whom wanted to play regular bridge. With the support of the Herald Avenue Senior Citizens Centre, The City of Canning, Dr Mike Nahan MLA and others the Willetton Bridge Club was formed.

At that time, we were playing once a week in the Herald Avenue dining room as no other space was available. Although most of our members were over 55 there were requests from younger players wishing to join.

In 2018 our club moved to the Riverton Library and as our membership expanded to over 40 where playing was extended to two sessions a week. With the refurbishment of Riverton Library the Club relocated to the Willetton Library. Both of these venues were limiting because of their operating hours.

At the end of 2018 the club moved to the Rostrata Family Centre in Willetton. This Centre provided our club room to grow, and towards the end of 2019 our membership had expanded to over 75.

Our two sessions twice a week often accommodated 30 to 40 players at each session with visitors from other clubs. In addition last year, we hosted our first Novice Congress which had over 80 participants with many from other WA bridge clubs. This year we are already planning a similar event.

We had consistent requests to run more regular lessons and for a third weekly session. Unfortunately because of the shared community needs on the Rostrata Family Centre by the other users, our Clubs needs could not be accommodated.

The opportunity for us to move to the RSL venue provides our club with the space and flexibility to expand and meet the growing demand. While we were sad in some ways to relocate from Rostrata Family Centre, we are excited by the opportunity this move will provide.



Noel Daniel and Carol Daniel

Our Club's development and success has been largely due to the support it has received from the City of Canning Community Partnership Fund not only in funding but also help and advice from its officers. Many others like Dr Mike Nahan, MLA and Cr Ben Kunze and Cr Yaso Ponnuthurai, the Bridge Association of WA, the Australian Bridge Federation, WA Bridge Focus Magazine have also provided continued support and guidance and now the RSL Riverton Sub Branch in Willetton. We say a Big Thank You to all.



Dr Mike Nahan, MLA, the Mayor Mr Patrick Hall. Cr Yaso Ponnuthurai, Mrs Allison Stralow- ABF President, Cr Ben Kunze, Mr Nigel Dutton- President of BAWA



June Browne and Simon Platt receiving ABF Certificates from Mr Vijay Ahooja -Tournament Manager



WABC RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS 2020

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 10 am START
at 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne
RED POINTS and CASH PRIZES

Director: Dave Parham 0409 111 081
Tournament Organiser: Lynne Milne 0414 400 219
Entries via www.bawa.asn.au or phone 9284 4144

PLAYERS MUST HAVE LESS THAN 300 MASTERPOINTS as at 1st January 2020
ENTRY FEE: \$35 per player
 All Pairs must have 2 systemically identical completed system cards
 Prize-giving plus drinks and nibbles at completion of play

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9TH ASIA PACIFIC BRIDGE FEDERATION OPEN CONGRESS

2020 World Class Bridge in Western Australia, April 15th – 22nd
Perth Convention Centre

The ABF has chosen a world class venue, Perth Convention Centre, to host this event: right on the banks of the Swan River in the City, close to both the train and bus port, within walking distance to first class hotels, restaurants and attractions.

In the year of the Summer Olympics the APBF holds an Open Congress which is a transnational event, welcoming players from all over the world, without limitation as to the number of participants per country.

We acknowledge from the outset the enthusiastic and generous contribution to this event by the Greenfeld Family in recognising the significant contribution made to Australian Bridge by Joseph Greenfeld at both state and national level. Joe was an ABF Councillor for more than twenty years, Treasurer and President and made major contributions to ensuring the financial stability of the ABF and support for international competition and major tournaments.

The Congress commences with a Two-Day Swiss Pairs Event on the Wednesday and the Thursday. This event will attract cash prizes of at least \$7500.- a huge thank you to Packer and Co for sponsoring this event. The main event is the APBF Teams with categories of Open, Senior, Ladies, Mixed and Youth which will allow under 26, under 21 and under 16 subject to entries. Entries have already come to Robina from overseas players.

Following the teams qualifying event will be the APBF Pairs which provides for free entry to those players from the Teams not qualifying for the Finals – for the comparable event. Running concurrently to the Congress is a Bridgefest catering to all levels – there will be single session events as well an All Day Pairs event on Saturday followed by a Teams event on the Sunday.

The finale shall be an event for the < 500 Masterpoints in categories of < 500, < 300 and < 100 running for the last two days. This event is sponsored by TBIB – well known for their generosity towards the bridge community with our own local club WABC making a contribution

towards this event as well. The Bridgefest has been well supported by the Western Australian clubs who have generously agreed to sponsor session events. We thank Melville, Mandurah, WABC, South Perth and Nedlands.



Robina McConnell – Event Organiser

Calling on all youth!

APBF OPEN CONGRESS

Calling all children and grandchildren - looking for work in the April School Holidays?

We are in need of caddies and BBO Operators for the APBF Congress to be held at the Perth Convention Centre.

A minimum \$120 per day is being offered with training in the work you shall be required to perform.

To register interest please contact –

Jane Reynolds - Floor Manager:

janereynoldsbridge@gmail.com

or

Robina McConnell - Tournament Organiser:

bina360@hotmail.com

APBF 2020 PROGRAM

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Start time</i>
<i>Tue 14 Apr</i>	<i>Delegates Meeting & Dinner</i>	<i>Delegates only, venue to be advised</i>	
Wed – Thurs 15 – 16 Apr	Packer & Co Swiss Imp Pairs	Open entry 5 x 12-board matches on Wednesday 4 x 12-board matches on Thursday \$200 per pair entry \$7500 + winning pairs, category prizes	10.00 am daily
Wed 15 Apr	Mandurah BC Pairs	Open entry Minimum 24 boards, \$20 per player entry	2.00 pm
Thu 16 Apr	City of Melville BC Pairs	Open entry Minimum 24 boards, \$20 per player entry	10.00 am
Thu 16 Apr	South Perth BC Pairs	Open entry Minimum 24 boards, \$20 per player entry	2.00 pm
<i>Fri 17 Apr</i>	<i>Welcome to APBF 2020</i>	<i>All participants are encouraged to attend. At the venue.</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
Fri – Mon 17 - 20 Apr	APBF Teams Championship	Open entry Comprising 16 x 14-board matches (4 matches per day) Open: \$1600 per team. Women: \$1600 per team. Mixed: \$1600 per team. Seniors (born before 1 Jan 1959): \$860 per team. Youth (age at 31 Dec in previous year determines category): u/26 \$600 per team, u/21 \$600 per team, u/16 \$300 per team	10.00 am daily
Fri 17 Apr	Nedlands BC Pairs	Open entry Minimum 24 boards, \$20.00 per player	10.00 am
Fri 17 Apr	WABC Pairs	Open entry Minimum 24 boards, \$20.00 per player	2.00 pm
Sat 18 Apr	All Day Swiss Pairs Ursula & Ross Harper & Linda Coli	Open entry 6 x 9 board matches, \$40 per player entry	10.00 am
Sun 19 Apr	All Day Swiss Teams Alan Cransberg & Chris Ingham	Open entry 6 x 9 board matches, \$40 per player entry	10.00 am
Mon 20 Apr	The Rose Moore Pairs	Open entry Minimum 24 boards, \$20 per player entry	10.00 am

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Start time</i>
Mon 20 Apr	WABC Pairs	Open entry Minimum 24 boards, \$20 per player entry	2.00 pm
Tue 21 Apr	APBF Semi Finals	Qualifiers only 4 x 12 board matches	10.00 am
Tues- Wed 21 – 22 Apr	APBF Pairs	Open entry Open: \$200 per pair (free for Open Team participants) Women: \$140 per pair (free for Women Team Participants) Senior: \$140 per pair (free for Senior Team participants) Mixed: \$140 per pair (free for Mixed Team participants)	10.00 daily
Tue – Wed 21– 22 Apr	TBIB & WABC Swiss Pairs Restricted Event	Open entry Restricted event for players with less than 500 MPs, less than 300 MPs and less than 100 MPs as at 1 Apr 2020 WABC members will receive additional prizes \$80.00 per player entry	10.00 am daily
Wed 22 Apr	APBF Teams Final	Qualifiers only 4 x 12 board matches	10.00 am

BAWA Country Bridge Championship

April 4 -5, 2020



Bridgetown Town Hall

Saturday 6 - 9:30 am

MP pairs

\$40.00 per player

Sunday 7 - 9:00 am

Swiss Teams

\$40.00 per player

Director Peter Holloway

Convener - Mike Trafalski

Email: miket1@iinet.net.au

Telephone 0898428576

Entry via BAWA Website

<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

Tea and Coffee available all day



New Ruling and Review Procedures for all ABF Events

As of 1st January 2020, any request for a review of a Director's ruling at an ABF event will now be heard by an individual specifically appointed for that purpose (i.e., 'The Reviewer'). Hearings that previously employed ad-hoc player-based committees have now been discontinued.

Most players are reasonably aware of the process that takes place when there has been a potential infraction of the laws. The Tournament Director is called and listens to why a player believes that there may have been an infraction. The Director will then ascertain what has occurred. Simple problems such as revokes, leads out of turn and similar are dealt with immediately and the game continues.

In more complex situations such as those involving unauthorised information, incorrect explanations or a failure to alert, the Director who is called to the table will collect the evidence of what occurred. The Directors then discuss the matter amongst themselves before deciding if an infraction has taken place and whether it resulted in damage to the non-offending side. Where the matter involves bridge judgment the Director will consult approximately five (5) players of an appropriate standard and typically ask, "What would you bid/do on the following hand after the bidding/play has gone...?" The information provided by the players then assists the Director to determine what the ruling should be. Sometimes this may lead to a weighted score adjustment that reflects the probabilities of a number of potential results.

Recipients of a ruling from the Director will be entitled to ask for the matter to be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision (rather than by a committee). The Reviewer will check that the Director has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other Directors were consulted where appropriate. In matters requiring the exercise of bridge judgment the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a clear judgmental view to be

obtained. Finally the Reviewer will check that the ruling issued (based upon all the information available) was within the bounds of reasonableness. Note however that the mere fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different adjustment will not be a good enough reason in itself for the ruling to be varied.

The time limits previously applicable for the lodging of an appeal will now apply to the seeking of a review. If a review is sought the matter will be referred to the Reviewer who will consider it in accordance with the protocol outlined below. The contestant challenging the decision will be required to write a simple statement on the Review Form as to which part of the process they believe was flawed and how that would have affected the ruling. In the event that the Reviewer determines that the process has not been followed properly or that the ruling is defective in some other material way, he will instruct the CTD to correct the previous failings. The CTD may then in turn need to repoll players, prior to issuing a new ruling.

It is hoped that players will understand that rulings given by the Director are arrived at only after a proper consideration of all relevant issues and consultation between fellow Directors, followed by the polling of appropriate players. The opportunity to request a review has been instituted in order to provide a safeguard and thus avoid any failure of process.

It should also be noted that in cases where a request for a review is deemed to be without merit, the Reviewer has the power to impose a penalty, which will be quantified in either MPs, IMPs or VPs as appropriate to the stage of event being played. Contestants are therefore encouraged to first approach one of the duly appointed 'Review Consultants' prior to the lodging of an official request.

Summary:

TDs are required to adhere to the following procedures prior to making a ruling:

1. Correctly ascertain the facts when at the table, including the bidding, the play, questions asked and explanations received.
2. Determine whether there has been an infraction of Law or Regulation, and whether the non-offending side has been damaged.
3. Determine whether the damage is directly related to the infraction.
4. Formulate question(s) for consultation with uninvolved players if items (2) or (3) require bridge judgement.
5. In judgement situations they must poll players of a standard similar to that of the participants, who (preferably) have not played the hand in question.
6. The final ruling should be consistent with the established facts, the Laws and the information obtained via the consultation process.

It should also be noted that each ruling is the product of a consensus and never just the opinion of a single individual.

The review process requires the Reviewer to:

1. Ensure that the TDs have followed the entire process correctly prior to making the ruling.
2. Ensure that the questions posed to the pollees were proper and complete.
3. Ensure that players of the relevant standard have been consulted.
4. Ensure that the final ruling is consistent with the facts and opinions expressed by the pollees.

When the Reviewer determines that the ruling is in some way defective, it is returned to the CTD so that the deficiencies in the process may be corrected and a new ruling issued.

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Events>Event List

Albany Congress



FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2 2020

Welcome Pairs Friday 28 Feb

6:30 pm Tapas/Finger Food

7.00 pm Duplicate Pairs

Swiss Pairs 29 Feb-2 March

Saturday 9:30 am and 2:00 pm

Sunday 9:30

9 x 9 board matches

Swiss Teams 3/4 March

Sunday 2:00 pm 3 x 10 board matches

Monday 9:00 am 2 x 10 Board Matches

Director: Neville Walker

Friday Snacks

Morning and Afternoon Teas

Sausage Sizzle Lunch on Monday

Cost \$100.00 - All Inclusive

Cash Prizes (minimum 55% of entry fees)

Welcome Pairs \$20.00

Swiss Pairs \$45.00

Swiss Teams \$45.00

Convenor: Mike Trafalski

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Entry Via BAWA website

Limit: 27 tables

Balderdash or Bolder Dash



By Ron Klinger

<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2D (1)	Pass	2H (2)	3H
3S	4H	4S	5H
All Pass			

(1) Multi: weak two in hearts or in spades

(2) Pass or correct

What should West lead with –

- ♠ KQ10743
- ♥ 76
- ♦ 105
- ♣ KQ4

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Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs

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Dlr S
Vul NS

♠ AK875
♥ AQ93
♦ -
♣ AJ103

♠ QJ942
♥ J4
♦ A
♣ K9852

♠
♥
♦
♣

♠
♥
♦
♣

18
11

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♦	X	5♦	5♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Lead: ♦Q. Plan the play.

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City of Melville Bridge Club Inc.

431 Canning Highway, Melville

(Corner of Stock Road)

LeisureFit Centre Melville

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OAKWOOD MELVILLE BC CONGRESS

ENTRIES: Via BAWA Website –
www.bawa.asn.au

PROGRAM 2020

Fri 6th March Welcome MP Scored Pairs

1:00pm - \$15.00 pp

Sat 7th March Open Swiss Pairs

9:30am - \$35.00 pp

Sunday 8th March Open Teams

9:30am - \$35.00 pp

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Convenor:

Salim Songerwala ... 0421 595 541

Tournament Director:

David Parham ... 0409 111 081

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Defence Signalling

From David Schokman

Writers often claim that defence is the most important part of bridge as we defend twice as much as we do anything else. Being dummy is best and when you are dummy you can relax and should avoid trying to play the hand which your partner is doing so competently. If you had ever watched Tim Seres, and probably any other good player, you would see that they turn off completely when they are dummy. After 66 years of playing bridge I still have not achieved this calm serenity which is so important to winning bridge! Obviously you have to get your bidding right before anything else and then agree on your carding. The problem is that it is not always 100% clear and we sometimes need to be innovative in our signalling and hope that partner gets the picture. McKenney helps. Most competent players read signals well so try and make it easy for partner to read what you are trying to say. This was an interesting deal with both sides being able to make nine tricks on best defence.

Brd		♠ K96.	
Dlr	S	♥ Q53.	
Vul	All	♦ K86.	
		♣ 8762.	
	♠ A74.		♠ J108532.
	♥ A987.		♥ VOID.
	♦ 952.		♦ 1073.
	♣ K95.		♣ AJ104.
			♠ Q.
	6		♥ KJ10642.
18	13		♦ AQJ4.
	3		♣ O3.

The results show, very clearly, that we all march to the beat of a different bidding drum. You get the very cautious, the aggressive and the foolish! However, in the end it boils down to your decision and is based on style and partnership agreement. This deal has issues and there will be no consensus. South will open the bidding with 1H and north will certainly bid 2H, assuming that they are playing Standard or Precision. We will go with 2H as the bid. You are east. Do you bid 2S or do you pass? Will your decision change if you are playing imps or match points? The vulnerability is probably wrong, but one thing that you do know is that north does not have four spades, and that any

outstanding trumps are with your partner, so she/he could hold some valuable assets. Many people were allowed to play in 2H but 25 percent bid to 4H. What is my choice? Certainly, to bid 2S in any type of game even though it is a horrible hand, particularly if partner has to lead a way from the doubleton king of spades, and hopes to get a ruff! So, you take your advice from one of our expert players, and I will still stick my neck out on this bidding sequence.

Over 2S, south will bid 3H, some of them bidding to four. Now you hop into the west seat. What do you do? Partner has made a vulnerable overcall after a limited response by north. Your partner almost certainly must/should have six cards for this overcall, and has, without doubt, no more than a singleton heart. Your king of clubs looks good with the opening bid on your right. Do you bid, do you pass or do you double? Your heart suit could only bring in one trick and there are lots of losers to cover. Sticking my neck out again I would bid 4S which, as the cards lie, should be defeated by one trick. Then again, if south leads a heart the contract should now make, though the one pair that bid 4S were defeated on the heart lead, probably by taking the club finesse against north.

Then you might decide to double as you certainly have two certain tricks, and possibly a third with your club king. Surely you partner must have a trick or two for this vulnerable overcall?

So, you double and confidently lay down the ace of spades. You see the king in dummy and declarer drops the queen of spades – certainly a singleton. Your partner has dropped the deuce of spades and your style is low encourage. Pause for a moment – pauses are so important – and think what cards does partner need to defeat 4H? The ace and queen of diamonds are the perfect cards but does partner have them? No, on his discard he cannot have them, and that is where we have to analyse a signal which does not really mean what it says in the true systemic way. Why would partner want a spade back when the king is staring at us from dummy? The spade would allow an immediate discard of a loser. So what suit does partner want back? If he had wanted a diamond the discard

would certainly have been a high spade, the eight, but you can actually spare the knave, to make certain of the signal. Make it easy for partner.

So even if your signalling is “low encourage” on this deal the deuce of spades must say, “I want a club”: it might even say, “I demand it”.



Adages

with kind permission from
Malcolm Allan

A round or two for a pound or two. (Draw trumps if you are playing for pre-decimal money)

Many a man is walking the streets of London for not having drawn trumps.

If there is one trump still out and it is a winner, most of the time, forget it.

If 3NT is one of the possible contracts, bid it.

When considering game in 5 of a minor, first seriously consider game in 3NT.

If it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck and waddles like a duck, it probably IS a singleton.

Don't pre-empt over pre-empts.

Lead low; 2nd player plays low; 3rd player plays high; 4th player pauses and considers. Commit your forces to the fray as late as possible.

Play the lowest of equals in 3rd position.

Finesse against dummy, not against partner.

If you are on dummy's right, lead the weakest suit in sight.

Lead up to weakness, through strength.

Confucius says - Both sides lead same suit- one side batty. (As in “bats in the Belfry”)

Don't under lead an Ace against a suit contract.

Lead partner's suit.

Return partner's lead.

Give count on returning lead.

Aces are for capturing kings. Kings are for laying on Queens.

4th highest of longest and strongest.

Trump length, lead length.

6-5 come alive. 6-4 bid more.

No double, no trouble.

Cover an honour with an honour. Cover the last of equals. Cover to promote.

8 ever - 9 never.

If you have AK of a suit, you do not have a lead problem.

If a lead of 3 of the suits seem wrong, think about leading one of the other suits.

Count winners in NT, losers in a suit.

Always lose the first trick in NT. Consider losing the first 4 in 3NT.

No shortage, no Stayman. No Stayman without a 4 card major.

Subtract a point for 4333.

If you diagnose a misfit, pass as soon as possible, preferably in an undoubled contract.

An opening hand opposite an opening hand means game.

Don't ask partner to do something you can do yourself.

If there is any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do or any winner I can cash while still in dummy, let me do it now as I shall not pass this way again.

In general, you do not gain an extra trick by trumping in the long trump hand.

If you have a loser, unless some action is taken to change its state, it will remain a loser “when the last trump shall sound”

This above all- to thine own partner be true; and it must follow as the night, the day.

Keep your first bid honest.

A change of suit by a responder in an unpassed hand is forcing.



The Tale of Tweed Heads

From Jane Adams

After winning the GNOT BAWA Restricted Competition, it was with great excitement, and not a little trepidation, that Christine Bacon, Divyesh Shah, Rina Shah and I flew to Tweed Heads on the Gold Coast to take part in the GNOT Teams and Swiss Pairs competition.

We had significant problems trying to work out which time zone we were in, which added to our already confused state of mind! With no obvious demarcation line between Tweed Heads and Coolangatta, crossing the road can put the clocks forward or back by one hour. It didn't help that even within our apartment, the phone and the iPad gave different times! However, intrepid as we are, we managed to work out the time both in the apartment, at the competition venue and the airport for our flight home, so the only confusion to iron out was our bidding system!

The competitions are unrestricted, so with less than 200 Masterpoints between the four of us, we were never under any illusion that we were entering the competition for anything other than experience. But what a great experience that would be.

I admit that discovering that the first team we were playing against had 20,000 Masterpoints was decidedly daunting, but we are always up for a challenge and thoroughly enjoyed the first round, even winning IMP points on 3 hands. We were all delighted.

The days were very long, starting at 9.15AM and with only a moderate break for lunch, finishing at 6.45PM so at the end of the second day, when the qualifying teams' events finished, we were completely drained.

Not to be deterred by mere exhaustion however, Christine and I were up early next morning to have coffee and breakfast on the balcony overlooking the ocean, before playing in the Swiss pair's competition. The sun was shining, the waves were lapping, and all was right with the world. What could go wrong?

Well, the first few hands evidently. Having dropped to the second room, we slowly improved our position as the day progressed and despite

being one of the most inexperienced pairs, we ended up in the top 80% (you note the positive spin placed here!) We were thrilled with the final placement. We had learnt so much by playing against top players both about card play and aggressive bidding when appropriate. We took this on board and on the Sunday afternoon, I coupled it with some advice previously given to me by Beata Bieganski at our home club of Undercroft regarding the strength of a preemptive hand, and the need to not just look at the HCP but consider losing trick count too and opened 2C. As a result, we bid the hand to a small slam which we made, giving us the top board in the room. When we found out we were, needless to say, elated.

The hand was -

Dlr	S		♠	J8752		
Vul	NS		♥	A		
			♦	QJ7		
			♣	A965		
		♠	AKT64		♠	Q93
		♥	T92		♥	J7
		♦	T		♦	K632
		♣	T432		♣	KQ87
					♠	-
					♥	KQ86543
					♦	A9854
					♣	J
		12				
7			11			
		10				

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Christine		Jane
			2♣!
2♠	X	3♠	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
X	6♥	All Pass	

With a 4-loser hand, South opened 2C, West bid 2S which was X by North to indicate some strength support to partner. With 11 points, East raised to 3S. With partner support, South then bid 4H. Assuming a point count, rather than a loser count for the 2C open, North bid 4NT RKC. With 2 key cards and the QH, South was forced to bid 5S, which was doubled by West, and assuming a high point count and all the top H, North happily put South in 6H (much to South's anxiety). AS was led

by West, and when dummy was laid down South was delighted to see the D support. The AS was trumped by declarer and a small H led back for the AH. East ducked the QD finesse. A second round of D and the JD was covered by the KD and AD but trumped by West. A club lead was then taken by A in dummy and small S was led back and trumped by South. 2 more rounds of H were led (this should have been led before the 2nd D round to make 13 tricks, but bridge is always easier in retrospect). With the master diamonds in hand and all the remaining trumps, 6H contract was made.

The competition was a great example of the camaraderie and support in the bridge community. The other team members from Perth were friendly and supportive, making the whole experience a really positive one. In particular, Beata regularly checking to make sure we were alright and encouraging us throughout the competition was wonderful. Jane Reynolds was also a great help in explaining to us how the bidding sheets worked. Divyesh, Rina, Christine and I had both only ever used bidding boxes, so how to write your bids, how to double and how to pass with the sheets were unknown quantities, and although we were inexperienced, we didn't want to appear as if we knew nothing to the opponents, so all advice was gratefully received. We met so many lovely people there; receiving support not just from players from our own state but players from other states too, the Tasmanian team, who invited us to their Congress, being of particular note.

We had thought that having got through to the event in a restricted competition, there would be a restricted section in the Swiss Pairs event. However, we were sadly mistaken. Despite this, we were very grateful for the opportunity to play and I would recommend any restricted point players like ourselves to play against stronger players. We learnt so much against the strong and diverse competition, and hey, hopefully our bridge skills can only get better.

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

Focus will print details of your congress or red point events. All you have to do is email the full details before the **20th** of each month to be included in the following month's issue.

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown

bedfords@bigpond.net.au

"I liked my partner, but she trumped my ace"

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE ARANA BRIDGE CLUB

In 1933, as many of us will recall vividly, the Townsville Daily Bulletin ran a competition in which writers were asked to compose a ballad with the refrain "I liked my partner, but she trumped my ace". The competition was run under the title PONS ASINORUM* which translates as DONKEYS' BRIDGE! The winning ballad, by Arthur Oliver, was published in the Bulletin on Monday 8 January 1934. His award, of course, was presented by Sir John Squire.

*I wonder who she was. What earthly name
Could be the label to the loveliness
That so bewitched me that a ruined game
Seemed a mere trifle? This was nothing less
Than devilry, and she a sorceress,
Who left me blinded to the deep disgrace
Of giving way to such weakmindedness.
I liked my partner, but she trumped my ace.
She trumped my ace, and yet I feel the same
As when I saw her first. I must confess
To being mastered by the scorching flame
That brings the swiftest mind to nothingness.
"Having no heart?" I said; she could not guess
The double meaning, for I saw no trace
Of kind compunction nor the least distress.
I liked my partner but she trumped my ace.
And she was impudent and just to shame
She laughed and then proceeded to finesse
Against my king, and failing, threw the blame
On me for "getting in a hopeless mess".
Whilst I, poor fool, esteemed it happiness
To sit and lose; for to that blank fair face
All declarations were quite meaningless.
I liked my partner but she trumped my ace.
Prince, I would lose a kingdom to caress
That hand, and kings unnumbered to embrace
Two things at once, beauty and brainlessness.
I liked my partner but she trumped my ace.
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Australian Youth Awards

Courtesy of the World Bridge Federation

Andrew Reiner Trophy
(Best International Performance)
Jamie Thompson and Matt Smith



Jamie Thompson.
Matt was late to the photo shoot

This award is granted to the best performed pair in the primary target international event, taking account of performance in the event itself, commitment to preparation and contribution to team success. Matt and Jamie finished 2nd in the Pairs in Croatia; with Jamie ranked 3rd overall this year. Over the year, the pair was the standout pair on the Australian Youth Team. Competing in the Netherlands, Thailand, Sweden and Croatia they consistently brought back positive results and catapulted Australia into open and youth final series over the year.

Helman-Klinger Achievement
(Overall good everything)
Nico Ranson



Nico – Always Nice

This award, worth \$400 annually and supplemented with a further \$200 from The Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, is presented each year to the Australian Youth Bridge Player whose ability, achievements, sportsmanship, attitude, contribution and commitment during the calendar year are most deserving. Nico started this year with winning the Youth Teams and finishing 4th in the Australian Junior Teams Selection. Nico played in all 4 junior internationals in 2019 and worked hard with John McMahon to develop a top notch system that would work well against the world's best. Between world events, Nico went on to win the Youth teams at the ANC and came 4th in the VCC. Nico was always keen to take advice from top players to better his game. He also helped with other youth players by giving advice and organising events throughout the year.

Helman-Klinger Masterpoint
(Top Earner)

John McMahon: 155.14



This award, worth \$200 annually and supplemented with a further \$100 from The Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, is awarded to the Australian Youth Player who earns the most master points in the calendar year in question. John had good successes in Youth Week 2019, and the Summer Festival immediately after. He had great finishes in the Gold Coast, VCC and the GNOT. His major victory was the Youth ANC, where he captained the team, almost undefeated into the finals and won convincingly.

Hills-Hurley Trophy

(Best Partnership)

Renee Cooper and Andrew Spooner



This trophy, donated by Richard Hills and Steve Hurley, is intended to encourage talented young bridge players to form long-standing partnerships and reward a successful pair who has developed a well-organised partnership to harness their full potential. This partnership formed at the start of the year. Both players put in a lot of work in building their partnership. They were part of the Australian contingent at Sweden and Croatia and performed exceptionally.



Weekend Congress Sat 14th & Sun 15th March 2020
Limit of 22 Tables
BAWA Regulations Apply

PROGRAM:

Saturday: Swiss Pairs. Seating Time: 9.50am Start Time: 10.00am

Sunday: Swiss Teams. Seating Time: 9.50am Start Time: 10.00am

Director: Dave Parham

Entry Fee: \$35/per player/per day Includes Light lunch

Complimentary Tea/Coffee/Biscuits each day

Presentation of Prizes after close of Session each day

No pair or team to win more than one prize per session

Venue: Kalamunda District Bridge Club (08) 9293 1114

56 Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill

Convenor: Denise Borger (08) 9293 2185

Email: borgerdp@iinet.net.au

Entries: BAWA Web site: www.buwa.asn.au

"I liked my partner, but she trumped my ace" – cont...

The years rolled on, then, lo and behold, in the April 1999 edition of The Trump-It, the newsletter of the Arana Bridge Club, we find:

A bridge ballade

Anon (c/- Margarete Golden)

You will remember - when I called a spade,

And, like a shot, she put me up to three?

A miniature she was, in blue brocade.

And eyes as blue- what is the simile?-

Well, well, for rhyme's sake let us say the sea,

And half a hundred Helens in her face,

That caused at least ten hour's war in me -

I liked my partner, but she trumped my ace.

Do you remember now?- She looked afraid

To bid, so kind and unaffected she;

Was it for wantonness her plots she laid

To lead me unsuspecting up a tree?

No! No! - for heartless could she never be;

I'm certain those bright eyes could bear no trace

Of guile - and that from tricks her hand was free -

I liked my partner, but she trumped my ace.

Oh! Surely you remember- how she made

The cards - a gentle shuffle?- and how we

Watched in a kind of wonder as she played

With simple art and feigned duplicity

Each vain finesse; but then, with artless glee,

Formed with her witching lips a sweet grimace,

And made for my locked heart a golden key -

I liked my partner, but she trumped my ace.

Prince! On her lovely charms we both agree,

The wavy hair, the sweet attractive grace;

Yet firm against such fair I hold a plea -

I liked my partner, but she trumped my ace.

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Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

SOLUTION

Dlr	W	♠	AK875
Vul	Nil	♥	AQ93
		♦	-
		♣	AJ103
♠	3		♠ 106
♥	102		♥ K8765
♦	QJ107654		♦ K9832
♣	Q76		♣ 4
		♠	QJ942
18		♥	J4
5	6	♦	A
11		♣	K9852

With some clear thinking you can just about guarantee this contract on the assumption that West has at least two black cards.

Win the ♦A (discarding a heart from dummy) and draw trumps. Then ...

If West has 0 or 1 spade, play him for at least 1 club. Make the anti-intuitive play of the ♣K from your hand. When all follow, play another club and if West follows to this as well, then finesse

dummy's jack. If East wins the ♣Q, he is end played. If West discards on the second club, go up with the ace and endplay East with a third round of clubs.

If West has 2 or 3 spades, then play the ♣A from dummy. If West discards, take marked club finesses against East. If West follows, then play another club from dummy to your king. If East turns up with three clubs to the queen, then endplay him with a third round.

If East surprisingly discards on the second round of clubs, win the ♣K, play the heart ace (extracting any heart that West might have), and endplay West with a third round of clubs.

The moral: When you have a tenuous holding in a suit (hearts here), consider putting an opponent (East here) in who cannot threaten that suit.

Balderdash or bolder dash

By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION

From a Butler Open Trials:

Dlr	W	♠	J96
Vul	NS	♥	AJ98
		♦	KQ4
		♣	652
♠	KQ10743		♠ A852
♥	76		♥ 5
♦	105		♦ 9862
♣	KQ4		♣ AJ73
		♠	-
11		♥	KQ10432
10	9	♦	AJ73
10		♣	1098

East-West did well to reach 4S. South followed the principle 'With a void in the opposition suit, bid one more'. When vulnerable against not, opponents are not bidding to the five-level with the expectation of conceding a significant penalty. Given the vulnerability, South is usually expecting to make 5H or have a good chance to make 5H. On that basis, perhaps West should pick South to be void in spades to bid on to 5H. That provides a strong case here for a top club lead. That would give the defence the first three tricks. When the SK was chosen, declarer had eleven tricks for +650 and +12 Imps.



Bunbury Bridge Club

Sunday Apr 26th & Monday Apr 27th 2020

Venue: South West Italian Club

13-19 White St, East Bunbury

<p>Sunday 26th</p> <p>Swiss Pairs (X-IMPs/VPs)</p> <p>6 x 9 board matches</p> <p>Start time 9.30 \$35 per player</p>	<p>Monday 27th</p> <p>Swiss Teams</p> <p>6 x 9 board matches</p> <p>Start time 9.30 \$35 per player</p>
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Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of Entry Fees

Lunch is NOT provided, but can be ordered on arrival at player's cost.
Light refreshments will be provided. Bar facilities available.

Convenor :	Marianne Viebke	0417 916 275
		mviebke@westnet.com.au
Director:	Brian Wade	0427 133 747
		hwade@bigpond.com
Entries:	BAWA website	www.bawa.asn.au

Results

APBF Pairs Challenge (22)

1 st	Paul Brayshaw and Chris Mulley
2 nd	Val Biltoft and Karol Miller
3 rd	Pim Birss and Dave Munro
4 th =	Jonathan Pynt and Alan Harrop
4 th =	Linda Coli and Jonathan Free
5 th	Anton Pol and Cynthia Belonogoff

70% Results (Random search)

Kalamunda

71.5 Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown

Rockingham

73.5 Florence Maltby and Di Brooks

72.1 Jane Ophorst and Joan Rickers

Maylands

70.2 Joanna Ellison and Faye Shelton

78.4 Paul Rideout and Domenico De Gasperis

71.7 Robert Oakes and Paul Rideout

73.5 Norma Pears and Vince Menezes

Albany

73.2 Rita Leeming and Kay Thompson

72.5 Ros Trend and Pam Minchin

Swan Districts

76.5 Pamela Forsyth and Sue Hillan

Willetton

71.1 Vijay Ahooja and Noel Daniel

72.9 Robin Antrobus and Terry Antrobus

Bayswater

76.1 Noel Daniel and Arianna Yusof

Fremantle

71.9 Brenda Evans and Chris Wells

Bunbury

70.4 Jenny Dawson and Kate Boston

Melville

70.5 Noel Daniel and Leon Ref

Kendenup

80.6 Gavin Dear and Stephania Gisladdottir

Undercroft

76.0 Beata Bieganski and David Cowell

75.1 Andrew Swider and Tad Bieganski

73.0 Peter McCann and Trevor Burr

Mandurah

75.7 Di Brooks and Florence Maltby

73.3 Denise Sampson and Corrie Davis

70.2 Phil Baker and Pauline Baker

West Coast

71.3 Shirley Bloch and Wence Vahala

70.9 Wence Vahala and Karel Vahala

70.6 Rosemary Pratt and Linda Martin



"I liked my partner, but she trumped my ace" – cont...

We would love to hear from anybody who can shed any sort of light on the mysterious evolutionary processes that went on here.

** Pons Asinorum is also a term used in geometry in connection with isosceles triangles. If you want to know more about that you will have to google it.*

THE HIDEOUS HOG, IN ALL MODESTY

- I will bid natural and you bid "Big Minor". When you have a NT opening, you can bid 1C and I will bid your NT. If you have a major, bid 1D and I will bid your major. This way you will not get the stress of being declarer.
- Of course, I always hold much better cards than you do. Being declarer is part of my system.
- My point count system? Extra for long suit, extra for short suit and 3 points for my superb play!
- I am such a fine player, no one can deny my right to be rude.

Victor Mollo

Diarize Now

Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	Feb	Thu 6th	Interstate Open Selection Butler Qualifying 1/4 7.30pm
		Sat 8th – Sun 9th	Rockingham Congress - <i>see flyer</i>
		21st – 29th	Gold Coast Congress
		Sat 22nd	Joondalup Congress
		Sun 23rd	WABC Super/Novice Congress – <i>see flyer</i>
		Fri 28th – Mar 2nd	Albany Congress – <i>see flyer</i>
	Mar	Fri 6th – Sun 8th	Melville Congress – <i>see flyer</i>
		Sat 14th – 15th	Kalamunda Congress
		Sat 21st – Sun 22nd	Interstate Open Selection Final
		Sun 22nd	WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs- <i>see flyer</i>
BAWA AGM		Tue 24th	BAWA AGM 7pm
		Thu 26th	Interstate Women's Selection 1/4
		Sun 29th	Interstate Women's Selection 2 & 3 of 4
	Apr	Sat 4th – Sun 5th	WA Country Championships- <i>see flyer</i>
		Fri 10th – Mon 13th	South Perth Easter Congress- <i>see flyer</i>
APBF		April 15-22	<i>See flyer</i>
		Sun 26th – Mon 27th	Bunbury Congress – <i>see flyer</i>
		Thu 30th	BAWA Summer Swiss Pairs
	May	Sun 3rd	Undercroft Congress
		Sat 9th	Kendenup Congress- <i>see flyer</i>
		Sat 16th -Sun 17th	Western Seniors –PQP/Gold Points
		Sat 23rd – Sun 24th	Interstate Women's Selection
		Sun 24th	ANC Restricted Butler
		Fri 29th – Jun 1st	WABC Congress
		Sat 30th – Sun 31st	Country GNOT
	Jul	Sun 19th	Willetton Novice Congress – <i>see flyer</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 ***New regulations come into effect Nov 6th 2019***			
BAWA/Congress Events: www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.			

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO BAWA COMPETITIONS

Attendance:

Entry to an event entails a commitment to play every session. Penalties may apply to pairs failing to arrive or failing to give 24 hours notice to the Tournament Director. Should unforeseen circumstances prevent attendance, it is the players' responsibility to arrange a suitable substitute.

Substitutes:

Proposed substitutions should be notified to the Director at least 24 hours prior to the session. Penalties apply to players who play with unapproved substitutes.

(See the BAWA regulations for full details)

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WILLETTON BRIDGE CLUB NOVICE CONGRESS

(0 to 150 Master Points as of 1st of Jan 2020)

**50% of Money Collected
will be given in prizes**

Bring your own lunch - Morning & Afternoon Tea Provided

Date: Sunday 19th July 2020
Time: 10.00am to 5.30pm (2 Sessions)
Venue: City of Melville Bridge Club
431 Canning Highway, Melville
(Corner of Stock Rd.)
Cost: \$25/Person
Entry via: BAWA website (www.bawa.asn.au)
Limited to 40 Tables - Get in early!!

Director: Neville Walker (Ph 0418944077)

Convenor: Noel Daniel (Ph 0418910255 or willettonbc@inet.net.au)

Willetton Bridge Club acknowledges the support given
by Melville Bridge Club in organising this event



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JOONDALUP BRIDGE CLUB 3RD ANNUAL CONGRESS

Saturday February 22nd 2020

An Open Congress with Prizes for different categories of Players

ENTRIES

Via BAWA Website : www.bawa.asn.au

PROGRAM

Start Time : 9:30am **Swiss Pairs**

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

Limit of 24 Tables

Light Sandwich lunch provided.

Refreshments & Prize Presentation at 5pm approx.

Convenor :

David Wheaton
dwhe9794@gmail.com
0431 319 509

Director :

Neville Walker



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SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB 2020 EASTER CONGRESS



Welcome Pairs:

Fri 10 April - 1.30pm - \$15

Open Pairs:

Sat 11 April - 10.00am - \$35

Swiss Pairs:

Sun 12 April - 10.00am - \$35

Open Teams:

Mon 13 April - 10.00am - \$35

Welcome Pairs and Open Pairs will be match pointed

Swiss Pairs will be XIMPs converted to VPs.

RED POINTS

CASH PRIZES (approximately 45% entry fees) presented after each event

TD: Neville Walker 0418 944 077

Convenor: TBA

Enter via the BAWA website