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President's Report

From Ian Clark

I trust everyone will enjoy the opportunity to play in all the competitions in and around ANC.

Julian Foster, the person behind myABF, visited Perth last month and held workshops to help Clubs familiarise themselves with the new modules that have been released within the system. Clubs can now use the system for a range of functions including Club administration, running Club events or Congresses, or even their regular Club weekly sessions. The workshops were well attended and should lead to a greater and better use of the myABF system across WA in the months to come.

The BAWA Management Committee has now approved the implementation of a Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct will be in place from the beginning of 2024. It will provide uniform, minimum standards of behaviour for all participants at all Club Congress and State events.

Over the next three months the details of how the Code of Conduct will operate will be communicated to all Clubs, so that this information is available to all their members well ahead of the start date. Information will also be posted on the BAWA website.

In the later part of 2023, Congress and State Directors will start providing guidance and feedback to people at Congresses and State events, if they observe any behaviours that may not meet what is required by the Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct will provide a foundation for even more enjoyable bridge for everyone in 2024 and beyond. ●

SATURDAY BRIDGE

West Australian Newspaper

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

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**NEDLANDS
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2023**

Sunday 27 August
Two Sessions
10am and 2pm



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Friday, 14 July 2023, 10:00 am

This lesson will demonstrate how hand evaluation alters as the auction develops.

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Members \$7, Visitors \$10**



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Diana Schupp



Best Three out of Four for May was won by Doug Hardman and Alan Rattenbury



The Australia Wide Novice Pairs were held on 25 May with a record entry of 16 tables. Winners were Gary Watkins and Ann Kelley who came 36th in the < 50Mps section and 68th overall.



Handicap Pairs, held over two weeks, resulted in a win for Florence Maltby and Di Brooks



Runners up were Ian Watson and Linda Gore

Kalamunda Bridge Club

KALAMUNDA RESTRICTED CONGRESS

27 May 2023

20 pairs played on the day all with less than 300 Masterpoints.

RESULTS:

Winners:



Sandra Hardie and Gudrun Kemmer



Sue Mauger and Geoff Mauger

RESTRICTED PAIRS 50

15 June 2023

This was an event for players with up to 50 Masterpoints

11 pairs played on the day and fun was had by all with some trepidation for some novices playing in a competition for the first time!

RESULTS:

WINNERS:



Robin Ward and Helen Ottosson

RUNNERS UP:



Judith Poole and Lynne Roberts

THIRD



Ross Pringle and Joanne



Our trusty Director, JP, in action on the day.

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Members are reminded that our AGM will be held on July 30 at 1.00pm. A free bridge session will follow the meeting.

The West Coast Congress will be held on Sunday September 10 commencing at 10.00 am. Entries may be made via My ABF

<https://www.myabf.com.au/>

Payment may be made in cash on the day. This is always a very enjoyable day and is followed by delicious refreshments!

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Australia Wide Novice Pairs Heat

N/S



1st Janaki Chandraratna and Barbara Van Reyk - placing 37th in the top 100 Australia wide

2nd Erica Allan and Linda Harrison

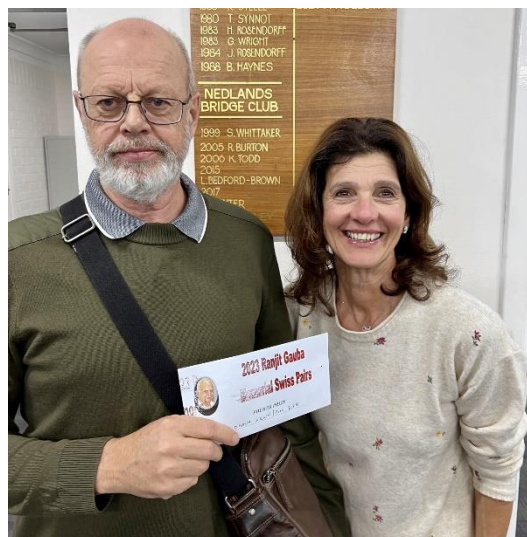
3rd Christine Galbraith and Julianna Westlake

E/W



1st Mario Rossi and Diane Pope – placing 87th in the top 100 Australia wide

2nd Jane Clements and Paul Trevillion
 3rd Lorna Matthews and Lidia Rozlapa
 Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs
 (Photos courtesy of Phil Power)



4th Pim Birss and Deana Wilson
 5th Se – Moi Loh and Laurel Lander

1st Rez Karim and Hasan Hazra



6th Jackin Clare (Eamonn McCabe)

2nd Cynthia Belonogoff and Vinod Nasta



3rd Chris Bagley and John Aquino

Best Nedlands Pair
 Geoff Holman and David Matthews



Best Restricted (under 300mp)
 Nicki McGrath and Andrea McCallum
 Coming soon!

One day Congress
 Swiss Pairs Sunday August 27th
 Enter on the BAWA web site

West Australian Bridge Club

From Penni Fletcher Hughes



Winter Congress director David Burn eyeing off Geoff Holman's generous donation.

WABC's Winter Super Congress sponsored by TBIB hosted 205 session tables. The single session Restricted, Welcome and Farewell Pairs along with the two session Swiss Pairs were the best attended competitions. Full results can be found at <https://www.wabridgeclub.com.au/news/wabc-winter-congress-2023> or on the clubs result pages.

Club members provided a lot of marvellous food for the first two days and the club provided for the last two days. Many thanks to our hard working and much valued volunteers (Jane Lough, Lee Hazell, Tessa Myall, Ursula Maitland, Louise Dickson, Kerry Barns) and our Committee members (Prue Hart, Jacqui Ecclestone, Kate North, Sylvia Bray, Shirley Lavarack and Brian Embleton.

The first day saw Ziggy Morawiec and Shirley Lavarack winning the Restricted Novice Pairs (N/S field) in the morning followed by Winter Welcome Pairs (E/W field) in the afternoon.



Ziggy Morawiec and Shirley Lavarack

The main event the Swiss Pairs was won by Don Allen and David Matthews.



Don Allen, Club President Sylvia Bray and David Matthews

It was good to see a number of younger players taking part in the Congress. Visitors, 10 year old Olly and his father played in the Presidents Pairs, whilst Olly and his sister Lizzy (11) paired with each other in the Novice Pairs event.

The recent "Marvellous Monday" bridge, social gathering and quiz saw the Club rooms packed to the rafters and keeping the director Mark Doust,

who recently won the Western Seniors Competition with John McMullen, on his toes. It was chance for the supervised players to mingle with the duplicate players and they took full advantage of it by winning the quiz.



Marvellous Monday and the Quiz is about to start. Several keen club members recently travelled over to Noosa for five days intensive bridge lessons and fun with Club Professional, Andy Hung. Interspersed with a bit of shopping, plenty of good food and no shortage of wine, participants looked at diagnosing whether to play in 3NT or 5 of a minor; the convention of Inverted Minors; Resolving Stoppers in Competitive Auctions, and Slam Bidding in a minor suit.



Anne-Marie Marias, Jacqui Ecclestone and Andy Hung

This year's Masters In Teams of Three hosted 16 Teams and was a wonderful opportunity for less experienced players to play some teams bridge and learn a trick or two from their Master.

Many thanks to the Masters: Chris Bagley; David Burn; Pauline Collett; Ron Cooper; David Cowell; Julian Foster; Gill Gavshon; Peter Holloway; Chris Mulley; Mimi Packer; John Rigg; Virginia Seward; Lauren Shiels; Stella Steer; Carla Sullivan; and Joanna Tennyson. Thanks to Bruce Fraser who organised the Masters. Julian Foster is from Sydney and was over here on behalf of the ABF to do presentations on MyABF and volunteered to

play. The Steer Team (Stella Steer; Caroline Chadd; Karen Darmody; Sue Mauger) won the day.



The Steer Team

Coming Events: It's a quiet Month coming up with the ANC on in July but once that finishes there is a Red Point Week at the end of July and a Super Saturday on 12 August.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Sunday, 18th June, R.B.C. held its monthly Learners and Mentors session. Partnerships were drawn by lucky dip. The day was very well supported with 6.5 tables in play.

Director, Mike Fulwood ran the Howell movement and all players were encouraged to call for the Director if there was an anomaly.

Students from Nicky O'Connell's class of 2022, Di Brooks' beginners of 2023 and the Rogoyskys' Wednesday evening classes attended, along with the club's experienced players, all made for a good competition.

1st	Di Brooks (Master) and Phil Jamieson (8-weeks tuition)
2nd	Yvonne Mathews and Jill Clark
3rd	Jane Ophorst (Master) and Debbie Kelly
4th	Steve Cuddihy and Barry Shackles (Both students)
5th	Betty Philpot (Master) and Jean Wilde
6th	Nelly Masek and Lee Bunney (Both students)

Congratulations to all participants. Some of whom have NEVER played in a bridge session.

This event bodes well for the future of R.B.C.

Rockingham Bridge Club 777 Teams was held on 23rd May 2023 with 6 teams participating. This event is of great interest as members were asked to incorporate fledglings from 2022 classes. I am

thrilled to report that all 6 teams had this structure. (I ran a Teams Tactics the afternoon prior to the event so new players were skilled in the basics of playing teams and knew the scoring).

The Winning Team: Hawker had Janice Hawker, Rita Hood, Nicky O'Connell and Fledgling, Lee Bunney.

2nd was the Brooks Team with Di Brooks and Walter Hall as the anchor pair and fledglings, Alan Simpson and Barry Shackles.

The Best Understate Masters Team, placed third was Roz Davey, Jenni Creedon, Jenny Churchill, (Fledgling) and Di Alabach.

Director, Steve Rogoysky ran the event. As usual, he was complimented on his relaxed manner, running the competition as well as dealing with the few hiccups. Thank you, Steve.

The best outcome of this event was that every team received Red Points.

As the Teams' Matches needed a two session structure, it was an all day affair. Members donated platters of food and we all enjoyed great camaraderie as well as the country hospitality.

Well done everyone. Hopefully more members will give the event a go in 2024.



Raffle prizes were donated by members as well as local businesses. We thank everyone for their support.



The afternoon session takings were also donated into 'The Pot'. Cash donations were made, very generously. The subtotal to date is \$1,000.00. Well done to all who participated on the day.

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

Our Club is situated in the middle of sports ovals and on the day of our recent Red Point a multi-school sports event was held. It was rather distracting as there were, what seemed to be hundreds of Primary School children playing sport or sitting on the verandahs to keep out of the rain.

However, our Club Pairs went ahead on Thursday 8 June



Winners N/S were Dion Francis and Helen Hyland with 60.85%



Cancer Morning Tea - Rockingham Bridge Club members started the day off with a Quiz. Di Brooks was Quizmaster, (Always very popular...not)



Winners E/W Lee Carter and Margaret Carter-Pyne with 55.95%.

Lee was celebrating her birthday so was delighted to win playing with her sister, Margaret.

We are grateful to all those members who contributed towards a delicious afternoon tea.

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.

Willetton Bridge Club

From Richard Harris

We fielded six tables in the Australia-wide novice competition on May 29 and our first pair, Neil Rankine and Vijay Ahooja, scoring 61.25%, did quite well nationally – ranked in the first 70.

The results were –

N/S

1st Neil Rankine and Vijay Ahooja

2nd Mary Carol and Patricia Moore, 53.75%

3rd Angela McDonnell and Carmel O'Neill, 51.25%

E/W

1st Bill Carnell and Yvonne Wang, 60%;

2nd Simon Platt and Colleen Oehme, 52.08%

3rd Killie Dharmapala and Jean Marks, 49.17%

The club is doing well financially and Treasurer Terry Owen reported a healthy balance of \$7000 at the last committee meeting. A Christmas in July lunch will be held at a local tavern, with a \$5 subsidy for members, with a regular Christmas lunch planned for November at The Pines, Bentley.

One of the more popular functions of the club is not listed anywhere – it's the informal social event after play on Friday afternoons. A glass of wine is

served with cheese and biscuits, dips, pickles, and sausages and the atmosphere is not unlike a country pub in Ireland, where the locals come in for “the crack”, meaning social news. Not all of this has to do with bridge but it is invariably interesting. A grandson has been hired as a ski instructor by the royal family in the Emirates to accompany a royal prince at various events. A granddaughter aged 22, with an honours degree in nuclear medicine, is already earning more than her father, a gifted science teacher. Somebody's cleaning lady was upset because her daughter, aged 16, said she was “old.” Having attended one of these sessions, you wouldn't miss it for quids.

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks



Order of Australia, King's Birthday Awards 2023

Emeritus Professor Josephine Ward

There was a discernible thrill at bridge this week when we learned that our wonderful club member, Jo Ward, is the recipient of a Member of the Order of Australia, King's Birthday awards for 2023 for her significant service to Tertiary Education and Science. The Awards were announced this week by the Governor General, the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC.

Emeritus Professor, Josephine Ward WA received the AM in the General Section for her work in enhancing pathways, course accessibility and outcomes for all young university students, including women in the STEM subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The Governor General commented on the outstanding achievements made by this year's

recipients. He called them an uplifting cohort spanning almost every field of endeavour imaginable and said that “they speak to who we are now and who we can be in the future”, adding that “the breadth and depth of the expertise on this list makes him enormously optimistic for our country.”

A bit of research on Jo Ward, who is one of the most gracious, quiet and modest of our members, shows that she is indeed part of an uplifting cohort, not only is Jo an outstanding mathematician, scientist and educator but she is also an innovator, manager and administrator extraordinaire. Jo's expertise covers two Disciplines. At one time, as Dean of Science at Curtin University, Jo was the only Mathematician in Australia to hold that position.

For 6 years Jo was the Program Chair for Mathematics at Murdoch University in charge of academic oversight and management of course work activities. One of her major achievements was her role in the major restructuring of the mathematics' course at Murdoch, leading the charge for the introduction of technology in both the teaching, and the development of graduate and course learning outcomes. She introduced and oversaw the highly successful innovative Mathematics' Clinic, a program which provided peer support to students of mathematics in their first two years of university. Jo was a long serving member of Murdoch's Academic Council; and served on the Committee of University Entrance (as Chair for 5 years) and on the Education Policy Committee.

Jo's work at Curtin University shows her comprehensive approach and expertise in mathematical and scientific pedagogy. Her achievements include Work Integrated Learning, integrating academic learning with practical application in the workforce with much of her work focused on the increasing accessibility to science through collaboration between teacher educators and science and engineer academia. She enhanced courses, made scientific laboratory experiments, particularly in Physics, more beneficial for learning; she introduced peer evaluation, and created possibilities for integrated learning across curricula. Jo also held the position of Chair of the Academic Board.

Jo's work in the field of the empowerment of women in STEM subjects, (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) was mentioned in

the citation for her Order of Australia Award, particularly her work in the SAGE Athena Swan Project. Jo was involved in this important group from 2016 to 2020 in various leadership roles such as Academic Lead and Project Lead.

We are extremely proud of our bridge player and friend, Jo Ward, and congratulate her for being awarded this huge honour which is so well deserved. We indeed share the Governor General's optimism for the future after looking at Jo's achievements in enhancing and making more accessible the pathway for all young students of STEM, thereby increasing the benefit of their learning to society as a whole.

Australia – Wide Novice Pairs <100 MP's

Congratulations to a new partnership Linda French and Kath Bainbridge who played together for the first time in the Australia-Wide Novice Pairs < 100 and won the event at club level for NS. They received a commendable score of 61.11% which put them in the top 100 players in Australia.

Congratulations also to the EW club winners with a grand score of 63.66%, Suzanne Smythe and Robert Smythe, who have constantly been constantly in the winners' circle since attending Bayswater. Well done.

Gina Ryan and Glenys Peterson were second NS with 59% and Ian Goldsmith and Kevin Outred were third with 58%. Super scores.

On EW side Robert Wall and Ramon Eksanow came second with Max Gerber and Linda Gilbertson coming third, both long standing successful partnerships with very good scores, 58.33 and 51.16% respectively.

Joondalup Bridge Club

From Dirk Lapere

A major upgrade to JBC's evening sessions.

Evening bridge at Joondalup Bridge Club is extremely popular amongst members with both sessions (Tuesday and Thursday) growing steadily to average 15+ tables in 2022. For some time now, the committee has been evaluating how best to combine the steady inflow of beginners into the evening sessions with the competitive levels of the regular evening players. In June, the decision was taken to add a new evening session on Wednesday and upgrade the other evening sessions.

TUESDAY evenings will now commence 15 minutes early at 6.45pm. The session will play a minimum of 24 boards and be eligible for full MPs. There will not be any change of pace on Tuesday since players will have 15 minutes extra playing time in order to get the 2 extra boards in.

WEDNESDAY evenings (7pm) is a NEW session - perfect for beginners and those who prefer a slower pace. Players will have more time per board to build up experience and confidence, whilst still playing in a club competition format. Boards played will be between 15-18 and cheat sheets are allowed. NO PARTNER REQUIRED

THURSDAY Evening (7pm) session will remain a half MP session but boards played will be increased to a minimum of 20 - 22. Cheat sheets are allowed and wine and cheese will still be available during the break.

In the communique to the members, President Dirk Lapere stated that with this new schedule the club maintains a clear growth path for our newcomers whilst providing more competition opportunities in the evenings for the more experienced players.

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess



Our major competition of the year - the Club Championship Pairs - has just been concluded and has been won by Eris Amella and Peter Taylor. Although they are invariably strong competitors at our weekly sessions, this is a first time win for Eris and Peter, who are long-standing and loyal members of the Club; We congratulate them warmly on this achievement. Eris lives in the countryside outside Manjimup and Peter travels from Pemberton, so they would be driving well over 100 kms to come to the Club every Tuesday evening - what great commitment! In second

place were Bronwyn Mitchell and Jana Mayhew, with Eric and Gillian Wheatley a fraction of a percentage point behind in third place, so very well done to them too. This competition is played over four weeks, with each pair's three best scores counting, so it's a 'marathon' event, but this format allows those in our small Club who have to miss a week to also participate.

On a very sad note, we mourn the passing of our friend and long-time Club Secretary, Ursula Wade; She enjoyed her bridge, was a redoubtable competitor and enjoyed considerable success at the table with her partner, our President, Patricia Rodgers. Ursula spent many weeks in Bunbury Hospital fighting to regain her health in readiness for major surgery - and sadly she passed away before it could all be completed.

R.I.P. Ursula. We miss you.

Bunbury Bridge Club

Moth Andersson Pairs



1st Fred Clarke and Judy Clarke

2nd Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders

3rd Colleen Long and Colleen Skipsey



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Entry Fee: \$200 per pair

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card (via 'MyABF credits'), and direct deposit].**



Don Fraser Pairs

By David Schokman

If you play your system and conventions properly, bidding should/could well be an exact science, but that is not how this wonderful game goes because you have two opponents who are also determined to stop the free flow of information. When this happens partnerships veer off the page, each one deciding what their bid was meant to be. This happened to me on two boards on the same night at the Don Fraser pairs at the Undercroft club, and my partner and I totally disagreed on what we should have bid. Another partner felt the same putting a huge dent in my confidence. So, I decided to get some expert advice, and they all said that I was totally wrong and I totally agree with them! I think that it was a senior's moment.

Diagram.

Brd		♠	KQ9		
Dlr	S	♥	Q7642		
Vul	EW	♦	-		
		♣	AK1032		
		♠	7543	N	♠ 10
		♥	3	W	♥ J1095
		♦	K104	E	♦ QJ98653
		♣	98765	S	♣ Q
		♠	AJ862		
		♥	AK8		
		♦	A72		
		♣	J4		
	14				
3	6				
	17				

South deals and open with a bid of 1NT. West passes and north bids 2D, as a transfer to hearts. East decided to join the party with a bid of 3D, this is what could be called a “suicide” bid at this vulnerability, after a strong no-trump opener, and holding four cards in the opponents bid suit. But that was not to be and would have only netted 800 points, scant consolation if there was a slam available. My partner bid 3H and I felt that he should have made a stronger. However, I was 100 pc wrong and my partner, Geoff Yeo (and Cathy Hood) were both correct in their choice of 3H.

Even **Ron Klinger** said “Surely David, you don’t want to punish your partner who may have come into the bidding with XX, Qxxxx xxx,xxx”? So 3H is better than a pass. On this hand I was strong and should have bid 4D and we reach 6H - scoring a

bottom as 6S makes 13 tricks, but that is another story! So, without exception all the people I asked agree that 3H is the correct, and asked how I could have been so stupid to expect partner to envisage what type of hand that I held.

Ben Thompson does not like burying a good five card suit by opening 1NT and that is a point that could be considered. He feels that opening 1S, rather than 1NT, could be used in conjunction with the Gazzilli Convention to handle the hand just like south holds. Google it if interested.

On this hand I wanted my partner to make the bid I wanted because I held a good hand, but on this bidding south had to take the cautious, but correct, view that partner could possibly have a very weak hand.

The second problem was where I held J10753, AJ92, 752, A. in second position, and with both vulnerable, passed. With Dave Munro or Cathy Hood our system allows me to open 2S. My partner opened 1S in 4th seat. We play Drury so have the mechanism to stop below the level of three, just in case it is a weak opener. What are your options? You will probably find that the popular choice will be an immediate bid of 4S. However, I did like the look of my hand and chose to bid 2NT, as a Jacoby bid. My partner appeared to be a little confused and after some thought bid 3C. 4S finished the auction. The question now was the 2NT bid Jacoby, or a 11 point hand with only two spades. My contention was that we had Drury at our disposal so had no reason to raise the ante without good reason. In actual fact if partner had bid 3D, showing a singleton, I would have bid 3H. Would he may have bid 4H, showing 2nd round control? Now 5C by me. At this stage I would not fault partner for stopping in 5S, but the hands happen to be perfect for 6S, which no one bid. Ron Klinger is of the opinion that the issue should be discussed and agreed upon. Ben Thompson feels that the bid should be Jacoby, as bidding 2NT as natural is a good way to go minus, particularly if partner’s opening has been a little light. He would never play 2NT by a passed hand as natural. Fiske Warren believes that I should use Drury and feels that 2NT

as natural bid should never be used in this situation as getting a poor score is a very likely result if your partners opening light.

These are my problems and have I have found solutions for them as I will be playing with both these partners, on many occasions, at the ANC, in the next month and I certainly do not want to be writing about the many mistakes that we made in basic bidding situations. Both my partners have graciously accepted my humble apology, given to them both verbally and in writing!

All of you have not entered in the many events that are available should do so immediately. It is a good chance to test your skill against new and often better opponents.●



Maylands Bridge Club Inc.

One Day Novice Pairs Congress

RED POINT EVENT

**Restricted to 150 Masterpoints as
at 30 June 2023**

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

Seated by 9:20 for a 9:30am start

R A Cook Pavilion

55 Gummery St, Bedford

Director: David Burn

Convenor: Rosemary Cant

BYO LUNCH

Tea and coffee provided

Table Money \$30.00

Cash Prizes

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West Coast Bridge Club

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SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 10.00 A.M.

DIRECTOR – NEVILLE WALKER

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ENTRY FEE \$45 PER PLAYER

**Includes buffet and wine or soft drinks with
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RED MASTER POINTS

Entries open 1st May 2023 on My ABF

Entries close 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

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PRIZES

**Prizes will be awarded depending on the
number of participants, as follows:**

Final – 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Qualifying – 1st and 2nd

**Plate and consolation – 1st, subject to
participating number 2nd and 3rd.**

*If a pair wins two prizes, they will be awarded
the prize having the greater monetary value and
the other prize will be awarded to the next
placed pair in the relevant section of the
congress.*

Movement type and scoring

Morning session: Qualifying, match point pairs

Afternoon session: Finals, match point pairs

Convenor – Sue Vincent (0497 085 277)

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By Ron Klinger
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SOUTH Dealer | NS Vulnerable

Dir	S	♠	A943									
	Vul	♥	652									
		♦	7532									
		♣	A8									
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		♦	-									
		♣	QJ1096432									

South opened 5C, all pass. West leads the DK. Plan the play.

Solution on page 20

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GNOT PROVINCIAL 2023 FINAL

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

Gold Point Event

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST
 CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB
 10.00 AM

Please enter MyABF Cost \$140 PER TEAM	Director Neville Walker TO Robina McConnell Phone 0400943367 BINA360@HOTMAIL.COM
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FIRST PLACE TEAM RECEIVES SUBSIDISED TRIP TO
 QUEENSLAND FOR THE FINAL OF THE GNOT
 1- 4 DECEMBER

GNOT METRO 2023 FINAL

ENTRY QUALIFICATION THROUGH METROPOLITAN CLUB
EVENTS.

Gold Point Event

12 and 13 AUGUST 2023
 CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB
 10.00 AM START BOTH DAYS

ENTER BY MYABF \$250.00 PER TEAM	Director Neville Walker Convenor Robina McConnell Phone 0400943367 BINA360@HOTMAIL.COM
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 1- 4 DECEMBER 2022

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Friday 18 August to Sunday 20 August

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY: WELCOME PAIRS Walk-ins welcome

Cost \$15 per player.

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Can pay via MyABF or cash on the day. (No EFTPOS)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: SWISS PAIRS

Cost \$70 per person.

All entries to be made and paid via MyABF.

ENTRY AND FINAL PAYMENT' CLOSURE DATE 16TH AUGUST

Saturday start 10am (please be seated by 9.45am).

Sunday start 9.30am (please be seated by 9.15).

**BYO LUNCH. Tea and coffee with morning and
afternoon tea provided.**

Director: Neville Walker 0418 944 077 nifty1940@outlook.com

Convenor: Sheryl Coates 0415 748 525 sheryl_coates@yahoo.com

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

TO ENTER FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW

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Those who say Nowt – get Nowt

By Di Brooks

In one of last week's sessions, a board was passed in yet East had 11 points, 7 LOSERS plus a 7 card spade suit. Most systems would open the hand. Players who focus on 12 or more points will miss out on sure contracts.

The hands were – dealer North

Dlr	N	♠	84									
Vul		♥	K103									
		♦	KJ1094									
		♣	Q85									
	♠	Q103			N				♠	AJ97652		
	♥	QJ42			W		E		♥	A7		
	♦	A65							♦	Q8		
	♣	J32							♣	107		
						S						
									♠	K		
	9								♥	9865		
10		11							♦	732		
	10								♣	AK964		

Deep Finesse records 4S can be made, but less experienced players would stop in part score. Unfortunately, at our table, the pass from East was very costly.

Another such example is the responder to an opening '1NT' -

With no points, Pass

With no points and a 5 or 6 card major, bid two of the suit, unless you transfer.

With 9 points or more, jump in the long suit or transfer.

Newer players don't have the transfer convention at their finger tips, espousing the K.I.S.S. System.

So, responders, please keep in mind, a two bid of a suit is WEAK.

Same goes for the Opener. A Weak response is a Rescue Bid or in other terms, a 'Drop Dead Bid' Don't get enamoured with your hand. In this example, a Pass will get you the best result.

Happy bridging ☺



Busselton Zonta Day

Qualifying

N/S Jo Sklarz and Lisa Cusack

E/W Jan Blight and Bob Prince

Final



1st Bob Prince and Jan Blight

2nd Karen Wallwork and Jane Henderson

3rd Patrick Smith and Gillian Disney

Plate

1st Roz Trend and Patricia Anderson

2nd Ingrid Gilfillan and Michelle Pollock

3rd Ruth Willers and Sally Vidalis

Classy Play and Lucky Day

By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION

This deal arose in a qualifying round of a South-West Pacific Teams in Canberra:

Dir	S	♠	A943		♠	KJ82
Vul	NS	♥	652		♥	J97
		♦	7532		♦	A10984
		♣	A8		♣	7
	♠	1076	W	N	E	
	♥	K1083				
	♦	KQJ6				
	♣	K5		S		
				♠	Q5	
	8			♥	AQ4	
12		9		♦	-	
	11			♣	QJ1096432	

This deal arose in a qualifying round of a South-West Pacific Teams in Canberra:

After West opened 5C in first seat, West led the DK, ruffed by declarer. The winning line is to play a low club and finesse dummy's C8. When that wins, continue with a low spade to your queen. If the queen were to lose to the king, you would need to fall back on the heart finesse.

If East plays low, the SQ will win and the contract is safe. In practice, East will rise with the SK. If East now shifts to a heart you must rise with the HA, cash the SQ and lead a club to dummy's ace. You then discard a heart on the SA.

When East plays a heart after winning with the SK, it would be an error to finesse the HQ. West would win and the CK would then eliminate your entry to dummy with the spades still blocked. The winning line was produced by Stephen Burgess then of Christchurch and Phil Markey of Adelaide.

Frank Sinatra's favourite bridge song: 'I bid it my way.' ●



Working with Tokens

Collection of table money is a problem we all have to face and Clubs have various ways of doing it. Do we collect at the door or at the table? Do we only accept cash or is EFTPOS possible, or tokens?

At my club we collect at the table and when table fees were \$5.00 for green point events there were few problems. However, in our modern society where cash is no longer king the demand for using a card to pay arose. So, an EFTPOS machine was installed.

Players were happy but, each transaction took about 30 seconds which meant sometimes a 2-minute wait at a table. Some days we have 16-20 tables. I will let you do the maths.

When table fees were raised to \$6.00 things became problematic. EFT users were still happy, but cash payers suddenly had to find that extra dollar. The solution arrived at was to provide tokens (blue ones). The tokens were ordered online and are embossed with the Club initials.

Tokens are to be purchased in advance by players in amounts of 5 or 10 and used instead of cash (no EFT allowed). This has worked well. Players put their cash or tokens in one corner of the table and the collection process is much simplified.

Problems arose again for red point and special events which were charged at \$7.00. Using blue tokens plus a dollar was a backward step. The solution was to purchase red tokens to be sold in lots of 5 for \$35.00.

The EFTPOS machine is now used for selling tokens and any other transactions not involving table money.

Finally, the amount of cash to bank has been substantially reduced which made the Treasurer happy.

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Results

TEAMS OF 4 – July 2023

From John Beddow

OPEN

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
SPBC	2	1	21.68
UNDERCROFT-A	1	1	17.82
WABC-A	1	1	11.77
NEDLANDS	1	1	10.70
WABC-B	1	-	8.23
MELVILLE	1	-	7.62
UNDERCROFT-B	1	-	2.18

INTERMEDIATE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	6	4	59.90
NEDLANDS	4	2	49.08
WEST COAST B	4	2	39.87
WEST COAST A	5	1	33.46
SPBC	2	2	30.26
UNDERCROFT	3	1	28.02
MELVILLE	2	1	19.41

NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	6	4	79.35
JOONDALUP B	4	4	60.36
SPBC	4	3	42.71
MELVILLE B	4	2	38.99
JOONDALUP A	3	1	33.12
UNDERCROFT A	4	1	30.82
WEST COAST	4	-	22.26
MELVILLE A	4	1	21.92
UNDERCROFT B	1	1	10.47

Country GNOT Final

1 st	Patricia Anderson and Florence Maltby
2 nd	Steven Rogoysky and Helen Rogoysky
3 rd	Robin McConnell and Peter Hebson

70% Results (Random search)

Bunbury

78.6 Jock Mullen and Margie Mullen

Geraldton

75.0 Heather Cupitt and Wayne Cupitt

Joondalup

72.8 Daphne Field and Egon Mikolajczyk

70.2 Dirk Lapere and David Cowell

Mandurah

73.6 Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg

71.9 Di Brooks and Florence Maltby

70.8 Ros Trend and Sandra Hardie

70.0 Patricia Anderson and Gerald Merven

Maylands

74.7 Luba Klein and Louis Klein

Melville

72.9 Laurel Lander and Frans Fikke

73.7 Gwyneira Brahma and Deana Wilson

Nedlands

70.8 Tom Wheatley and Frank O'Connor

Northern Districts

72.0 Lee Leach and Eddie Pozarowszczyk

South Perth

77.0 Di Heath and Sandra Noble

Swan Districts

74.0 Sue Hillan and Bob Steer

73.0 Josephine King and Jim Andrusiak

Undercroft

73.6 Terry Collins and Louise Collins

71.0 Philip Oldershaw and Anthony Eardley

West Coast

72.8 Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat

70.8 Max Havercroft and Brian Kaye

72.0 Maureen Phillips and Harold McKnight

Willetton

72.0 Ameer Ali and Leon Ref

WABC

70.8 Vivienne Goldberg and Andy Hung



August Deadline

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

Diarize Now

Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	Jul	Sat 8th – 9th	Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs
ANC Perth		10th – 20th	ANC in Perth
		Sun 23rd	Albany Restricted Congress
		Sun 30th	BAWA Masters in teams of 3
	Aug	Wed 2 nd	BAWA State Daytime Pairs 10.30am 1/3
		Thu 3 rd	BAWA Open Teams 1/4
			BAWA Restricted Swiss Pairs 1/3
		Fri 4 th – Sun 6 th	South Perth Winter Congress
		Sat 12 th -Sun 13 th	GNOT Metro Final
		Fri 18 th – Sun 19 th	Mandurah Winter Congress
		Sat 26 th	GNOT Provincial/Restricted Final
		Sun 27 th	Nedlands Congress
		Wed 30 th	BAWA Spring Pairs 1/3 WABC pm
	Sep	Sat 2 nd	Bayswater Restricted Swiss Pairs (<300)
		Sat 9th – 10th	WA Country Championships
		Sun 10th	West Coast Congress
		Wed 13th	South Perth Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs
		Sat 16th – Sun 17th	HGR Memorial Congress
		Fri 22 nd – Sun 24 th	Kalgoorlie Congress
	Oct	Sun 1st	Rosendorff Women's Swiss Pairs
		Wed 4th	BAWA Daytime Open Teams 10.30am (1 of 3)
		Fri 6- Sun 8th	Nedlands Congress
		Fri 13th – Sun 15th	Denmark Congress
		Sat 21st – Sun 22 nd	Undercroft Congress
		Friday 27th	Maylands Novice Congress
		Sun 29th	Super Vets Congress
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.		

KALGOORLIE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS 2023

Director: David Burn

22, 23 and 24 September 2023(long weekend)

At the Railway Motel Kalgoorlie (ph - 90880000)

Recommended Accommodation - Railway Motel - mention Bridge Congress for a great deal

Fri 22 September - 5.30pm Registration

Finger food and Bar open during registration time.

7pm – Welcome Pairs - \$20pp

Saturday 23 September - 9.30am Open Pairs \$40pp– Qualifying Round

1pm approx. **Open Pairs – Final, Plate and Consolation**

Sunday 24 September - 9.30am Teams Competition - \$40pp

1pm approx. **Teams Competition**

Followed by Presentations, Finger Food and Farewells – Bar Open

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

Free tea, coffee and water available throughout Congress

Convener – Sue Lia 0418215308 or for any enquiries ph Mary 0400681608



GOLDEN WEST 2023

Gold Point Event

Swiss Pairs

Saturday 11 November 10am and 1.45pm

Sunday 12 November 9.30am and 1.15pm

Entry Fee \$90 per player

No play Saturday Night

Prize Giving at approximately 5.00pm Sunday

Venue: Mandurah Bridge Club

Corner Murdoch & Bortolo Drives, Mandurah

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Friday Afternoon 11th November

Welcome Pairs Red Point Event

1.00pm

Run by Mandurah Bridge Club

Tournament Organiser: Allison Stralow (0403153823)

Allison.Stralow@yahoo.com

Tournament Unit: Neville Walker, Brian Wade

Contact Allison or Neville 0418944077

- Entries: <https://myabf.com.au/events/> No cash payments accepted, contact the Tournament Organiser for assistance if necessary.
- Players and officials are asked not to attend the event if they are not well, or if they are supposed to be isolating or quarantining. If you come to play but are not well, you will be asked to leave the

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