

wa bridge



ANC Restricted Butler Final



Winners:

Stephen Pynt and Kaiping Chen
with Convener Robina McConnell



Runners Up:

Martin Broome and Valerie Broome



◀ *Tournament Director Neville Walker and Convener Robina McConnell*



◀ *Caddy and Youth Bridge player Kate Does*



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◀ Heather Fergie, Claire James, Kendenup Bridge Club President Bob Fergie and Denmark Bridge Club President John Elliott.



▲ Swan Districts Bridge Club President David Kininmonth, Judy Brown, Valerie Parker and Past President Melville Bridge Club Dorothy Stevenson.



▲ Marie Ikier, Past President of West Coast Bridge Club Peter Garcia-Webb, Metka Agrez and Peach Partis.



Melville Bridge Club President Nicole Bertinshaw, Kate North, Claire Weston and Vanessa Starcevic ▶

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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Congratulations to Jane Reynolds and her team for a very successful Western Senior Pairs which was held recently at the WABC. This was a great Gold Point event which ran smoothly all weekend and was thoroughly enjoyed by all 144 players. Special well done to the directors – the turnaround time between rounds and score display was first class.

All of our teams and captains for Queensland ANC 2016 have now been determined. I'm sure all WA players will join me in wishing our Open, Women, Senior and Youth teams' great success.

I missed the wild weather weekend (21/22 May) as I was in Canberra for the ABF AGM where the weather was delightful; cloudless, 21°C and not a breath of wind. The AGM was somewhat tiring but a number of issues were discussed and I thought I would share a couple of them with you.

Quite some time was spent discussing the recent cheating allegations / admissions in world bridge and the ABF's position re Australia. The most interesting aspect was that the cheating was discovered because every world class player playing against the cheaters KNEW they were cheating as the anti-percentage and illogical but successful plays were happening far too often to be "lucky". They just didn't know how it was done. A number of dedicated players then went in search of the evidence. Most of the methods were relatively simple and had they been even slightly more complicated may have been impossible to detect. To make matters more difficult an Australian player recently told the ABF Tournament Committee that his latest hearing aid bluetoothed seamlessly to his phone. He thought they should know. ☺ In short a very, very difficult issue without an easy solution. Money in sport is an issue, with successful players earning 6 figure incomes

Player suspension was discussed at some length. Should an interstate player suspended from, for example, The Gold Coast Congress be able to play in the next national gold point event in either their own or any other state? Should they be permitted to play in any bridge event including a

club duplicate session during a period of suspension? Should a player suspended from an ABF affiliated club be permitted to play in the ABF affiliated club down the road. There is a view in the ABF that says "one in all in." The eventual consensus was that suspension from a National Gold Point will result in a suspension from all National Events for the period of the suspension and a suspension from State events within one state will result in suspension from all state events around the country. The question of club suspension will be passed back to states to ascertain the views of their clubs.

The question arose; are players members of ABF or are they members of their clubs which are affiliated with their state bodies, which in turn is affiliated with the ABF? The overwhelming view was that as every player has an ABF number and every player is a member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme they were clearly members of the ABF and the ABF should promote and encourage that view. A number of ideas were discussed and I think that players should see a greater ABF presence as time progresses.

Finally the world-wide problem of decreasing numbers in Women's bridge. What could be done? Should anything be done? Should the market decide? There a strong view from some female members of the ABF Council that Women's bridge was an anachronism and inappropriate in 2016. They argued that there is no logical reason for Women's bridge to exist. There was some discussion about whether or not Mixed events would be more appropriate and whether or not Mixed Teams should be added to the ANC.

Your view about any or all of the above is always welcome.

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

On Thursday 19th May the Mandurah Bridge Club hosted its 4th Biggest Morning Tea. This event raises money for the Cancer Council WA and each year the amount has increased, from just under \$1600 in 2013 to over \$4500 this year. This year's event was organised by Jim & Jenny McNamara (Past President and Past Treasurer of the Club) and it was expanded to include a bring & buy table, second-hand books, plant sales as well as raffle prizes and auction items donated by local businesses and Club members. Furthermore, our Pink Wig lady, Club member Denise Sampson, wore her pink wig at each bridge session during the week raising over \$700 in donations alone.



Pink Wig lady Denise Sampson and Marjorie Bufton at the book stall.



Flower seller Audrey Edwards.



Valerie Taylor, Rae Bishop, President Ann Shalders and Chris Martens about to tuck into scrumptious food donated by Club members.

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Bayswater Club Logos

Bayswater Bridge Club now has its own series of logos to place on shirts, newsletters, table covers and even on the planned Facebook page. Thanks go to President, John Maiorana, who commissioned the logos from cmp designs with input from club members.

Membership increasing

Membership and table numbers are gradually increasing as new players and learners join the Wednesday afternoon sessions. Lessons, having a duty dummy and a welcoming club help to keep up the numbers to ensure at least 8 or 9 tables even when many are away due to sickness, commitments or away on holidays.

Sandy and Don Sutton-Mattock teach at Trinity School for Seniors on Monday mornings and many players come along to Bayswater to practise what they have learnt during the term. Sue Levy takes the more advanced students on Thursday afternoons. Edward Reeves from the morning group has joined Bayswater this year with a lot of success, coming first with partner Frances Crewe in the latest session with 56%.

Kevin Stubbs, another of Sandy's students from Trinity school, has taken on the task of helping to maintain viable numbers at the day session at Canning Districts Club where numbers have been gradually declining and the evening session no longer running. The death recently of Philip Moog has been another hard blow for the club but Kevin is working hard to keep the session going, even taking on the role of scorer. The club meets on Tuesdays at 10am at the Recreation Centre, Beasley Road, Leeming. Sandy and Don are planning on helping out with a series of lessons soon to help to increase numbers.



Accolades for 7H bid and made

The ethos of a supportive and friendly club shone through a couple of weeks ago when, during a lull while people were playing, a burst of applause erupted at one table from the partner of declarer and the opponents who were all cheering Laura Bolitho who had just bid and made 7H. The support was so spontaneous for declarer, Laura especially as she is a very new player and also for partner Joyce Weinberg for her part in the bidding. No one else in the room found the bid although one other pair bid 6H. Well done, Laura and Joyce.



Bridge for Brains

Just on \$400 was raised for the Neuroscience Research Australia during the Bridge for Brains week. Table money was increased, with agreement from the members, from the usual

\$6.00 to \$10.00 with the whole of the monies raised sent to the Foundation to help in the battle against Alzheimer's disease and Dementia.

NS	Glenys Peterson and Pam Davey
EW	Elaine Lindebringhs and Jos Charters



Bon Voyage

The members wished farewell and bon voyage to Margaret Widmer, a friendly, generous lady and keen bridge player who played for some time at our club before moving to Sydney. Margaret fitted in well at our club and we look forward to playing with her again when she visits Perth on her regular travels to Switzerland.

InclusionWA



Members from Bayswater Bridge Club set up a bridge table at the combined InclusionWA and the Bayswater City Council community event held on Sunday, 10th April at The Rise Recreation Centre in Guildford Road, Maylands. InclusionWA offers all people even those with some disability a chance to participate in a wide range of community activities in the city, showcasing suitable clubs which are able to offer the activity generally unmodified. Bridge is suitable for many different disabilities including ambulatory, speech or hearing problems. Many clubs from

the area offered prizes which were drawn from those who had filled their sheet with stamps the range of activities offered so it was a chance to show everyone, including children, how to play mini-bridge.

Information about Bayswater Bridge Club

For more information about the session or lessons ring Sandy on 0448 005 967 or email sandy.7notrumps@gmail.com

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

April is of course the time of ANZAC Day and Fremantle Bridge Club acknowledged the commemoration of that date by holding their ANZAC Pairs competition on 30 April.



Winners Marion Jefferson and Tom Wheatley



Second were Maureen Bellett and Sam Zurub



Third were Rhonda and Norman Solomon.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The Autumn Pairs attracted 34 pairs playing 9 rounds over three Wednesdays.



Winning the Autumn Pairs **Jo Sklarz** and **Pauline Hammond** with President Mary-Jane Whitehead.



2nd Ian Bailey and David Dale

3rd Flaviu Radu and Ping Robson



4th Jonathan Free and Linda Coli



The Club Mixed Pairs Championships was won by **Doreen Jones** and **Dave Munro**, 2nd Terri Garbutt and Jonathan Pynt with Roz Trend and Russell Milburn 3rd



Winning the Club Teams Championship David Schokman, Doreen Jones, Catherine Hood and Cynthia Belonogoff.

2nd Deb Frankel, Pauline Hammond, Dadie Greenfeld and Jan Blight.



3rd Deana Wilson, Trevor Fuller, Kirstyn Fuller and Jane Reynolds.



West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

A quiet month at WABC but we enjoyed hosting the Western Seniors in mid May on behalf of ABF/BAWA.

Congratulations to the Convenor Jane Reynolds and her directing team of Peter Holloway and Neville Walker for running such a successful and enjoyable weekend.

I thank all who supported our raffle which was the first of three to be held this year in support of the SAS Family Trust. The lucky winner was Taeko Briggs with minor prizes to Ros Warnock, Eileen Reilly and Helen Ilett.

All good luck to our State Representatives who will travel to Brisbane this month. WABC are particularly proud that the team will this year include 11 of our club members some of whom will be representing WA for the first time. We hope you all travel safely and enjoy the experience.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

We played the Bridge for Brains on Monday May 9 in 2 sections.

Winners

N/S Section A

1 st	Maurice Herman and Gloria Herman
2 nd	Shirley Phillips and Michael Phillips
3 rd	Janet Fisher and Janet Johnson

E/W Section A

1 st	Pippa Letch and Noel Jordon
2 nd	Barbara Giles and Glenys Keenan
3 rd	Jimmy Van Dieren and Tsuei Huang

N/S Section B

1 st	Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett
2 nd	Derry Houston and Elizabeth Milne
3 rd	3rd Chieh Goodlet and Colleen Stone

E/W Section B

1 st	Chotoo Baghat and Baboo Baghat
2 nd	Michael Smith and Barbara Martin
3 rd	Yvonne Plows and Michael Plows

The day raised \$760 to The Alzheimer's Association.



Undercroft Bridge Club

Mid-Year Congress Results (44)

1st	Pauline Hammond and Jo Sklarz
2nd	Trevor Fuller and Gerry Daly
3rd	David Schokman and Dave Munro
4th	Mark Doust and Sue Gammon
5th	Ken Smith and Judy Havas
6th	Jackie Williams and Darrell Williams
7th	Jane Reynolds and Deana Wilson
8th	Noriko Sakashita and Elizabeth McNeill
9th	Phil Power and Kathy Power
10th	Jean Muller and Edward Roscoe



VALE PHIL MOOG

*(Phil was a member of the 1996 ANC Seniors Team
– BAWA Archives)*



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Busselton Bridge Club



Zonta Charity Day

Red Point Event

Saturday June 18th

Naturaliste Community Centre,
Dunsborough

9.30 am Qualifying Pairs

1.15 Final and Consolation

Director: **Neville Walker**

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Bunbury Congress Results

From Di Brooks - Club Coordinator

Welcome Pairs



1st Mei Huang and Carol Netscher with Convener Brian Wade



2nd Elizabeth McNeill and Dave Munro



3rd Tony Martin and Metka Agrez



Best Performing Bunbury Pair: Jan Morgan and Peter Morgan

Saturday Pairs Qualifying

Section A: Di Brooks and Florence Maltby

Section B: Cassie Morin and Helen Arendts

Finals



1st Cassie Morin and Helen Arendts



2nd Florence Maltby and Di Brooks

3rd Dave Munro and Elizabeth McNeill



Best Performing Bunbury Pair: Colleen Long and Colleen Skipsey

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Plate



1st Corrie Davis and Clyde England



2nd Jeanne Hey and Valerie Isle

3rd Doug Hardman and Vera Hardman



Best Performing Bunbury Pair: Liz Norton and Lurline Anderson

Sunday Teams



1st Kaiping Chen, Cynthia Belonogoff, Jessica Chew (Rez Karim)



2nd Murray Webber, Kate Boston, Dave Munro, Elizabeth McNeill



3rd Florence Maltby, Di Brooks, John Ferguson and Marianne Viebke



Best Performing Bunbury Team: Phyl Barnes, Joy Gibson (Marek Golinski, Jane Moulden)

There were 17 prizes in the raffle donated by members and organised by Joy Gibson in her usual skilful manner.

Members provided the Morning and Afternoon Teas. Subway rolls and salad were the lunch specials on the Saturday, with homemade sandwiches and salad on the Sunday plus pizza for Sunday supper.

Bunbury Bridge Club would like to thank Director Neville Walker, Convener Brian Wade and all members who contributed to the catering - making the 34th Annual Bunbury Congress such a success.



2016 SWAN RIVER OPEN SWISS PAIRS

a PQP (32, 24, 16 & 8) and GOLD POINT event

1st - \$1000 per pair and 2nd - \$500 per pair

Saturday 20th August at 10.00 am

and

Sunday 21st August at 9.30 am

at the West Australian Bridge Club, Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Directing Team

Matthew McManus and Bill Kemp

Tournament Organiser

Hilary Yovich

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Entry Fee \$80 per player payable at the table or on the BAWA web site

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Lunches from Kirkwood Deli may be ordered before play



A Director's Ruling

3 "Debunking a Fallacy and Being a Better Partner"

From Matt McManus

"After a player hesitates, their partner must pass". Hands up if you thought that that is an accurate statement. Given the number of times it has been quoted to me while I have been directing, surely it must be true? **However, I can definitively state - and I do not mind if you quote me - that to say that the partner of the hesitator must pass is definitely not correct.** I will give an example which hopefully will finally put an end to such nonsense.

With your side vulnerable and the opponent's not vulnerable, you as East hold:

- ♠ AK4
- ♥ J1075
- ♦ KQ97
- ♣ Q3

In order, this is really what happened at the table...

- Partner opens 1H
- North overcalls 1S
- you bid 3H (strong)
- South ups the ante with 4S
- 30 seconds of thinking from your partner, followed by Pass
- Pass from North
- you Double
- the opponents scream: "Director!"

Is there anything wrong with this scenario? Have there been any infractions?

1) Well, partner did think for a long time over 4S But I trust that you will recall from the two previous articles: just because of player thinks for an extended time and then passes, no infraction has occurred. There is no reason to call the director.

2) You didn't pass after your partner's hesitation. The opponents seem to be proponents of the opening statement: "After a player hesitates, their partner must pass". However, it is only an issue if you have taken advantage of the unauthorised information you got from your partner's hesitation. At this exact moment, the opponents cannot know whether or not this is the case -

they don't know what is in your hand. The appropriate moment for them to call is when they see what is in your hand. If the board is played in 4SX, that will be when the hand is completely over.

Let us assume for the moment that at the end of the hand (4SX went down three), they do call the director back. What happens now? Following the procedure detailed in the previous article, the director will enquire as to whether there are any logical alternatives to the call you made. Specifically in this instance, is pass a logical alternative to double? But is passing even a possibility on your hand? Your partner opened, you have 15 points, you must do something - 4S has clearly been bid as a sacrifice. What was partner thinking about? Your spade holding indicates that he is likely to hold at most one spade - maybe even a void. He was considering whether it was safe to bid on to 5H. In the end, his pass indicated that he wanted to leave the decision up to you. Passing is not even close to a logical alternative and the director will let the score stand. For East to pass in this position would be wrong. To think that he was acting ethically in so doing would be very misguided.

Being a better partner

While I have tried to stress that under the Laws there is nothing wrong with hesitations per se, there is a very real downside. When you take quite some time to consider your call and you then pass, you are placing your partner under significant ethical strain to not take any notice of the fact that you clearly have something to think about. If you do find yourself in a position where you have thought about your actions for longer than normal, you should strive to come down on the side of action rather than inaction. The motto of a better partner could be: "When in doubt, don't pass." Have a look at this example taken from a recent game. Sitting South you have a reasonably good hand and are all ready to open 1S, when the pesky right hand opponent, East, opens 3D in front of you. You are vulnerable with:

- ♠ AK1087
- ♥ Q654
- ♦ 82
- ♣ KJ

Now, you do have 13 points and a good spade suit – that points to bidding. Then again, you have hearts as well as spades so maybe you should be making a takeout double. On the other hand, the almost balanced shape with no singletons and the ugly king-jack doubleton in clubs makes action far less inviting and maybe quite dangerous if West is sitting over you with all the points. What to do? Well, it's not an easy decision. Nobody would blame you for taking your time weighing the pros and cons. In the end, you decide to pass. West passes and it's North's turn to bid – here is his hand:

- ♠ Q92
- ♥ KJ2
- ♦ AJ3
- ♣ Q1032

It is an opening hand, but not particularly attractive. Very balanced, only one ace, no major suit. Most expert players would probably pass out 3D when it is passed around to them.

But look at the two hands together. NS are likely to make 4S and yet they defend 3D. Who should have taken action? After South thinks for a while and it comes back to North, North knows that his side almost certainly has the majority of the points. So, it is tempting for North to take some action. However, having seen these last couple of articles, I hope readers realise that the unauthorised information North has from South's hesitation prevents him from taking a borderline action here. That means one of two things has to have happened before:

1) South needs to pass over 3D in a normal tempo. (That doesn't mean quickly, it just means at a tempo which doesn't suggest that he has a real problem in deciding what to bid.) If he doesn't convey any unauthorised information, then North is free to do whatever he likes – no matter how ridiculous! However, we have already determined that for South to bid in tempo will be very difficult given his hand. OR

2) South needs to have taken some affirmative action (ie. other than Pass) after thinking for a significant time.

So it all depends on South really. South can make it easier for his partner by not passing after thinking.

This is what I mean by being a better partner. Sometimes when you stop to think, you will end up deciding that it is safest to pass. But you need to be aware that it may not be that safe at all. Your break in tempo will preclude your partner from taking a borderline action and you will end up defending when you should be declaring. After thinking for longer than normal, you should strive to make a bid or double whenever possible. Occasionally, it won't be that good and you may suffer a penalty, but in the long run, you will make it easier for your partner – and isn't that what good bridge is about?



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- Vol. 44 No.1 March-May 2013
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- Vol. 44 No.4 December 2013-February 2014

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Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress 2016

23rd, 24th and 25th September (long weekend)

Director – **Peter Holloway**

Friday 23 rd	Welcome Pairs	\$30pp	Registration from 6pm with finger food and bar open. Play start at 7pm
Saturday 24 th	Open Pairs	\$40pp (incl lunch)	Play starts at 9.30am
Sunday 25 th	Open Teams	\$40pp (inc lunch)	Play starts at 9.30am

Presentations – finger food and bar open at the end of teams competition.

Free tea and coffee and water available thru out congress.

VENUE:

Goldfields Arts Center
35 Cheetham St, Kalroorie
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ACCOMMODATION RECOMMENDED:

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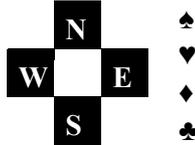


Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

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Brd		♠ AK42
Dlr	S	♥ A5
Vul	Nil	♦ J87543
		♣ 4
		♠ 85
12		♥ K1096432
		♦ A
12		♣ AJ6



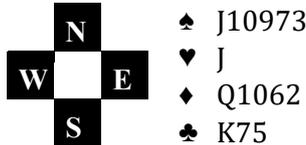
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1H
Pass	2D	Pass	3H
Pass	4NT	Pass	5C
Pass	6H	All Pass	

West leads C10, C4, CK, CA.

Plan the play. A word of warning: this problem is a lot more difficult than it looks.

Solution:

Brd		♠ AK42
Dlr	N	♥ A5
Vul	Nil	♦ J87543
		♣ 4
		♠ 85
12		♥ K1096432
		♦ A
9	7	♣ AJ6



You could ruff a club, then draw trumps. That will work if trumps divide 2-2: you will lose just the one club.

A much better plan is to ruff both your losing clubs. The second will be with the trump ace: you

will then require trumps to be 2-2 (like before), but you will also make if there is a singleton jack or queen, which will occur about 25% of the time. The odds of making shoot up from about 40% to 65%.

But it won't necessarily be enough. Take a look at the play. It goes:

- Trick 1: CA
- Trick 2: club ruff
- Trick 3: diamond ace
- Trick 4: club ruff with the ace

If you now ruff a diamond, you will go down, even though the singleton honour option comes through for you. West will win the second round of hearts with the queen, and lock you into dummy with a spade play. You can't get out of dummy without promoting a second trump trick for him.

To make the contract, you have to cash the SAK before ruffing a diamond back to hand. Then when West wins his trump, he won't have a play that can embarrass you.

Terence Reese borrowed a chess term to describe this play: he called it "removing the flight square". It's also known as a Dentist Coup (extracting an opponent's exit).

Difficult to see, difficult to execute. Next month, I promise you an easier problem.

The moral: At bridge, danger lurks behind every corner.



Red Point

*If you're not playing in the HGR and want to
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Capel Life

By Di Brooks

I can't tell you how great it is to be back to health - still a little way to go but the Mojo is working.

Friday night, I was booked as Director for the Bunbury Congress Welcome Pairs. Alan drove me to the Club at 5.30pm and then came to pick me up at 10.30pm. My Hero 😊 Partner, Florence Maltby and I had a brilliant set in the Qualifying and this flowed through into the Finals with us finishing second.

No lucky gifts in the Finals. We had to work hard for our results. We played Precision, with the Asking Bids. Not bad going as Florence had three weeks to study the format. Partner did her homework well.

Sunday Teams, we were teed up with Bunbury pair, Marianne Viebke and John Ferguson. We all played well, losing badly to the #1 seeds - Munro, McNeil, Boston and Webber then also losing by 8 Imps to the Chew Team.

On the whole we played well. We were thrilled to finish third, 5 points below second and 6 points below first.



Coming up Events

- **BAWA State Swiss Pairs**

4 weeks event starts Thursday 14th July
Venue: South Perth Bridge Club

- **BAWA Daytime Open Pairs**

3 weeks event starts Wednesday 3rd August
Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club




THE RANJIT GAUBA MEMORIAL SWISS PAIRS

A ONE DAY EVENT
Saturday 9th July, 2016
Two sessions 10.00am and 2.00pm

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17th June – 19th June 2016

Geraldton Bridge Club Rooms
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PROBLEM

WEST dealer | BOTH vulnerable

NORTH

♠ AQJ9753
 ♥ -
 ♦ 6
 ♣ AK864

SOUTH

♠ 42
 ♥ KJ86
 ♦ A9532
 ♣ Q3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2H (1)	3H (2)	Pass	3NT
Pass	4C	Pass	4S
Pass	6S	All Pass	

- 1) 5+ hearts and a 4+ minor
- 2) 5+ spades and a 5+ minor

West leads the DK. Plan the play.

Brd		♠ AQJ9753		♠ K106
Dlr	W	♥ ---		♥ Q743
Vul	Both	♦ 6		♦ 104
		♣ AK864		♣ J1092
		♠ 8		
		♥ A10952		
		♦ KQJ87		
		♣ 75		
		♠ 42		
		♥ KJ86		
		♦ A9532		
		♣ Q3		
14				
10	6			
10				

The first question is whether West should open the bidding at all. If so, is a 1H bid suitable? What about a multi-2H opening, showing 5+ hearts and a 4+ minor?

Using Marty Bergen's Rule of 20 (If the HCP plus the number of cards in your two longest suits comes to 20 or more, you have a one-opening),

West should open 1H. It also qualifies under the extended Rule of 22, which I prefer: If HCP + two longest suits + quick tricks = 22 or more, you have a one-opening. Quick tricks (A-K = 2, K-Q = 1, A = 1, A-Q = 1.5 and K-x = 0.5) are an important ingredient for a one-opening.

If West does open 1H, what should North do? Possibly Double or 2H, (Michaels = 5+ spades and a 5+ minor) or a jump to 4S. After a 1H opening on your right, a small slam is possible, but not highly likely.

This was the auction at one table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1H	2H (1)	Pass	2S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5D
Pass	6S	All Pass	

- 1) 5+ spades and a 5+ minor

Lead: S8

Declarer finessed the SQ, quite reasonable after West has opened the bidding. East took the SK and one look at dummy convinced East to return a spade to preserve his club trick. One down for +100.

If West opens 1H and North ends in 6S, East probably leads the H3: Jack - ace - ruffed. Suppose declarer plays a diamond to the ace (on which West should play the DK) and takes the spade finesse. East can win this and deduce that North has no diamond loser to discard on the HK. Therefore North began with at most one red card and must have quite a few clubs, and so East returns a spade.

If East is not up to that, then a good move would be to duck the SQ. Thinking the SK is onside, declarer is likely to return to dummy's CQ to repeat the spade finesse. One down.

If West passes, what should North open? The hand is too good for 4S and recommended is 1S. Using the 'more honour tricks than losers' rule, opening 2C is an option. The drawback to starting with 2C is that if the auction becomes highly competitive, it can be hard to describe North's

shape. Opening 1S is safe enough. It is extremely rare for a one-opening to be passed out when opener has a freakish hand below 17 HCP.

How do you manage if West starts with a multi-2H? A bid of 3H, Michaels, was the consensus, if that is in your partnership repertoire. That led to this auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2H (1)	3H	Pass	3NT
Pass	4C	Pass	4S
Pass	6S	All Pass	

1) Weak hand, 5+ hearts, 4+ minor

Lead: DK

ANSWER TO PROBLEM:

If West's pattern was 2-5-4-2 and the SK was with East, the slam could not be made. South therefore played West to have started with a singleton spade or SK-x. He won the DK lead with the ace, played a spade to the ace and continued with a club to the queen, club to the ace and a club ruff. When this survived, a heart ruff, followed by the SQ saw declarer in control and the slam was home.

Much as he is opposed to bending the rules of good bridge, he is not bigoted about it.



FREMANTLE Bridge Club ONE DAY CONGRESS



SUNDAY 12th June 2016

Freemasons Hall,
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Fremantle

Two Session Pairs directed by **Peter Holloway**

10.00 – Qualifying

14.00 – Final, Plate and Consolation

Entry Fee - \$30.00 per player

Joint Convenors:

John Penman (jpenman@bigpond.com)

Sue Simper (sue.simper@education.wa.edu.au)

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West Coast Bridge Club



2016 CONGRESS

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SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 10.00AM

DIRECTOR – BILL KEMP

ENTRIES via BAWA (www.bawa.asn.au)

PRIZES

QUALIFYING ROUND	1st	\$75
	2nd	\$50
FINAL	1st	\$150
	2nd	\$75
	3rd	\$50
PLATE CONSOLATION	Prizes depend on numbers	

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SCHEDULE

- Arrive: 9:30
- Qualifying round: 10:00
- Lunch (bring your own): 13:00 to 14:00
 - Final round: 14:15
 - Refreshments: 17:30

ENTRY FEE \$30 PER PLAYER

RED MASTER POINTS

Each player must have a system card

Entries close 7th SEPTEMBER 2016

Convenor: **Patrick Garnett**

RESULTS

ANC Restricted Butler (38)

1st	Steven Pynt and Kaiping Chen
2nd	Martin Broome and Valerie Broome
3rd	Gwyneira Brahma and Jessica Chew
4th	Lyndall Steed and Michael Turner
5th	Rose Moore and Linda Coli
6th	Hasan Hazra and Rez Karim
7th	Clyde England and Alan Dundas
8th	Peach Partis and Peter Garcia-Webb
9th	Sue Dry and Elizabeth Benda
10th	Betty Watson and Fusako Hashimoto
11th	Stephen Thyer and Joanne Payne
12th	Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel
13th	Nicolas Moniodis and Joe Louis
14th	Metka Agrez and Maria Ikier
15th	Trish Hunter and Sally George
16th	Helen Larsen and Jenny Dawson
17th	Jill Keshavjee and Shelley Allen
18th	Ian Rowlands and John Reid
19th	Joan Schneider and Edward Roscoe
20th	Barbara Martin and Wendy Boehm

BAWA State MIXED Pairs (26)

1st	Alan Harrop and Rosalind Trend
2nd	Deana Wilson and Fiske Warren
3rd	Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton
4th	Jonathan Free and Rose Moore
5th	Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski
6th	Cynthia Belonogoff and David Matthews
7th	iv Wood and Gerry Galy
8th	Mei Huang and Wenjie Pang
9th	Merleine Wylie and Robert Wylie
10th	Simon Brayshaw and Francesca McGrath

Western Seniors Results (72)

1st	Andrew Swider and Anton Pol
2nd	Bob Prince and Dennis Yovich
3rd	Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton
4th	Ron Cooper and Don Allen
5th	Flaviu Radu and Christine Boylson
6th	Val Biltoft and Chris Ingham
7th	Lyndall Steed and Michael Turner
8th	Dave Munro and David Schokman
9th	Viv Zotti and Shira Shilbury
10th	Ross Harper and Jonathan Free
11th	Cynthia Belonogoff and David Matthews

12th	Murray Webber and Kate Boston
13th	James Steer and Stella Steer
14th	Heather Williams and Jan Blight
15th	Joan Touyz and Di Quantrill
16th	Phil Power and Kathy Power
17th	John Aquino and Geoff Yeo
18th	Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose
19th	Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld
20th	Do Dean and Jenny Bowler

TEAMS of FOUR As at 22nd of May

From John Beddow

INTERMEDIATE BLUE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WEST COAST	4	4	63.22
WABC	5	1	31.27
MACCABI	2	1	27.34
UNDERCROFT	3	2	25.33
SOUTH PERTH	2	1	21.69
KALAMUNDA	2	0	11.15

INTERMEDIATE GOLD

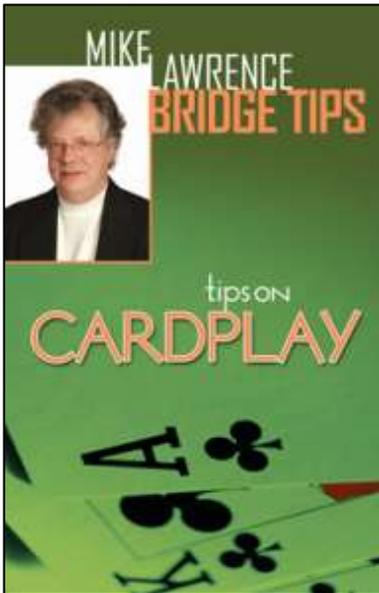
Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC B	2	1	29.68
NEDLANDS	2	0	17.58
SOUTH PERTH	1	1	12.18
UNDERCROFT	2	1	10.56
WABC A	1	0	10.00
MANDURAH	0	0	0.00

NOVICE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WABC A	6	3	75.06
KALAMUNDA	3	1	37.09
UNDERCROFT	2	2	27.91
SOUTH PERTH A	2	1	20.21
SWAN DIST	2	1	14.37
SOUTH PERTH B	2	0	3.89
WABC B	1	0	1.47

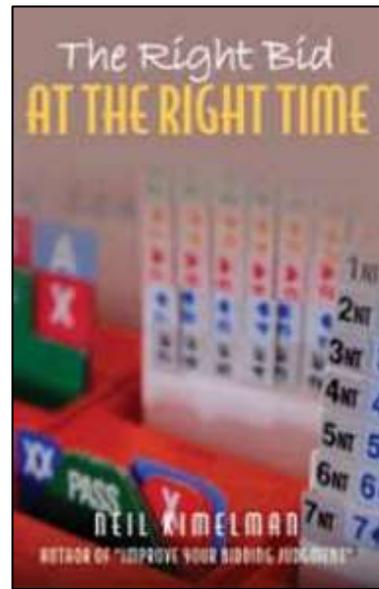


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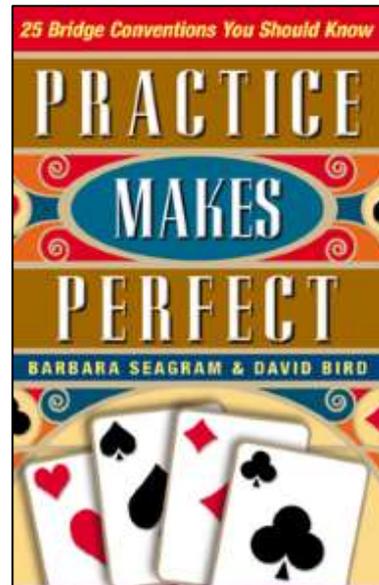
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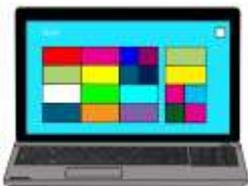
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ANC		Sat 25th –July 7th	Brisbane
	Jul	Sat 9 th	Nedlands Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs – see flyer
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		Sat 16 th –Sun 17 th	Mandurah Winter Congress
		Sat 30 th –Sun 31 st	GNOT City Final /Provincial Heat
	Aug	Wed 3 rd	BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1/3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Fri 5 th –Sun 7 th	City of South Perth Congress
		Sat 20 th –Sun 21 st	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs Gold/PQP
		Sun 28 th	WABC Restricted Open Masters in 3
	Sep	Sun 4 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Sunday Congress
		Thu 8 th	BAWA State Open Teams Championships 1/6 Venue South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 10 th	Albany Bridge Club Restricted Pairs Congress
		Wed 14 th	South Perth Bridge Club 777 Open Pairs
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