

Bridge-an Olympic Mind Sport





Western Seniors 2023 Congratulations!



John McMullan (1st), Geoff Holman (3rd), Chris Ingham (3rd), Dadie Greenfeld (2nd), Deb Frankel (2nd) and Mark Doust (1st)





Warm-UP with The Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs, sponsored by Daisy Pool Covers











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8th - 20th July

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ENTRY INFORMATION

Please note that entries to the ANC open on the MYABF website.

Lodge online-simply go to:

For The Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs. Sponsored by Daisy Pool Covers:

https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/473 and follow the prompts.

For all other ANC events: https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/472 and follow the prompts.





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President's Report

From lan Clark

Back in March, I wrote to all BAWA affiliated clubs asking them for feedback on what BAWA should be doing more of or less of in future, along with each club's major challenges and opportunities. Only 7 responses have been received back from WA clubs. 2 responses were received from smaller clubs (<100 home club members). There are over 25 such clubs, so it would appear these clubs have a very low level of engagement with or connection to BAWA currently. These clubs represent about 25% of bridge players in WA.

- 5 responses have been received from the remaining 11 larger clubs (at least 100 home club members), so the engagement between BAWA and these clubs seems a little stronger.
- Some of the areas of common feedback from clubs are:
- 4 responses suggesting BAWA should help advertise and promote Bridge in the community, especially for youth bridge.
- 3 responses highlighting a shortage of directors.
- 3 responses suggesting BAWA should provide a vision and strategy for Bridge in WA.
- 3 responses suggesting BAWA should engage more with clubs and help share best practice between clubs.

Feedback on this magazine indicates that a number of these clubs do not think the additional costs associated with producing the physical magazine (which is over \$2 per copy) is good value for money.

The BAWA management committee will consider and respond to this feedback in the coming months.

The Australian National Championship is just around the corner. To be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in Mounts Bay Road, this venue is right on Elizabeth Quay Train Station as well as the Busport.

Starting on Saturday 8th July the Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Daisy Pairs kicks off this Australian Championship event, which will run through to Thursday the 20th July. It will also include in the second week the Open, Restricted, Mixed and Women's Butler.

Every day there are events for all with prizes including Restricted and Novice. Books of 10 vouchers are available at \$130. Western Australian Clubs have supported this event in a big way with sponsorship including Joondalup, Mandurah, Melville, Nedlands, South Perth, Undercroft and WABC, we now need you to support it by coming along to play.

The full program is on MyABF and entry is encouraged through it, but we do welcome walkins.

All enquiries can be made to the Event Organiser Robina McConnell on 0400 943 367 or bina360@hotmail.com or to the Event Floor Manager Jane Reynolds on 0402 074 070 or sladewitch2000@hotmail.com.

I look forward to seeing and playing bridge with you during the ANC.●

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David Beauchamp Teaching Seminar Good-Bad Hands!



Proudly hosted by

South Perth Bridge Club

Friday, 14 July 2023, 10:00 am

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

Cost: \$12 per player

Includes comprehensive notes and playing set hands Payable in cash to David on the day

David has represented Australia overseas many times.

This year he qualified to play on the Australian Seniors' team in Hong Kong & Marrakech.

He has presented teaching seminars throughout Australia over 20 years. His humour & enjoyable presentation style make a great learning environment.

To assist with preparation, please add names to the red book at SPBC or email janhowell53@gmail.com

Participants are invited to stay for bridge starting at 12:30pm

Two sections: Open and Intermediate.

Normal table money
Members \$7. Visitors \$10



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

At the Club's AGM in May, Phil Baker was elected President.



Helen Rogovsky was elected Vice President.

After 15 years on the management committee and as the Club's Tournament Manager (previously Convenor), Neville Walker has retired.



Neville has made an enormous contribution to the Club's development, including raising the standard of play, etiquette and players' understanding of the Laws of Bridge, introducing new IT systems, and provided guidance, encouragement and direction for the directing team. Neville is a fountain of knowledge and has been a guiding light for development and improvement. He will remain active in the Club as a director and continue providing guidance.

Sandra Hardie was elected Tournament Manager.



Lynette Clark was elected Secretary.



Di Schupp continues as Treasurer. Trish Anderson, Pam Gale and Steven Rogoysky will serve as committee members.

At the GNOT Gold Point qualifying sessions, the winners were Sheryl Coates and Kimberley Zhao.

Congratulations to Florence Maltby and Alan Dundas, runners up in the Interstate Seniors Selection Final.



Kalamunda Bridge Club

OPEN PAIRS COMPETITION 24 Apr- 1 May

A great turnout of 18 pairs played over two sessions in our Open Pairs Competition. Congratulations to the consolidated winners, Tom and Kit Leman, with Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce coming second.



1st Tom Lemann and Kit Lemann



2nd Gordon Brown and Sheila Price

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of the West Coast Autumn Swiss Pairs competition were



1st Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood 2nd Anton Pol and Wence Vahala 3rd Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose

West Coast Congress

A reminder that this will be held on Sunday September 10 commencing at 10.00 am.

Entries open on May 1 via

My ABF https://www.myabf.com.au/

Payment may be made in cash on the day.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

VALE Shirley Rose and Colin Prior

Western Seniors - Congratulations to our members

1st Mark Doust and John McMullan

2nd Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld

3rd Geoff Holman and Chris Ingham

5th Pauline Collett and Martin Doran

6th Dave Munro and Angeline Christie

8th Deana Wilson

9th David Schokman and Geoff Yeo

10th Don Allen and David Matthews

• July advanced lesson July 26th 10.00am

The club offers lessons to assist players to improve their skills. Register for the lesson by going to SESSIONS/ENTER EVENT. The cost of the lesson is \$15, pay on the day. The topic is Declarer Play – the importance of entries. Learn to plan ahead and how to preserve vital entries until you need them.

• Red Point Saturday Aug 12th 1.30pm

This will be the normal club session - no registration is necessary.

• One day congress Sunday Aug 27th

Here is another popular congress. Celebrate spring with a Swiss Pairs competition Register via the BAWA web site.

August advanced lesson Aug 30th 10.00am

The next in the series of advanced lessons offered by the club. Register for the lesson by going to SESSIONS/ENTER EVENT. The cost of the lesson is \$15, pay on the day. The topic for the lesson is Roman Key Card Blackwood. Learn how to ask for the King of Trumps as well as follow ups to ask about other Kings and the Queen of Trumps.

West Australian Bridge Club

From Carla Sullivan

• Annual Charity Day

On 28 April, bridge players from all clubs were invited to the WABC annual charity session and raffle. This year, more than \$4000 was raised for Ambulance Wish Western Australia. This small, not for profit, charity enables people who are in palliative care to fulfil a wish by visiting a place or event of personal significance.

Many people donated generous prizes for the raffle, others gave the precious gift of the opportunity to play a game of bridge with them, and the table money for the session was also donated.

The day was well attended with just over 30 tables. The North/South winners were Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven, Helen Walsh and Liz Dundas, and Janis Cain and Jennifer Bardsley. The East/West winners were Marie-Christine and Rajit El-Hoss, Linda Wild and Judith Wilson and Leith Taylor and John Aquino.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this day, especially Management Committee member, Jacquie Ecclestone for organising and coordinating the event.





GNOT Qualifying

The three session Grand National Open Teams was run in May with 15 teams competing. The winners were Wood (Val Biltoft, Gerry Daly, Martin Doran, Viv Wood) from Coli (Don Allen, Cynthia Belonogoff, Jonathan Free, Linda Coli, Mimi Packer). It was good to see a number of regular club players forming teams and playing against the congress players who turn up for events such as this. Congratulations to everyone.

Thursday Swiss Teams

The Swiss Teams side event run on the last Thursday of the month attracted even more pairs this month. It is an alternative format for the Thursday afternoon players and is becoming very popular. It is a great way to learn about the Swiss Pairs format, tactics, and scoring.

The winning pairs in the month of April were John Finlay-Jones and Andy Hung from Jane Henderson and Karen Wallwork and Roseanne Humphreys and Diana Humphrys in 3rd place.

Look out for this event on the last Thursday of each month. Non members also are very welcome to attend.

• Friday Mini Lesson and Supervised

The mini lesson provides an opportunity for beginners to revise and refresh with Carla Sullivan covering a range of topics. Please note that the mini-lesson commences at 9.00am and is followed by regular Friday Supervised at 9.30am.

Members and non- members welcome, you may attend either part or both and you can also come without a partner. Topics for June are: 9 June: Bidding Balanced Hands; 16 June: Responder's NT Bids; 23 June: Two Level Pre-empts; 30 June: Hand Strength - Minimum, Medium, Maximum.



Upcoming Events

WABC Winter Congress (Friday 2 to Monday 5 June). Novice Pairs Championship (Friday 16 & 23 June). Masters in Teams of Three (Sunday 18 June).

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The Club Pails Red Point was held on Monday 8 May 2023 with eleven tables.



Winners N/S were Barbara Partridge and Ken Partridge with 58.72%



E/W Doreen McPherson and Noreen Byrne with 56.09%.

We welcome all our new members and those who have returned to play after a break. To those members who are no longer able to play for health reasons – we miss you and do think of you.

If you wish to visit us, please check out our website ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org which has all the latest information and where to find us.

Willetton Bridge Club

From Richard Harris

With Sympathy and Regrets

We were sorry to learn that former member Elli Pomykaj died last week, aged 97. She was a regular player at our Tuesday afternoon sessions.

We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

• Dorothy Kitching Handicap Pairs

Former member Dorothy Kitching was a keen supporter of beginning and developing players and left a generous bequest to Melville Bridge Club that is used to support them. Part of her bequest fundx this popular event. Twenty-two pairs competed for the trophy which was won by Daphne Anderson and Margaret Pember – who also won the event last year. Well done Daphne and Margaret!



Dorothy Kitching Handicap winners: Daphne Anderson and Margaret Pember



Dorothy Kitching Handicap second place: Chris Mead and Brenda Oliver-Harry



Dorothy Kitching Handicap third place: Trevor Williams and Maureen Carcione

COMING EVENTS

- We invite you to our Winter Congress that will be held 30th June – 2nd July.
- Welcome Pairs Friday 30th June 12.30pm
- Intermediate Pairs (<150 masterpoints at 1st April) Saturday 1st July 9.30am
- Open Duplicate Pairs Saturday 1st July 9.30am
- Restricted Swiss Pairs (<300 masterpoints at 1st April) Sunday 2nd July 10.00am
- Open Swiss Pairs) Sunday 2nd July 10.00am all day

Further details are on our website – register via MyABF

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Pat Ditchfield



Ron Philpot from the Rockingham Bridge Club, turned 92 in May.

Ron became a life member in 1995, was president three times, treasurer for 13 years straight and only gave up directing a few years ago.

Ron started playing bridge in 1980 and still plays with his wife Betty Philpot. They are formidable opponents.

For many years, before the advent of the computer, Ron did all the scoring for the club at home. In Ron's words:

"When all the boards had been played, that is when my work started. Every traveller was removed from the boards and I went home with a bundle of score sheets. What followed was a very time-consuming process, manually working out the top result from each board. I won't go into details about how it was done, but believe me, it was complicated."

Ron and Betty are much loved members of the RBC.

South Perth Bridge Club

From Jan Howell

Recently the club held its Browning Cup Handicapped Championship and congratulations to all who competed. This is one of our club's most popular events which encourages less experienced members to compete with the more experienced. A happy and supportive atmosphere prevailed and the winners were:



1st Sue Jensen and Murray McKay



2nd President Tony McKinnon with Erik Moller (Shane Brown)



3rd Brian Shaw (Elaine Hunter)



First without handicap was Laurie Money and Lyndall Steed

2nd Merwyn Menezes and Pat Allen

3rd Noel Daniel and Leon Ref

club has revitalised educational The its programme in consultation with our primary teacher, Fiske Warren. Our midyear programme includes lessons for beginners, refresher courses and next step lessons for developing players. We offer lessons for day time and evening players, so check do out our website http//:southperth.bridgeaustralia.org and tell vour friends.

All are invited to a special teaching seminar with David Beauchamp on Friday 14th July at 10.00am. The topic will be GOOD-BAD HANDS How the hand valuation alters as the auction proceeds. Cost \$12 includes notes and play hands.

To assist with preparation, please email janhowell53@gmail.com if you plan to come.

Note changes to our session times:

The Tuesday evening session is now just an open session which starts at 7.00pm and the Wednesday evening session includes an intermediate section running alongside the supervised section.

Ongoing improvements to our clubrooms are proceeding and most recently the old green lino in our supper room was replaced with a new attractive light grey vinyl. If you have not visited our club in the last year, do come and check us out. Visitors are always welcome!













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
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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 METROPLOLITAN 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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Sunday 9th July at 9.30 am at the

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Enter on MyABF website: https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/473

Entry Fee: \$200 per pair

Early Bird: Pay online before 17th June: \$180 per pair [payment methods include credit

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

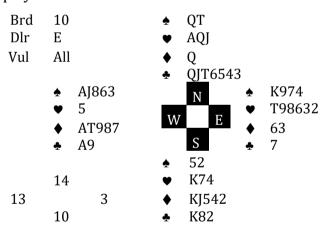


Western Seniors

By David Schokman

Having played bridge for seven decades there is not the slightest doubt that I have made more bridge mistakes than all of you, but after seven decades it is also completely unjustified to break a very basic rule of bridge. Bear with while I bare my soul for the world to see my transgression. No doubt all you have been told that you never preempt twice on the same hand, and one other rule that I have strongly espoused, and have tried to follow faithfully, were both broken on the same hand. I believe that the rule about repeating a preempt should also apply in normal competitive situations unless circumstances have changed allowing you a second bite of the cherry!

This transgression occurred on board 10 in round five of the Western Senior's pairs which was played last month.



After two passes my partner West opened with a bid of 1S. North bid 3C. This was explained as a hand with at least seven clubs and values. You are sitting East. What do you bid? If we were not vulnerable I would have unhesitatingly bid 4S, but we were vulnerable, and after the 3C overcall the spade suit could possibly have been stacked in the South hand, so I settled for a bid of 3S which, I believe showed a weak hand with at least four spades. South competed with 4C and my partner bid 4S. 5C by North. Back to me and there is only one bid that I could, or should, have made, and that was to pass.

Unfortunately, it was one of those bridge days when everything seemed to have been controlled by Murphy's Law. So rather than passing I started thinking. A bad mistake! Here was I, only able to bid 3S, over a 3C bid, now planning on going further, even though we were vulnerable, because I 'thought' that 5C would make. Then I broke my second rule, which has been one of my strictest mantras, that the five level belongs to the opponents, and bid 5S. Fortunately no one doubled, and without too much fanfare we made eight tricks, for minus 300, and a nine imp loss, turning a good winning match into a draw.

Now I hear some loud voices saying "Hold on David, why did you only make eight tricks when 11 tricks are available"? So true. This means when partner has put you in a poor contract, when 5C doubled would have brought in 800 points, you have to control your anger over your partners stupidity and think that your partner has every confidence in your declarer play and believes that vou can make 11 tricks. So how do vou make 11 tricks? To make 11 tricks hearts have to break 3-3 and spades 2-2, both mathematically not the best option but a pretty close second. 49 pc against 35 for the 3-3 break, and with 4 cards the 2-2 split is 40.7 pc against 48.7 for the 3-1. You have no option but to go with the one that will give you success. So, try playing 5S on any lead. I will not insult your intelligence by telling you how the hand should be played.

The score sheet presented a sorry sight as I believe that every E/W pair should have been in 4S. 12 pairs (50PC) were allowed to play in three, four or five clubs. Three pairs were doubled in 5C for minus 500. No one found the defence to get the extra trick. On a spade lead West must win, and with still having trump control, should shift to the singleton heart. Now when you win the club, you cash the diamond ace and play a spade and get +800. Three pairs were in 4S, making 10, and two in 5S. Some of those in three spades did not even make 10 tricks. Of course, as always, we did have one N/S pair who decided that 3NT was the best contract. This was not a success. As this was the Western Seniors pairs, we should have seen some better results.

So what are the lessons to be learned from this hand? The person who bid 5S was quite stupid, as after bidding 3S, describing the hand perfectly, he should have trusted his partner to make the correct decision over 5C. The second is that if you are in a contract that seems impossible to make you have to consider whether the cards are favourably placed to make the contract that you are in. Never throw in the towel till the last card is played. •



ANC Seniors

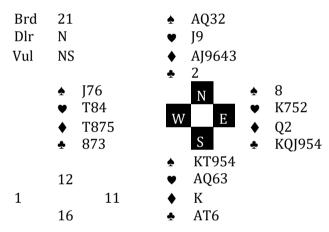
By David Schokman

Unless you are an extremely blasé person being selected to play for your state is always an honour, or privilege, whichever way you want to look at it. There were 20 entries for the senior's trials for Perth 2023 with as even a field that you could possibly ask for. The favourites were Val Biltoft and Cynthia Belonogoff, non-contenders as they were part of the Open and women's teams. Members of last year's team, Florence Maltby and Alan Dundas were also non-contenders with the lure of travel a more exciting prospect. All of us bridge players, who have non-bridge playing partners, know that a balanced equilibrium has to be maintained to have marital harmony!

If you were a bookie working out the odds you would have picked Matthews/Allen; Bieganski/Kochmanski; Collett/Doran; Wright/Nasta; Beddow/Melton; Driscoll/Blight; Munro/Bapty (new partnership) Yeo/Schokman; Pol/Broome to be pairs in the running, but nothing is set in stone till that last card is played.

So as much as we say that it is never one hand that decides the result - it is often the disaster, or the success, in the last round that you always remember. There were 19 rounds to play. Florence Maltby and Alan Dundas led the field in 10 of them, Tad Bieganski and Jan Kochmanski were first for 8 rounds. Apart from the leaders the results fluctuated wildly and when we sat down for the last round there were 8 pairs within 10 vp's of each other- all with a chance of winning the last two spots that were available. We had a poor

penultimate round, against Beddow and Melton, being pushed to 6th place, and being the world's original pessimist, went to the table saving "all is lost," but secretly hoping that we could pick up 16 or 17 vp's, (which is never easy unless you have the cards and a lot of luck), to find place in the team. We had delightful opponents in Valerie Isle and Cassie Morin. With both pairs possibly out of contention Cassie decided to spice up the last round and suggested that we have a glass of wine, which ended up with a bottle at the table. I have never drunk wine while playing but something must have snapped in me because one glass became two glasses, and then a third, all in quick succession. Sorry about this confession but I was feeling happy, but my partner was beginning to look a little concerned. The bridge was Ok but we were not setting the world on fire. Then the last board reached our table.



North, Geoff, opened with a bid of 1D. South passed, but at this vulnerability could well have bid 2C. I bid 1S. What would you bid with the north hand? Some have suggested a bid of 4C, but what if south just had the Kxxx in spades, and the king of hearts with only six points. The 4C could have ended with 4S being doubled, a real disaster. Geoff chose to bid 2S which showed exactly what he had. From here bidding depends on your style, but as a simple old man I bid 4NT as MSKC. 5S by Geoff, showing two key cards with the queen of spades. Things were looking good. 5NT. How about kings? 6C - I have none. Ok so 6S it is. The seven of clubs was led. How would you play the hand? Trumps could break 4- 0, and the heart king could be placed badly, so what would you do? What I did was to play the hand very badly. Won the club and cashed the diamond king. Then cashed three spades and ran the knave of hearts. It was a stupid play, but luck was with us and we won the match becoming a part of the Senior's state team.

So how should we play the hand? It is ok up to trick three where you won the spade queen. Now play a low diamond. The queen drops. You can now table the hand and claim 13 tricks. What if the diamond queen did not drop. Ruff the diamond and play a second spade to the queen. East shows out. Play another diamond. If east plays a diamond all is well. If he does not you ruff and make your contract, 13 if the heart king is onside. What is the moral of this rambling story? First if you are in a contract always try and make an extra trick without risking the contract. The other is do not ever drink at the table while you are playing bridge. For the record, everyone else made 13 tricks, while I made only 12.

The Seniors team comprises Tad Bieganski/Jan Kochmanski: John Beddow/Egmont Melton and Geoff Yeo and David Schokman. Congratulations to Geoff as this the first time that he is playing for the state. I would like to make special mention of one pair, Belinda Taranto and Mark Doust, they were in the top three for a lot of the time, won 10 matches, (no one won more), and were unlucky on the last day. lacksquare









70% Results (Random search)

Melville

73 0 Merwyn Menezes and Bill Symons70.8 Claire Weston and David Gallagher

Rockingham

72.0 Helen Hansell and Cheryl Harding

South Perth

76.5 Beth Bannister and Lynne Smithies

75.6 Lyndall Steed and Laurie Money

Undercroft

72.0 Christine Jenkins and Joanna Tennyson

70.8 Alex bates and Shayne Bates

West Coast

70.5 Judy Havercroft and Max Havercroft

WABC

70.0 Trevor Smith and Penni Fletcher-Hughes 70.8 Meredith Goodlet and Jennifer Andrews



West Coast Bridge Club 2023 CONGRESS

CIVIC CENTRE,

33 TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT, CITY BEACH

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 10.00 A.M.

DIRECTOR - NEVILLE WALKER

ENTRIES via My ABF

(https://www.myabf.com.au/)

ENTRY FEE \$45 PER PLAYER

Includes buffet and wine or soft drinks with the prize giving

RED MASTER POINTS

Entries open 1st May 2023 on My ABF Entries close 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023 PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

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)

THE CLASS OF 2023



MASTERS IN TEAMS OF THREE

Sunday 18th June @ 9:30am West Australian Bridge Club

7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Open to all bridge players with less than 100 Masterpoints as at 1 April 2023.

The idea is to enter a 3 person team. The fourth member of your team will be a bridge master chosen by ballot before the start of play. All team members will get the opportunity to play with the bridge master as their partner. It's an excellent opportunity to learn from the masters.

Entry Fee: \$40 per player

Note: Players will need to bring their own lunch Nibbles and cash prizes presentation after play at approx. 4.30pm

Entries via: BAWA website <u>www.bawa.asn.au</u>

or phone the tournament organiser

Tournament Organiser: Martin Doran 0466 638 055

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

- (1) Weak
- (2) Strong diamond raise
- (3) Cue-bid

West leads the D7. Trumps are 2-1. How should South plan the play on the reasonable assumption that East is likely to hold three or more hearts including the ace and jack?

Solution on page xx

EDITING OF MATERIAL

Contributors should note that the right to modify submitted material is retained by the Editors

May Deadline

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





THE RANJIT GAUBA MEMORIAL SWISS PAIRS

A ONE DAY EVENT

SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023

Two sessions 10.00am and 2.00pm

RED MASTER POINTS

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2023 WINTER CONGRESS

Friday 18 August to Sunday 20 August

At our premises on the corner of Murdoch and Bortolo Drives, Greenfields

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY: WELCOME PAIRS

Walk-ins welcome

Cost \$15 per player.

1:00 pm start. Please be seated by 12.45pm. 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

https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/590



Multi Twos Bv Di Brooks

With the advent of computer dealt hands came the odd shaped weak variety. These ranked with Opening Pre-empts, weak in essence but very shapely. Imagine an opening bid of 2NT by the opponents and you are next to bid. This opening cramps your style.

You will need to a/Find out what 2NT means and b/ Double to get partner to bid if this opening is weak.

Players new to the bridge scene will find it a challenge to bid and defend against. Recently during the Bunbury Congress, partner opened 2S which was alerted. West asked the meaning. Florence and I play Myxies. (When we play at our home clubs, we revert to plain old Multis, protecting the less experienced pairs) I explained the meanings and advised the pair to bid if they have points. (My adage, Those who say Nowt, Get Unfortunately, neither plaver comfortable in calling over 3C, missing out on a Game Contract. The Multi Twos that I promote for newer players are as follows-

2C = Strongest bid, promising game in their hand, maybe short by 1 trick.

*2D = 6-10 points and 6 cards in either Major, or balanced 21-22 pts

*2H = 6-10 points, 5 card heart suits plus another 5 card suit

*2S = 6-10 points, 5 spades plus 5 of a minor.

*2NT = 6-10 points, 5-5 in both minors.

* Responder with little points either bids the next suit up or passes the opening when responding to 2H, 2S but selects the minor if the opening is 2NT.

With points, you invite the opener with 2NT (Showing a good opening hand) to pass if minimum, but bid game with maximum or you just bid game.

The weaker openings are usually a 7 loser hand, so if you have a trump fit, count your losers and bid according to the answer!

So next time you receive a Hand Record from an afternoon bridge session, take a look at the number of two suited hands. You will be surprised.

If North had been the dealer holding -

KI842, void, OI8642, 109

The opening bid would be 2S. Check out his losers, 6 in total and holding 7 points. See how shape is everything.

There are other Conventions for Weak, Shapely hands, but this is easier than most.

Just remember one thing, if Partner shows a Weak Hand and the opponents bid over you, if you are weak as well, don't bid on. You may push them to game.

Another of my old Mum's sayings, (Let Sleeping Dogs Lie).

Happy bridging [©]

Maylands Bridge Club Inc.

Open Red Point Event Join us on Thursday 15th June 2023 and compete for Red Points Director: David Burn Members \$7.50, Visitors \$10 **Prize Money** 55 Gummery St, Bedford (see the map on our website

maylandsbridge.org)

Be seated by 12:50pm

Afternoon tea provided.

Register by email

maylandsbridge@gmail.com

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WINTER CONGRESS

30th June - 2nd July

Welcome Pairs Friday 30th June 12.30pm \$15

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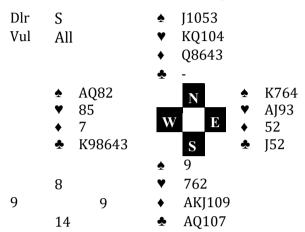
Congress Organiser: Mark Hughes 0459 629 755

The Pin is mightier than the Sword

By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION

From a Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra:



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

- (1) Weak
- (2) Strong diamond raise
- (3) Cue-bid

West led the D7, won by South, who returned a trump to dummy's queen. A low spade to the nine fetched the queen and West exited with the H8 to the queen and ace. Declarer ruffed the spade shift and played the CA, discarding a heart from dummy. Next came a club ruff and spade ruff, followed by the CQ. On the actual layout, this would pin East's jack and give South an extra club trick, regardless how West played.

If West covered, dummy would ruff. With the CJ dropping, South's C10 would be high for another heart discard. In practice West played low and Kieran Dyke (S) discarded a heart from dummy. He thus lost just one heart and one spade.

Bridge definitions: 'Opponents': the other three players.











MYABF INFORMATION SESSIONS

Julian Foster – MYABF will deliver two information sessions to Western Australian Clubs in June.

The purpose of these sessions is to provide the latest information on how MyABF can be used for regular sessions and major events, as well as various aspects of club management including membership records.

Session 1

Thursday 15th June 2023 9.30 am Undercroft Bridge Club Session 2

Friday 16th June 2023 10.00 am Melville Bridge Club

Zoom will be available for this session

- Introduction and Background
- Presentation and Demonstration
 - Host Club Demonstration and Comments
 - Q an A

The Sessions will run for up to two hours.

Register interest with Robina McConnell for both sessions and Zoom.

Robina McConnell

Executive Officer 0400943367 Bina360@hotmail.com

Results

TEAMS OF 4 - June 2023

From John Beddow

OPEN

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
UNDERCROFT-A	1	1	17.82
WABC-A	1	1	11.77
WABC-B	1	-	8.23
UNDERCROFT-B	1	-	2.18
NEDLANDS	-	-	-
SPBC	-	-	-

INTERMEDIATE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WEST COAST B	4	2	39.87
NEDLANDS	3	2	39.32
UNDERCROFT	2	1	24.31
WABC	2	2	23.49
SPBC	1	1	15.78
WEST COAST A	3	-	9.80
MELVILLE	1	-	7.43
WEST COAST B	4	2	39.87

NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
WABC	5	4	71.33
JOONDALUP B	3	3	48.38
MELVILLE B	4	2	38.99
SPBC	3	3	38.08
JOONDALUP A	3	1	33.12
WEST COAST	4	-	22.26
MELVILLE A	4	1	21.92
UNDERCROFT A	3	-	15.45
UNDERCROFT B	1	1	10.47

Western Seniors (48 Pairs)

1 st	John McMullan and Mark Doust
2^{nd}	Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld
3 rd	Geoff Holman and Chris Ingham
4 th	Jan Kochmanski and Tad Bieganski
5 th	Martin Doran and Pauline Collett
6 th	Angeline Christie and Dave Munro
7 th	Terry Collins and Peter McCann
8 th	Pim Birss and Deana Wilson
9 th	David Schokman and Geoff Yeo
10^{th}	Don Allen and David Matthews

Kendenup Congress (30 Pairs)

1 st	Heather Fergie and Bob Fergie
2 nd	Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders
3 rd	Sharon Schneider and Tom Burton
4 th	Sheila Bishop and Viv Zotti
5 th	Wendy Wade and Annette Ruvidini

70% Results (Random search)

Albany

72.0 Pam Minchin and Alison Mettam

Armadale

75.0 Jeanette Kaic and Tricia Gleeson

Bayswater

72.7 Peter Bolden and Colin Meek

Bunbury

74.0 Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders

75.0 Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma

Denmark

72.5 Colin Payne and Robert Stick

Fremantle

70.8 Susan Simper and Sue Corson

73.9 Sue Corson and Alexis Keynes

Geraldton

72.0 Wayne Cupitt and Heather Cupitt

Joondalup

75.0 Liz Gray and Sarah Potter

70.0 David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller

70.8 Trevor Burr and Anne Burr

76.8 Valerie Broome and Martin Broome

71.0 Rita Buzzard and James Fitzgerald

70.0 Julia Hustad and Harry Crosby

70.9 Jeanette St Ledger and Lee Leach

Kalamunda

77.0 Kit Lemann and Tom Lemann

Mandurah

72.0 Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems

Maylands

71.0 Graeme Wright and Murray Gatti

72.0 Vincent Menezes and Anne De Sousa

70.5 Murray Gatti and Graeme Wright

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	Jun	Sun 18 th	WABC Masters in teams of 3 – open to all players
	Jun	Sat 24 th	NBC Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs
		Sun 25 th	West Coast Novice Pairs
		Thu 29 th	BAWA ONLINE PAIRS 1/2
		Fri 30 th – May 2 nd	Melville Congress
	Jul	Sat 8th – 9th	Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Swiss Pairs
ANC Perth	Jui	10th - 20th	ANC in Perth
ANC Per ui		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
	nug	Thu 3 rd	BAWA Open Teams 1/4
		Thu 5	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 2nd	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 22nd – Sun 24th	Kalgoorlie Congress





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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

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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.
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