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BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

The rules of etiquette when playing bridge are largely based on good common sense and showing respect for others; being well-mannered and courteous at all times is a good place to begin.

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President's Report

by Nigel Dutton

By the time you read this article (or very soon after☺) BAWA will have again moved to lead the bridge world with its use of technology. Beata Beganski, who recently took over the co-editorship of Focus, has developed an On-Line edition of Australia's top bridge magazine. We are just waiting for our hosting ISP to create some technical references on their server (and Beata is patiently waiting for this column which is, as usual, late). As soon as this is done the March focus will be published on line in an interactive format rather than a simple colour copy of the paper version. This will allow you make comments and ask questions about the articles published. Go and check the Focus link on our web site.

WA has two delegates on the national body the ABF, each delegate serves a two year term. Our current delegates are Allison Stralow and Richard Greenside. Richard's

third two year term expires this month; as Richard has recently been appointed by the ABF as the National Tournament Organiser with a high work load a fourth term seemed too much ask. I would like to take this opportunity thank Richard for his work representing BAWA at a national level and wish him success in his new role.

I would also like to mention the sad news that BAWA is losing its incredibly hard working Promotions Officer, Di Brooks who has decided, with her husband, to embark on a tree change and move south to Capel. She will still be involved in some promotional work in the South West so we haven't lost her completely. I think sufficient testimony to Di's success in this role is to say the ABF were so impressed that they have created a paid national role for a Promotions Office and is actively encouraging all state associations to create a similar position.

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"Articles always welcome"

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Compiled by John Aquino for BAWA

This is an article that has been published on the BAWA website. (www.bawa.asn.au) It does not purport to be a technical interpretation of the Laws of Bridge. Rather it is a generalist article on good practice and etiquette at the bridge table.

Much of the popularity of contract bridge is attributed to the high standard of etiquette which is observed by players. No other modern game leans so heavily on the expectation that participants conduct themselves in a highly civilised manner. The Laws of Contract Bridge (Law 74) deal with the whole question of proper behaviour under the heading "Proprieties".

BAWA is keen to promote high standards of bridge etiquette by WA players. The rules of etiquette when playing bridge are based on good common sense. The following summarises the principal areas of etiquette that players are expected to observe at the bridge table.

Courtesy

This is probably the Golden Rule - always be courteous at the bridge table. This applies to how one relates to partner, the opponents and the Director when s/he is called. Carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause embarrassment to any other player - or which might interfere with his/her enjoyment of the game. It is always good practice to greet your new opponents at the table. The Director should always be called to the table in a courteous manner. Using the word 'please' assists in this courtesy. Being mindful of the 'tone' in one's voice when summoning the Director under scores recognition that this official has an onerous task in providing a valued service to bridge players. At the end of a round it is courteous to thank your opponents before moving on to the next table.

Conversation at the Table

Once the bidding has commenced general conversation is not encouraged at the table.

Bridge is a competitive game and each player needs to respect the rights of other players. Before the first board begins it is certainly permissible to exchange pleasantries with partner and the opponents.

Table Manners

The following represents good practice at the bridge table:

- ♣ Cards should not be taken out of the board before all players are at the table.
- ♣ Before you look at your cards count your hand and ensure that you have exactly thirteen cards.
- ♣ The board should be left on the table during the bidding and play of the hand so everyone can see the vulnerability.
- ♣ At the end of a hand ensure that you do not mix up your cards until the result is agreed with the opponents.
- ♣ During play you are not allowed, without permission, to touch or handle your opponent's cards. If necessary ask your opponent to show you a particular card.
- ♣ When you are making the initial lead or playing to the first trick, play your card before writing down your contract or entering details in Bridgmate. It saves time and is a courtesy to the other three people at the table.
- ♣ Do not ask for information unless it is your turn to call or play.
- ♣ Dummy or either Defender may draw attention to a card pointed incorrectly; the right expires when a lead is made to the following trick.
- ♣ The North player is responsible for the boards and for ensuring the boards are not 'fouled' before they are sent to the next table.

Systems cards and full disclosure

At the start of a round explain the main features of your system (e.g. we play Acol with Benjamin twos).

All players should have a completed systems card at the table. This is important as it ensures you disclose your conventions and systemic agreements to your opponents. Your opponents are entitled to know every systemic agreement you and your partner have. Having a properly completed systems card at the table also pre-emptly unnecessary discussion at the table and saves time. It also protects players from any implication that partnership has secret understandings and that their system has not been fully disclosed to their opponents.

A player may not refer to his / her systems card during the auction or play.

At tournaments it is mandatory that your systems card should match the card presented by one's partner.

Bidding Boxes

Many duplicate sessions these days use bidding boxes. Bidding boxes have been introduced in the game to reduce the possibility of information being communicated between partners by voice intonation or other mannerisms such as eye contact or the way a bid is written on a bidding slip.

When using a bidding box try to decide what your bid is going to be before reaching for or touching cards in the bidding box. An extreme example of this impropriety is when you, say, touch a 2♥ card and then pull out a pass card.

When using the bidding box the correct protocol is for the bids to be left on the table until the opening lead is made. This is to ensure the defenders are able to review the auction and to ask any questions prior to the commencement of play. The bids may then be returned to the box.

Asking for explanations and not bidding

Do not ask what a bid means unless you are intending to bid. Asking for explanation without bidding could in certain circumstances be construed as passing unauthorised information to one's partner. If one doesn't intend to bid, questions of the opponents, should be made after the auction has concluded.

The Opening Lead

The opening lead should be made face down until it is accepted by partner. This prevents irregularities such as leading when it is not your turn. It also enables your partner to ask any questions about the auction or alerts that have been made.

On Play Generally

As declarer do not call for a card in dummy until LHO has played. Do not detach a card from your hand before it is your turn to play. Any player has the right to inspect a quitted trick (trick turned face over) until either s/he or partner has played to a subsequent trick. So get into the habit of not quitting a trick until you are ready to play to the next trick.

Tempo / Hesitations

Acquire the habit of playing 'smoothly' and in tempo. Avoid mannerisms, meaningful eye contact, sighs, grimaces and using extra words such as "I guess I need to pass".

Avoid hesitations by being consistent and deliberate in your bidding. A hesitation followed by a pass places an extra burden on partner to justify continuing with the bidding as this may have communicated information to one's partner.

If you have a difficult decision you have a right to think but partner cannot take advantage of the knowledge that you had a problem. So if your partner takes time to bid / bids out of tempo and then passes, you should pass too unless that action would be totally illogical considering your hand.

In play avoid 'snapping' the card or playing with undue emphasis as it may reveal special interest to either partner or opponent.

On Dummy Play

The following represents good practice when one is the dummy:

- ♦ Dummy should lay out the cards before writing down details or entering the contract in the Bridgmate to ensure the other players at the table are not kept waiting.
- ♦ Dummy may not ask for a review of the auction.
- ♦ The trump suit should be laid out on Dummy right. Cards in each suit should be laid out in sequence from high to low.

- ♦ Dummy should not touch a card before receiving instructions from the declarer. This includes playing a card even when it is a singleton.
- ♦ Dummy is not entitled to call the director when there has been an infraction of the law or other problem during play. Indeed dummy may not draw declarers attention to anything except that he is about to lead from the wrong hand or ask if he is out of a suit played. Dummy may however call a director after the hand has been played out.

Post-Mortems

Wait until the game is over for post-mortems. Not only could a post-mortem undermine partnership confidence, but it may communicate information to players who have not played the hand at other tables.

Never try to teach or criticise a player at the table unless guidance is requested.

Mobile Phones

In many situations where people are gathered for a particular purpose (such as in the theatre, at an interview, in a formal meeting or in a classroom during a lecture) it is courteous to turn off one's mobile phone. Bridge is no different. Many top level bridge tournaments impose a penalty on players whose mobile phone interrupts a session. It is therefore good practice to adopt a habit of turning off ones mobile phone prior to the commencement of a bridge session. This respects your fellow bridge players and recognises that the distraction of a phone ringing can break concentration. If it is absolutely vital that you have it on, leave it on 'vibrate'.



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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO BAWA COMPETITIONS

BAWA takes this opportunity to remind all players, new and established, of the attendance requirements when entering a BAWA event.

Attendance:

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

Substitutes:

Proposed substitutions should be notified to the Director at least 24 hours prior to the session. Penalties apply to players who play with unapproved substitutes. (See the BAWA regulations for full details)

C.A.D: Count, Attitude and Discards

by Di Brooks



Bridge players are always counting: Points, Tricks, Losers and Card Holding. Each has its place in perfecting a partnership's defence system.

When you ask the opponent for an explanation on their style of defence and they say, "Count", you need to have this clarified. It isn't enough to just say, "Count". Recently I asked for an explanation of an opening "2S" bid and was told "Strong". After the play of the hand, I discovered the hand held an 11 count but a very long suit. The actual description should have been "8 Playing Tricks", if this is their partnership agreement. So don't assume that people are playing the same basic system as you.

I tell everyone.... ASSUME makes an ASS out of U and ME. But I digress....

Count is a very important part of defence. It works very well alongside of Attitude and Discards. I recommend the "KISS" system. Keep It Simple Sweetie! I encourage students to use "LOW" encourage as the basis for their defence. If you hold K1082 and partner leads off with the Ace, playing High Encourage can cost you a trick. But playing Low Encourage, playing the '2' works beautifully. This also is incorporated in Discards; - Low card thrown away says, "I Like This Suit", whereas a highish card, 7 or over, acts as a discouraging card. Partner, on seeing the discard, can plan the cards they need to retain to minimise the declarer's trick taking. For example:-

East opened with 1H, South overcalled with 2D, West closed the opponents out of the bidding with a 4H bid. South's hand was: A96, 107, K9432, K65

The opening lead was the S6. As South had made an overcall, most of the high cards were placed with him and so Declarer was able to make a "SQUEEZE" play.

Brd:	♠ T872
Dlr:	♥ 94
Vul:	♦ T5
	♣ QJ432
♠ KQJ5	♠ 43
♥ Q62	♥ AKJ853
♦ J6	♦ AKJ853
♣ A987	♣ T
	♠ A96
3	♥ T7
13	♦ K9432
10	♣ K65

The plan of action: play the SJ, which holds. Take out 2 rounds of trumps, ending in East's hand, in order to play his remaining spade towards the KQ5. South rises with their SA and continues with their last Spade. Declarer throws 2 small diamonds on the winning spades. By the time the Club Ace is cashed, South is down to Kx of Clubs and Kxxx in diamonds. Now Declarer plays out all his trumps, squeezing the opponents. South is able to discard a small club with little worry, but when the last trump is played, he has to decide on which King to keep. South has only seen one club from Declarer and presumes that Declarer has another club; therefore South can discard safely the small diamond. When East cashes the Ace of diamonds, the King falls, establishing declarer's Queen.

So where could the defence have done better? South must watch for North's carding when the Ace of clubs is cashed. If they play Low Encourage, North plays the 2 in the suit and South can safely jettison his King of Clubs. All for the play of a "2", a Kingdom was lost!

Another interesting feature to this hand, not everyone was in 4H. East should count their losers. With a five and a half loser hand, plus the fact that partner has an opening hand, there's no

reason why E/W aren't in game. Most people made 5. The players, who lead away from their D King, let the Declaring side make 6.

My advice to up and coming players: Work on your Defence. After all, we defend twice as often as we play as Declarer!



Happy Bridging

National Teaching and Marketing Coordinators

The ABF Management Committee is delighted to announce that it has appointed a National Teaching and a National Marketing Coordinator as of 1st January 2011.

The new incumbents are:

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The wealth of experience that both appointees bring to their respective roles will formalise teaching and marketing activities at a national level.

A Well Remembered Partner...

by Dennis Yovich

I partnered John Franklin for a couple of years in the mid 1990's. John was a somewhat larger than life figure in the bridge world, and I remember him with affection. He was a large man, tall and well built with a wicked sense of humour. He had that indefinable quality we search for in bridge partners, knowing what to do and when to do it. I suppose it is called card sense. Good bidding skills, an excellent card player, and able to find the right card in defence at the crucial moment.

John and I clicked as a partnership. We seemed to be able to judge what strategies to adopt in most situations, and this uncanny understanding of each other bore fruit in the Congress victories we had, as well as winning the State Men's Pairs and the New Year Pairs in 1995.

Unfortunately the partnership was not of long standing as John was suffering from emphysema, which took his life in July 1995. Prior to that, we had planned to play in the Margaret River Congress in June, but John was quite ill and had to carry an oxygen bottle with him all the time, as well as being confined to a wheelchair. He was still in hospital the day before we had to drive to Margaret River. However, he was determined to go, and so we bundled up all the medical hardware and headed for Margaret River. We reached the final of the pairs, qualifying second, and finished in the top 3, and were doing very well in the teams also. We played at table one in the final round, but John's stamina was not up to a long day at the bridge table and it took its toll. However, John enjoyed to Congress, and this was to be his last.

His sense of humour was no better shown than by the witty bridge articles he wrote for Bridge West in 1995. The titles of a couple of the articles tell the story - "Through the Past Darkly" and "The Sanctuary of the Shibboleth" (or, Becoming a Good Bridge Player - Lesson Four). These funny and informative bridge stories were contributed by John and showed a dry sense of humour.

The memory of John Franklin, good partner and friend, is still with me.

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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Canberra 2011

by Richard Fox

The Summer Festival of Bridge was favoured by relatively pleasant weather for Canberra in January, comfortably below 40 degrees unlike the last couple of scorching years. Shame the playing areas couldn't also have been kept below 40 but that's another story.

Life Master Teams

First event for Lynne and me was the Life Master Teams, which took place in parallel with Novice, Seniors and Women's Teams events. On Day Two I'd barely started my first coffee of the day when I faced this nice puzzle on board 1.

I naturally opened 4S with the magnificent 2-point hand to the South, and partner had little difficulty jumping to six. LHO found the standout lead of the KD and after this it seemed I had 2 top losers. I went into the tank for a minute or two, or three, and...

Brd:		♠ AK
Dlr:	S	♥ AK4
Vul:	Nil	♦ AT3
		♣ KQ965
♠	7	♠ J8
♥	QJ83	♥ T9652
♦	KQ976	♦ J4
♣	JT3	♣ A874
		♠ QT965432
	23	♥ 7
	9	♦ 852
		♣ 2
	2	
	6	

Contract: 6S by South, KD lead

It seemed that I needed the AC on my right, and if this was the case I could still get home. I cashed the AK of hearts, throwing my club, and took a round of trumps just in case. I needed one high trump as an entry.

Next came the KC, with no choice but to discard a diamond and cross my fingers if not covered. RHO chose to fly in immediately with the AC, making things a bit easier, so I was able to ruff and return to dummy with the remaining trump. Then a diamond loser vanished on the QC and I had my 12 tricks.

I wondered if we might have picked up some IMPs on this hand, as 6S looks very much the contract and some people might not spot the ruffing finesse. It was not to be – our team-mates found a different lead and the opposing declarer could just knock out a club and claim.

Grand National Pairs

This event was instigated by our own Richard Grenside, as a way of encouraging less experienced players to enter a congress event with opposition at a comparable level. There were 116 pairs from all over the country, and we played four rounds to meet as many different opponents as possible.

Jo Sklarz and Jane Henderson, two of WABC's newer but very keen players, came out of the session saying how pleasant and friendly everyone had been. Not only that, but they were in first place!

They continued playing steadily and finished in the top quarter of the field. The eventual winners gave the announcer a tough challenge, two Polish gentlemen named Przewozniak and Graczyński.

SW Pacific Teams

This is one of the top team's events in Australia for quality of the field and intensity of competition. Almost everyone who's anyone in Australian bridge was there. We entered this as a team of 6, so that one pair at a time could rotate out to have a leisurely brunch, a walk or a game of golf.

We made a good start, beating a team seeded many places higher. We lost the next round, and then we picked up a draw against the aptly named Strong team. This was enough to earn our team-mates a match against the No. 1 seeds including our guest director Matthew McManus, also Arjuna De Livera and Ian Robinson who represented Australia in the 2009 Bermuda Bowl in Sao Paulo. I muttered to Lynne that anything better than a 25-x loss could almost count as a win, and Bruce, Alison, Pim and David put in a sterling performance to hold the favourites to 20-10.

Lynne and I came back in against a slightly less daunting team and had a modest win. This set up a pairing with the No. 2 seeds and defending SWPT champions. Our opponents were Liam Milne and Michael Whibley, who seemed like a typical youth pair; they arrived late and they casually bid to outrageous contracts.

Brd:		♠ 7	
Dlr:	W	♥ 963	
Vul:	EW	♦ QT98	
		♣ Q8765	
♠	A8542		♠ T
♥	A52		♥ KJT7
♦	AJ532		♦ 64
♣	-		♣ AKT932
		♠ KQJ963	
	4	♥ Q84	
13		♦ K7	
	11	♣ J4	
	12		

Contract 3NT by East, KS lead

Holding the South hand above, I heard a surprising 1S opening from the left, 2C response, 2D rebid and then Liam (East) placed the contract in 3NT. They were being silly – the only reason I didn't double was for fear of scaring them into a sensible minor suit game. What sort of mugs did they think we were?

OK, the sort who let them make it! Guess what I led. Correct, KS, ducked for one round. Next declarer put the ace on my queen and paused to calculate when Lynne also showed out, discarding the 9H. This was a McKenney signal, high card showing the higher side suit i.e. diamonds but I was oblivious. I couldn't believe partner held any more than a club stopper.

Declarer tried a heart finesse and my queen took his jack. Ding! An alarm bell should have rung but I had a Cunning Plan and I was set on going through with it. I cashed 2 more spades and put declarer on the table with his 8. We had 4 tricks in the bag, and he couldn't get off dummy with a diamond. If he ran hearts finishing in hand, I'd cover a high diamond with my king promoting Lynne's presumed 10, or else Lynne would take her club stopper.

Unfortunately declarer had a better Cunning Plan. He realised that cashing my spades would put Lynne under tremendous discarding pressure.

She didn't know she could reduce to a bare QD, and as a result she was pseudo-squeezed into unguarding clubs. The A, 8 of spades, three hearts, the AD and three clubs was enough for contract. It was a very clever play to finesse into my hand and allow me to cash the spades, a bit of a Greek Gift. Maybe I shouldn't have cashed the last one – it's one less defensive trick in the bag but also one more for declarer to find.

Double dummy, Deep Finesse says 3NT makes by East or West. I still haven't figured it out. If declarer takes the heart finesse in the winning direction he has no other way back to hand for the clubs. Anyway, on this occasion the eventual National Open Teams runner-up played his cards better than me.

Still, our side got one back on the other table. Pim Birss and David Dale faced off against Andy Hung and Alex Smirnov. David would make no claims to be in their league as a bridge player, but his sledging skills are up there with Merv Hughes.

David to Alex Smirnov: "Where are you from?"

"Germany."

"And what do you do for a living?"

"I play bridge."

Oh.

"And what does Mrs Merkel think of that?"

At our table this board was played in 3S making. Lynne opened 2D multi, and I replied 2NT strong enquiry. 3S showed a minimum weak 2 in spades, and I decided to leave it at that. At our team mates' table Andy Hung opened a natural weak 2S. David found an aggressive take-out double, and Pim raised to the 4H game. Alex Smirnov with the North hand doubled confidently.

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Brd:	♠ 4
Dlr: S	♥ Q8
Vul: NS	♦ KQ8752
	♣ AK76
♠ 72	♠ A986
♥ A543	♥ KJT92
♦ AT43	♦ J96
♣ J84	♣ Q
	♠ KQJT53
14	♥ 76
9	♦ -
6	♣ T9532

Contract: 4Hx by East, KS lead

Andy Hung started naturally enough with the KS, but the lead he needed to find was a club, so as to take his diamond ruff before it went away. Pim took the king with his ace, and expecting a bad trump break he crossed to dummy's AH ready to run the jack. He was pleased to see South follow to the first round, and even more pleased when the queen appeared on the second round of trumps. He now had a very accurate picture of Smirnov's hand: he had to have all the minor suit high cards to justify his double without trump length, and he also started with just one spade, already gone.

Pim was able to endplay Smirnov at this point by exiting the QC. Smirnov could return a club but that would set up the jack, or he could lead a diamond into the tenace. Pim just had to lose one club, one diamond and one spade in the fullness of time to chalk up his doubled contract for +590 and 12 IMPs. A satisfying moment for Pim, as Alex Smirnov was 3rd in the World Open Pairs in Philadelphia last year.



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Applicants are to be aware that the dates of the target event do not coincide with school or university holidays in several Australian states and territories and may interfere with exams. It is incumbent upon applicants to ensure that they are available for the target event.

To be eligible, applicants must be bona fide residents of Australia and ABF members in good standing.

If you are available for selection, please respond to the National Youth Coordinator, David Thompson (dave@amontay.com) no later than Friday 18 February 2011 with the following information:

1. Your name and your proposed partner.
2. Your date of birth and current contact details.
3. A brief summary of your bridge experience and achievements, particularly in the proposed partnership.
4. An indication of which national and other major events you intend to contest in that partnership prior to the target event.

Expressions of interests will be considered by the ABF Youth Committee on 20 February 2011, which decision may be adjourned to a later date, to append two pairs to the pair which qualified via the Youth Butler, Ellena Moskovsky and Jamie Thompson.

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PROGRAM

Friday	7.30 pm	Welcome Pairs \$10 per player - includes supper
Saturday	9.30 am	Swiss Pairs \$30 per player - includes lunch
Sunday	9.30 am	Swiss Teams \$30 per player - includes lunch

Prizes will be a minimum of 45% of Entry Fees

Convener Neville Walker - 9586 1641

nevillewalker1@bigpond.com

Tournament Director - Bill Kemp - 9447 0534

diggadog@iinet.net.au

WA Country Championships

2nd and 3rd of April
Bridgetown Civic Center 3 Steere street

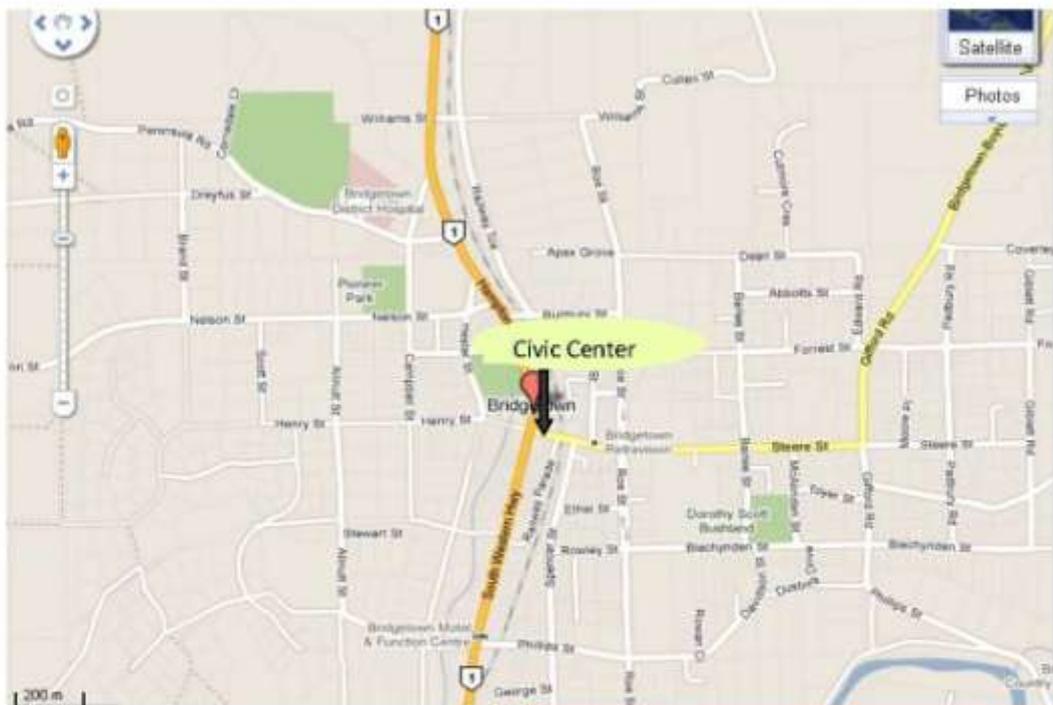
Director: Peter Holloway

Once again the WA Country Players will gather to do battle for their Champions in Pairs and Teams.

Entry Fees this Year:
Pairs: \$60 per pair
Teams : \$140 per Team

Entries can be made on the BAWA Web site in BAWA event entries:
<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

Please contact the conveners for any help or query on how to enter.
We love to see you all at 10.00 am on Saturday.



Conveners: Eugene Wichems
Robina McConnell
Phone: 95862768
Mob: 0417791447
Email: eug@fusemail.com

For accommodation and local information please contact the Bridgetown Visitors Center:
Phone :08 96711740
Email: visitors@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.



Just in passing

by Ron Klinger

<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

Improve Your Bridge Online

PROBLEM

East dealer :North-South vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1S	?

What should South do with:

- J75
- AQ982
- KJ72
- 6

There are some players who simply cannot bear to pass (I can relate to that), but it is vital to recognize when discretion is the better part of valour. On this deal from the 2002 European Open Teams, South fell from grace and paid the price.

Brd		♠ T6	
Dlr	E	♥ T6	
Vul	NS	♦ QT8653	
		♣ AJ4	
		♠ Q32	♠ AK984
		♥ KJ753	♥ 4
		♦ A	♦ 94
		♣ QT73	♣ K9852
		♠ J75	
		♥ AQ982	
		♦ KJ72	
		♣ 6	
	7		
	12	10	
	11		

At most tables East opened 1S, South passed and East-West landed in 4S. There is no threat to this contract and generally ten tricks were made. One South could not help himself:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1S	2H??
Pass	Pass	Dble(1)	Pass
Pass(2)	Pass	..	

(1) Double for takeout

(2) Pass for penalties

Lead: **DA**

West switched to the C10 at trick 2. Declarer took the CA and played a spade. East rose with the SK and played the H4. This was ducked to West's HJ and back came another club. South ruffed and led another spade. West took the SQ and, to prevent a spade ruff, exited with the H5.

Declarer won with the HQ in hand and led a low diamond. West ruffed and played the CQ. South discarded the SJ, but to no avail. South continued clubs and declarer could make only four hearts and the CA. That was -800 and 9 Imps away.

What is so bad about the 2H overcall? Firstly, the spade holding is a worry. Length in opener's suit is a danger sign for a marginal overcall. Secondly, the vulnerability should make you very conservative about overcalling on borderline hands.

Thirdly, the heart suit is not very strong. The Suit Quality Test helps here to check whether your suit is strong enough for an overcall. Add the number of cards in the suit you intend to bid to the number of honours in that suit. If the answer equals or exceeds the number of tricks for which you are bidding, the suit is adequate.

Here South is bidding for eight tricks, but the suit quality of the hearts is only seven (five cards, two honours). Mind you, even if South had HA-Q-10-x-x or HA-Q-J-x-x, the spade holding should make South wary of overcalling. By contrast if South's pattern were 1-5-4-3, the overcall is much safer.



2011 Bridge Holidays with Ron Klinger

<i>Kangaroo Island</i>	<i>May 3-10</i>
<i>Lord Howe Island</i>	<i>May 28 - June 4</i>
<i>Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort</i>	<i>August 10-15</i>
<i>Moreton Island, off Brisbane</i>	
<i>Norfolk Island</i>	<i>December 4-11</i>

For details, please contact ron@ronklingerbridge.com or 02 9958 5589.

Western Senior Swiss Pairs



BAWA

14th and 15th May 2011

10.00am start



Gold Point Event and Senior P Q Points

For ABF Seniors events, a player must be born before 1 January 1952.

Venue is Melville Civic Centre Main Hall.

10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon

Entry Fee: \$80 per player (collected at the table or pay online)

Entries: www.bawa.asn.au or Jane Reynolds 0402074070

Director: Matthew McManus

Convenor: Jane Reynolds

New Prize:

BAWA are sponsoring a subsidy of \$500 for the first two placed WA pairs to travel to a Seniors PQP event

Cocktail Party and Presentations

Sunday at approx 4.45 pm

ALBANY BRIDGE CLUB

8-10 April 2011

At the Club Premises: 12 Mill Street, Albany

Convenor: Mike Trafalski 98428576 President: Rita Leeming 98418811

PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF \$3000+ (Subject to 27 tables)

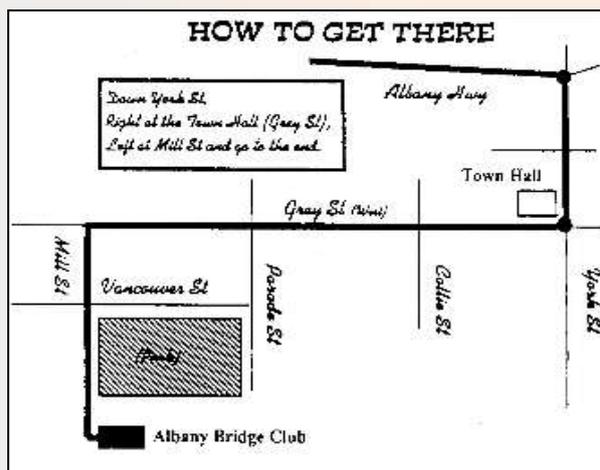
DIRECTOR: Jan Howell

PROGRAMME

Friday 8 April	6.30 pm	Registration/Supper
	7.30 pm	Welcome Pairs
Saturday 9 April	10.30 am	Open Pairs: Qualifying
	<i>A salad roll and a piece of fruit will be provided at Saturday lunch-time</i>	
Sunday 10 April	2.30 pm	Open Pairs: Final/Plate
	9.00 am	Swiss Teams: 1 st Session
	1.00 pm	Swiss Teams: 2 nd Session

Sunday Lunch Provided

Presentation of Prizes (approx.4.30 pm)



Some Suggested Accommodation

Ace Motor Inn	9841 2911
Albany Holiday Units	9841 7817
Discovery Inn Guest House	9842 5535
Motel LeGrande	9841 3600
Pelicans – Middleton Beach	9841 7500
Harbourside Cottages	9842 1769
Dolphin Lodge	9841 6600
or try	
Albany Visitor Centre	9841 1088

ENTRY FORM (Closing Date Friday 1 April)

(All cheques payable to Albany Bridge Club Inc)

NAME & ABF No

PARTNER & ABF No

TEAM MEMBERS

PHONE EMAIL

Please indicate events you wish to enter

WELCOME PAIRS	\$15.00 each
OPEN PAIRS	\$30.00 each
SWISS TEAMS	\$35.00 each

No ENTRIES Accepted Unless Forwarded to Entries: via BAWA Website or email: miket1@iinet.net.au

NO OTHER ENTRIES ACCEPTED



THE ROVING RHODES

By Maura Rhodes rhodesfamily@westnet.com.au

Summer Festival of Bridge - It Could Always be Worst

I don't know what it is about Gold Point events, but the boards always seem more exciting than normal Club sessions. Is it that there is more at stake? Or is it the fact that with Imp scoring, matches can be won or lost on one board? Whatever the reason, here is one very interesting board from Round One of the National Open Swiss Pairs:

Brd: 4	♠ 3
Dlr: W	♥ J874
Vul: All	♦ T9863
	♣ K42
♠ KT842	♠ QJ965
♥ Q9	♥ A
♦ J75	♦ AKQ42
♣ AQ5	♣ 63
	♠ A7
	♥ KT6532
	♦ -
	♣ JT987

4		
12		16
8		

This is what happened at our table, in an uninterrupted auction:

:WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Rick</i>	<i>Opp1</i>	<i>Maura</i>	<i>Opp2</i>
1S	Pass	2D (1)	Pass
2NT (2)	Pass	3S (3)	Pass
4C (4)	Pass	4NT (5)	Pass
5H (6)	Pass	6S	All Pass

- (1) Game Force
- (2) Minimum hand
- (3) Setting the suite
- (4) Cue, denying slam interest
- (5) Keycard
- (6) Two Keycards without the trump Queen

What an unfortunate contract! North led the Ten of Diamonds, ruffed by South, who returned the Jack of Clubs. Rick took the losing finesse and later, inevitably, lost the Ace of trumps for minus 200. We felt very sorry for ourselves, until we spoke to another pair of West Australians, who played this round against Michael Courtney. He found the vulnerable 4H overcall over East's 2 Diamond response and when East-West bid to 4 Spades, Michael's partner raised him to 5H. Who can blame East for doubling as she has 16 HCP and her partner had opened the bidding? The double was left in and Michael made eleven tricks, losing only the Ace of trumps and the Ace of Clubs.

At many other tables, South used a Lightener double against the slam in Spades, requesting the lead of the first suit bid by Dummy. So, we can think ourselves lucky that we were not doubled or defending 5H doubled!

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Pizza On The Mandurah Foreshore

from Kathy Power

For the past 2 years a few bridge club members (Phil and Kathy Power, Robina McConnell, Eugene Wichems, Doug and Vera Hardman and others) have been meeting at the Mandurah foreshore at approximately 6.00 pm to enjoy "CHEAP TUESDAY" pizza washed down with one or two select Reds.

The event has prevailed through all sorts of weather and in bright sunlight through to complete darkness (we bring out tee lights for this). If the weather is very poor we pick up pizza and retreat to the comfort of one of our homes where we can enjoy "dessert", coffee/tea and of course a couple of hands of bridge, with of course....one or two select Reds.

Usually, we enjoy varied musical genres supplied from Phils' i-Pod and speaker system and we discuss bridge hands we have encountered at different clubs or congresses. This is good for a few laughs or tears!!



Rita Leeming from the Albany Bridge Club

We are often visited by Percy the Penguin (Pelican really!) and flocks of seagulls. We meet all walks of life as they pass us by and occasionally we have guests from Perth.....Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Rita Leeming

(from Albany), Bruce Fraser and most recently.....(who is under that hat????) our esteemed director from Nedlands!!!!



Peter Holloway in disguise!

A recent inclusion to our routine has been to extend the experience by visiting the Dome for coffee and chocolates.

Lots of fun, good humour and bridge stories are shared by all and if you wish to be included ...



.you will be welcome.

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown

HOWZAT for HOSPITALITY!!!!

From Di Brooks

During my plans for relocation to Capel, I had to visit Geraldton. President, Jean Culloton thought an afternoon of bridge on the Wednesday, with a group of 8, would be lovely. Members heard of my visit and wanted to join in. The '8' swelled to 6 tables.

The ladies brought in scones and cakes for a delicious afternoon tea. Everyone had such a great time that this may be a new session in the future.

I thank everyone for making me so welcome.



(If you think that there is not a Geraldton President, Jean Culloton – because you never see her photo' – Madame Pres is also the photographer!)

Diarize Now

Upcoming BAWA & Club Events - 2011

Mar	Sat 12 th –Sun 13 th	Melville Bridge Club Congress –see flyer
	Sat 12 th	Interstate Open Selection Butler Pairs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am Rnds 1-5
	Sun 13 th	Interstate Open Selection Butler Pairs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10,00am Rnds 6-9
	Mon 14 th	Interstate Open Selection Butler Pairs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am Rnds 10-11
	Thu 17 th	Interstate Open Selection Butler Pairs Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm Rnds 12-13
	Sat 19 th –Sun 20 th	Kalamunda Bridge Club Congress – see flyer
	Mon 21 st	BAWA State Men's/Women's Teams 1st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Sat 26 th – Sun 27 th	WAP Playoffs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
Apr	Sat 2 nd –Sun3 rd	WA Country Championships – see flyer
	Fri 8 th –Sun 10 th	Albany Congress – see flyer
	Sat 9 th –Sun 10 th	Interstate Senior Selection Trials Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10am
	Sat 16 th –Sun17 th	As above
	Mon 18 th	BAWA State Open Pairs 1 of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Fri 22 nd –Tue 26 th	South Perth Easter Congress-5 day event –see flyer
	Thu 5 th	BAWA State Swiss Teams 1 of 5 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
May	Fri 6 th –Sun 8 th	Mandurah Bridge Club Congress – see flyer
	Sat 14 th –Sun 15 th	Western Seniors Pairs Championship Venue: WABC
	Sun 22 nd	WABC Novice Congress – see flyer
	Fri 3 rd –Mon 6 th	WABC Congress – see flyer
Jun	Sat 4 th –Mon 6 th	Country GNOT
	Thu 9 th	BAWA State Swiss Pairs 1st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Mon 13 th	BAWA State Winter Teams 1st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
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.	
	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.

Around the Clubs

by Linda Bedford-Brown

Undercroft Bridge Club

from Tony Martin

The Syd Noakes Trophy was very popular this year with 20 full tables and the winners were never in doubt, increasing their lead in every round so congratulations to **Tad Bieganski & Beata Bieganski**. Earlier on the New Year Pairs were won by Brian **Fensome & Tuya Cooke**. Well done to them all and of course to all those who participated.

The Saturday morning training just continues to go from strength to strength to the stage we had 106 attendees recently with a fairly regular 90+. All of which is due to the incredible energy & self sacrifice of Allan Doig in particular and also Leslie Routledge, Jim Pinington and many others who give of their time selflessly. Undercroft is indeed blessed.

We have also started more advanced training on Wednesday evenings and hoped to get 30 or 40 turn up with in fact 68+ turning up regularly. This will be turned into a session with mentors for one evening shortly. All of which is aimed at filling the massive gap between training and integration into the regular sessions.

On Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th of January we held two red point events. Our members supported these days in great numbers and provided a delicious afternoon tea. The ABF provided the red points free of charge. \$1600 was raised and will be shared by the Queensland Flood Relief and our own Lord Mayor Fire Relief Fund



Winners of the Flood Appeal were **Connie Coltrona and Armanda Torre** (pictured) **Terrence Farrall and Neale Consigliere**



With due humility, I must congratulate my young partner Joanna Tennyson (along with myself) for almost winning the BAWA New Year Pairs. We won over the three weeks but were relegated to fourth with the best two out of three rule. However for someone who only came out of Allan's classes just over a year ago she has done remarkably well.

Bunbury Bridge Club

from Nils Andersson

Beginner's classes have been going for 5 years and run by Jan Morgan, Peter Morgan and Monica Offer and Jim Offer. This has been a great success for our Club. The last intake for beginners in February attracted 15 new players and to follow on the new players join in with the weekly supervised duplicate groups. No partner is required until they attend one of the other regular club point's sessions. They also have weekly Bridge Classes for those who prefer the slower pace of bridge.

The Club has also started to play teams event in conjunction with the ordinary day. It will make players aware of different tactics required and to gain experience in this type of format. This weeks bridge was run by Jim Offer and the directors were Janette Gale and Murry Webber. It turned out to be a great success.

Winners for February were: Marianne Viebke, Bob Stevans, Kath Philips and Elizabeth Norton. Pair's winners were Jack Spice and Eileen Trigwell. Social drinks after the event was much appreciated.

Nedlands Bridge Club

from Ann Ashman

The **22nd Birthday Congress** held in February was a great success. Although scoring was interrupted with 'hacking' emails of 38,000 trying to enter the system!



President **Linda Bedford-Brown** and Honorary Treasurer **Trish Hunter** cutting the Birthday Cake.



The Birthday raffle was won by **Pat Downes**. Thank You to all who purchased tickets.

Valentines Day was a fun afternoon with high tea and spot prizes complete with heads and tails at the end of play. Many of the supervised players joined this relaxed theme and thoroughly enjoyed their first foray into a regular session.

Friday morning sessions begin at 10.30am and finish at 2.00pm. So if you need an early get away game come along and join us.



Just the most fun on Valentines Day

Fiske Warren will be holding his monthly 'Intermediate Level' lecture on Wednesday March 9th at 10.00am. These lectures are always popular and there is no need to book. Cost is \$12.00 and why not stay to have a game afterwards.

Fremantle Bridge Club

from **John Penman**

It was with much sadness that the Fremantle Bridge Club learnt of the sudden death of Mohan Ganguli. He had been a long time member of this Club as well as other bridge clubs. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his family.

Fremantle Bridge Club held its "President's Pairs" event on Monday, 14 February 2011. 34 pairs took part in this red point event.



The winners (pictured) were **Sue Moonen** and **Judy Toey**, second were Jill Johnston and Irene Percy, and third Brenda Evans and Marion

Jefferson. The next red point event will be on Thursday evening, 10 March, 2011 at 7.30 pm (for details on our web site <http://www.fremantle.bridge-club.org/>).

A short pre-game talk on various aspects of bridge has begun; it is held at 12.15 pm before the Friday game.

Bridge sessions are held at the Freemasons' Hall, at the corner of High Street and Chalmers Street, Fremantle on Monday, Friday and Saturday at 1 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday at 12.30 pm, and Thursday at 7.30 pm. A duty partner is available to play with those coming without a partner on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons

West Australian Bridge Club

from **Kitty George**

The bridge year is really underway now after the holiday period. Our first event was the New Members party. It was a great success with 52 new members able to join us for Sunday afternoon Bridge followed by a champagne supper

It was of particular delight to see two of our oldest "newies" appear in the prize list, with **Gwen Routley** (pictured) just ousting for 1st place (by 0.1 match points!) Ethel Ozanne. These delightful ladies share over 180 years of experience



between them! I should also mention that Gwen was a prize winner at the WABC Christmas Congress.



Cheryl Wong also took out a 1st place at the party. Cheryl and her brother, **Peter Scales**, started playing bridge in September, have

recently graduated from supervised sessions. WABC holds supervised sessions on Monday afternoon, Wednesday evening and Friday morning. Non-members are most welcome and you may attend without a partner

The WABC Individual Championship for 2011 was won by **Pepe Schwegler** (pictured).



Clubbing Away!



Summer Festival of Bridge 2011 relaxation - Sheenagh Young, Linda Watson, Maura Rhodes, Pat King, Linda Wild, Richard Grenside, Richard Fox, Helene Kolozs and Lynne Errington (Photo' courtesy of Liz Cartwright and Richard Grenside)

South Perth Bridge Club

from Darrell Williams



The Club Pairs Championships were won by **Jeanne Hey** and **Barbara Frost**



Equal 2nd
Joan Valentine
and
Wendy Harman



Equal 2nd
Anne Mitchell
and
Lisa Wylie

Supervised Bridge Sessions

The club conducts Supervised sessions for players who feel they would benefit from playing duplicate bridge in a session where coaching on aspects of play and bidding can be sought from a friendly session director who will help you out with a smile!

Many supervised sessions will also include a pre-lesson talk by the Director. In such cases the talk will start about 30 minutes before the formal session time.

You don't need to bring a partner to a supervised session; we will find one for you.

Supervised sessions are fun, non-threatening and will help you build your skill and confidence.

Session details are as follows:

Day	Start Time	Details	Mem fee	Vis fee	Jun fee
Tue	7.30 pm	Supervised session with instruction	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$3.00
Thu	12.30 pm	Supervised session with instruction - Starts April 7 2011	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$3.00
Sat	9.30 am	Supervised session with instruction	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$3.00

Basic Declarer Play: Trump Contracts (4 week module)

Dates and times: Tuesday mornings starting 8th March between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. More details at the club (08) 9450 1077.

Mandurah Bridge Club

from Ann Shalders and Neville Walker

MANDURAH CELEBRATES MOVE TO NEW PREMISES

After years of planning, fund raising and lots of hard work by members, Mandurah Bridge Club has celebrated the move to its new premises at Bortolo Pavilion.

In a joint funding arrangement with the Mandurah City Council, Lottery West and the Mandurah Bridge Club, a new purpose built addition to Bortolo Pavilion has been developed for the club.

The Club held a “wake” to say farewell to its Gordon Road premises, its home for nearly ten years on January 21st and nearly 90 members came dressed in black for the occasion. Noel Munyard’s poem, - an “Ode to Bridge” - set to the tune of “Ode to Maastricht” featured on Andre Rieu’s Romance DVD was sung by a choir of enthusiastic members accompanied on the piano accordion by our Bridge Convener, Neville Walker.

On Sunday 23rd January members gathered at Gordon Road to pack up and on Monday the carriers arrived early to transport everything to our new home.

President Ann Shalders welcomed 130 members who turned up for the first session on

Monday afternoon dressed in red to celebrate this “**red-letter**” day for Mandurah Bridge Club. She paid tribute to the many members whose work and dedication to the cause had resulted in the development of the wonderful new facility.



The Red Letter Day

Winners of the inaugural events were:

Green Section

N/S Ann Bate and Jean McLarty

E/W Liz Vince and Merle Proudfoot

Red Section

N/S John Gill and Ann Gill

E/W Marjorie Miller and Ted Witt

Gold coin collections at both functions raised just under \$600 for victims of the recent floods and bushfires.

The facility was formally opened by the Mayor of Mandurah, Paddi Creevey, at a ceremony on Friday 4th February attended by the Deputy Premier, Kim Hames, Don Randall MHR, Hon Nigel Hallett MLC, Hon Dr Sally Talbot MLC, Lottery West Board member, Ray Bennett, Mandurah City Council CEO Mark Newman, city councillors and council officers. John Aquino represented Nigel Dutton, the President of BAWA and representatives from Rockingham Bridge Club also attended. It was a very happy occasion for all the past presidents, life members, and current members of the Management Committee and Building Committee. The members of the Building Committee are pleased to be made redundant after so many years of negotiating and planning.



President Anne Shalders with BAWA Representative John Aquino

IN COLOUR

Focus can be seen in full colour on the BAWA website: <http://www.bawa.asn.au>

Welcome Beata Bieganski to Focus

by Linda Bedford-Brown

As in any Association there is talent. The BAWA Management Committee and Tournament Committee have it. Every affiliated club has it, in their committees and players.

Then there is Hidden Talent.

Focus now has Beata – a talented bridge player and producer of the February Focus.

This very clever lady has now produced an online interactive Focus – the first State Association to have this wonder. Although in the embryonic stage do take a look at the beginnings of another excellent stage of Focus

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



South Perth Bridge Club **EASTER CONGRESS**

Over 5 days

Including ANZAC Day

Friday April 22 --- Tuesday April 26

Welcome Pairs	Fri 22 nd 6.30pm (one session)	\$10/player
Swiss Pairs	Sat 23 rd : 10.00am (two sessions):	\$25/player
Open Pairs	Sun 24 th : 10.00am (two sessions):	\$25/player
ANZAC Day Open Pairs	Mon 25 th : 1.30 pm (one session):	\$10 /player
Open Teams	Tue 26 th : 10.00am (two sessions)	\$30 /player

Entries: Through the BAWA web site please

Generous Cash Prizes



A light supper
on Tuesday after play



Director: Bill Kemp
Convenor: Val Isle
(valisle@bigpond.net.au)





WABC 2011
FOUNDATION DAY CONGRESS

To be held at the
WABC CLUB ROOMS

7 Odern Crescent SWANBOURNE

FRIDAY JUNE 3RD to MONDAY JUNE 6TH

ORGANISER: KITTY GEORGE 9447 5303

CHIEF DIRECTOR: BILL KEMP 9447 0534

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: DAVE PARHAM

ENTRIES:

via BAWA WEBSITE: www.bawa.asn.au

via WABC WEB SITE: www.wabridgeclub.com.au

EMAIL: bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au

PHONE: 9284 4144

ENTRY FEE:

\$14 per person Pairs session

\$28 per person Teams/Swiss Pairs

½ price entry for Youth players

RED POINTS & CASH PRIZES ALL EVENTS

Fri 4 th	1pm	CONGRESS PAIRS
Sat 5 th	1.30pm	CONGRESS PAIRS
Sun 6 th	10am and 2pm	CONGRESS TEAMS
Sun 6 th	1.30pm	PRESIDENT'S PAIRS – Walk-in event
Mon 7 th	10am and 2pm	SWISS PAIRS

Lunch is available for purchase from nearby outlets

PRIZE GIVING AFTER PLAY ON MONDAY

Results

2011 PENNANTS ROUND ONE

ALBANY	56.70	55.50	52.20	49.10			53.38	
BRIDGETOWN	62.00	60.90	58.00	54.00			58.73	6 VPs
BUNBURY	65.50	60.50	54.00	50.30	48.10		55.68	
BUSSELTON	60.60	58.70	54.10	53.40	53.30	46.60	54.45	
ESPERANCE	58.50	56.60	51.50	50.00			54.15	
GERALDTON	64.60	63.80	58.60	57.10	53.20	51.60	58.15	2 VPs
KALAMUNDA	63.60	58.90	58.80	58.60	47.30		57.44	
KALGOORLIE	58.70	58.30	50.80				55.93	
MACCABI	58.50	55.80	54.30	51.60	51.10		54.26	
MELVILLE	63.90	57.80	56.60	54.50	51.80	51.60	56.03	
NEDLANDS	73.30	61.20	56.60	41.90			58.25	4 VPs
ROCKINGAM	63.00	60.00	52.50	45.70			55.30	
SOUTH PERTH	66.40	58.00	57.90	56.60	56.40	53.00	58.05	
UNDERCROFT	56.80	56.60	55.00	54.20	53.50	43.50	53.27	

Rockingham Congress

FINAL:

1 st	Bill Maley and Jenny Maley
2 nd	Doug Hardman and Vera Hardman
3 rd	Michael Berk and Leon Randolph

PLATE:

1 st	Valerie Isle and Salim Songerwala
2 nd	Deb Frankel and Maurice Frankel
3 rd	Christia Mahl and Sheila Mahl

TEAMS:

1 st	Hilary Yovich, Val Biloft, Nigel Dutton and Marie France Merven
2 nd	Dave Munro, Elizabeth Mc Neill, Cynthia Belonogoff and Pauline Hammond
3 rd	Rick Rhodes, Maura Rhodes, Pattie McNamara and Jan Blight

Nedlands Birthday Congress

FINAL:

1 st	Tony Stevens and Leon Randolph
2 nd	Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood
3 rd	Ken Todd and Robin Todd

PLATE:

1 st	Linda Ingham and Jan Howell
2 nd	Charlie Lim and Lily Lim
3 rd	Alison Rigg and Sue Broad

CONS:

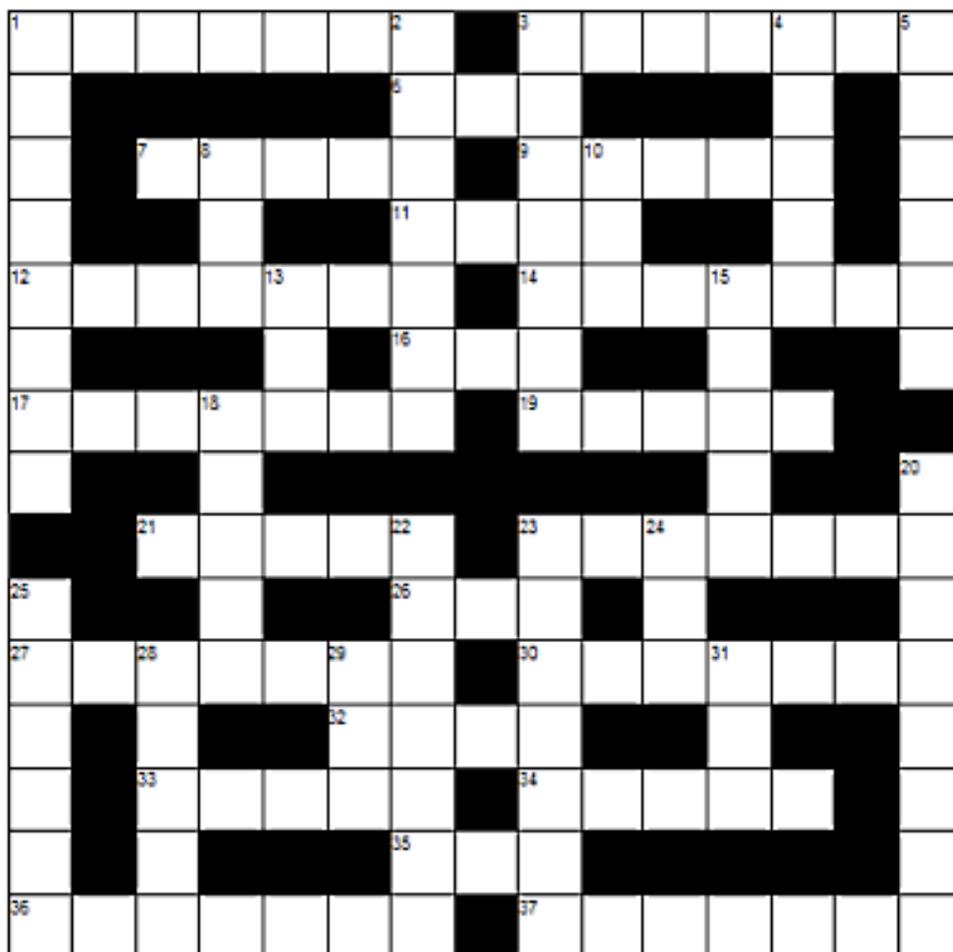
1 st	Viv Zotti and Terri Garbutt
2 nd	Gail Fogelman and Monty Fogelman
3 rd	Judith Wilson and Eileen Reilly

SOLUTION

Puzzle 1103



PUZZLE 1104



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ACROSS

- 1 Worker with returning princess for an aerial.(7)
- 3 College account to Latin in the East with me.(7)
- 6 Nada Zip is as nothing.(3)
- 7 Playing field concerned with North encompassed by self help group.(5)
- 9 Reorient in several ignoramuses. (5)
- 11 Leave before second & I find a desert.(4)
- 12 Of French bend matching two lose hope.(7)
- 14 As bachelor comes back with one unknown, initially inquiring about leaves leading away from the axis.(7)

- 16 Target Australian Institute of Management?(3)
- 17 Negative model with initially weak limb is a bit cool.(3, 4)
- 19 A current ring with nurse makes a nut.(5)
- 21 Can take each hearing problem...(5)
- 23 Start seven under currents with central cucumber to submit.(7)
- 26 Contagious disease sounds like it was up and away.(3)
- 27 Tree herb makes cove the French always favour at the start.(7)
- 30 Neighbouring area coming up right to place in France.(7)
- 32 Doctor with work fall.(4)

- 33 Musical composition that Ronald may action.(5)
- 34 More senior part of big soldering iron.(5)
- 35 Ron is back for neither partner. (3)
- 36 To lose aroma, climb down.(7)
- 37 A couple of models around motoring organisation otherwise take farm vehicle.(7)

DOWN

- 1 Present with gin cocktail for giving.(8)
- 2 Word game for a granma.(7)
- 3 Southern state Mr Gore takes a graduate to mother.(7)
- 4 Measure Northern University initially starting boredom.(5)
- 5 Two players crease surround.(6)
- 8 Rest in peace with tear.(3)
- 10 Party man, may be a student I join second.(3)
- 13 Wing is partly quiet as a lamb.(3)
- 15 Unknown direction right I see is adapted to a dry environment.(5)
- 18 West, hot I regularly leave the beginnings of swirl.(5)
- 20 Sailor with narrow tube or being one to snatch.(8)
- 22 Insult a loud face.(7)
- 23 Prop that may drink fortified wine.(7)
- 24 Arc curves to make a vehicle.(3)
- 25 A graduate dined at Dominick's initially then cut down a bit.(6)
- 28 Imperial metres as dry as a mess.(5)
- 29 Single doctor of theology gives sum.(3)
- 31 Tell a tall tale while prone.(3)

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