



City of Melville Bridge Club Inc



Australia Day Awards

Pictured here are Mayor Russell Aubrey shaking hands with Club President Danny Mistry, with (from left to right) Club Secretary Lyndie Trevean, Vice President Dorothy Stevenson and Gold Life Member Mary Firth

Past and present members have worked tirelessly to develop and improve the club. These awards are a great thrill and honour for all concerned.

On Australia Day, it was with much pride that our club's President Danny Mistry accepted on behalf of The City of Melville Bridge Club Inc, not one but, two awards at the City of Melville's Australia Day Awards Ceremony:

- The City of Melville Australia Day Award **Community Group of the Year** in recognition of our club's "outstanding contribution to the City of Melville"; and
- The **Premier's Australia Day Award**, in recognition of our club "fostering Australian pride and spirit through active citizenship and outstanding contribution to the community".

As our President said, *"Belonging to a bridge club, and particularly our club, is so much more than just playing cards. While bridge remains our main focus, companionship and a strong sense of community are also important aspects. We know we are a great club, however, it is most heartening to be recognised at such a high level."*



Western Seniors Pairs

This is a Gold Point and Senior PQP Event

19th & 20th May 2012

This prestige event in the West Australian Bridge Calendar will be held at
WA Bridge Club, 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne
Plenty of Car Parking is Available. Play Starts at 10am each day.

For ABF Seniors Events players must be born before
1 January 1954

Tournament Director: Bill Kemp

Entries: Via the BAWA Website www.bawa.asn.au
Entry Fee: \$80 Per Player (Payable on Line
Account Name: BAWA; BSB: 016464; Ac.No: 255674541
Description: **Your Name** and the word **WSP**
or Collected at the Table)

Convenor: John Aquino
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Cocktail Party and Presentations on Sunday at 5pm after play



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

The ABF has been very busy in the last few months with a number of exciting projects design to assist bridge players. For new players they have developed a New Members Information Kit which is a terrific document for people new to our game. I have placed a link on the BAWA web site and would urge all clubs to give a copy to all of their new members. It is also worth a look by not so new players.

The second major initiative has been to retain the services of Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers as its insurance broker. You may recall that late last year TBIB organised Professional Management Indemnity cover for ALL office bearers in ABF affiliated clubs at an absolute bargain price. Their latest offering is a great deal for individual players for personal travel insurance. Full details of this and all of the insurance services offered can be found on the TBIB link on our or the ABF's web site.

Over the last few years at all major congress and national events the senior's field has become a serious and high quality and fun competition. Starting April 14 and held over two weekends is the BAWA Senior Selection for the ANC to be held in Darwin in July this year. Now that would be a great way to escape Perth's winter weather for a couple of weeks and I know that the senior team had a great time in Melbourne this year. **So why not have a go.** This event would also be a good warm up for the Gold Point Western Senior Pairs in May. For Seniors Events in 2012 players must be born before 1 January 1954. Full details of both events can be found on our web site.

Further to the issues I raised re Red point events in last issue of Focus a number of people in clubs informed me that they had no idea that BAWA was the Sponsoring Organisation for ALL bridge events in WA. A copy of Red point and congress regulations are published in this edition. I would urge all congress convenors to find the relevant regulations on our web site.



Interesting Figures

Current Master point statistics for WA
(With thanks to Nigel Dutton)

Classification	Master points	Number	%
To Club Master	0 - 14	1652	41.02
Local Masters	15 - 49	789	19.59
State Masters	50 - 150	745	18.50
National Masters	150 - 300	357	8.87
Life Masters	300 - 999	365	9.06
Grand Masters	1000+	119	2.96
		4027	100.00



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Articles always welcome

Congresses, Gold and Red Point Events

Regulations and Directors Duties

1.1. General:

18.1.1 Definition: Red Point Event – an event which awards red master points; Open Red Point Event – a red point event open to ALL players with an ABF number; A Club Red Point Event – an event which awards red master points and is restricted to club members.

18.1.2 Convener. All Congresses and Open Red Point events must have an officially appointed convener. The convener is appointed by the Club and has the principal task of ensuring that these regulations are read, understood and applied by both the organising committee and the Director.

18.1.3 Director. ALL Red Point events require a Non-Playing Qualified Director. Provision has been made for Clubs, who can demonstrate genuine hardship, to apply to the Senior State Tournament Director for this rule to be waived. This rule does not apply to head-to-head teams matches held in people's homes.

18.1.4 Boards. All Gold & Red Point Congresses and BAWA Red Point Events are required to have predealt boards and hand records. In events with two or more sections, the TD shall organise the boards in a manner such that identical boards are played in all sections. It is recommended that clubs follow a similar procedure for their Red Point Club Championships.

18.1.5 Red Points. Red points for Congresses and Club Red Point events must be submitted to the State Master Point Secretary, BEFORE being sent to the ABF Master Points Centre. All points submitted without the correct documentation will be returned.

18.1.6 Appeals Committee. For Congresses an appeals committee group (6 players) must be established prior to the start of the event. This list must be published before play starts. BAWA will assist with guidelines for the running of an appeal. It is recommended that Clubs follow a similar procedure for their Red Point Club Championships.

18.1.7 Tables. 30 tables in a pairs movement is the maximum allowable under the control of a single Director. (A senior Director with a qualified assistant is acceptable for 30 – 50 tables) Teams and Swiss Pairs competitions with up to 40 may be run by a single director. The Tournament Committee may be approached to waive these requirements if special circumstances are argued.

18.1.8 Seating. In teams matches seating rights will be determined by the toss of a coin. The winner of the

toss will have the right choose their opponents or their seating position. Should the match be divided into 2 or more sessions then seating rights will alternate.

18.1.9 Numbers of Boards. The minimum number of boards that may be played in a single session is 24; for a 2 session event 48 and for 3 session event 72. Convenors that, for a particular reason, may need to play less than this number must ensure that this is clearly stated on the conditions of entry (or congress brochure) as it will affect player's entitlements to master points.

18.1.10 Bidding Boxes. Bidding boxes are required for all BAWA sponsored Gold and Open Red Point events. (BAWA has bidding boxes available for loan).

18.1.11 Bridgemate (Table electronic scorers). When electronic scorers are in use, no display of comparative scores is permitted. This includes both the board comparative percentage and the list of results from other tables.

1.2. Movements and Timing

18.2.1 Multiple section movements must be seeded. For events run with two or more sections qualifying for a final, it is essential that the field be seeded evenly. Each pair or team must have the same degree of difficulty reaching the final.

18.2.2 For pair's events run over several sessions, the director must ensure that the movement used is as balanced as possible. Ideally, each pair should play an equal number of boards against all other pairs, and have their scores match pointed against the others equally often. In this case the fields must be seeded into sections.

18.2.3 For Swiss events, a sufficient number of rounds must be played. For x rounds, 2x contenders is the maximum that can be resolved. Thus 5-8 entries require 3 rounds, 9-16 entries require 4 rounds, 17-32 entries require 5 rounds and 33-64 entries require 6 rounds. Where scoring is by a Butler Mean then the extreme scores to be removed are: 10% of scores (rounded down) from each end of the score continuum. For example 36 scores should have the top 3 and the bottom 3 extreme scores removed.

18.2.4 For Swiss pairs events the director must produce personal score sheets for all pairs during the subsequent round. The only exception to this is personal score sheets for the penultimate round must be produced and given players 5 minutes before the

draw for the final round is created. The director should urge players to check their results quickly and carefully.

18.2.5 Scoring in qualifying rounds must be across the field. Finals qualification is to be either the top 14 pairs in a multiple Howell movement or the top 7 NS and 7 EW in a multiple Mitchell.

18.2.6 Timing. There must be a minimum of 7 minutes per board.

1.3. Pre-dealt Boards

18.3.1 The operator of the dealing machine OR the producer of the boards places them in a sealed box along with the printed hand record.

18.3.2 The congress convener or the Director collects the boards. The convener or Director then takes responsibility for the security of the boards and the hand records.

18.3.3 The convener and the Director open the box together no earlier than one hour prior to the session start.

1.4. Prize Money

Congress prize structures must be made clear in the promotional literature for the event. It is not acceptable to advertise "Generous Prizes" without explanation. It is quite acceptable to make prizes - subject to entries.

However, this should be stated clearly on the entry form, perhaps with a note stating, "60% (or whatever figure) of entry fees will be returned as prizes". The prize structure for the congress must be posted at the

venue at the start of congress. It is recommended that Clubs keep a congress balance sheet that they should be prepared to make available to players.

1.5. Director's Duties and Fees

18.5.1 Prepare the movement and ensure that it is fair and equitable, with the seeding of players of similar ability and proper distances between tables being maintained, particularly for team's matches.

18.5.2 For Red Point Congresses - List an Appeals Committee comprising preferably 6 senior players at the tournament, and post this list on the notice board at the start of the event. Appeals are heard under normal BAWA Appeals regulations.

18.5.3 Run the event, making note to abide by ALL BAWA regulations, including penalties for late arrival, slow play.

18.5.4 Score and check the results, provide a board by board printout recap sheet or player personal scores if there is computer scoring.

18.5.5 Register the RED POINTS within 14 DAYS.

18.5.6 Director's remuneration. A recommended scale of fees has been developed and is available on request.

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)



Capel Life

Birds, Bees and Blisters



By Di Brooks - BAWA South West Promotions Officer

It's almost a year since we have moved to Capel. By the time this reaches print, Alan and I will have been in our new house six months. Our priority was to secure the rear garden, so our two Staffordshire bull terriers would not wander off. This was completed within two days of receiving the keys to our home. Now it was time to roll up our sleeves and begin the heavy work! A clause in our building contract stated we had three months to establish the front garden. Obviously the bureaucrats had no idea that the Brooks' were born gardeners. (Al reckons I run the "Do It Now" Company. He's misguided. I'm CEO of the "Do It Now & Do It Right" company!) We moved in on 29th August and the ground was prepared, leveled, weeded and mulched two weeks later.

Unlike computer work, the motto being..."Garbage In, Garbage Out", gardening needs rubbish;- A.K.A. compost, manure, fertiliser and mulch as a starter before planting. We have been very fortunate. David, our friendly organic gardener, organized a truck load of mulch. This was kindly deposited at the front, before we took possession. Carol, a supporter for "Riding for the Disabled" has delivered several trailers of horse schmanure. We also received two bales of pea straw as a house warming present. (Who needs bottles of wine)!!!!!!! All of the above makes a gardener feel loved and wanted.

Plants, seeds and cuttings have been donated by many. Weekend searches at markets have also added to our ever growing, (excuse the pun) collection of vegetables and flowers.

Now we sit on our patio and survey the efforts of our hard work. Flowers blooming everywhere. We see Red Admiral butterflies skimming the blossoms, bees and wasps buzzing around. The native bees, black & blue striped, have no sting. Various other insect species lead busy lives in and around the greenery. They are left alone to do their thing! Only Redbacks are discouraged.

All this work and still no blue wrens. This brings me to the day, when, for me, the earth stood still. I had been given an open invitation to visit a Staffy owner and view her acreage. I was looking forward to the visit.

Climbing roses adorn trellis work everywhere. As I walked through an arbor, I was greeted by the sight of several blue wrens and their mates. Mine host hastened to get some shredded cheese, which Frances sprinkled on the brick paving. Instantly there was a noisy clamoring as the wrens called out about the forthcoming feast. I stood absolutely still, as flashes of blue and fawn bobbed around my feet. During my thirty eight years living in Australia, I have never been as filled with the wonder of nature as I was that day. (Frances assured me that in another 15 years, I, too, could have a wren retreat)!

So there you go, a thing of beauty is a joy forever. It just takes constant hard work, blisters, a sweated brow and a decade or two!

Happy Bridging

Mandurah Congress

By Di Brooks

Congratulations and accolades go to Mandurah Bridge Club, Committee and members for a great congress. Director, Neville Walker kept everyone on track, no mean feat, with 36 tables playing on both the Saturday Pairs and the Sunday teams.

Mandurah's new clubrooms are spacious and comfortable, with ample parking available at the sporting complex

The entry fee of \$30 per person certainly gave everyone value for their money, with delicious culinary delights throughout the weekend, with copious amounts of tea, coffee and the much needed cool water.

Prize monies, too, were very generous

Another feature of the event was the running of a HUGE raffle, with 10 great prizes, all sponsored by local businesses. This, too, was well supported by all participants, putting a profit of \$1,000 into club funds.

The competition was keen, but friendly, with everyone entering into this great bridge weekend with a sporting attitude..... just the way any game should be played.

The Saturday Pairs was won by Mandurah members; Roman Gdowski and Andrew Marsh.



ANC 2012 in Darwin

Sat 7 July to Thu 19 July, 2012

Darwin Convention Centre,
Waterfront Precinct

Interstate Teams Championships 8 – 13 July

Butler Pairs Championships 14 – 19 July

Territory Gold Bridge Festival 7 – 12 July

ANC Congress events 8 – 19 July

For information visit:

www.ntba.com.au/ANC,

phone (08) 89 81 7287 or

email: anc2012@abf.com.au

As the ANC is during the main tourist and racing season, players should book accommodation and travel early.



Sunday teams winners were the Dutton Team of Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, David Schokman and Val Biltoft.

At the prize presentation, BAWA President, Nigel Dutton, congratulated the Mandurah Bridge Club for their great congress and for the wonderful venue.

Well done to all involved. For those that didn't attend, mark your calendar for 2013. This competition is well worth entering.

Rockingham Congress

By Di Brooks

Saturday Pairs

Finals:	
1 st	John Beddow and Egmont Melton
2 nd	Doug and Vera Hardman
3 rd	Steve Rigoski and Hugh Probert
Plate:	
1 st	Marg Newton & Chris Lawrence
2 nd	Bill Maley and Jenny Maley
3 rd	Carol Flack and Pip Witham from Kojonup

Best Rockingham Pair:	Rita Hood and Jan Pearson
Best Under State Masters:	Marj James and Thelma Middleton White
Best qualifying pair not receiving a prize in the Final:	Liz McNeill and Dave Munro

Sunday Teams:

1 st	John Beddow, Egmont Melton, Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski
2 nd	Sandra Sandilands, Raewyn Lewer, Ian Oldham and Val Oldham
3 rd	Alan Tolley, Christine Shawcross, Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell

President Joan Rickers presented Di Brooks with a cheque for \$100 to go towards the Margaret River Fire Victims Appeal.

BAWA's South West. Promotions Officer is holding lectures to raise monies for this worthwhile cause. First lecture is scheduled for **Sunday 26th** in Dunsborough.

Bridge Etiquette

From Suzanne Goodall

When and How to ask questions



The subject of when and how to ask questions regarding the auction is an interesting one.

You have the right according to The Law to ask questions whenever it is your turn to bid. Having said that one should be careful in exercising that right.

A good rule to adhere to is to refrain from asking questions if you have no intention of bidding.

There are several reasons for this approach.

1. It simply wastes time and interrupts the natural flow of the auction.

2. You may be aiding the opponents by allowing them to exchange information. Say you ask for the meaning of an alerted *2D bid and are told it is the partnership's Game Force Bid. One of your opponents may well say to himself, 'Thanks, I forgot that we were using *2D and not *2C as our Game Force Bid.'

3. There is also the consideration of what is ethical. If you are holding AKxx of clubs and query an alerted *2C opening you may open the door to being admonished by the Director. Even if you are not on lead and partner makes a dubious club switch mid-defence your question may come under scrutiny. It is best to avoid what I call 'lead-directing questions'. May I suggest that if you are guilty of this you replace this type of questioning with a lead-directing X. With most of my partners I double artificial bids at the Two Level or higher to say 'When you are on lead partner please lead that suit'. This is a legal way to tell partner about your holding in the suit and you can't be faulted.

You may be thinking of bidding so you make an enquiry. Occasionally the answer you are given will determine whether or not you will bid.

Say the opponents open *2H and you would like to enter the auction if their bid is a 6 carded heart suit with 6-9hcp. You enquire and learn that the bid can be weak or strong and a variety of suit combinations. Now there is no problem if you

have asked about the bidding and subsequently pass.

On the other hand asking about a bid only to learn it is weak and then passing reflects poorly on you. If you were just curious then you have interrupted the auction unnecessarily. Sometimes I see players use this as 'I don't have a bid partner but I do have values.' Obviously this type of player is not a candidate for the best and fairest player award.

When defending or declaring you do need to have access to the opponents' agreements. Say, you have been courteous and not interrupted the auction. Now, before you lead or after partner has selected their lead, ask for a **review of the entire auction** no matter how silly that seems. **NEVER ask about a specific bid** such as a *5H response to an *4NT bid. You could be approaching unethical territory. Declarers or their partners can offer you a review of the entire auction before you lead. Since the auction is complete one person can explain the bidding. This is less awkward and also less time-consuming.

Now on to how to ask questions. Avoid pointed questions such as 'Is it weak?' Prefer phrasing your enquiries 'What does the 2S bid show.....What do you understand by the.... Or how do you play the..... Or what is your partnership agreement? This or similar is good for asking about a specific bid. If you have politely waited until the end of the auction, simply ask for a review (or revision) of the entire auction. Never be afraid to ask a second time if the explanation is unclear.

This may all seem a bit complex but if you keep in mind that you should not ask questions if you have no intention of bidding then you are halfway there.

Remember, if either side thinks something has gone wrong in the questioning process **ALWAYS call The Director.**





National Life Masters Teams Canberra 2012

From Dave Munro

The National Life Masters Teams is a three day event conducted in Canberra in January as part of the summer Festival of Bridge. It is open to all ABF players who have not reached the rank of Grand Master. This year there were 38 teams and the format consisted of 9 x 20 board matches played as a Swiss Movement.

Our team consisted of Dave Munro, Pim Birss, Alison Orr and Bruce Fraser, all from the South Perth Bridge Club. We began the tournament with 3 wins (23-7, 19-11, 16-14) and were placed in 3rd position at the end of the first day. The following board contributed to our success:

Brd	♠ 843		♠ KQJ5
Dlr W	♥ Q96		♥ 54
Vul Both	♦ A97		♦ KQ3
	♣ A972		♣ KJ43
	♠ T762	N	
	♥ AKJ3	W	E
	♦ J5	S	
	♣ 865		
	♠ A9		
	♥ T872		
	♦ T8642		
	♣ QT		

10
9 15
6

Average: 110 EW

East was playing in 4 spades at both tables. At the 'Home' table Pim led QC and Dave took the trick with AC and returned another club. When Pim got in with AS he found the diamond switch and got a club ruff to beat the contract.

At the 'Away' table Alison received a diamond lead, taken by the Ace and a diamond was returned. She then played KS which was taken by AS followed by 8H. This was won in dummy and now she played a club to the king, cashed QD, discarding a club from dummy and then exited with a club. South won this with QC but now the contract could not be defeated.

On the second day we started with a good victory (25-5) and then played the leading team in Round 5. This resulted in a 3 imp loss (14-16) but kept us close to the lead. In the final round of the day we managed to win 25-4 and lead the

competition. This round featured the biggest swing of the tournament for us when we made 6NT at the 'Away' table and defeated the same contract at the 'Home' table.

Brd	♠ T932		♠ AKQ8
Dlr N	♥ 7		♥ KT93
Vul Both	♦ QT76		♦ A3
	♣ Q963		♣ AK8
	♠ J74	N	
	♥ AQ82	W	E
	♦ KJ85	S	
	♣ J2		
	♠ 65		
	♥ J654		
	♦ 942		
	♣ T754		

4
12 23
1

Average: 1190 EW

At the 'Home' table East received the 7C lead and tried JC which was covered by QC and AC. After running the spades East tried the diamond finesse which lost. He was now required to make all the heart tricks but failed when he started with AH and QH.

At the 'Away' table Bruce played the hand from the West seat and received a spade lead. He ran all the spades noting that South discarded a diamond and then a club. He then attacked the heart suit but also made the error of playing AH and then QH. All was not lost though as he could see that North was under pressure when forced to discard diamonds or clubs. He continued with a 3rd and 4th heart and North believing that a genuine squeeze may be in place made the

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mistake of discarding a second diamond. Bruce was now able to make the contract with the JD at trick 13 producing a swing of 17 imps.

Another board which contributed to our lead on the second day was Board 12 from Round 4.

Brd	♠	Q75	♠	JT643	
Dlr	W	♥	T94	♥	Q62
Vul	NS	♦	A832	♦	T96
		♣	KQ8	♣	62
		♠	92		
		♥	K875		
		♦	KQJ54		
		♣	J7		

11		
10	3	
16		

Average: 530 NS

At our "home" table the bidding went as follows:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Dave</i>		<i>Pim</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2C
Pass	2D	Pass	3C
Pass	3D	Pass	4C
Pass	4NT	Pass	6C
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- 2D showed a minimum hand (11-12 pts) with no 5 card major
- 3C was a further inquiry
- 3D showed a generic 4-3-3-3 shape
- 4C was RKC in clubs
- 4NT was 2 key cards with the queen

The contract made with a double finesse in hearts, resulting in a good swing when slam was not bid at the other table.

On the final day we started by playing the eventual winners and unfortunately suffered a 23-7 loss. This loss relegated us to 4th place and we were unable to recover with a 14-16 loss and a 15-15 draw in rounds 8&9. We did, however, finish 3rd on a count back which was probably a fair reflection of where we deserved to be.

Summer Festival of Bridge

Congratulations to WA players

- **SWPT Championships**

162 Teams competed

(only WA Players are mentioned)

- 10th Team with Alida Clark and Peter Rogers
- 12th Team with Jonathan Free
- 13th Team with Ron Cooper, Rhys Cooper and Renee Cooper
- 22nd Team with Nigel Dutton and Marie France Merven
- 43rd Team with Viv Wood and Cynthia Belonogoff
- 53rd Team with Helen Hellsten
- 64th Team with Vivienne Goldberg
- 71st Team of Dave Munro, Pim Birss, Alison Orr and Bruce Fraser
- 83rd Team of Rick Rhodes, Maura Rhodes, Helene Kolozs and Linda Wild
- 84th Team with Oliver Mailes

- **Runners-up in the Seniors' Teams**

Team with Henry Christie

- **Grand National Pairs**

102 Pairs competed

- 13th Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders
- 22nd Jim Offer and Jeanette Gale
- 25th John Aquino and Geoff Yeo
- 47th Leon Randolph and Sandy Sutton – Mattocks
- 57th Armanda Torre and Connie Coltrona
- 98th Heather Cupitt and Bryan Baldock

- **National Restricted**

80 pairs competed

- 62nd Joanne Tennyson and Jennifer Bandy
- 63rd Bridget Cook and Elizabeth Cook

- **National Swiss Pairs**

204 pairs competed

- 4th **Ron Cooper** and Andrew Peake
- 10th **Ross Harper** and Ishmael Del Monte
- 23rd **Rhys Cooper** and Kieran Dyke
- 27th **Helen Hellsten** and Tony Ong
- 80th Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes
- 165th Richard Fox and Lynne Errington
- 171st Phyl Barnes and Joy Gibson
- 179th Sue Grenside and Richard Grenside



The Transmission of Bridge Culture

From Allan Doig

Since its inception back in the year 2000 the aim of the instructional program at the Undercroft Bridge Club was not merely to teach the skills of bridge the card game but rather the transmission of the culture associated with bridge clubs. Culture can be defined as the social aspects of human contact, including the give-and-take of socialisation, negotiation, protocol and conventions. Without trying to sound too pedantic that's what we've been trying to do, that is instruct participants in the totality of being a member of the bridge club.

Obviously, the most important facet of being a member of the bridge club is to learn the skills of bridge which we've been doing at the beginners and intermediate level now for some time. Participants are encouraged to attend more advanced lessons from Peter Smith or Fiske Warren.

We encourage participants to volunteer for the multitude of tasks that are necessary for the successful running of the bridge club. We try to instil in the participants that they have a responsibility over and above playing cards. Over the years the program has provided committee members, treasurers, presidents, board makers and directors. We consider this a very important aspect of our program.

This now brings me to convey some of the non-card playing issues that graduating participants face up to. After listening to some of the issues that have been brought to my attention it would seem that they could be classified into three general categories.

Firstly there are other clear-cut transgressions that occur at the bridge club and by this I mean mistakes like lead out of turn or an insufficient bid. With these transgressions it is up to us to make sure graduating participants are well aware of the consequences of such transgressions and at the same time point out that almost everyone makes these mistakes at times. I guess we can all remember in our beginning bridge days of fear

we encountered when the director was called for the first time to correct one of our mistakes. We try to point out to participants that it is essential to call the director to sort out any transgression and not be bullied into accepting table judgement. Calling the director is just a normal part of bridge play.



Secondly, the transgressions that are open to interpretation and this is where I get a lot of complaints from the graduates because they find that club members break these particular rules frequently. The three most common transgressions are hesitation, dummies inappropriate signalling and touching the bidding box. Each of these is very difficult to pin down in black and white. Participants have complained to me that some of the more senior players are inclined to gloss over some transgressions rather than call the director.

Thirdly, there is the matter of ethics or manners. We tried to instil in our participants that carryover post-mortems, in between board post-mortems and general criticisms of the opposition or partner is not good manners and should not be tolerated.



However, in the case of the second and third points, the participants feel that because of their relative inexperience they should not be correcting the more senior players. In some cases where they have tried to point out poor manners they have been reminded that they are new to the game and should mind their own business.

So the point of this article is to show that we really are trying to take a holistic approach to the game of bridge and not merely trying to get them

to become proficient card players but to get them to become valuable members of the Undercroft Bridge Club.

In conclusion I would like to point out that most certainly bridge is about all the aspects listed in the earlier definition of culture but bridge itself is assuredly greater than the sum of its components and that's why we all love the game in all its complexity.



New Member's Information Kit now available

At our meeting on 5 February 2012 the ABF Management Committee endorsed a proposal for new members to be provided with a 'New Member's Information Kit'.

The importance of a proper, thorough new member's information kit cannot be emphasised enough. Imagine belonging to an organisation and having only a vague idea of its goals, the responsibilities of membership, its programs, history or traditions etc.

It would be hard to feel like you belonged. It would be hard to be motivated and committed to help the organisation reach its goals.

Information provided in the information kit is intended as a foundation for new members. It is designed to help them understand how their club functions, what their role is and it also provides them with the big picture of our organisation.

When new members are properly informed, they are more likely to feel comfortable with their club and become actively involved in activities right away. A properly informed new member is also more likely to remain in the organisation.

Interested members can find the kit on the ABF web site under 'for members', Information on and for our members' or follow the link <http://www.abf.com.au/members/>.

Keith McDonald

President

The West Australian Bridge Club



THE PLATE

NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS

**To be held at the
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7 ODERN CRESCENT, SWANBOURNE**

SUNDAY 6th May 2012

**CONVENOR: HELEN KEMP
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**ALL PAIRS MUST HAVE 2 IDENTICAL
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**2 SESSION EVENT
QUALIFYING COMMENCING 10.00am
FINAL COMMENCING 2.00pm**

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at approx 5.00pm**



Defence to Forcing Pass

By Paul Yovich

The first thing to say about defending against forcing pass is **Don't Panic!** If forcing pass systems were unbeatable, or even demonstrably better than standard systems, every expert would play them. Sure, they have their advantages, but they have their weaknesses too. One of their main advantages is that they scare people into a defensive mindset, when they should be looking for opportunities to attack. Let me tell you – every bid in the system has a weakness that can be exploited.

Two things are essential to defend against forcing pass successfully – understanding your enemy and being prepared. Basically, forcing pass systems are built along the same lines as Precision, although they have a couple of significant differences too. But if you think of forcing pass as fancy Precision you have the beginning of an understanding of it, and of course, your opponents have to tell you what every bid means, as well as giving you a detailed system card well before you play them.

Better still, you get to have a written defence that you can consult during the auction! So you can remind yourself what your own bids mean while you are making them, which is a big advantage as long as you are prepared. Take the trouble to work out a defence in advance. You can write out a perfectly good defence on a single A4 page, and this article is designed to give you some basics for a simple, usable defence. Space doesn't permit me to go into great detail, but I hope it will tell you enough to have a foundation.

Here are the three main features of forcing pass systems, as well as the main strengths and weaknesses of each:

1. The Pass

All good hands (usually 13+ points, any shape) start with a Pass in first and second position.

Strength: If you don't interfere they can have very effective and precise auctions, especially when they might have a slam.

Weakness: It's vulnerable to interference even more than a Precision Club. So you should bid aggressively with the right hand types.

2. Limited openings

Hands not strong enough for a Pass start with relatively "natural" bids with 8-12 points (usually 9 if balanced). Usually all but one of the bids from 1C to 2D show 8-12 but are otherwise reasonably natural.

Strength: They get to bid a lot, so you don't have many uncontested auctions. The limited strength means responder can judge whose hand it is quite quickly and you can be pushed around when they find a fit.

Weakness: When it's your hand (which it often is) you can play the hand better because they are telling you a lot about what they have. And having to open very light on flat hands with little playing strength can get them into trouble too.

3. The "Fert" (short for "fertilizer", because it shows a pile of manure)

This is the really unusual feature of the system and one of the keys to its success against unprepared players. It's what they bid with less than 8 points. Usually it's 1H, sometimes it's 1S, very occasionally it's 1D.

Strength: It can be very disruptive when it's your hand, so you can find it hard to bid games and very hard to bid slams.

Weakness: It's very disruptive when it's *their* hand, so they often play in bad part-scores, and it can make it hard for them to reach their best game or slam.

Another weakness: They have to open on rubbish, so sometimes you can take them for a big penalty – if you are organized.

Bids above 2D (and sometimes bids above 1NT) are generally pre-emptive and may be natural or artificial, but I won't cover those in this article as there are too many variations and the hands don't come up that often. Here, though, is the

framework of a defence to the three main features of the system.

When they Pass:

Ignore their pass and bid according to your system, except:

- a) Play a strong no-trump. Don't open minimum balanced hands unless you have a decent suit. If you normally play 5 card majors, don't open 1 of a minor with a 3 card suit and 12 points. Be ready to balance, though.
- b) Do open hands with a good suit slightly lighter – down to 8 or 9 points is fine with good shape. And pre-empt aggressively.
- c) Don't bother with strong 2s (including 2C). They come up rarely against natural systems and extremely rarely after an opponent shows 13+ points. Instead use all your 2 bids for preemptive hands. 2C can be a weak 2 in clubs, or some other pre-empt depending on what sort of twos you normally play. If by some freak chance you have 20+ points just open one of your best suit. Don't worry – you'll be fine.

When they open a Fert, showing 0-7 or 0-8. (I will assume the fert is 1H, as this is the most common):

- a) Double shows a balanced hand with 13+ points (and it can be unlimited). Occasionally you'll have to do this on a 4441. Now partner can pass for penalties with about 9+ and 4+ hearts or even 3 good ones. Then you are in penalty mode and they (hopefully) are in trouble.

Other responses to double of a fert"

- i. 1S is any hand with about 0-7 and not much shape. Now 2C by doubler is very strong, 1NT is about 15-19 and no interest in spades and suits are natural.
- ii. 1NT is 8-10 balanced, and not suitable for penalties (so, shortish hearts or minimum points or both). Now you can bid naturally.
- iii. Other bids are as if responding to a weak no-trump. 2C is Stayman (or if you must, Lavings) but with 11+ points, 2D and 2H can be transfers and the rest is as per your usual 1NT system. But the doubler has to remember to jump or super-accept a transfer with more than a minimum balanced hand.

- b) 1S is a natural 1S opening with about 11-20 points. Now just bid naturally as if you had opened 1S – ignore the fert bid.
- c) 1NT, 2C, 2D and 2H are transfers to the suit higher. (Don't forget!) They show 5+ card suits and 12+ points (they can be any strength), but you respond to them assuming they are 12-16 – if you would have passed a natural overcall in the suit partner has shown, simply accept the transfer. Jump in partner's shown suit with a limit raise, bid a new suit natural and forcing, bid 2NT natural and forcing for 1 round. If you simply accept the transfer partner bids again (naturally) with 17+ points.
- d) 2S shows a strong two in spades – forcing for at least 1 round and possibly more.
- e) 2NT, 3C and 3D show 5-5s with 12-16 points: 2NT is both minors, 3C shows clubs and hearts and 3D shows diamonds and hearts. (If you have a 5-5 with spades, bid 1S instead). Now just bid naturally.

If they open a hand showing 8/9-12, treat the bids as fairly natural (because they are, really).

Typically:

1C shows 4+hearts and 8-12, 1D shows 4+ spades and 8-12. So:

- a) Double can be 13-15 balanced (1NT is a standard strong NT overcall – 16-18).
- b) Bidding the suit they show at the 1 level is takeout of that suit. (So, 1C – 1H is takeout of hearts and 1D – 1S is takeout of spades)
- c) Other suit bids are natural overcalls.
- d) 2 of their shown major is Michaels.

1S or 1NT shows a balanced hand of about 9-12: So:

- a) Play your normal defence to 1NT (with a penalty double if you can), and if their bid is 1S you can overcall 1NT to show 13-15 balanced.

The other bid (1NT or 1S) shows both one or minors. So:

- a) 1NT if available is 15-18 balanced
- b) Double is takeout for the majors.
- c) 2C or 2D is a natural overcall (if their bid shows BOTH minors these bids have to show really good suits)

d) 2H and 2S are natural overcalls.

2C and 2D are often natural, 8-12 with a 6 card suit. You know how to defend against these.

One last thing; if they start with a forcing pass and you pass in second seat, third seat has to bid. Usually 1C will be weak (0-6) and 1D will be 11+ and set up a game forcing auction, OR those bids will be the other way around. Whichever sequence shows the game force, interfere with any excuse. It won't be your hand, so 1NT should show a weak two suiter of some kind and 2 level bids should be aggressive pre-empts. Those auctions that set up a game force really early are a strength of their system if you leave them alone – so get in there!

Why Play Bridge

By Ron Klinger

(taken from the ABF website)

Bridge can be a lifelong pursuit. It takes only rudimentary knowledge to begin playing and enjoying bridge, but as any player will tell you, this is not a game for those who demand instant gratification. Learning to play well does takes time and effort. But that's precisely why bridge is so popular, and why it's called "the game for a lifetime".

Bill Gates, who took up Bridge a few years ago, says, "It's a game you can play at any age. If you take it up young, you have fun doing it the rest of your life. A lot of games don't have that depth. This one does". Bill plays with Warren Buffett, no slouch in business either.

Bridge exercises your brain. It is one of the few games that stimulates both the left and right sides of your brain. Every time you play, you use – and improve - your skills in communication, logic, math, memory, visualization and psychology. It's a unique type of mental workout that is both relaxing and invigorating and that can't be duplicated by other leisure or work-related activities.

West Australian Bridge Club

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with diamonds 3-3 or the jack coming down doubleton, but his best chance to make if they weren't was to find east with K10, Q10 or KQ10 of spades, or west with KQ10 of spades, along with the same defender having four diamonds. What he also realised, which not even the expert commentators looking at all four hands did, was that if East had K10 or Q10 to three or 4 spades, he can break this squeeze play by leaping up with his honour when a spade is played from dummy. Knowing this, Lall played the spade as early and quickly as possible, hoping to catch east "napping".

At the other table, the play went exactly the same for a flat board. Talking to the players after the round, the thing they were really surprised about wasn't that both tables had made on a squeeze, it was that neither defender had found the "correct" defence. According to Joe Grue, "playing the King of spades at trick two is automatic, because south is limited to three spades, so it can never cost to play the king". I looked again and realised he was right, there is no possible holding of three or less spades south can have that makes the king wrong. That made me feel a bit foolish for patting myself on the back for spotting the squeeze during the bidding.

I would like to thank the Bridge Association of Western Australia for making this trip possible by funding a large proportion of Renee (my sister) and my flights, entry fees and accommodation for youth week. Without this funding attending youth week would have been much more difficult for us. We both learned a lot throughout the two weeks we were in Canberra, and will now be playing in the Australian Under 21 team (me with Daniel Braun and Renee with Jamie Thompson) in the World Mind Sports Games this year as a result of our attendance at youth week.

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I'll bid what she's bidding ...



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Bulgarian All Stars	34	18	20	27	99.5
Down Under	19	36	41	28	124

OZ Players (Ron Klinger, Matt Mullamphy, Bill Jacobs, Ben Thompson) qualified to the quarter finals but then lost their match to the Bulgarian All Stars.



Passed Hand Panic

By Ron Klinger



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PROBLEM

Teams: North dealer; EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1H	4D
5D	?		

What would you do as North with:

♠	10987
♥	87
♦	A543
♣	1097

When partner pre-empts and you have a hopelessly weak hand with support for partner, it is rarely of benefit to support partner's suit. Your side will not win the auction, unless you are doubled, and you help the opponents assess their hands. If not prepared to make a psychic bid, it is usually best to pass and hope that partner's pre-empt has done its job. Here is an example from Round 4 of the 2005 World Championships:

Brd 9	♠ 10987		♠ A542
Dlr N	♥ 87		♥ QJ1065
Vul EW	♦ A543		♦ K8
	♣ 1097		♣ J3
		♠	
♠ KQJ63		N	
♥ A432		W	E
♦ 7			
♣ KQ8		S	
	♠ -		
	♥ K9		
	♦ QJ10962		
	♣ A6542		

4	
15	11
10	

If East opens 1H, what should South do? Some would choose 2D, others 2NT. As the diamonds are longer and so much stronger, it is not

attractive to choose 2NT, even though it conveys at least a 5-5 pattern.

In the Open Teams, Australia vs. Chinese Taipei:
Australia North-South

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1H	2D
4D (1)	5D	X	All pass

(1) Splinter rise of hearts

Lead: SK

Both sides did well here. East-West took the money, since 5H can be defeated. They can make 5S, but were not about to reach that spot. With the DK waste paper, East doubled to warn West against bidding higher.

South escaped for -300, a good save against 4H. He ruffed the lead and played a diamond to the ace, as he knew West had no more than one diamond. Then came CA and another club. It is too much to expect West to unblock one of the club honours to allow East in with the CJ to play a heart. West followed low and won the next club. The defence could no longer score more than four tricks.

At the other table:

Australia E-W:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1H	4D!
5D	7D???	X	All pass

Lead: SK

Declarer, without the same information about the diamond position, took the diamond finesse and went -1100. 13 Imps to Australia.

North's action is criminal. Facing a passed partner, South took a very unusual but highly successful action. West's 5D was looking for slam in hearts and, assuming North made a sane pass; East would sign off in 5H. Now South could lead

the D9 to North's ace and North should read this as a suit-preference lead for spades. South ruffs the spade return and cashes the CA for one down, thank you very much. With a club void, South would have led the D2.

Once you are a passed hand, partner is allowed a freer rein than usual. The fact is that North had no idea whether East-West could make 5H, 6H or 7H. Therefore North should pass and give South's pre-empt a chance to succeed.

In the Women's, Australia vs. Pakistan, the Australian South led the DQ against 5H and declarer scored +650. At the other table Pakistan took the 6D save for -800 and 4 Imps to Australia.

In the Seniors Australia vs. Brazil:

Australia N-S:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1D
X	2D	3D	5D
5S	All pass		

Lead: DA

There is no defence to 5S and declarer chalked up +650.

At the other table:

Australia E-W:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1H	2NT
4NT	6D	Pass	Pass
X	All pass		

Lead: HQ

Unless double has some conventional meaning, it would be wise for East to double 6D to warn West against bidding further. With the DK apparently waste paper, the East hand drops to a poor 8-count. The result was -800.

Overall results:

Open: 4H +650 x 2; 5H +650, -100; 5HX +850; 7DX, -1100; 6D -200; 6DX -800 x 2, -500; 5DX -500 x 8, -300 x 4.

Women's: 6H -200, -100; 6S -100; 5H +650 x6, -100 x 5; 6DX -800 x 2, -300; 5DX -500 x 5; 4S +650 x 2.

Seniors: 4H +650; 4S +620; 5H -100 x 2, +650; 5S +650 x 2; 6DX -800 x 5; 5DX -500 x 7, -300 x 3.

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Partners who take great leaps into the unknown are very dangerous players, as welcome as a piranha in a bidet.

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27-29 April 2012

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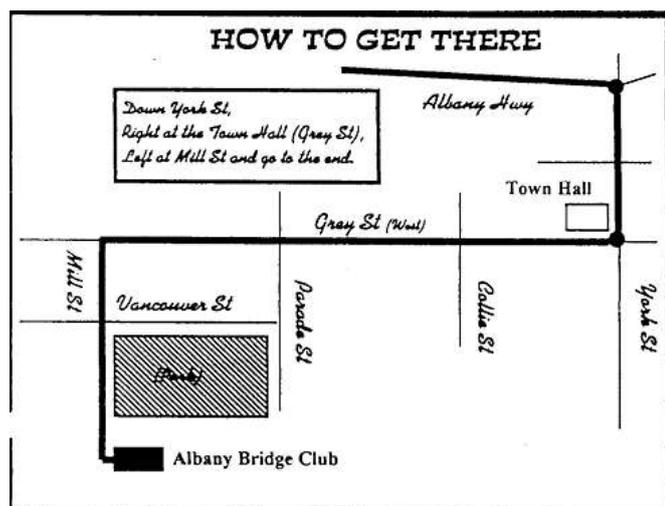
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PROGRAMME

Friday 27 April	6.30 pm	Registration/Supper
	7.00 pm	Welcome Pairs
Saturday 28 April	10.30 am	Open Pairs - Qualifying
		<i>A salad roll and a piece of fruit will be provided at Saturday lunch-time</i>
	2.30 pm	Open Pairs - Final/Plate
Sunday 29 April	9.00 am	Swiss Teams - 1 st Session
	1.00 pm	Swiss Teams - 2 nd Session
		<i>Sunday Lunch Provided</i>
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THE ROVING RHODES

Sallying forth in Rockingham



by Maura Rhodes
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The Roving Rhodes went forth to Rockingham Congress and came fourth on Saturday morning, fourth on Saturday afternoon and fourth again in the Teams on Sunday. A true weekend of fourths!

We enjoy Rockingham Congress and it is very popular, always filling quickly so if you do want to play in it, it is necessary to get your entries in early. Both the Pairs and Teams events were full, although on Saturday, one Pair did not appear. This caused the Director more work and resulted in half the field having a sit-out and was especially annoying as there were Pairs wanting to play, who couldn't do so, as it was apparently full. BAWA's requirement is that if a Pair enters a Congress or BAWA event, they must turn up or cancel their entry, which sounds like basic courtesy to me.

Anyway, back to Bridge. Here is an interesting hand from Round Five of the Teams:

Brd 16	♠ 42				
Dlr W	♥ K6542				
Vul EW	♦ J9532				
	♣ 4				
♠ KT876		♠ QJ9			
♥ 98		♥ T7			
♦ KT8		♦ 76			
♣ 852		♣ KQJT97			
	♠ A53				
	♥ AQJ3				
	♦ AQ4				
	♣ A63				

4	9
6	21

After West passes, would you open North's hand? Our team-mate Dave Munro decided, at favourable vulnerability, to open his hand with a bid of 2H, which in his and Liz McNeill's system shows a 5 card Heart suit and a 5 card minor with less than an opening hand. East correctly passed and Liz was faced with a difficult decision. She had 21 HCP, but a flat hand with no obvious source of tricks other than her Aces. However,

she decided she had to have a go, so she bid 4NT which was Roman Key card Blackwood. When Dave responded 5 Diamonds, showing the King of Hearts, she bid 6H. What would you lead as East, defending against 6H? The King of Clubs, being top of a solid sequence, is a stand-out lead, but Dave has shown ten cards in two suits and therefore has a singleton or void in one suit, which is likely to be your long suit. The killing lead is the Queen of Spades, which takes the slam off. However, Dave was lucky and the King of Clubs was led, which he won, drew trumps, took the losing Diamond finesse, then could discard his losing Spades on the good Diamonds and making his contract. The really funny thing was that when we did the Post Mortem with Liz and Dave, Liz was aghast at what Dave had opened on and said, "He would have told me off if I had opened on that hand!" Do as I say, not as I do. I must admit I would have had no hesitation in opening Dave's hand!

As always, Rockingham Congress was a pleasure to attend, efficiently convened by Janice Hawker and effortlessly directed by Bill Kemp. The food was lovely, too tempting for those of us with expanding waist-lines, not able to withstand temptation. Congratulations to John Beddow, Egmont Melton who won the teams with their team-mates, Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski.

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Events>Event List



Mixed Teams

4 weeks event starts Thursday,
22nd of March 2012

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: South Perth Bridge Club
(corner of Brittain Street
and Barker Street, Como)

ENTRY FEE: \$180 per team

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

2011 Winners:

Christine Boylson, Jonathan Free,
Lauren Shiels and Chris Mully



Interstate Senior Selection

Sat 14th and Sun 15th April
Sat 21st and Sun 22nd April

Event commences at 10 am

VENUE: Nedlands Bridge Club
(14 Melvista Ave,
Nedlands)

ENTRY FEE: \$85 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp – 9447 0534

2011 Winners:

John Beddow and Egmont Melton



State Open Pairs

6 weeks event starts Thursday,
26th of April 2012

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: South Perth Bridge Club
(corner of Brittain Street
and Barker Street, Como)

ENTRY FEE: \$65 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website
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DIRECTOR: Peter Holloway – 0411 870 931

2011 Winners:

Gerry Daly and Karol Miller



State Swiss Teams

5 weeks event starts Thursday,
30th of April 2012

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: Nedlands Bridge Club
(14 Melvista Ave,
Nedlands)

ENTRY FEE: \$220 per team

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

2011 Winners:

Jonathan Free, Michael Bausor,
Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton



Second Hand High

From Bill Jacobs – Victorian Bridge Association Editor
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They say that those who ignore history are condemned to repeat it. Players who sat West in the following two deals from a Mixed Pairs event some years ago may have had a great opportunity to learn from history:

Brd ♠ 43
 Dlr S ♥ T765
 Vul EW ♦ 74
 ♣ AJT98

♠ J2	N	♠ KQT976
♥ A43	W	♥ -
♦ KT862	E	♦ QJ93
♣ K74	S	♣ Q62

♠ A85
 ♥ KQJ982
 ♦ A5
 ♣ 53

5		
11		10
14		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1H
Pass	2H	2S	4H
X	All pass		

Against 4H doubled, West led the spade jack to South's ace, and a club was played at trick two.

The winning play is "second hand high" – go in with the king! This play forces South to win the club ace, and now there is no fast entry to enjoy the third round of clubs for a diamond discard. Indeed, if West does find the king play, South will likely duck it, and take the finesse on the second round – down two!

West actually followed with a low club, East won the queen and played a diamond, but declarer got it right, winning the diamond, taking a second club finesse and pitching the diamond loser on the club ace. Making four.

Interestingly, if East declares 4♠ and South happens to lead a club, then declarer must make the same "second hand high" play – the king to separate the defence from their second club winner. How symmetrically delightful.

Well, West can perhaps be excused for missing this play, but only a few deals later:

Brd ♠ 853
 Dlr W ♥ Q63
 Vul Nil ♦ 763
 ♣ AJT6

♠ AQT7	N	♠ 642
♥ J	W	♥ T542
♦ QJT98	E	♦ K54
♣ Q43	S	♣ K92

♠ KJ9
 ♥ AK987
 ♦ A2
 ♣ 875

7		
12		6
15		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	2D	2H
Pass	Pass	3D	Pass
Pass	3H	All pass	

Against 3H, West led the diamond queen, South let that win, won the second diamond, and played a club ...

West must learn from history (and the bridge gods have been kind, making the key suit clubs again as an aide memoire) and go in with the queen.

But West actually played a low club – and the play was simple. The 10 forced the king, and declarer was able to subsequently draw trumps with a finesse, and repeat the club finesse to discard a spade loser on the long club. The defence didn't have the communications to take three fast spade tricks.

Note that in both examples, going in with the club honour is relatively safe. On the first hand, South would obviously be finessing anyway if he owns the queen; and similarly on the second hand, one would expect South to finesse the opening bidder for the queen should he have started with ♣Kxx.



Book Review

from Mike McClone

Sooner or later every aspiring bridge player realises there is more to the game than just bidding to contract and declarer play. How do experienced defenders unerringly seem to know where declarer's weak spots are and how to marshal their cards to bring his contract down? Perhaps early on they had Eddie Kantar's books on their shelf. Eddie Kantar doesn't give away all the secrets in '**Modern Bridge Defense**' but he certainly lays a firm platform upon which a partnership can build its edifice of communication. As with all battles it's the first move made by the defenders which so often determines the outcome. Eddie covers this material in superb fashion describing leads for No Trumps and Suit Contracts. Typically he discusses the choice of suit, followed by choice of card, ending up with comprehensive summaries and practice hands.

Other chapters discuss topics: Third Man play, Signaling against Suits, Signaling against No Trumps, Under the GUN and Making a Winning Discard. Some of the material when I first read the book I found counter-intuitive as in: '*When partner leads an honour card versus no trump and you have a doubleton honour, unblock it; play it, do it!*'. And this book is full of similar advice if only I can remember it all at the table. Fortunately all of it is common sense and once you understand the principles, after a while at the table, it becomes second nature.

The layout of the book makes for easy reading.

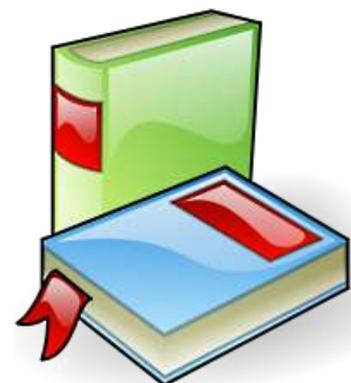
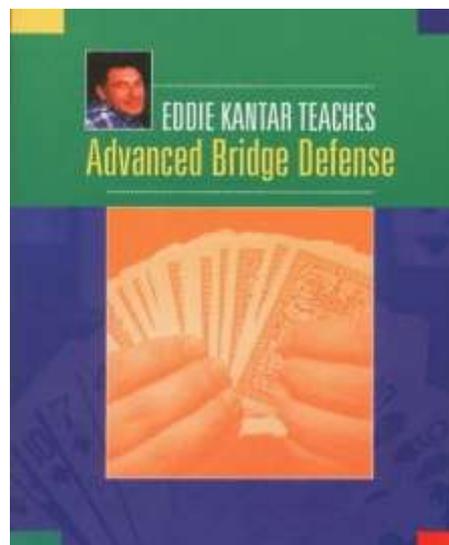
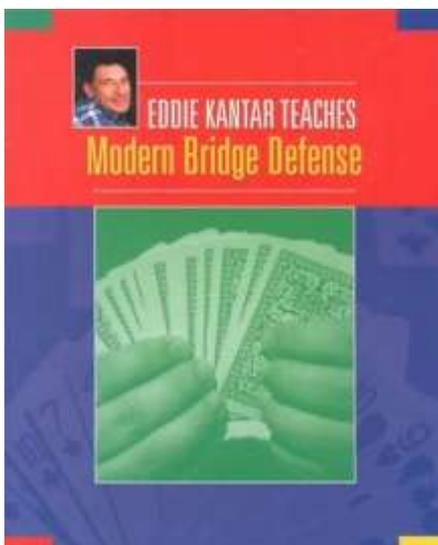
Key statements are italicized and subtitles are used in chapters when new material is introduced. Every chapter has a list of key ideas and practice hands and examples. His writing style is simple and good humoured and the explanations clear and lucid.

'**Advanced Bridge Defense**' is Eddie Kantar's sequel to the above and is just as good. There is the same pattern of discussing the chapter topic followed by practice hands and key ideas. Topics covered: Planning against Suit contracts, Learning to Think, Counting distribution, Counting tricks/counting High Card points, Tricks with Trumps, lead doubles and Card tricks (not the usual kind!) All very stimulating and thought provoking.

The only downside is that defence involves a partnership understanding. Whereas most partnerships devote a good amount of time to bidding (at least to the intermediate level) the defence aspect is virtually restricted to a few simple rules. An understanding of defence that these books provide would probably require the purchase of two books: One for yourself and one for your partner.

Eddie Kantar teaches **Modern Bridge Defense**
Master Point Press 1999

Eddie Kantar teaches **Advanced Bridge Defense**
(*Ed note: Mike is a member of the Melville Bridge Club*)



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Competition Winners:

The Mandurah Congress was very well attended in January with 36 tables playing on both days. Congratulations to the following winners:

Swiss Pairs	1 st	Roman Gdowski & Andrew Marsh
	2 nd	Hugh Wichmann & Eddy Mandavy
	3 rd	Kate Boston & Murray Webber
Swiss Teams	1 st	Nigel Dutton, Marie Merven, Val Biltoft & David Schokman
	2 nd	Bruce Maguire, Tirza Cohen, Carol Cleeve & Martin Cleeve
	3 rd	Robert Prince, Maurice Herman, Joan Prince & Pauline Collett

The Club held an anniversary charity day on Tuesday 24th January with 18 tables and a total of \$404 was raised for local charity Midway Community Care in Mandurah. The Club will repeat the event annually with a different charity each year.



Bridge Club Vice President Mike Wadsworth, left, presents the cheque to Patrick Dudley, CEO of Midway Community Care

Upcoming Events - 2012

Club Teams Championship - Saturday 14th April. This is a Red Point event restricted to financial members only.

Bridge for Brains Challenge – Friday 4th May.

Special Teams event – Wednesday 16th May.

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 23rd May at 12.00pm.

Australia Wide Novice Pairs – Thursday 24th May.



For the first time, the Club will hold a **Winter Swiss Pairs Congress** on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July.

Entries via the BAWA website.



South Perth Bridge Club

By Cassie Morrin & Darrell Williams

Liz McNeil and Dave Munro win John McKie Shield.

The Captain's Open Pairs was conducted on Sunday 5th February. The winners, Liz McNeil and Dave Munro were presented with the John McKie Shield by Joan McKie.

Maura and Rick Rhodes were second with Sandy Sutton- Mattocks and Don Sutton-Mattocks third. Fran Muller directed the event with 56 players participating.

Doreen Jones and Elizabeth McNeil - Club Pairs Champions.



The Club Pairs Championship was conducted over three weeks by 30 pairs all keenly playing to win. Rankings yo-yoed as the weeks passed and at the end of the final round Doreen Jones and Elizabeth McNeil emerged as the 2012 Pairs Champions. Runners –up were Joan Valentine and Wendy Harman with Carol and Martin Cleve 3rd.

Future Events at the Club:

April Fool's Day open Pairs: - Sunday, 1st April @ 1.30 pm

Easter Congress including the Terry Glover Memorial Swiss teams:

- Welcome Pairs Friday 6th April @ 7.30 pm
- Swiss Pairs Saturday 7th 2 sessions starting @ 10.00 am
- Open Pairs Sunday 8th 2 sessions starting @ 10.00 am
- Terry Glover Memorial Swiss teams. Monday 9th 2 sessions starting @ 10.00 am



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The winners of our Monday GNRP Gold Points event were Sue Madsen and Pat Garnett. Wendy McKenzie and Jay Medhat came second with Ivy Mendalawitz and Verna Holman in third place.



Pat Garnett and Sue Madsen

Our President, Peter Garcia-Webb has done a great job of updating our website and, along with other changes, it now provides a direct link to 'WA Bridge Focus' on line.

Our classes and supervised bridge sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm have been very well supported and anyone who would like to learn to play bridge or to improve their bridge in a friendly, relaxed environment is encouraged to come along (either with or without a partner.) For more details phone Elizabeth on 9275 12557 or Maureen on 9245 2138.

With the current hot weather, our new air conditioning has proved a godsend and has led to

increased numbers for the start of the year as members try to escape the heat!

Our next Red Point Competition, the Monday Pairs Joyce Moody Trophy, will be held on Mondays March 19, 26 and April 2.

Maylands Bridge Club

From Colleen Prosser

The Club AGM was held on the 16th January and was well-attended. It was particularly pleasing to all that framed Life Membership Certificates were presented to two Club stalwarts; Beth Rowland and Alan Baldock.

A similar certificate was also presented to Jean Lilleyman (103) who had not received this acknowledgement when she was honoured with Life Membership in 1996.

The Club Management Committee also would like to advise that supervised bridge, previously played on Wednesday mornings, is no longer available, having been replaced by a standard bridge session, commencing at 10.15 am.



Pictured (L-R): Beth Rowland, Jean Lilleyman (seated), Alan Baldock

Kendenup Bridge Club

from Ann Oldfield

Bridge Players from Iceland

Kendenup Bridge Club has in recent weeks welcomed visiting Icelandic players. The visitors were Stefania Gisladóttir's three sisters Ina Gisladóttir, Jóhanna Gisladóttir and Hulda

Gisladóttir, with their three husbands Viglundur Gunarsson, Vigfús and Jòn Sigurjónsson.

We could not miss the opportunity for Kendenup to play a teams game against Iceland.

Iceland's Team was made up of the four sisters and their husbands. Stef's husband Gavin Dear is Australian but he has lived in Iceland and seems to get by in the language so we thought he qualified.



ICELAND – Ina, Gavin, Vigfus, Johanna, Stefania, Viglundur, Hulda and Jon.

Kendenup's team of eight was chosen by our President Bill Sandilands and our director David Atkinson organised the set up.



KENDENUP – David, Bob, Tracey, Heather, Bill, Betty, Kay and Ann.

As for the results, can we say that the Icelander's were as calm and courteous in victory as they were at the bridge table. We gave them our congratulations and a bottle of wine for each couple. They were always going to get the wine, win, lose or draw.

The Kendenup team was happy to have conducted a friendly, well run competition. Supper wasn't bad either and we enjoyed the company of very people. Fortunately for us they were happy to practice their English at our club.

Sitting at a table with folk from a large island in the North Atlantic we were reminded that Bridge is a worldwide game. It is enjoyed no less at small clubs that it is at world championships.

Our next team game will be against Denmark. If you are wondering; they will not jet in from the top of the world. They will drive up from the South Coast of Western Australia!



Melville Bridge Club

from Lyndie Trevean



Pictured above from left to right Noel Daniel, Merwyn Menezes, Jan Howell (Director of the day), Valerie Isle and Salim Songerwala.

Melville Swiss Pairs (13 & 20 March):

1st: Valerie Isle and Salim Songerwala

2nd: Noel Daniel and Merwyn Menezes

3rd: Anne Mitchell and Joan Barnett



West Australian Bridge Club

from Kitty George

We have had a busy start to the Bridge year with large fields of players every day.

Thirty tables are now quite the norm and the Monday session which includes a supervised section often sees all tables occupied. Fortunately the air conditioning has coped very well and WABC has been a wonderful place to spend the summer.

Peter Smith's lessons have also been well attended. He continues to offer a wide range of courses catering from the beginner to the advanced player and these are held on Tuesday

and Thursday mornings and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings throughout school terms. Details of the upcoming courses can be found on the club website: www.wabridgeclub.com.au

The Club Individual Championships were held over two Wednesday evenings in February and as usual were a greatly enjoyed event.



Whilst **Ray Woods** won both sessions, **Shirley Rose** kept him on his toes and finished a close second followed by Sheenagh Young. Members brought a plate of goodies to enjoy after play on the last evening and we passed some pleasant time waiting for the final results to be announced. (Computers do not always behave as they should!). Well done Ray.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to Swanbourne for the **Restricted Swiss Pairs** on March 25th.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmueller

Our New Year Pairs Red Point event was held over three Saturday afternoons in January. Eighteen tables participated. The winning pair was **Tad Bieganski** and **Beata Bieganski**, with Brian Fensome and Tuya Cooke second and Kay Johnson and Domenico Rocchiccioli third. Congratulations to you all!

The Grand National Restricted Pairs was well represented by Undercroft with three of our pairs taking part. They all enjoyed the challenge and David Cowell and David Womersley are congratulated on their eleventh place finish. Well done!



David Cowell, David Womersley, Amanda Torre, Connie Coltrona, Zbigniew Balicki and Tom Januszewski at the Grand National Restricted Pairs Finals in Canberra, January 2012

In late January and early February we held the Syd Noakes Trophy with forty pairs taking part. Our winners were **Carol Fensome** and **Beata Bieganski**. Philip Oldershaw and Anthony Eardley came second, with Christine Jenkins and Marie Sheridan third. Congratulations all!

As usual, the supper at our Red Point events continues to be a welcome delight, thank you to Armanda Torre and Julia Corr. An outstanding job ladies!

Fiske Warren's next lesson, "BIDDING OVER OPPONENTS 1NT", will be on Wednesday March 21 from 10.00am to 12 noon. The cost is \$12.00. Everyone is welcome.

Fremantle Bridge Club Inc.

From Di Robinson

FBC is pleased to announce the **FBC Congress** to be held Sunday 10th June 2012, more about this to follow as arrangements unfold.

Pizza and Wine nights.

We want to encourage more people to our Thursday night Bridge. We are continuing the availability of a partner for anyone wanting to come on their own. **At 6.15 on first Thursday of each month we are having a Pizza & Wine night – the cost \$5.** Your support is appreciated for our work force members.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Fabulous “on the run” morning and afternoon teas greeted players attending the **23rd Birthday Congress** - smoothly run by Director Peter Holloway.

1st in the Final:

Thilak Ranasinghe and Eddy Mandavy



2nd:
Richard Fox
and
Lynne Errington

and 3rd Dave Munro and Maura Rhodes



1st in the Plate
Linda Watson
and
Pat King

2nd Lise Bank and Mary Johnson with

3rd Tony Stevens and Michael Berk



1st
in Consolation:
Mervyn Menezes
and
Noel Daniel

2nd all the way from the UK Graham Dickens and Sue Dickens and

3rd Frankie Selikow and Gail Fogelman

Supervised play is held every Tuesday morning 9.30am – 12 noon – no need to have a partner – one will be available for you.

Check the club web www.nedlandsbc.org for further details of the popular Fiske Warren Bi-Monthly Lectures held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month 9.30am to 11.30am.

The **Annual General Meeting** is at 12.30pm March 31st.

Easter Monday April 9th is a normal bridge session starting at 12.30pm

The **Autumn Swiss Pairs** – open to all players starts May 2nd, 9th and 16th - Red Points, cash prizes and spot prizes during the event.

Bridgetown Bridge Club

from Jan Burgess

Our Christmas Party, held on 6th December, was well attended with 22 of our 26 members turning up to enjoy some delicious food and some very drinkable wine. Having got ourselves in the right mood, we settled down to play for our Club's major trophy, the **Mary Wheatley Memorial Trophy**. Mary and Tom were instrumental in founding our Club and worked tirelessly giving lessons and encouraging players.



The Trophy was inaugurated in 1999 and we are delighted to have some new names to go on it with Mick and Jenny Dewing winning for the first time - congratulations to them.

Solution to puzzle 1154

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2012

	March	Fri 2 nd – Mon 5 th	<i>Esperance Congress – see flyer</i>
		Sat 10 th – Sun 11 th	<i>City of Melville Bridge Club Congress –see flyer</i>
		Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th	<i>Kalamunda Bridge Congress – see flyer</i>
		Mon 19 th	BAWA State Men’s/Women’s Teams 1st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Thu 22 nd	BAWA State Mixed Teams 1st of 4 –see flyer Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 24 th –Sun 25 th	WAP Playoffs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Sun 25 th	West Australian Bridge Club - Restricted Swiss Pairs- see flyer 10.00am
		Sat 31 st –Sun 1 st April	WA Country Championships
	April	Sun 1 st	ANC OPEN Teams Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Fri 6 th – Mon 9 th	South Bridge Club Easter Congress – see flyer
		Sat 14 th –Sun 15 th Sat 21 st – Sun 22 nd	Interstate Senior Selection Trials Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Thu 26 th	BAWA State Open Pairs 1st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 27 th – Sun 29 th	Albany Congress
		Mon 30 th	BAWA State Swiss Teams 1st of 5 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	May	Wed 2 nd	Nedlands Bridge Club Autumn Swiss Pairs 1 of 3 - see flyer
		Sun 6 th	West Australian Bridge Club- Novice Congress
		Sat 19 th –Sun 20 th	Western Seniors Pairs (PQP & Gold Points) Venue: WABC 10.00am
	Jun	Fri 1 st –Mon 4 th	West Australian Bridge Club Congress
		Sat 2 nd – Mon 4 th	Country Grand National Open Teams
		Thu 7 th	BAWA State Swiss Pairs 1st of 5 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 10 th	Fremantle Bridge Club Congress
		Mon 11 th	BAWA State Winter Teams 1st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 15 th – Sun 17 th	Geraldton Bridge Club Congress
		Sun 24 th	South Perth Bridge Club – Open Swiss Teams 1st of 2. Starts 10.00am
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.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	

Enter now for the unique

South Perth Winter Swiss Teams

Two Sundays: June 24 and July 1

Light supper follows final session

Two Sessions: 10am and 2pm

Prize money 40% of entry fees

Entries via BAWA website

**Convenor: Cassie Morin
(cassiemorin@bigpond.com.au)**

Entry fee only \$50 per person

Director: Bill Kemp



South Perth Easter Congress

Friday April 6th

Welcome Pairs 6.30 pm

Saturday April 7th

Swiss Pairs 10 am and 2 pm

Sunday April 8th

Open Pairs 10 am and 2 pm

Monday April 9th

Open Teams 10 am and 2 pm
(Terry Glover Memorial)

Entries: via BAWA website please

Entry Fees:

Welcome Pairs: \$25 per person

Open Pairs: \$25 per person

Swiss Pairs: \$25 per person

Swiss Teams: \$30 per person

A light supper will follow the Teams event.



Director: Bill Kemp

Convenor: Cassie Morin
(cassiemorin@bigpond.com.au)

The 2012 Regional Championships

31st of March and the 1st of April

Bridgetown Civic Centre, 3 Streere Street

Director: Peter Holloway

It's that time again where the WA Country Players gather to compete For their Champion in Pairs and Teams with lots of generous prizes.

Entry Fees this Year:

Pairs: \$60 per Pair

Teams: \$140 per Team

Entries can be made on BAWA website 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 am on Saturday.



For accommodation and local information please contact the Bridgetown Visitors Center:

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