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# President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Played in two great congresses so far this year; the first was the Mandurah Summer Congress which, as usual, was full (40 tables) many months before the playing dates. I have to say what a smooth and well run weekend it was with Swiss Pairs on Saturday and Swiss Teams on Sunday. On both days the turnaround time between rounds was an impressive few minutes with large screen displays of scores and draws. The technology was exciting. Well done Mandurah. The second was a smaller, but no less well run, weekend at Rockingham. With a limit of 20 tables Rockingham is always going to be full early and it was, as were the players after sampling, scones, cakes, fruit and assorted goodies available all weekend. Again Swiss Pairs on Saturday and Swiss Teams on Sunday – I do think players enjoy the Swiss Pairs. Well done Rockingham.

I also heard last night that Joondalup's first Red Point event ever had 18 tables and was a great success. Maybe next year Joondalup might consider a weekend congress. ☺

I hope our affiliate clubs are busy with their planning and preparation for the GNOT, Restricted Butler and the Interclub Teams event. The GNOT is a Gold point event that can be played in the familiar surroundings of your club. If your club is not holding an event then you are missing out on good teams bridge, gold points and the chance to win a trip to Tweed Heads later in the year. Very simple to organise, contact Robina at [bina360@hotmail.com](mailto:bina360@hotmail.com) if you need any

assistance. I understand that there was a great turnout for the WABC Restricted Butler event held at the end of last month. This is a great opportunity for Restricted Players to win a subsidized trip to Queensland for the ANC this year. The pairs winning the state final will be eligible to a \$2000 subsidy and the \$500 entry fee for the ANC Restricted Butler. If your club is not holding an event it's not too late to organise one. Again contact Robina for assistance.

The Australian Bridge magazine has a regular column called 20 year ago which I enjoy. I couldn't quite manage a President's column from 1996 so I thought to finish this month I would have a look at my column from March 2006. In the column I was congratulating WA players as to how well they had adapted to these new-fangled bidding boxes – doesn't time fly by.



## Coming up Events

- **Interstate Women's Selection Qual Pairs**  
2 Thursdays & 1 weekend  
Starts 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016
- **Interstate Seniors' Selection Qual Pairs**  
2 weekends beginning 9 April  
Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club

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# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

## Joondalup Bridge Club

From David Wheaton

150 members attended our Christmas Party in December. A buffet supper was enjoyed by all and this was followed by a Xmas Quiz, excellent entertainment by Mike Peddan who specializes in Dean Martin songs and finally some Christmas carols sung beautifully by a young Danella Ashwin. Mighty Booths provided lots of opportunities for unusual photos and although there was not a bridge card in sight, everybody had a ball.



2016 saw further expansion in sessions with the addition of a Monday afternoon competition session. We now have sessions every weekday. Please see our website for details.

A Saturday at the end of January saw a display table set up in Whitfords City Shopping Centre. A TV presentation of our club activities and opportunities to learn how to play bridge was very successful. About 70 leaflets were handed out and our new intake of 40 beginners learning bridge started a 9 week course in early February.

Our inaugural Open Red Point event was held on Thursday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> February. 18 tables were the reward of our Vice President Rod's hard work and the afternoon was enjoyed by all. The winners were:

N/S: **Tony Martin** and **Christine Jenkins**  
E/W: **Judith Selleck** and **Pamela Smith**

Runners up:

N/S: Satish Bedekar and Anthony Eardley  
E/W: Betty Day and Metka Agrez.



*Pamela Smith and Judith Selleck Red Point E/W winners with President David Wheaton.*

So all in all a promising start to 2016.

Visitors are welcome to our sessions (up to a maximum of 6 visits before being asked to join).

Have a look at our website

[www.joondalupbridgeclub.com.au](http://www.joondalupbridgeclub.com.au) for all details.

## Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Bridgetown held its Annual General Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February; despite the hot, airless venue - which ceiling fans and a small, over-worked air conditioner could not compete with - members found the energy to have our usual animated discussions on a variety of topics!

Our hard-working Management Committee was re-elected as follows:

President	Patricia Rodgers
Vice-President	Peter Taylor
Secretary	Ursula Wade
Treasurer	Jana Mayhew
Social	Mona Stockwell

We also have a Tournament Sub-Committee composed of Eric Wheatley and Jan Burgess. Gillian Wheatley agreed to continue as our

Auditor. We thank all our office holders for their dedicated commitment.

Two trophies were presented:



The Mary Wheatley Memorial Trophy which is competed for over one evening and is now a handicap event – won by **Eric Wheatley** and **Gillian Wheatley** for the fourth time.



The Welcome Cup (for Club Champion) which is presented to the player achieving the highest and most consistent results over the entire year – won by **Mona Stockwell** for the second time.

Congratulations to all our trophy winners.

Having disposed of all the “business” satisfactorily, we were then able to devote ourselves to a pleasant evening of bridge!

## Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

Our Congress, held on 13th and 14th February, went smoothly. The catering team were like a ‘well-oiled machine’ following guidelines set up by our Social Director, Pat Hoson. Convenor, Janice Hawker, was kept busy with last minute

adjustments to the player’s list as well as with the many other tasks attached to the role of Convenor.

## Who’s Who at the Congress



Convenor Janice Hawker with Merle Wylie



President Hazel Bennett with Director Bill Kemp



Players- Raewyn Lewer, Wayne Cupitt, Sandi Sandilands and Heather Cupitt from Geraldton.



Social Director,  
Pat Hoson

## SWISS PAIRS



1st Hugh Probert and Steven Rogoysky



2nd Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski



3rd Deidre Greenfeld and Deborah Frankel



Understate Masters - Jean Dance and Jen Green with sponsor, Di Brooks and President Hazel Bennett

## CONGRESS TEAMS



1st Marie-France Merven, Viv Wood, Nigel Dutton and Gerry Daly



2nd Chris Ingham, David Matthews, Deana Wilson and Cynthia Belonogoff



3rd John Beddow, Beata Bieganski, Tad Bieganski and Egmont Melton



President Hazel Bennett with Best Rockingham Team Ron Philpot, Robin Aplin, Betty Philpot and Janice Hawker

A word of advice from Richard Usher

### **Gin is Just the Tonic**

The card dealers (Margaret, Raewyn and Richard) were recently having trouble with the card-dealing machine. The cards were slipping on the rubber rollers and often jamming. When the cards are used by all of us, they can collect some residue of dirt and over time this builds up on the rollers in the machine. Also, brand new cards have dust from the printers, and this makes matters worse.

Having tried to clean the machine with little success, I turned to the web to see if I could find a solution. The article I read suggested cleaning the rollers with a 'mild spirit', but that was not much good as it did not say what sort of mild spirit. So I watched the video, and they demonstrated how to actually get at the rollers and use either **gin** or **vodka** to clean them. Having only gin at home, I set off to the Club to clean the machine. Hey presto, it works like a charm again now.

My firm recommendation for trouble free dealing is to regularly clean the machine with a few drops of gin (and a glass for the cleaner!). I look forward to many cleaning sessions from now on.



## **Mandurah Bridge Club**

From Ian Jones

The Mandurah Summer congress was held over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January and directed by Neville Walker, assisted by Jean Field and Peter Holloway.



The Swiss Pair's event on the Saturday was won by Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski being presented with their prize by Club President Ann Shalders.



Runners-up Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton



3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth McNeil and Alan Dundas



The Best Country Pair: Phil and Kathy Power



The Best Mandurah Pair: Vera and Doug Hardman



Clyde England and Graham Boxall were the Best Under State Master pair.



The Sunday Teams was won by the Dutton team, comprising Marie-France Merven, Nigel Dutton, Jane Reynolds and Viv Wood



2<sup>nd</sup> the Wilson team of Tim Munro, Deana Wilson, Jonathan Free and Chris Mulley



3<sup>rd</sup>The Steer team of James Steer, Stella Steer, Inga Hunt and Clive Hunt



The Barnes team of Joy Gibson, Brian Wade, Di Brooks and Phyl Barnes won the Best Country prize



The Proudfoot team won the best Mandurah team prize, comprising (Bev Ford) Merle Proudfoot and Colin Hunter and Rose Hunter



The Perry team of Jane Perry, Corrie Davis, Graeme Perry and Maxine Clarke, won the prize for the best team below Life Master

## Congratulations



On Monday 1st February, **Ursula** and **Brian Elson** celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at the Club with sparkling wine and a beautiful cake. They are long-standing bridge players and Club members, and included among their cards was a congratulatory message from the Queen. Brian entertained members with a video presentation of their life history; the old black and white photos provided a reminder of days gone by.



Ursula and Brian Elson



## Tuesday Best 3 out of 4 Competition



Congratulations to this year's event winners, **Gudrun Kemmer** and **Ian Wake**.

Runners up were Jill Dixon and Anne Wheel, with Liz Vince and Ian Jones placed third.



## Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown



## Australia Day



Director **Ian "Cobber" Bailey** stole the day!

Players were also treated to Ian's not stop anecdotes then Lamingtons and cream for afternoon tea.

Winners on the day:

N/S

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan Blight and Heather Williams
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robyn Todd and Maggie West
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kathy Power and Phil Power

E/W

1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Ingham and David Matthews
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kay Johnson and Ken Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	May Schonwolf and Ken Todd

## 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday Congress Swiss Pairs

As always players were greeted upon their arrival with hot cheese scones and a desert after lunch of jellied fruit and ice cream – bliss!



1<sup>st</sup> Marcey Spilsbury (and Kaiping Chen)



2<sup>nd</sup> Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth McNeill and Cassie Morin

Best Nedlands Women's Pair:  
Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku



Best Nedlands Men's Pair:  
Mitch Garbutt (and Chris Mulley)



4<sup>th</sup> Jo Sklarz and Pauline Hammond



## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Monday Pairs Competition  
were



5<sup>th</sup> Deana Wilson and Cynthia Belonogoff



1<sup>st</sup> Ray Wood and Marlene Medhat



Best Restricted Pair: Pauline and David Coulter



2<sup>nd</sup> Verna Holman and Wilhelmina Piller



3<sup>rd</sup> Peach Partis and Elizabeth Bennett

### Charity Week

Our annual Charity Week was brought forward this year so that we could contribute to the Lord Mayor’s Waroona and District Fires appeal .The amount raised by members’ contributions and Committee donation was \$1500.



Pauline Hammond and Liz McNeill



Jenny Simpson, Bob Mitchell, Wilma Coloper and Frank Thorogood

## South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker

### Recent Club Results

### Summer Teams

In this event teams played thirty six boards over the first two Thursdays in February with Tournament Director Dave Parnham. The winning team was Carol and Martin Cleeve, Bob Prince and Joan Prince with Liz McNeill, Pauline Hammond, Susan Szabo and Hugh Probert and the best team with less than 300 MP was Jenny Simpson, Bob Mitchell, Wilma Coloper and Frank Thorogood.



Bob Prince, Martin Cleeve, Carol Cleeve and Joan Prince



## West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George and Sheenagh Young

Congratulations to the winners in our first Congress for 2016. The event in late January was held in 2 sections: Novice and Super Novice and we hope all who participated had an enjoyable day.

**NOVICE** section Final:



1<sup>st</sup> N/S Lynn Robson and Mira Erskine



1<sup>st</sup> E/W Ping Robson and Kaiping Chen

**NOVICE** section Plate:

**SUPER NOVICE**



1<sup>st</sup> N/S Eugene Luzietti and Betty Jane

1<sup>st</sup> E/W Shelley James and Eve Clarkson



1<sup>st</sup> N/S Ronnie Nilant and Jenny Walkden

In early February the Club celebrated 42 years as the West Australian Bridge Club and 8 years since our relocation to Swanbourne. A large field of 192 players shared the Birthday cake and enjoyed a keenly contested competition for the Anniversary Pairs trophy.



1<sup>st</sup> E/W Catherine Gabites and John Ewing



1<sup>st</sup> Jane Henderson and Karen Wallwork - the very excited winners



**Undercroft Bridge Club**

From David Cowell

A Belated Happy New Year from the Undercroft Bridge Club.

Each year at our Christmas parties we run a raffle to raise money for the 'Wheelchairs for Kids Charity.' Once again one of our long standing members - Leslie Smith, was instrumental in



organising the raffle and thanks to her hard work and the generosity of our members we raised \$1000. We have been supporting 'Wheelchairs for Kids Charity' for many years and I am pleased to say that each year the cheque gets bigger and bigger!



President David Cowell and Leslie Smith presenting the cheque at the Wheelchairs for Kids factory.

Here at Undercroft we started off 2016 with our New Year's Pairs competition, held over three consecutive Monday evenings 11th, 18th, and 25th January.



The winners were Allan Doig and David Cowell



2<sup>nd</sup> Satish Bedekar and Anthony Eardley



3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Price and Barbara Ainley

Like many other clubs who have been collecting for the 'Lord Mayors Distress Appeal' with regard to the bush fires that took place in early January, the Undercroft members raised \$1322.55 to donate to this fund.

Once again we are having a one day congress on Sunday May 22. We hope that many of you will be able to come and play.

Happy Bridging



## 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)



# When The Opponents Get It Wrong

From Matt McManus

There are occasions when the laws allow a player an option to accept an infraction committed by the other side. The most common example is probably when there has been an insufficient bid.

Take this auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1D	1H	4S	2H

Here, South's bid of 2H is insufficient. When the director comes to the table, he will rule:

1) West has the option of accepting 2H and making any sufficient call above that. In that case the auction will continue without any further penalty;

2) If West does not accept the call, then South must substitute a legal bid or pass. If South bids 5H, then the auction continues without penalty. If South takes any other action, then North must pass for the remainder of the auction. There may also be lead penalties if North-South end up defending. South may not replace the insufficient bid with a double.

(\* This is the simple application of the insufficient bid law. There may be other cases where the law results in a more complex range of options.)

Most players immediately reject the choice of accepting the insufficient bid – usually by saying, “*I want them to make it good*”. Note that West cannot force South make the bid good – his only option is whether he wants to accept 2H or not. If it is not accepted it is up to South to choose what to do.

Sometimes it may be better for West to accept the insufficient bid. When could this be?

1) West has a hand that really hates spades and thinks that 4S may not be the best result for his side. Remember if West does not accept 2H, South is not compelled to bid 5H. He may choose to pass instead and East might be left to play 4S. By accepting 2S and passing, West can convey his lack of enthusiasm for spades. East has another chance to bid 4S on the next round if he still wants to, having heard West's opinion.

2) West has a hand that really wants to penalise hearts. He can choose not to accept 2H and hope that South foolishly bids 5H. But if West's hearts are really that good, this is probably unlikely. West can double 2H showing particular interest in playing for penalties. Again as in 1), East still has the option to overrule him on the next round by taking out the double.

3) West has a particularly good hand with spade support and would like to show some interest in bidding more than game on the hand. Raising spades below game or cue bidding the opponents' suit will enable West to show this enthusiasm at a lower level.

4) West has an extremely good hand (with or without spades) and would like to bid 4NT to ask for aces. If he does not accept 2H, South may bid 5H and the opportunity to look for slam scientifically may be lost.

5) West has a hand with lots of cards in the minors, which he would like to tell partner about. Accepting 2H enables him to bid 3C or 3D cheaply. Note that West shouldn't bid (say) 3C just because he can with a boring hand with something like 5-4 distribution in the minors. Taking the opportunity to accept the insufficient bid should show something out of the ordinary which West would like to convey to his partner.

So, next time you do encounter the opportunity to take advantage of an error made by the opponents, think whether it might be useful for your side if you do so.



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# UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB ONE DAY CONGRESS

Sunday **22 May** all day

10.00am start

Maximum 22 tables



**DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp**

**CONVENOR: Bruce Penhey**

**ENTRY FEES: \$35.00 pp**

*Includes lunch, morning coffee and  
afternoon tea.*



Entries via BAWA website

## **VENUE:**

Percy Doyle Reserve,  
Corner Warwick & Marmion Rd,  
Duncraig



## **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.

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## **Weekend Congress**

**Sat 19th & Sun 20th March 2016**

**Limit of 22 Tables**

BAWA Regulations Apply

### **PROGRAM:**

**Saturday: Swiss Pairs**

Seating Time: 9.50am

Start Time: 10.00am

**Sunday: Swiss Teams**

Seating Time: 9.50am

Start Time: 10.00am

### **DIRECTOR:**

Bill Kemp

**Entry Fee: \$35/per player/per day**

*Includes Light lunch*

**Complimentary Tea/Coffee/Biscuits  
each day**

**Presentation of Prizes after close of  
Session each day**

No pair or team to win more than one  
prize per session

**Venue: Kalamunda District Bridge Club**  
(08) 9293 1114

56 Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill

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**Entries: BAWA Web site:**  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

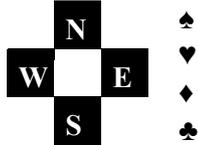


# Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

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Brd		♠ AQ8
Dlr	S	♥ 7543
Vul	Both	♦ 932
		♣ 763
		♠ 4
6		♥ AK9862
		♦ AKQ
24		♣ AKJ



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2C
Pass	2D	Pass	2H
Pass	3H	Pass	6H
All Pass			

West leads the heart queen, and East discards a spade. There oughtta be a law!

Plan the play.

## Solution:

Brd		♠ AQ8
Dlr	S	♥ 7543
Vul	Both	♦ 932
		♣ 763
		♠ 4
6		♥ AK9862
		♦ AKQ
3	7	♣ AKJ
24		



Line 1. Close your eyes and take a black suit finesse. Chance of success: 50%.

Line 2. Cash ace-king of clubs, and if the queen doesn't drop, finesse the spade. Chance of success: about 54%, but you might go two down.

Line 3. Cash the red-suit tops and then take a black finesse against the player who appears to have more black cards. Chance of success: fifty-something %.

Line 4. Cash the second heart, *spade ace*, three top diamonds and endplay West with a heart. You will make if *either* black finesse is working. Chance of success: 75%.

Lines 2 and 3 show good thinking, but line 4 is the correct play.

*The moral:* Look for a way to have a better chance than a simple 50-50 finesse.



# Congratulations

Congratulations to **Bill Jacobs** who was in the winning team of the 2016 Australian Open Team Playoff along with Andrew Peake, Peter Gill, Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn and Ben Thompson.

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# Western Senior Pairs

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

10.00am start

**Gold Point Event  
and  
Senior P Q Points**

*For ABF Seniors events, a player must be born before 1 January 1958.*

**Venue is WABC located on  
Odern Crescent, Swanbourne**

**Entry Fee: \$80 per player**

(Collected at the table or pay online)

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*Cocktail Party and Presentations  
Sunday at approx. 5.00 pm*

## GERALDTON BRIDGE CLUB



Winter in the Sun

## GERALDTON BRIDGE CONGRESS

17th June – 19th June 2016

Geraldton Bridge Club Rooms  
Eight Street, Wonthella  
(behind Bowling Club)

Friday Evening	Welcome Pairs	\$20.00 pp
Saturday Morning	Open Pairs	\$20.00 pp
Saturday Afternoon	Teams 1st Session	\$45.00 pp
Sunday Morning	Teams 2nd Session	

### Excellent prize money

Light Sunday lunch provided,  
refreshments served all weekend

Enter via BAWA website

### DIRECTOR

Peter Holloway

### CONTACT

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## Unusual Suspects



**Two elderly Australians among tourist bridge players arrested in Thailand.**

**Bangkok:** Two Australians were among 32 ageing Westerners arrested and detained for 12 hours for playing bridge in Pattaya, a Thai seaside resort city renowned for its seedy nightlife.

More than 40 police, soldiers and local officials disrupted the genteel afternoon session in what they portrayed as a swoop on illegal gambling.

But police later conceded they found no evidence of money changing hands in the second-floor Jomtien and Pattaya Bridge Club that has been holding bridge sessions since 1994.

Club organiser Jeremy Watson said on Friday that police had decided to drop all charges.

"They finally came to believe they had been misinformed about what we were doing," he said.

Mr Watson said the club would continue after applying for a different licence.

*(This article has been reprinted with the kind permission of Lindsay Murdoch -South-East Asia correspondent for Fairfax Media)*

Read more:

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/unusual-suspects-two-elderly-australians-among-tourist>



Photo: Youtube

## 2016 BAWA COUNTRY BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



### WHEN

#### **Saturday Pairs**

9 April 2016 - 9:30 am & 1:30 pm

#### **Sunday Teams**

10 April 2016 - 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

Director: Peter Holloway

### WHERE

Bridgetown Town Hall

### ENTRY FEE

Pairs: \$45:00 per person

Teams: \$45.00 per person

*Includes Lunch and  
Morning/Afternoon Teas*

### HOW TO ENTER

BAWA website:

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

Convenor: **Mike Trafalski**

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Phone: 98428576



# 2016 Country GNOT Final

**4 – 6 June**

4 June 1.00 pm

5 June 9.00 am and 1.00 pm

6 June 9:00 am



**Convenor:**

**Mike Trafalski**

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[miket1@iinet.net.au](mailto:miket1@iinet.net.au)

**Bridge:**

**5 sessions (10 x 12 board matches)  
for approx. \$105.00 (based on 10 tables)**

**Entry BAWA Entry Page or contact Mike**

**Location:** Kojunup Town Hall





# The Third Man

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## PROBLEM

East dealer | Both vulnerable

**WEST**  
 ♠ AK4  
 ♥ Q1053  
 ♦ A76  
 ♣ K108  
**EAST**  
 ♠ J1062  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ KJ10982  
 ♣ Q3

West opens 1NT in third seat, East shows a hand worth a game invitation with four or five spades and West jumps to 3NT. North leads the H2, fourth-highest, and South plays the H9, taken by the H10.

How should West plan the play?

When dummy has only low cards in the suit led, it is usually normal for third hand to play high. Just as a defender generally wins with the cheapest card possible, so when playing third-hand-high one plays the cheapest of equally high cards. One leads top from a sequence, but follow bottom from a sequence in third seat (*lead a leader, follow with a follower*: Alison Nicolson). From this, there are important inferences available.

**NORTH**  
 875  
**WEST**  
 J6432

West leads the 3, East plays the 10 and South wins with the ace. What cards does South hold in the suit and how should that affect West's later play?

East's 10, third-hand-high, denies the ace, king and queen. It also denies the nine, since with 10-9, even doubleton, East should play the nine, the cheaper of equally high cards. Therefore South began with A-K-Q-9. That means when on lead later, West must not play the suit again (that

gives declarer a fourth trick) and must not discard more than one card from the suit.

**NORTH**  
 875  
**WEST**  
 Q6432

West leads the 3, East plays the 10 and South wins with the ace. What is the complete layout of this suit and how should that affect West's later play?

East's ten denies the ace and king, so South began with both of those. The ten also denies the nine and that gives South A-K-9. East will have the jack, otherwise South would have taken the ten with the jack. The complete suit looks like this:

**NORTH**  
 875  
**WEST**  
 Q6432  
**EAST**  
 J10  
**SOUTH**  
 AK9

Notice that East played the correct ten, lower of equally high cards, when playing third-hand-high. Placing East with the jack, West knows it is safe to play the suit again later without costing a trick (unless declarer has played deceptively at trick 1).

Applying the principles of third-hand-high would have prevented West from taking the wrong path on this deal:

Brd		♠ 83	
Dlr	W	♥ AKJ82	
Vul	EW	♦ 53	
		♣ 9762	
		♠ AK4	♠ J1062
		♥ Q1053	♥ 4
		♦ A76	♦ KJ10982
		♣ K108	♣ Q3
			♠ Q975
			♥ 976
8			♦ Q4
16	7		♣ AJ54
9			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1NT (1)	Pass	Pass	Pass
2D	Pass	2C (2)	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2S (3)	Pass

(1) 15-17

(2) Forces 2D ('puppet')

(3) Invites game with 4 or 5 spades

Lead: H2 (fourth-highest)

South followed with the H9 and West won with the H10. Taking the lead at face value as fourth-highest, West felt he could find a safer play than simply hoping to drop the DQ in one or two rounds. At trick 2 he led a club to the queen. If this held, West planned to run the DJ through South. Even if this lost to North, the defence would have only three more tricks. However, South won with the CA and the heart return made West a sadder and perhaps wiser man.

#### Answer to problem:

When South played the H9, West could place the HA-K-J with North. As the H9 denied the H8, too, West might have worked out that North began with HA-K-J-8-2 and that the H2 lead was a false card. In that case West should play DA at trick 2 and a diamond to the king. Datum: E-W 180.

*One cannot help but admire any bridge player who has no talent and is modest about it.*

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# Capel Life

By Di Brooks

In one week's time, my Darling and I will have lived in Capel for five years. This quiet little country town has its own busy hive. Like a lot of Australian towns, the main street is the centre of activity. Capel is no different. We have the Shire offices and the Capel Library as well as three cafes, a hotel and a fair share of shops. What with a hair salon and a beauty parlour, the ladies don't have far to go to be made more beautiful, whilst the gentlemen can get a tattoo!! Health wise, we have a doctor's surgery, a chemist and a physiotherapist all within coo- ee distance.

The Primary School educates the children as well as the adults. As this is my third year as Mentor at the school, it's been an eye opener for me. Comparing my experiences as a pre-teen, today's teaching is a whole different ball game. You have to have eyes in the back of your head when coaching twenty five or more children. My job as a Mentor is to encourage my young friend in all his endeavours. The feedback from the chaplain is always in the positive.

We are each labelled as we went our way through life. If you think about our own role, we are many things. I am a daughter, wife, grandma, great gran, aunt and friend. Head cook, laundress, cleaner and queen of my castle. The list is endless. I read somewhere that we may not be someone in this World, but to someone, we are their World. How nice is that!

The weekend of the 13th and 14th of February, Rockingham Bridge Club held their annual congress. Bill Kemp, Director, kept the event running smoothly. The members of Rockingham fed us, constantly supplying us with delicious slices, cakes and savouries. Lunch was included in the very reasonable entry fee of \$30.

My partner, Florence Maltby and I elected to play Standard American with Myxyies. Both Florence and I love Precision, but decided to keep the

system relatively simple. It was twenty years ago that Florence and I had a few games at Nedlands together and we have also kept up our friendship. Our results didn't reflect the happy time we had as we had our share of losses. Even so, it was a great weekend.

Rockingham is my home club so spending the weekend there was like old home week. I was able to catch up with many of my old friends... with less emphasis on the 'old'.

I congratulate the President Hazel Bennett, her committee and members for doing us proud. Well Done.



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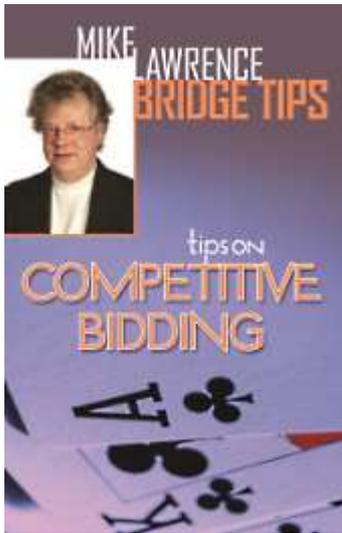


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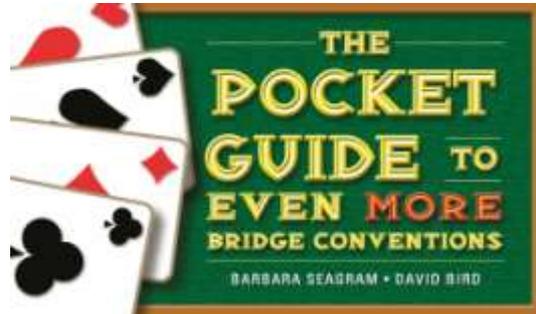
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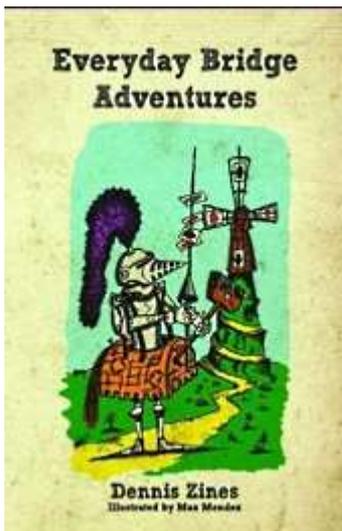
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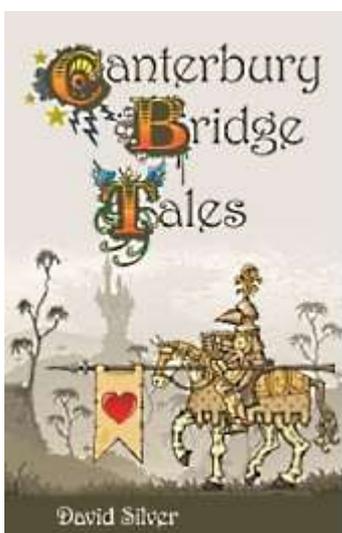
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The first International Women's Day event was run in 1911. In the West, International Women's Day was first observed as a popular event after 1977 when the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8 as the UN Day for women's rights and world peace.

The IWD theme for 2016 is "**Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality**".

*In some places like China, Russia, Vietnam and Bulgaria, International Women's Day is a national holiday.*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Women's\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Women's_Day)



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		Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Melville Bridge Club Congress</b>
		Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Swiss Pairs 1/3 7.30pm South Perth Bridge Club
		Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kalamunda Bridge Club Congress -see flyer</b>
<b>BAWA AGM</b>		<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Nedlands Bridge Club 7.00pm
		Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Perth Bridge Club Easter Congress – see flyer</b>
		Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	Interstate Women's Selection Butler 1/6 South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
	<b>Apr</b>	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress- see flyer</b>
		Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Interstate Senior Selection 1 to 8 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	WA Country Championships
		Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Mixed Pairs 1/3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WABC Novice Congress – see flyer</b>
		Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bunbury Bridge Club Congress -see flyer</b>
		Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	ANC Restricted Butler WA Final – if required
	<b>May</b>	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	ANC Restricted Butler WA final – if required
		Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Open Pairs Championship ¼ Venue South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Western Seniors Pairs PQP /Gold Points
		Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Undercroft Sunday Congress</b>
	<b>Jun</b>	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>BAWA State Swiss Teams ¼</b> <b>Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm</b>
		Fri-3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WABC Winter Congress</b>
		Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Country GNOT final-see flyer</b>
		Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Daytime Open Teams Championship 1/2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fremantle Congress</b>
		Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Geraldton Bridge Club Congress-see flyer</b>
<b>ANC</b>		<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> –July 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Brisbane</b>
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