

wa bridge



Winners Restricted Pairs:
Jessica Chew and Rez Karim



Best Women's Pair:
Sue Gammon (and Cynthia Belonogoff)



Winners Restricted Teams:
Yuning Zheng, Rez Karim, Zhongjie Xiao and Jessica Chew

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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

It is absolutely critical to the future of our game that we look after the hundreds of players who learn to play each year but give up after a couple of years. Sure Youth Bridge is important but by far and away the largest number of new players will come from the 45+ age bracket. Maybe the kids have left home and these people are looking for something better than television. I think WABC is setting a great example with their recent Novice and Super Novice Congresses which attracted really good fields. Novice and Super Novice players make up a significantly large percentage of bridge players. If we add the Restricted Category then we are talking around 88% of players across the state with less than 300 Master points. I hope WABC had a few players in their congress from other clubs; that would have been great to see. By having such events clubs can introduce their less experienced players to the joys of congresses. It is in a clubs own interest to have their players playing in congresses; they are far more likely to stay the course and remain members of your club if they are enjoying and expanding their bridge experience.

The ABF have recognised the importance of these events and have put a considerable amount of money towards the Restricted Butler at the Canberra ANC this year. They are providing funding for 2 pairs from each state and territory who will receive free entry to the event, return airfare plus an accommodation/per diem allowance of \$500 per day per pair. Each club in WA is invited to hold an event to qualify players to the state final which will decide the two pairs. I note that, as yet, only WABC and Nedlands have events advertised. Both clubs have generously opened their events to all WA Restricted players. Details regarding how to hold an ANC Restricted Heat along with the WABC and Nedlands events can be found on the BAWA web site.

Whilst on the subject of Restricted Players and Masterpoints the ABF have just released a statement regarding overseas players who may be newly arrived in Australia. I quote:

There have been occasions recently where Australian Resident players originally from

overseas have not transferred their overseas masterpoints to Australia and they have played in ABF Restricted events for which those masterpoints would make them ineligible. We will be altering regulations to prohibit this practice because it is unfair to other novice players. Penalties may be introduced including instant disqualification from the event and possible suspension from playing national events.

It is highly likely that when the regulations are altered that BAWA will follow and make similar changes to our regulations. I think that this will go much of the way resolve the problem.

As I am typing this column I am keeping an eye on the results from the Gold Coast Congress where many WA players are participating. I think I am correct in saying that the congress is one of, if not, the largest bridge events in the southern hemisphere; last year there was a total table count of 8351 by the end of the week. I am a bit envious. ●



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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

We hold our Annual General Meeting on a Club night (Tuesday evening), timed to start an hour before play commences and this helps to ensure our meetings are kept focused and decisive so that business can be wrapped up promptly and efficiently and valuable playing time is not lost! Our President, Patricia Rodgers, is particularly adept at keeping our discussions moving along briskly and constructively. So that was how our 'Valentine's Day' evening commenced. Our past year has been a blend of sociable club nights, participation in various competitions, our annual very pleasant get-together with Kojonup to play the Bridge for Brains event, and two wonderful parties overseen by our very creative party guru, Mona Stockwell. At one party, we were individually invited to select a country beforehand and then each brought along a cuisine specialty from that country – which resulted in a delicious and intriguing selection of food.

Patricia advised us that we have been the fortunate beneficiary of the donation of 8 side tables from the WABC, and we appreciate very much this generous gesture. Thank you WABC, and thank you, too, to Patricia's brother-in-law, John Aquino, for his Perth-based assistance with this. The side tables make a nice substitute from having to use extra chairs, and take up far less room of course.

There has been one change to our Management Committee in that Mona has retired from being our party guru and has been replaced by Gillian Wheatley who will no doubt come up with effective ideas of her own for our functions. In addition, Gillian, who has been our auditor for many, many years, is being replaced by Jenny Dewing. Thank you - (a) to Mona for her great party touch over several years; (b) to Gillian for taking on this role; and (c) to Jenny for taking on the task of auditing our books. The remainder of the Committee was re-elected unopposed as follows:

President	Patricia Rodgers
Vice President	Peter Taylor
Secretary	Ursula Wade
Treasurer	Jana Mayhew
Tournament Sub-Committee	Jan Burgess, Eric Wheatley

The meeting concluded with the presentation of our trophies as follows:



Gillian Wheatley and Eric Wheatley
Club Championship winners – an event run over three weeks.



Heide Taylor
The Welcome Cup which is presented to the player achieving the highest results over the whole year, thereby demonstrating great consistency – a really worthy feat.



Jana Mayhew and Bronwyn Mitchell
The Mary Wheatley Trophy – a handicap sprint
competition run over one evening

Warm congratulations to you all on your success.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Jan Morgan

One of our old club stalwarts died last week.

Born in 1922 **Tommy Taylor** spent most of World War 2 as a guest of the Japanese as a POW in Sarawak. He came to Australia to work on the Snowy River scheme.



He was a good bridge player and had no compunction in letting his partners know just where they'd gone wrong - in a cockney accent that he never lost.

He grew great strawberries, was very fond of loud check shirts and loved his mug of tea, which he'd stir loudly and relentlessly. In fact when in the future I have a vigorous stir of cha I shall think "Tom!" He'll be missed.

Vale Tom.

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The AGM was held on 13 February followed by a normal playing session. All office bearers were re-elected. John and Susan Sharland were presented with the Club Championship cup yet again. Congratulations! The President, Bill

Summerville, encouraged us all to improve our bridge and perhaps take off the cup next year. He also thanked all those who contribute to the smooth running of the club. Reg Dawson, the Secretary, was especially thanked for all his work reviewing the Constitution so that it complies with the new Act.

The Committee members are:

President	Bill Summerville
Vice President	Lyn Fakira
Secretary	Reg Dawson
Treasurer	Dick Sudwicks
Committee	Jackie McCormick, Anne Hooper and Anita Johnson

The first Red Point for 1017 was held on 20 February with a good turnout. Congratulations to the winners, Lyn Fakira and Trevor Peters as well as Lesley Smith and Nevia Medica. The session was ably directed by Lee Leach. We are all grateful to June Dawson, Marilyn Summerville, Jackie McCormick and Lorraine Kingwell for the afternoon tea.



John and Susan Sharland



Lyn Fakira and Trevor Peters



Lesley Smith and Nevia Medica

Visitors are always most welcome and the hall is on Seacrest Drive, Sorrento.

We play Monday and Thursday at 12.30pm.

Please arrive by 12.15 at the latest.

You will find further details on our website ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

The Mandurah Summer Congress was held over the weekend January 28-29 and was directed by Neville Walker and assisted by Peter Holloway, who did a professional job of directing 43 tables on the Saturday and 38 tables on the Sunday.



The Swiss Pairs event on Saturday, comprising 86 pairs, was won by Linda Coli and Jonathon Free.



The runners-up were Viv Wood and Chris Mulley, pictured with Club President Ann Shalders.



Placed third were Phil Bapty and Rez Karim.



The Best Mandurah Pair were Clyde England and Roman Gdowski.



The Best Mandurah pair Under 300 MPs were Corrie Davis and Gudrun Kemmer.

Swiss Teams



Sunday's event involved 38 teams and was won by Tim Munro, Chris Mulley, Deana Wilson and Cynthia Belonogoff.



Runners up were Murray Webber, Kate Boston and Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes.



In 3rd place were Chris Ingham, Dave Munro, Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller.



The Best Country Team was Clyde England, Vera Hardman, Doug Hardman and Roman Gdowski.



The Best Mandurah Team was Robina McConnell, Michael Turner, Kimberley Zhao and Eugene Wichems.

The Best Mandurah Under 300 MPs Team were Corrie Davis, Gudrun Kemmer and Graeme and Jane Perry.



The grand-daughters of Sheryl Coates, Tayah (left) and Taylah (right), deserve a special mention for the superb job they did as board caddies on both days of the congress.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

MAURICE RICHARDS MEMORIAL PAIRS

The Maurice Richards Memorial Pairs was held on Monday, 16th January, 2017 in honour of the late Maurice Richards, a founding member of the Rockingham Bridge Club. Maurice's wife Honey attended on the day to present the trophy.



1st Betty Philpot and Ron Philpot with Honey (2nd left) and President, Roz Davey



2nd Nicky O'Connell and Michael Fulwood

ROCKINGHAM BC 2017 CONGRESS

The RBC Congress was held on the 11th and 12th of February.

RBC Congress Swiss Pairs



Winners: Florence Maltby and Di Brooks with President, Roz Davey (centre).



2nd Roman Gdowski and Clyde England



BP award for Best Rockingham Pair:
Rae Edwards and Jane Ophorst



Under State Masters: Jean Dance and Jen Green with Sponsor, Di Brooks (centre right).

RBC Congress Teams Event



Winners: 1st Vera Hardman, Doug Hardman, Roman Gdowski and Clyde England with President Roz Davey



2nd (Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer), Deana Wilson and Cynthia Belonogoff



Congress Director, Neville Walker, Congress Convenor, Raewyn Lewer and Rockingham President, Roz Davey.

Undercroft Bridge Club

From Graham Milward

The outstanding news at UBC is that our fantastic bridge teacher, **Leslie Routledge**, has been honoured by the awarding of the status of Life Member of the Club. Leslie, ably assisted by husband Ray, has been teaching bridge at Undercroft for 10 years, during which approximately 450 pupils have graduated from her lessons. Putting that into some form of

perspective, current membership is a similar figure. Leslie operates a great programme, caring for her students as though they are family. Well done Leslie and may the lessons continue for a good time to come.



Ray and Leslie Routledge

Our final RPE for 2016, the open-to-all Swiss Pairs, was won by the Club's own Beata Bieganski and partner Andrew Swider. It was a particularly meritorious performance by Beata, who was mastering a new system during the event. Coming 2nd Helen Turner and Geoff Yeo and 3rd Sue Pynt and Heather Williams.

The Club's two Christmas parties were very successful. The mid-week event, an intimate gathering of about 30 members, was extremely enjoyable. We were entertained by perennial joke teller, Anne De Souza, and a very funny cameo performance by Carol Fensome. The Saturday gathering was large and boisterous and just as enjoyable. Many thanks to all members who helped organise and run these happenings. Also, a big thanks to Village Caterers who again provided a wonderful feast.

The end of the year saw the presentation by Tony, of the Tony Martin Prize for the most improved novice member, to Ingrid Fredericks. Congratulations Ingrid. Keep up the great performances.

2017 was kicked off by the New Year Pairs RPE, won by Carol Fensome/Beata Bieganski, second Chris Price/Brian Kaye and third Tad Bieganski/Brian Fensome.

February's Syd Noakes Trophy RPE saw an unusual result, with the names Fensome and Bieganski missing from the place getters! Chris Price and Brian Kaye stepped up a place and took out the honours, followed by Ann Hopfmuller/David Cowell and Satish Bedekar/Tony Eardley.

Congratulations to winners in particular, and to all competitors who were pleased with their results.

Many thanks to Gwen Kremer, Willy Dadour, Tony Eardley, John Bayly, Ted Roscoe and Graeme Esson who recently gave up two Sundays to attend the Director Training Session run by Bill Kemp. They are now giving up a lot more time to study and answer the rather testing exam paper....yours truly knows as I was at the first day and the subject matter has consumed many hours since.

We are now into the last weeks in our temporary home. Fortunately, the summer has been very kind to us while we have lacked air conditioning and, generally, attendance levels have been excellent. Our extended and upgraded true home is looking very smart. An official opening ceremony is scheduled for Saturday 8 April, with an actual move-in date sometime prior to that.

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Monday Pairs Competition were



1st Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood



2nd Elizabeth Bennett and Peach Partis



3rd Shirley Drage and Shirley Bloch



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)

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Join the BAWA mailing list and receive BAWA State event details, updates, news, and results.

Visit the BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au

Go to **Contacts** then **BAWA Email List** and email your details to Nigel Dutton

Don't forget to advise Nigel of your change of email address.

Busselton Bridge Club



Zonta Charity Day

RED POINT EVENT

Saturday June 24th

Naturaliste Community Centre

Dunsborough

9.30 am Qualifying Pairs

1.15 Final and Consolation

Director Neville Walker

Convener Jane Moulden

Prizes of wine

Raffle

Scrumptious Lunch

Cost \$45

*Proceeds will help young women through
education scholarships*

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Nedlands Bridge Club 28th Birthday Congress

Top 10 (54 Pairs)



1st Catherine Hood and David Schokman



2nd Gerry Daly and Viv Wood



3rd Mitch Garbutt and Jonathan Pynt



4th Tuck Meng Chin and Trevor Fuller

5th Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton



6th Cynthia Belonogoff and Deana Wilson



7th Terri Garbutt and Viv Zotti (Best Nedlands Pair)

8th Pauline Hammond and Jo Sklarz

9th Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

10th Philp Lagrange and Jonathan Free



Country Butler Championship ANC 2017-01-31

More than 15,000 Australian bridge players belong to country clubs. In recognition of this and the location of the 2017 ANC in Australia's "Bush Capital", a Country Butler Championship is being introduced as an additional once-off category at the 2017 ANC.

The Country Butler Championship will be held on Monday-Tuesday, 24-25 July 2017. Each player must live in the country and be a HOME CLUB member of a country club listed on the ANC website

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/anc/2017/>



“What are Heidi and Bruno yodelling about?”



The Swiss Pairs day at Kendenup ... of course!

Open red point event on Saturday **April the 29th** at the Kendenup Bridge club.

Light lunch and morning and afternoon tea provided. \$30

Overnight powered sites.

Director - Neville Walker and cash prizes.

Four sections: combined points per pair: >500pts, 200 to 500pts, 100 – 200pts and less than 100pts.

Entry via BAWA www.bawa.asn.au

Enquiries to Convener Heather Fergie 98514168

Bunbury Bridge Club

35th Annual Congress

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd April 2017

Venue: Bunbury Bowling Club

Cnr Bussell Hwy/Forrest Avenue, Carey Park, Bunbury

Provisional Limit 32 Tables Entries via BAWA website: Generous Prizes!
Payment on day at table www.bawa.asn.au 95% Table Fees less Costs

Programme

Saturday 22nd **Swiss Pairs Matchpoints/VP's** Start 9.30am 7 x 8 Board Matches \$40 per player

Sunday 23rd **Swiss Teams Imp's/VP's** Start 9.30am 6 x 9 Board Matches \$40 per player

Includes Catered Lunch

Director: Neville Walker Phone: 0418 944 077
Convenor: Murray Webber Phone: (08) 97252571 Email: mjwebber@westnet.com.au

PS. Bunbury Club will be conducting a Red Point Session, in our clubrooms, on the preceding Friday 21st April. Players to be seated by 12.40pm. Refreshments to follow. To assist numbers, interested visitors please email Murray.



They haven't got what they said they did – will the Director help us? (1)

From Matt McManus

One of the times you hear a plaintive cry for the director is when it turns out that the opponents don't have what the auction suggested they should have. It could be that a player only has four hearts when he should have five. They may have shown 15-17 high card points and they only have 12. They may have shown 6-10 points and they have 13. Or it may be the case that they have something absolutely different to what you expected them to hold.

So, how did your expectations arise? It may be because you read the opponents' system card. Or because you asked a question during the action and were told something that turns out to be wrong. Or there were no alerts at all and a player turns up with something totally unexpected.

If you get a bad score because they didn't have what you expected, will the director help? The answer to that is, it depends. In general, there are three different scenarios which the director might need to consider. I will look at each of these in turn in the next three articles –

1. The explanation which you received was according to the oppositions' agreements, but the player has deliberately chosen to deviate from the system.
2. The explanation which you received was according to the oppositions' agreements, but the player has accidentally deviated from the system.
3. The explanation which you received was different from the systemic agreement.

The Laws require that the opponents get a correct explanation of your systemic agreements. If this has been done, then, on the face of it, there is no infraction and so there is no room for the award of an adjusted score. So generally in Case 1 the answer to the original question is "no". However, the Director does need to do a little more digging before leaving it at that....to be investigated further below.

Case 1 - A deliberate deviation from the system.

This occurs when a player consciously chooses to depart from the agreed system. The most important factor connected with this is that his partner must be just as much "in the dark" as the opponents. Typically, although not always, this occurs when a player makes what is known as a psychic call or a "psyche". The Laws define a psyche as "a deliberate and gross misstatement of honour strength and/or of suit length." Thus a call which just shades the expected high cards by a couple of points would not be classified as a psyche.

The psychic call is part of the game of bridge and it is not permitted to make special regulations prohibiting the use of such bids. My experience at Congresses in NSW is that they are not that common and have never caused any real issues. I have however heard of some clubs where a particular pair or player delights in psyching, causing a fairly high level of disquiet amongst the other players. What follows is relevant for dealing with such players:

i) The Laws permit that regulations be made which prevent the psyching of conventional bids. For instance, the ABF systems regulations outlaw the psyching of strong conventional calls. (So, for example, you can't psyche a strong 2C opening or Precision players cannot psyche 1C.)

ii) A pattern of psyching in particular circumstances builds up what is known as an implied partnership understanding. This means that it is considered to be part of the partnership's system and therefore needs to be alerted. Furthermore, once there is deemed to be an implied partnership understanding it may also mean that the agreement falls outside of the allowed systems. For example, consider a player who opens the bidding with 6 points. Thus, although in the first instance, there is no immediate issue with such an action, once a pair does it a couple of times, it would now become illegal.

iii) A player who randomises the results by the overuse of psyching is in breach of the laws. Thus, it would be possible for a club to make a

regulation which, for instance, limits the number of psychic calls to a partnership to, say, two per session.

Advice to the director when a psyche/shaded call is drawn to his attention....

1. Enquire of the pair as to whether this has happened before in the same or similar circumstances. If the answer is “yes”, then you need to tell them that they are now considered to have an implied partnership agreement which needs to be alerted. For example, “officially” the pair plays that a 1NT opening is 16-18. However, this player has opened with 14 points on this occasion and has done it before. Therefore the explanation which his partner must give AT ALL TIMES in the future is, “16-18 but it may be a couple of points less”. If the bid which has been made falls into a category of calls which would not normally be permitted under the systems regulations in place (eg opening at the one level with 6 HCP), then the director should advise the pair that if it happens again, then they will be awarded a maximum score of average minus on the board. Note that all this is contingent on the director establishing that there has been a pattern which would constitute an implied partnership understanding. Just because it has happened once is not grounds to make such proclamations.

2. Investigate the actions of the partner of the player who has psyched/shaded his call. Remember the principle that the partner must be just as much in the dark as the opponents. If the player has made any allowance for his partner not having his bid, then he is considered to have “fielded the psyche”. This is a very serious infraction and should be met with the full punishment of the law. If the director determines that a player has taken some unusual action allowing for his partner not to have his bid, then he should consider awarding an adjusted score. To do this, he makes a judgement as to what would likely have happened in the auction if the psycher’s partner had taken the normal action on his hand. If this would have resulted in a worse result for the pair than what was obtained at the table, the score is adjusted accordingly. (One caution – the player is allowed to take into account the actions of the opponents when judging whether or not his partner may have the expected holding for his call. For example – with North the dealer, the auction starts off Pass-Pass-

1H. EW then bid all the way to 3NT. North holds 9 points, so it would seem that this is unlikely to make if partner has an opening hand and a double would not be unreasonable. However, the fact that EW have shown so much strength and also that South has opened in third seat – where it is not uncommon for a player to open light – is sufficient for South to judge that perhaps partner is not at full strength. This determination would not be considered “fielding”.)

Advice to the players to protect yourselves from potential psychic/light calls...

1. Believe your partner! The auction goes

(1D) – X – (2NT*) – ?

You ask what 2NT means and are told that it shows 11+ points with diamond support. You are looking at 13 HCP in your hand. It doesn’t compute: the opening bidder showed 11/12+, partner’s double showed 11/12+, 2NT showed 11+, you have 13...that adds up to at least 45 if everyone is absolutely minimum. There are only 40 points in the deck – someone is telling a “porky”. You need to bid game or at least extract the maximum penalty from them. If you fail to do so, you are unlikely to get any joy from the director even if it is one of them who has psyched. If it’s your partner who has been lying, well that’s something for you and him to have out after the session.....

2. Consider making adjustments to your system to deal with the opponents. Answer this question – what would a double of 1S mean in this sequence:

(1H) – X – (1S) – ?

Perhaps you have an agreement that all doubles below 3S are for takeout. To play double here as takeout is dangerous. The sequence which starts off (1H) – X – (1S) is probably the most common psychic manoeuvre. There is a chance that the 1S bidder doesn’t have spades at all. Instead they have a weak hand with hearts support and are trying to confuse you out of bidding game or to your best spot. When partner has already shown the suit which the opponents bid or if he has inferred that he has that suit (eg. by the takeout double of 1H) then your double should be for penalties. That is, you say to your partner, “I would have bid spades if he hadn’t”. Similarly any spade bids that you make should also be natural. If you feel the need for a cue-bid, use the opponents first suit (here, hearts), the one that

partner has said he doesn't have. As well as dealing with any out and out psyches, you will also be able to cope with an honest spade bid by the opponent. For example, in the same auction, you have something like:

- ♠ AJ1064
- ♥ 642
- ♦ Q5
- ♣ KQ8

When partner doubles, you probably think that 4S is the likely best contract for your side. Give partner a fairly normal takeout double like

- ♠ K952
- ♥ J7
- ♦ A84
- ♣ A654

and 4S will be your best spot even if the spades are breaking 4-0.

There are a number of similar sequences where playing the double as penalty and bids of the opponent's suit as natural will greatly simplify your auctions. It would be advisable to have the discussion with your partner.

In the next article, I will look at the case where a player has accidentally departed from the system.



 **NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB**

**ANC Restricted
Butler Pairs 2017**

**Nedlands Bridge Club
Qualifying Heat**

The ABF will be subsidising two eligible pairs from each State to play in the Restricted Butler Pairs at the 2017 ANC in Canberra 22nd and 23rd July, 2017. The subsidy will be two return tickets plus a shared accommodation allowance of \$500 and entry fees into the event.

Date : Saturday, 29th April

One Session Event commencing 1.30 pm
Table money : \$10.00 per player
Director : Peter Holloway

**Open to players from all clubs who have less than 300
masterpoints as at January, 2017**

*(Number of pairs qualifying is dependant on number of tables playing)
The State Final is scheduled to be played on Sunday, 28th May*

Entry through BAWA website
NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB
Venue: 146 Melvista Avenue Nedlands
Phone: (08) 9386 8166
Email: office@westnet.com.au

GERALDTON BRIDGE CLUB



GERALDTON CONGRESS

16th June – 18th June 2017

Catholic Centre

**Cnr Maitland Street & Cathedral
Avenue**

DIRECTOR: Peter Holloway

Friday Evening 6.30pm	Welcome Pairs	\$20.00 per person
Saturday Morning 9.30am	Pairs	\$20.00 per person
Saturday Afternoon approx 1.00pm	Teams	\$40.00 per person
Sunday Morning 9.30am	Teams	

Generous Prizes, min 60% table money

*Tea & coffee served all weekend, light
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Enter via BAWA www.bawa.asn.au

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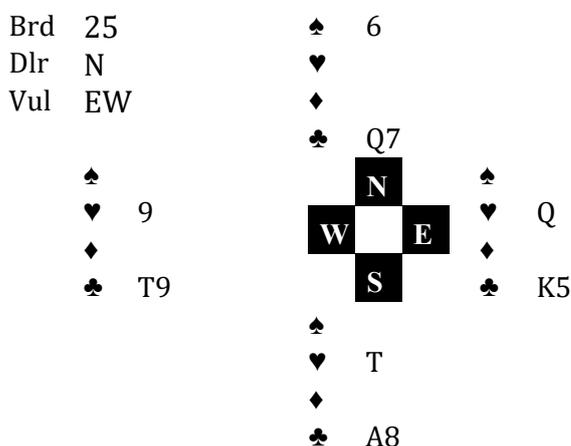
Maureen 9964 2572 or 0499 555 647

DK for 11 tricks. But that relies on a somnolent East. Where is DF's line of play that seemingly guarantees 11 tricks?

Aha - there is another legitimate line that works on some layouts, including the actual one. Play starts as before but, at the point of playing clubs, declarer leads the queen, covered by the king and ace. Now declarer ruffs dummy's last heart in hand and plays two more rounds of clubs. If clubs are 3-3 and West wins the third round, they are end played and must either lead into the diamond tenace or concede a ruff/discard in hearts. Can the endplay be averted on this hand? No - dummy holds the C8 and West cannot afford to unblock their CT and C9 on the first two club tricks. So 11 tricks, then, as DF says.

Hold on - hasn't DF got this wrong? East can break this up by leading a diamond, surely? Yes, they can! But, I'll give you the hint, DF is never wrong. If DF was ever wrong, it would feel so ashamed and jaded that it would simply fade from hand records forever. Before the DF matrices magically appeared in 2001, if you saw the endplay but realised it could be broken up, you might have moved on to the next hand. Not any more! Seeing that indelible "11" in the DF matrix, you are convinced to keep looking for the solution.

And then you see it. Say East leads a diamond at trick one. North can finesse if they like. West takes it and their best return is a second diamond, won in dummy. Declarer draws two rounds of trumps ending in hand, cashes DQ (pitching a *club* from dummy) and leads a heart. East has no choice but to rise and play a second top heart, ruffed by North. Declarer now finesses in clubs by leading a low one to the jack, and then runs trumps down to this ending:



The S6 now catches East in a simple positional squeeze and declarer takes the rest, bagging 11 tricks.

Hold on once again - can't East destroy the squeeze by starting out with HAK? Yes, they can! Once declarer gives up the diamond, West plays a fatal, *third* round of hearts to destroy the menace. But of course, declarer won't play that way if hearts are attacked. They will play for the endplay as discussed earlier. Declarer will change tack *depending on the opening lead*. Poor East - they can choose whether to be squeezed like a lemon or let their partner suffer the ignominy of an endplay. Either way, it's 11 tricks to the bad guys.

That's the end of the story on this hand, at least from DF's perspective. There is no *legitimate* way to prevent declarer from making 11 tricks, and DF reflects this in its modest matrix. However, imagine if East tries the enterprising C2 shift after a heart lead. I can't see too many declarers risking 11 tricks now, particularly not at IMPs! This in no way detracts from the relevance of the DF matrix. DF is an objective analyser and does not deal with perceptions, psychology or odds. If there exists a line of play to make a contract on the layout, you can bet DF has it covered. If there is a defence that cannot be countered, DF will be there, no matter how unlikely it is to be found at the table. But don't ever try to make DF imagine anything. Imagination will cause short circuits and something will probably explode somewhere. The last time DF was asked to consider table psychology was just before Mount St Helens blew its top in 1980. It has never been determined if the two events were related. So, let's just accept DF for what it is and thus relieve it of its low self-esteem and first-world anxieties. Pamper it, humour it, don't abuse it. Indeed, were it not for the presence of the DF matrix, fascinating aspects of hands such as the two above may go completely unnoticed and disappear forever with the discarded hand records.

We shall be having D&M's with DF monthly from now on. Whilst I normally am blessed with material for discussion, please send me anything interesting and I will consider it for inclusion. Found an intriguing analysis? Unsure of how DF got to a particular number of tricks? Or, gasp, cough, do you think DF is wrong on a hand? Please send it to me at thepabray@hotmail.com and I'll do my best to translate :) ●

Western Senior Pairs



20th and 21st May 2017

10.00am start

Gold Point Event

and

Senior P Q Points

**For ABF Seniors events, a player must be born before 1
January 1959.**

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

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

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

Director: David Anderson

**Tournament Organizer: Jane Reynolds 0402074070
sladewitch2000@hotmail.com**

Cocktail Party and Presentations

Sunday at approx 4.30pm

*Please Note: there will not be lunch available for purchase at the venue-
there is a café open 5-10min walk away*

Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs
bill.jacobs55@gmail.com

Dir E
 Vul EW
 IMPs

♠ Q82
 ♥ K1082
 ♦ 532
 ♣ K1092



8
 23

♠ AK6
 ♥ AQ9
 ♦ KQ532
 ♣ Q3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	2NT
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
Pass	6NT	All pass	

West leads D10. You win DA, as East follows with the DJ, and play C2 to the four, queen and ace. West continues with D9, and East discards a spade.

Take it from there.

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Undercroft Bridge Club Mid-Year One Day Congress SWISS PAIRS



Percy Doyle Reserve
 Crn. Warwick Road and Marmion Ave
 Duncraig

Sunday 7th May 2017

Start 9:30am - all day event
 Entry fee \$35pp - Includes lunch

Director: **Bill Kemp**
 Convenor: **David Cowell**

0412 229 662

Entries on BAWA website only:

www.bawa.asn.au



PLEASE NOTE: If you enter an event it is extremely important that should you, for any reason not to be able to play, you inform the Director as soon as possible. Not turning up is extremely inconsiderate and can disrupt the movement and may result in penalty action being taken against you.

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown
bedfords@bigpond.net.au

Youth Awards 2016

Andrew Reiner Trophy: Ella Pattison and Renee Cooper

This award is granted to the best performed pair in international competition taking account of performance in the events themselves, commitment to preparation and contribution to team success

The unanimous choice of the two non-playing captains at the World Youth Team Championships in Salsomaggiore, Renee and Ella anchored the Australian Girls Team to their outstanding silver medal performance.

They then went on to perform a similar role in Croatia at the World Youth Open Championships with a stirring quarter-final victory over the fancied Italians, but bowing out in the semi-finals to the eventual winners “Zlatan” and narrowly losing the bronze medal match to “Greswe Axon”

Helman-Klinger Achievement Award: Jamie Thompson

This award, worth \$400 annually and supplemented with a further \$200 from the Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, is presented each year to the Australian Youth Bridge Player whose ability, achievements, sportsmanship, attitude, contribution and commitment during the calendar year are most deserving.

A regular on the Australian Under-25 Team for three straight years, whilst still eligible to play Under-20s, in 2016 Jamie played every single national teams event together with the Open Team Play-Offs. Jamie has also taken over the running of the Victorian kiddies night at Waverley Bridge Club and plays regularly with up-and-coming <16s, anchored an inexperienced Victorian Youth team at ANC

Helman-Klinger Masterpoint Award: Matthew Smith

This award, worth \$200 annually and supplemented with a further \$100 from the Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, is awarded to the Australian Youth Player who earns the most Masterpoints in the calendar year in question.

This year Matt won with 216.79 Masterpoints (actually Jamie won with 221.07 but you can only win this award once). Matt’s move across the Nullabor to pursue a bridge career in Sydney is certainly paying off well in terms of Masterpoints!

Hills-Hurley Trophy: John and Charles McMahon

This trophy, donated by Richard Hills and Steve Hurley, is to encourage talented young bridge players in forming long-standing partnerships and reward successful pairs which have developed a well-organised partnership to harness their full potential.

Following their first-time appearance at Youth Week in 2016, the McMahon brothers made an immediate impression with their thoughtful and skilled play and were given the opportunity to represent Australia at the New Zealand National Congress where they won the Intermediate Teams and defeated the New Zealand Youth Team 184 – 83 to take out the Stern-Cornell Trans-Tasman Trophy.



How Do You Defend



By Ron Klinger

<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>
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PROBLEM

WEST dealer | BOTH vulnerable

♠ 53	♠ 876
♥ J54	♥ K1072
♦ 84	♦ 3
♣ KQJ876	♣ A10952

N		E
W		E
	S	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	Pass	2C
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
Pass	4C	Pass	6D
All Pass			

West leads the D5 and dummy's D8 wins. On the CK from dummy, you play the ace and South ruffs. South continues with the DA, DK to which West follows. South then plays the HQ. How do you defend?

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Events>Event List

FREMANTLE BRIDGE CLUB ONE DAY CONGRESS SUNDAY 11th June 2017



**Freemasons Hall,
Cnr Chalmers Street and High Street,
Fremantle**

Two Session Pairs directed by
Dave Parham

10.00 – Qualifying

14.00 – Final, Plate and Consolation

Entry Fee - \$30.00 per player

Joint Conveners:

John Penman

(jpenman@bigpond.com)

Sue Simper

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

Entries:

BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au

Complementary Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and
cake all day.

No lunch provided. Please bring you own.

Nibbles and a drink prior to Prize Giving.

ABF News

The ABF Management Committee (MC) is delighted to announce that **BARBARA TRAVIS** has agreed to take on the role of ABF Newsletter editor, starting with the March edition.

Barbara is one of Australia's leading women players and is one of the ABF's new Honorary Teaching Fellows. Her strong interests are in teaching, in supporting clubs, and in promoting the sport of bridge through the Newsletter, where she has been a major contributor for many years.

In conjunction with the new editor, we will be aiming to improve the Newsletter by introducing more articles for club and intermediate players, more variety and some new features.

The MC would also like to thank **Kim Frazer** for her excellent work as editor pro-tem.



The Management Committee is delighted to announce the appointment of **JOHN McILRATH** to the new role of National Director Development Officer (NDDO).

The NDDO role will help to define ways to identify and encourage aspiring directors to develop their skills and knowledge to be accredited as tournament directors. He will design, develop and promote a series of education videos for the Directors' section on the ABF Website and work with States/Territories on apprenticeship programs, mentorship programs and director workshops.

John is based in Sydney and has been a National Director for 17 years. For the last 30 years, he has

been heavily involved in administration of bridge clubs including Directing and Teaching.

John has regularly directed at three ABF Licensed events, Summer Festival, Gold Coast, Spring Nationals and is chief director at the newly licensed Canberra in Bloom Festival. During his time in bridge administration, he has served on the councils of ABDA (Australian Bridge Directors Assoc.) and the ABTA (Australian Bridge Teachers Assoc.)

APBF – Second Seniors Team

A second Seniors Team from Australia has been accepted for the APBF Championships to be held in Seoul in May 28 – June 7, 2017.

The team is Andy Braithwaite, Coach Arjuna Delivera, Simon Hinge, George Smolanko, **JONATHAN FREE** and Robbie van Riel.



NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB

AUTUMN SWISS PAIRS

THREE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12.30 PM
12th, 19th and 26th April 2017

RED MASTERPOINTS
CASH PRIZES
\$30 FOR ALL THREE SESSIONS
OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS

ENTRIES VIA BAWA WEBSITE OR AT CLUB
CONVENOR: Robin Burton (93866968)
DIRECTOR: Peter Holloway (0411870931)

VENUE: 146 MELVISTA AVENUE, NEDLANDS
officenbc@westnet.com.au
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MAY 1-7, 2017



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CHALLENGE**

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Bridge for Brain Research Challenge

Be part of history this year when you host your session for Alzheimer's research.

More than \$490,000 has been raised since the first challenge in 2004 and this year we hope to see the event reach the milestone of over half a million dollars supporting Alzheimer's research at NeuRA.

Join clubs across Australia in the first week of May as they raise funds and/ or make a donation in support of research.

There is no entry fee – we are relying on the support and generosity of bridge clubs and players to use this event to raise funds and donate.

Web: foundation.neura.edu.au/bridge **Email:** bridge@neura.edu.au **Phone:** 1300 888 019

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB

RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS

To be held at the

WABC CLUB ROOMS: 7 ODERN CRESCENT, SWANBOURNE

SUNDAY 9th APRIL 2017 COMMENCING 10:00am

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER: Kitty George 0408 097 881

DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp 0478 595 275

ENTRIES VIA BAWA Website www.bawa.asn.au or telephone 9284 4144

PLAYERS MUST HAVE LESS THAN 300 MASTERPOINTS as at 1st Jan 2017

ENTRY FEE \$30 per player RED POINTS and PRIZES

ALL PAIRS MUST HAVE 2 SYSTEMICALLY IDENTICAL COMPLETED SYSTEM CARDS

PRIZE GIVING, DRINKS & NIBBLES AT COMPLETION OF PLAY

2017 BAWA COUNTRY BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



WHEN

- Saturday Pairs **8 April 2017**
@9:30 am & 1:30 pm
- Sunday Teams **9 April 2017**
@9:00 am and 1:00 pm

Director: Peter Holloway

WHERE

Bridgetown Bowling Club
South West Highway, Bridgetown

ENTRY FEE

Pairs: \$45:00 per person
(Pairs & Teams)

Includes Lunch and Morning/Afternoon Teas

HOW TO ENTER

BAWA website:
<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>
Convenor: Mike Trafalski
Email: miket1@iinet.net.au
Ph: 98428576

South Perth Bridge Club



EASTER CONGRESS APRIL 2017

Welcome Pairs	Friday 14 th	1.30pm	\$15.00
Open Pairs	Saturday 15 th	10am & 2pm	\$30.00
Swiss Pairs	Sunday 16 th	10am & 2pm	\$30.00
Open Teams	Monday 17 th	10am & 2pm	\$30.00

Director: Bill Kemp

Convenor: Garth Scotford 9386 6738 garthscotford@gmail.com

PRIZE GIVING AND NIBBLES AFTER EACH EVENT

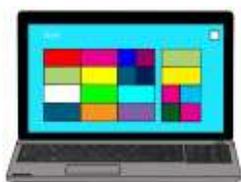
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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	March	Fri 3 rd – Mon 6 th	<i>Albany Bridge Club Congress</i> **Mon 6th is Labour Day**
		Sat 11 th – Sun 12 th	<i>Melville Bridge Club Congress</i>
		Sat 18 th – Sun 19 th	<i>Kalamunda Bridge Club Congress</i>
		Sun 19 th	Interstate Open Selection Stage 2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
BAWA AGM		Mon 20 th	Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.pm
		Thu 23 rd	BAWA Summer Swiss Pairs Interstate Women's Selection Butler 1/6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler 2 & 3 of 6 Interstate Women's Selection Butler 4 & 5 of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Thu 30 th	Interstate Women's Selection Butler 6 of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club
	April	Sat 1 st – Sun 2 nd	Interstate Senior Selection Trials 1 & 2 of 8 Interstate Senior Selection Trials 3 & 4 of 8 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sat 8 th – Sun 9 th	Interstate Senior Selection Trials 5 & 6 Interstate Senior Selection Trials 7 & 8 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Sat 8 th – Sun 9 th	WA Country Championships
		Sun 9 th	<i>WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress- see flyer</i>
		Fri 14 th – Mon 19 th	<i>South Perth Bridge Club Easter Congress- see flyer</i>
		Thu 20 th	BAWA Mixed Teams Championship 1 of 3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 22-Sun 23 rd	<i>Bunbury Bridge Club Congress – see flyer</i>
		Sat 29 th	<i>Kendenup Bridge Club Red Point Open- see flyer</i>
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. VENUES AND STARTING TIMES Unless otherwise advertised all BAWA daytime and weekend events are held at the Nedlands Bridge Club, 14 Melvista Ave, Nedlands, All Thursday evening events are held at the South Perth Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Commencing 7.30 pm.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	



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