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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 11 July to Thursday 23 July 2015

The Australian National Championships is an annual bridge competition hosted in turn by each State and Territory in July. This year it will be in **Perth** from 11th – 23rd July at the Rydges Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle again, as it was held so successfully in 2007.

INTERSTATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each State and Territory selects teams, through various qualifying Tournaments, to compete in each of the Open, Women, Senior and Youth categories.

CONGRESS EVENTS – GENEROUS CASH PRIZES

These are side events and are very important to ensure the success of the tournament. All events have been sponsored so prize money will be generous and the **Red Points** have **Super Congress** status. They are entered just as our usual congresses are.



- *Makanyane Safari Lodge and Webb & Brown-Neaves*
- *Flighted Swiss Pairs*
- *Vantage Wealth Management Swiss Teams*
- *South Perth Bridge Club Pairs*
- *Nedlands Bridge Club Pairs*
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- *Undercroft Bridge Club Pairs*
- *City of Melville Bridge Club Pairs*
- *Busselton Bridge Club Pairs*
- *George Wealth Management IMP Pairs*
- *Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Pairs WABC Eclectic Pairs*

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Full article '**FAQ's ABOUT THE ANC**' on BAWA website home page.

WA ANC Seniors Results

(C/Contending) 16 Pairs



Stella Steer and James Steer (c)
with BAWA Committee Member Dave Munro

- 1st Stella Steer and James Steer (c)
- 2nd Val Biltoft and David Schokman (c)
- 3rd David Matthews and Chris Ingham
- 4th Jonathan Free and Alan Harrop (c)
- 5th Andrew Swider and Jan Kochmanski (c)
- 6th John Beddow and Egmont Melton (c)
- 7th Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes
- 8th Cassie Morin and Elizabeth McNeill (c)



Val Biltoft and David Schokman



Jonathan Free and Alan Harrop



John Beddow and Egmont Melton



Cassie Morin and Elizabeth McNeill

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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

Every 8 years Perth hosts the **Australian National Championships** (ANC) and

does so with great distinction and with great support from our local players. I am confident that this year's event is going to continue the tradition of "the best ANC in Australia." Since the ABF removed the requirement to hold the ANC in a 5 star hotel, with rapidly increasing costs, very few of the interstate venues have been able to match ours. **The Ridges Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle** is a splendid location which is going to be buzzing with bridge and bridge players for 2 weeks at the end of July. I know that the eastern states players love the atmosphere of both the venue and Fremantle and are looking forward to their trip west. Our Tournament Organiser, Sheenagh Young and her committee have done a superb job both in organisation and sponsorship. Many of our bridge clubs have offered support which has been warmly received – I heard last week that the **Nedlands Bridge Club** is closing for the 2 days of their ANC sponsored events and are organising transport for all of their members who wish to go down to Fremantle and play in either the Monday Afternoon or Thursday Morning Nedlands Pairs or, of course, both. This really is great support – see our web site for a full list of our sponsors. Check out the web site for a full list of ANC Congress events – remember the ANC is not just for interstate teams, it is a full blown super congress with Gold and Red points galore.

The ONLY thing that now needs to happen is for you, the West Australian bridge player, to get

onto our web site and enter the events. Sheenagh is becoming a little worried about the level of entries and I know one of the reasons is because of the ANC requirement to pay your entry fee as you enter and WA players, me included, are not used to this idea. And, I guess, having to pay up front may cause people to worry about what happens if they can't play – don't worry you get a refund. So make Sheenagh's day and jump onto the web site and enter a couple of events today. Make the 2 day Gold Point Open Butler a priority. Don't let the name put you off – it will just be a normal IMP scored round robin event where you will earn Gold points for every match you win as well as for your overall position (at least if you finish in the top half). There is also an **ANC Restricted Butler** for players with less than 300 master points – get your name down for that as the ABF is sponsoring 2 restricted pairs from each state to come and play. We would very much like to see a WA player win that. Come down for a game in the first week and take the opportunity to see and support your West Australian Open, Women's, Seniors' and Youth teams battling it out with their eastern states foes. Watch a few hands if you like – kibitzers are very welcome.

Good to see the Western Seniors Pairs filling fast – it will be a good warm up for the ANC ☺.



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ANC 2015 PERTH

Saturday 11th July to Thursday 23rd July



The Rydges Esplanade Hotel

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ANC 2015

The ANC Committee needs volunteers for a myriad of tasks.

Please donate a couple of hours during this two week event.

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ANC 2015 Events

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Tournament **MATTHEW McMANUS**
Director:

PARKING INFORMATION

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- ❖ Collie street car park is a multi story, undercover facility located on Collie Street, behind the Esplanade Hotel. For delegates, parking at this facility is \$20.00 a day* with the presentation of a parking discount voucher.
- ❖ On arrival to Fremantle, enter the car park and collect a parking ticket as per normal. Before leaving the hotel, collect a parking discount voucher from either the Conference Registration Desk or Concierge desk. When at the ticket machine, insert the Discount voucher followed by your regular ticket to receive the discount.

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See link for more info - <http://www.wilsonparking.com.au/go/wilson-car-parks/wa/collie-st-car-park#>

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- ❖ For resident guests valet parking is provided at a discounted rate.
- ❖ For delegates not staying at the hotel wishing to utilise the hotel's secure valet parking service, please pull up to the front driveway and the Concierge will park your vehicle for you and then retrieve it on your departure. This service is provided at a cost of \$20.00 for the day/night and is payable on departure.



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The President's Pairs were held at Fremantle Bridge Club over two Saturday's in March. The event was won by **Marion Jefferson** and **Tom Wheatley**.



Second were Moira and John Penman,



and third were Irene Percy and Josie Khan.



Our next red point event will be the ANZAC Pairs, followed by the Pairs Championship over two Saturdays in May.

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

Our Club has been very lucky in attracting generous cash donations from several sponsors to increase the prizes for our Congress events. This will make the cash prizes very attractive for participants.

The Congress starts on Friday the 12th of June with Welcome Pairs, followed by Open Pairs on Saturday morning and Teams on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, finishing with a BBQ lunch and Prize giving.

Billeting is available, so we are all set to enjoy our visiting players and Congress.

Bridge lessons start this week using the Joan Butts methods with support for the beginners from her website, which should make learning our exciting game easier for them.



Rae Reynolds celebrated her **85th** birthday with us by bringing a splendid cake to afternoon tea. Rae is a long-standing stalwart of the Club who seldom misses a session.

Kendenup Bridge Club

From Heather Fergie

Firstly our club was deeply saddened by the sudden death of David Atkinson. He contributed to our small club in many different ways over the years he played here and will be greatly missed.

Our recent twice yearly match against the Denmark Bridge club was a very enjoyable day. Six pairs from each club lined up and with several recent wins to Kendenup we feared the worst. The Denmark bridge club are going from strength to strength both in numbers and enthusiasm and this year they are holding their first congress which is filling up fast. Denmark's top players are always to be given a lot of respect so it was with some trepidation that we started out.

Bridge, as we all know is a funny game, and sometimes what you thought was your best board turns out to be one of your worst. The day progressed very enjoyably and thankfully turned out for us with a win to Kendenup. I'm sure that when we venture down into the rain forest for our return match later this year we will have to be prepared for another tight but very enjoyable battle.

Don't forget that Kendenup hold our own restricted one day congress later in the year so keep your eye out for that fun event.

Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

President, **Dorothy Stevenson**, (pictured) recently had two productive meetings with the Melville Council representatives. It has now been confirmed that the Melville Bowling Club will not be joining us and we will have few if any shared facilities. The plan for our new building is excellent.



There is space for expansion with BAWA and the use of catering facilities if required. Upon relocating our members and visitors will not only enjoy lovely new club rooms but also beautiful river views.

We are planning to have a Novice Congress below the rank of State Master on a Thursday in

October. It will be a full day event like a normal Congress.

The intermediate sessions are going very well. This month we have had over 20 ABF certificates to give to players.

The mentoring program, organised by Suzanne Goodall, was on Tuesday 28th April. This has proven to be very popular in the past, and the feedback we receive is always very positive.

Strong support means the club continues to grow.

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Competition Winners

The winners of the Club Teams Championship held in April were **Doug Hardman, Kathy Power, Phil Power and Craig Hardman**.



The runners up were Jean McLarty, Robina McConnell, Eugene Wichems and Alan Dundas.

The 0-100 Masterpoints Championship was won by **Corrie Davis and Ian Jones**.



Denise Sampson and Graeme Perry were runners up, and David Brimblecombe and Mike Smith were third.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown



Members enjoying an Intermediate Teams of Four with Kalamunda Bridge Club

Fiske Warren has two lectures happening in May:

Tuesday 26th May, 12.45 pm to 2.45 pm

Declarer Play: All about Finesses

(Suitable for supervised and novice players)

Wednesday 27th May, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Declarer Play: Squeezes made easy – not as hard as you think!

(Suitable for regular club players)

No need to book. No need to bring a partner. \$15 each lesson, payable on the day.



For those that have played bridge – for so long – or newer players – the Jams of Robin Burton are legendary – the donated fruit and the help of a myriad of ‘jammers’ – concoct a stunning array of

preserves. So if you have burgeoning fruit trees Nedlands Bridge Club is the place to off load them.

Please make an early diary note: The club will be closed Monday July 13th and Thursday July 16th – members will be playing in the ANC.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From David Cowell

Over the last month the Undercroft Bridge Club has held its **Under State Masters** competition.



1st **Wendy Bailie** and **Mike Mahon** with President David Cowell



2nd **Barbara Hendrie** and **Ann Syddall**



3rd **Margaret Jenkinson** and **Lesley Barrie**

We look forward to seeing all those contestants who have booked to play in our one day Congress in May.

Every year our congress like many other congresses is booked up very early. Some of the reasoning behind this is the lack of space; the fact is we can only comfortably have 22 tables. In the past we, at the Undercroft, have applied to extend our premises without success. Once again we have made an application to extend. Nothing is certain, and IF, a big IF, we do manage to get the necessary permission, then hopefully in the not too distant future we will be able to welcome more players to our club events. Watch this space!!

Happy bridging

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Maureen Heslop

Results of Red Point Event held at Northern Districts Bridge Club as follows:

1 st	Neale Consigliere and Barbara Hendrie with 62.10%
2 nd	Merle Mann and Vera McGregor with 55.80%
3 rd	Terry Byrne and Debroy Summers

Northern Districts Bridge Club play twice a week on a Monday and Thursday afternoon at Seacrest Community Centre, Seacrest Drive, Sorrento from 12.30 to 4 p.m. We ask all visitors to be at the club by 12.15 in order for the director to decide on the movement to be held. The cost is \$4 with afternoon tea or coffee and a biscuit or two. For further details please contact Maureen Heslop on 9309 4963 or 0407 381 064.



West Australian Bridge Club

From Deborah Greenway

(Ed's special thanks to Sheenagh Young)

The New Members Party was held on the 29th March. Twenty eight new members attended and were supported by twenty eight committee members, life members and others.

After a glass of champers and a welcome talk by President Kitty George the new members were

paired off for an afternoon of Bridge, directed by Bill Kemp. Of course this was followed by introductions over a glass of wine and tasty nibbles. A great time was had by all.



Winners N/S:

Derek Pocock and Ping Robson



2nd Sue Broad and Carol Preston



3rd David Charters and Jocelyn Charters



Winners E/W:

Roslyn Varkevisser and Gwen Wiles



2nd President Kitty George and John McMullan

3rd Val Fleay and Bev Hollyock.

Restricted Swiss pairs (300 MP or less)



1st **Eileen Riley** and **Judith Wilson** (with Hilary Yovich)



2nd Metka Agrez and Maria Ikier



3rd Susan Evans and Barbara Riddle.

Well done to you all.

The Women's Pairs Championship is one of the premier events of our club. Forty pairs entered this competition over 3 weeks. Bill Kemp, assisted by Peter Hicks, ensured the event ran smoothly.



The winners were **Jan Blight** and **Heather Williams**



2nd Carol Pocock and Nerilyn Mack

3rd Deana Wilson and Sue Gammon

- all deserving winners.

The Handicapped Pairs always has an interesting outcome and the winners this year after handicaps were applied:



1st **Dave Hughes** and **Marie Musitano**



2nd Jane Glass and Beverly Hunt

Novice and Super Novice Congress



Novice Winners **Martin Broome**, President **Kitty George** and **Valerie Broome**



2nd **Barry Cassidy** and **Jerry Linsten**



3rd **Phil Jacobsen** and **Geoff Tearne**



Super Novice Winners **John Nelson** and **Kath Negus**

2nd Dorothy Dean and Jennifer Bowler



3rd **Sue McLaughlin** and **Jodie Basham**

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

The Kalgoorlie Bridge Club recently held the 2014 Awards Dinner. A grand night was had by everyone and Congratulations to all winners.

Most Promising Player	Abijeet Brahma
Encouragement Award	Yvonne Hefron
Most Improved Player	Gwyniera Brahma
1 st Grand Slam — Thursday	Rez Karim and Sue Lia
1 st Grand Slam — Saturday	Chris Shotter and Barry Aslett



Highest Score — Tuesday **Sue Lia** President, **Geza Sulykos 81.8%** and Vice President **Mary Williams**



Highest Score - Thursday **Rez Karim and Geza Sulykos, Jessica Chew and Gwyniera Brahma** both 70.8%

Highest Score — Saturday **Vicki Taylor and Barry Aslett** 69.6%



Club Individual Champion **Keith Bowen**



Club Pairs Champion **Rez Karim and Michael Fisher**



South Perth Bridge Club

From Valerie Isle

South Perth Easter Congress

Welcome Pairs - Friday

1st **Nick Cantatore and Catherine Hood**

2nd Viv Wood and Kim Morrison

3rd Tony Stevens and Leon Randolph

Saturday Pairs (56)

Best Qualifying Pair - Philip Moog and Ali Ameer

Final



1st **Viv Wood and Kim Morrison**



2nd (Bruce Fraser) and John Bamfield with President Bob Mitchell

3rd Dave Munro and David Schokman

Plate

1st Egmont Melton and John Beddow

2nd Ann Ohlsen and Pauline Hammond

3rd Lynne Milne and Chris Bagley

Consolation

1st Gwyneira Brahma and Jessica Chew

2nd Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes

3rd Luba Klein and Judy Havas

Swiss Pairs Sunday (52)



1st **Trevor Fuller and Leonie Fuller**

2nd Dave Munro and Pim Birss



3rd Merle Wylie and Bob Wylie

4th Vicki Lisle and Cynthia Belonogoff



5th Stella Steer and James Steer



Best South Perth Pair **Cassie Morin** and **Elizabeth McNeill**

Teams Monday (30)

1st **Ian Lisle, Jonathan Free, Cynthia Belonogoff and Debbie Chappell**



2nd **Gerry Daly, Maura Rhodes, Fiske Warren (John Nicholas)**

3rd **Dave Munro, David Schokman, Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood**



4th **John Beddow, Tad Bieganski, Beata Bieganski and Egmont Melton**



Best South Perth Team: **Judith Ternahan, Helen Arendts, (Wendy Kappelle and Graeme Cronin)**



Best State Master and Below Team: **Ingrid Gilfillan, Michael Mortimer, Michelle Pollock and Brian Stegall**

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Charity Week

In our Charity Week, which is held each year, the table money for the week, as well as members' donations, are donated to a good cause.

This year the event was held early as we felt that there was a pressing need for aid for the cyclone victims in Vanuatu.

A total of \$1005.00 was raised which was sent to OXFAM.

Session times at the club:

- Monday 1 pm to 4:30 pm
- Tuesday 11 am to 3 pm. *You may come without a partner. Bring Lunch*
- Tuesday 7:30 pm to 10 pm
- Wednesday 1 pm to 4:30 pm
- Thursday 1 pm to 4:30 pm
- Friday, 11 am to 3 pm. *You may come without a partner. Bring Lunch*
- Saturday 1 pm to 4:30 pm
- Sunday 1:30 pm to 5 pm

Busselton Bridge Club



Zonta Charity Day

Red Point Event

Saturday June 20th

Naturaliste Community Centre Dunsborough

9.30 am Qualifying Pairs

1.15 Final and Consolation

Director Peter Holloway

Prizes of wine - Raffle

Scrumptious Lunch

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WESTERN SENIORS PAIRS

16th & 17th May 2015

10 am start each day

For ABF Seniors Events players must be born
before 1 January 1957

**This is a Gold Point and PQP
Selection Event**

Venue:

**West Australian Bridge Club,
7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne**

Entries: Via the BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

Entry Fee: \$80 per Player

(Collected at the table or Payable on Line: BAWA
BSB 016464 Acc No 255674541
Description: Your name + WSP)

Tournament Unit:
Bill Kemp & Dave Parham

Tournament Organiser:
Kitty George
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**Cocktail Party and Presentations on
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FREMANTLE ONE DAY CONGRESS SUNDAY 7th June 2015



**Freemasons Hall,
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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 Convenors:

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Entries: BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au

**Complementary Tea, Coffee and Biscuits and Cake all day.
No lunch provided. Please bring your own.
Nibbles and a drink prior to Prize Giving.**



“Claims and Misdemeanors”

By Matt McManus

The Laws define a claim as any statement to the effect that a player will win a certain number of the remaining tricks. In many cases, the “statement” is simply the action of a player facing his hand – on the assumption that he has the rest – without making any verbal announcement to that effect. What sometimes follows is perhaps one of the more confusing situations when the director gets called to the table. The Laws of Bridge encourage players to make a claim for the remaining tricks when holding them all in order to speed up the game. Occasionally however, the consequence of making a claim has the opposite effect. It becomes necessary to spend quite some time in going through and explaining and analysing the claim.

This is what *should* happen when a claim is made:

- The claimer says how many of the remaining tricks he will make, together with an explanation of how this will happen.
- An opponent may object to the claim if he believes that it is incorrect. The claimer might repeat his original statement and attempt to explain why he thinks he will make the claimed tricks. However, he may **not add** to anything he has said in the original statement.
- Once there has been a claim and an objection, the **Director has to be called** now. It is wrong to say, “play it out”.

When the director comes to the table, he will ask the claimer to repeat the statement made at the time of the claim (remembering that often this is nothing at all). He will then ask the claimer why he think he will make those tricks. The opponents will now be given the opportunity to say why they don’t think that the claim is correct.

The Director (and only the Director) now has the power to decide whether or not to allow the claim and how many tricks are to be given to each side. In coming to this decision, the director tries to rule as equitably as possible, but will rule against the claimer if there is any “normal” line of play which would result in an extra trick or trick(s) to the opponents.

Definitely the most common reason the director is called following a claim is that there is a trump outstanding – and sometimes more than one! The ruling will be in favour of the opponents when these three criteria are satisfied:

- 1) the claimer made no statement about the missing trump
- 2) it is at all likely that the claimer has forgotten about the missing trump (the fact that the claimer made no statement about the trump will be fairly compelling evidence that he has forgotten that there is a trump left)
- 3) a trick could be lost by any “normal” play of the opposing cards

“Normal” includes careless or inferior play, but does not include irrational play. So, for instance, if declarer claims while on lead just holding AKQ2 of trumps, he will not be forced to lose a trick to a defender with the singleton 3 remaining.

A further example may clarify how the director rules in such a case:

South is declarer in 4H. These are the remaining cards with the lead in dummy:

	♠ AK	
	♥ -	
	♦ -	
	♣ 2	
♠ -		♠ -
♥ 9	W	♥ -
♦ 9		♦ QJ10
♣ 9	S	♣ -
	♠ -	
	♥ A7	
	♦ -	
	♣ 10	

Declarer faces his hand and says, “I’ve got the rest.” The opposition object because of the missing trump. The director is called. It becomes fairly clear that South has forgotten about the nine of hearts. There is a line of play whereby South could lose another trick – leading SA from dummy and discarding C10. Therefore, the director awards one trick to the defenders. The fact that there is a winning line on the hand – declarer leads a club to his 10 and then plays trumps from the top – is irrelevant.

In contrast, look at exactly the same scenario, but with the EW hands reversed:

	♠ AK	
	♥ -	
	♦ -	
	♣ 2	
♠ -		♠ -
♥ -		♥ 9
♦ QJ10	W	E
♣ -		♣ 9
	♠ -	
	♥ A7	
	♦ -	
	♣ 10	

Again, South makes the same claim, again the opponents object, and again the director determines that declarer has forgotten about the H9. This time, however, there is no “normal” line of play which would allow the defence to make a trick. If South leads SA from dummy, East may ruff, but now South immediately realises his error and can overtrump. It would be irrational for him to discard or underruff when this would cause him to lose a trick. Therefore in this situation, the director would allow the claim.



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- THE LINDA WILD SUNDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: 1:30pm
- THE ANN OHLSEN MONDAY MORNING PAIRS: 9:30am
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• Full Day events: \$30 per person per day
• Afternoon events : \$15 per person

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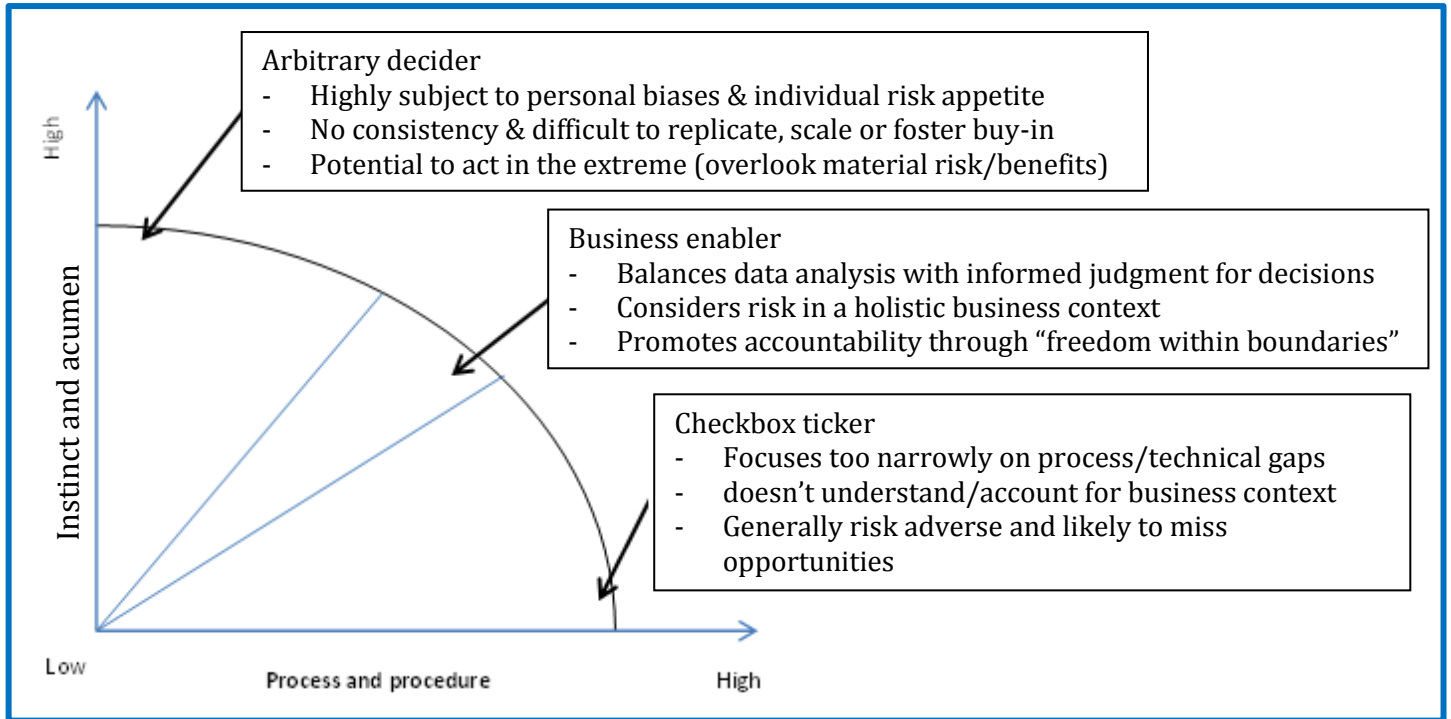


What sort of bridge player are you?

From Marnie Leybourne

Recently I participated in a risk workshop discussing the following diagram,

which highlighted where people tend to focus given our different perceptions of value and risk:



The discussion was (perhaps surprisingly!) fascinating. When considering risk, some people will use their experience, instinct, acumen, to determine whether possible scenarios may cause problems in the future, while others, more process and procedure-driven, will use charts and matrices to make their assessments. Obviously, the sweet spot is somewhere in between the two. If you use only matrices, you'll inevitably get bogged down in a multitude of possible risks without considering which ones should be prioritised from a business perspective. Use only instinct and things will inevitably be missed.

At the high end of instinct and acumen also sits the “HIPPO” effect, whereby the Highest Paid Person in the Organisation makes all the calls – a sure recipe for disaster. In fact, if you are sitting too tightly against either the vertical or horizontal axis you can't do anything intelligent at all.

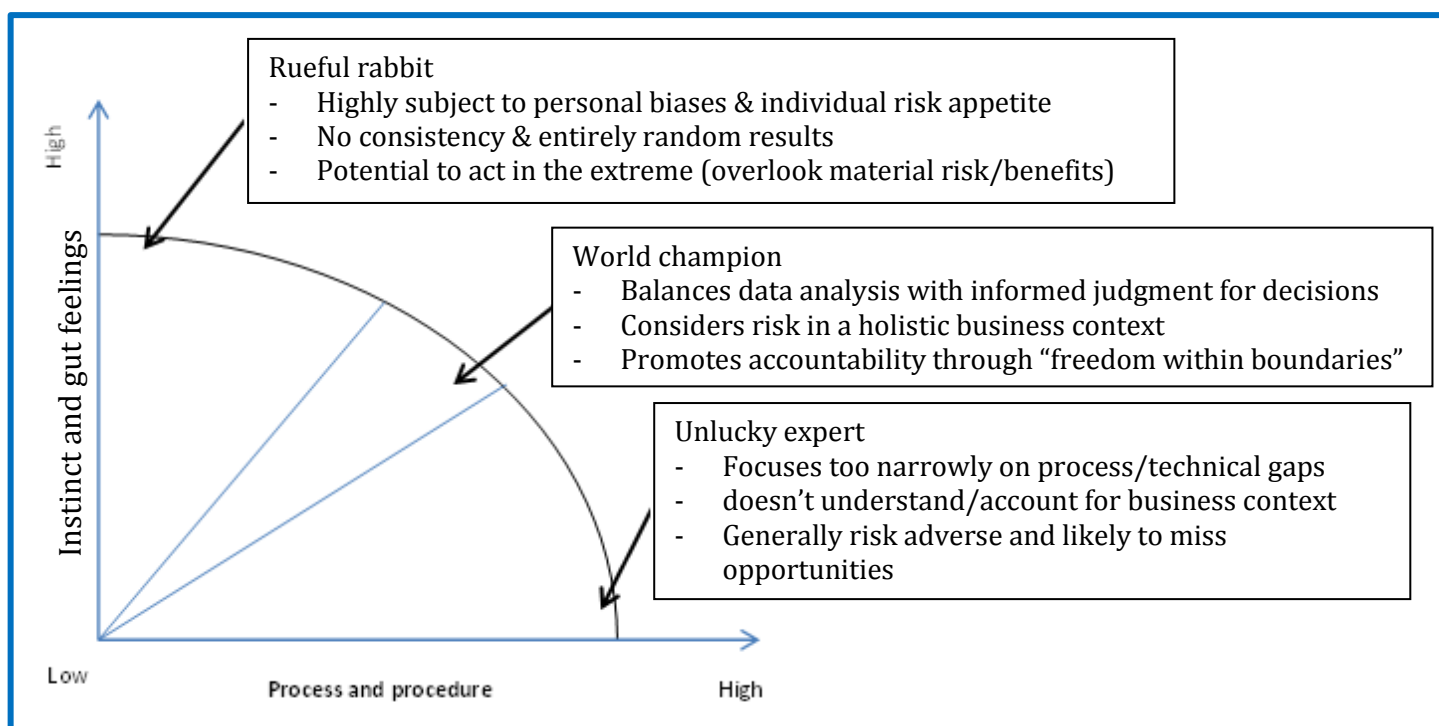
Anyway, I started thinking about bridge (as you do) and realised that this risk diagram perfectly describes different types of bridge players. So, just for fun, I have modified it a little in the hope that it might encourage some of you to think about how you approach bridge and whether you can modify your habits to aim more towards the sweet spot.

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Rueful rabbit

Victor Mollo created this memorable character who could never get anything right. If you are close to this end of the spectrum, your bidding is likely to be somewhat erratic; so that your partner will never know what you have (the upside is that your opponents won't either). You are likely to gamble wildly in the slam zone – with the occasional top reinforcing your preponderance for bidding this way.

In defending, you will most likely play what card “feels” right or, the one closest to your thumb. One advantage for you is that declarer will have no idea what is going on in the hand as you are unlikely to give count or suggest where your points are. In addition, you are more likely to play in tempo – as you are less likely to be thinking about what card you are playing – which will also make life harder for the declarer.

As declarer, you'll take finesses when they “feel” right, without considering possible distributions between the other hands. You won't take safety plays – which will be to your advantage when playing pairs.

Unlucky expert

SJ Simon wrote the book “why you lose at bridge” and his unlucky expert was a key character. In that book, the unlucky expert didn't consider who his partners were and emerged from tanks

during the bidding with creative bids that poor Ms Guggenheim didn't understand, leaving the partnership in contracts like 4D with a combined arsenal of only three trumps between them. (This actually happened to me once – my partner opened 1H, RHO overcalled 2D and I bid 4D, which I thought would be an obvious bid to my partner. Unfortunately it wasn't, and she passed – holding two diamonds opposite my singleton.)

Anyway, if you are at this end of the spectrum – and really close to the horizontal axis, you have probably memorised all the card combinations and safety plays contained in the 200-odd pages of the encyclopaedia of bridge (EOB) and can recite to two decimal places the odds of suits breaking badly.

This can help your bridge – to an extent. Safety plays are all very well, but the Rueful Rabbit will beat you every time at pairs when the safety play isn't needed.

And if you rely wholly on the mathematics of bridge, you will miss the nuances from the other players at the table (I mean the legal nuances), such as if a player has bid and his/her partner hasn't, in which hand do you think the missing Ace is more likely to be?

World champion (insert your name here)

So, we come to the place we all THINK we are playing. We'll start with how one declares when

one is in this sweet spot. Card combinations and safety plays are well known (and can mostly be played with instinct and acumen anyway), however they are used judiciously. First, the bidding is used to provide some clues as to the placement of the cards, so just because the EOB states the cards should be played x-way to produce the required number of tricks, does not mean that is the best way to play them every time. They consider the hand in a holistic context.

Second, as each card is played, the picture of what each hand looks like is modified so that by the critical point, the world champion pretty-much knows where the remaining cards are.

Third, using instinct and consideration, cards are mentally placed where they are needed to be for the contract to make and then played accordingly. I once played towards dummy's KQx in a suit and my RHO visibly hesitated before playing small, "telling" me she had the Ace. However, unless the Ace was with my LHO, I was not going to make my contract, so I returned to hand in another suit and, with great trepidation, played towards dummy again – it was my only chance, and it worked. (The hesitation by RHO should be considered unethical, however in this particular case there was a reasonable excuse.)

This leads to the final important component of declarer play – table presence and knowing your opponents. You are not allowed to take inferences from your partner when defending (unless s/he legally signals with their carding), however as declarer you can take advantage of the defenders.

Finally - the bidding. The world champion promotes accountability in the partnership through "freedom within boundaries" – bidding is not an exact science – if it was, we'd all be playing in the same contracts and bridge would be a dull game indeed. Successful partnerships are fully accountable for their own bids and can make esoteric ones with confidence as their bidding boundaries have been agreed.

Happy bridging.



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Capel Life

Another Day in Paradise

By Di Brooks

We relocated to Capel just over four years ago - how our lifestyle has changed and all for the better. This is not for the first time that Alan and I have made drastic decisions concerning where we should base our family home. Back in 1974, we immigrated to Australia. I knew what to expect, as I had read many fictional novels on life in the Outback. So when we arrived in Western Australia and found the cities no different from those in the U.K. it was not a shock to the system ... just the distances between point A and point B. You definitely needed your own transport. Now we are in the South West, we are almost back to square one! There is no bus service around Capel, although there is a coach line that will take you into the Big City ... Bunbury or further afield if that is your desire. We have two modes of transport, car or Shanks's pony. (Walking) It is two kilometres into Capel town. We now have a public footpath from our estate which joins up to pedestrian access so we can safely make our way on foot, without feeling threatened by speeding vehicles. (As we have no police presence in town, some drivers have no regard to the Speed Limit signposts.)

It doesn't matter wherever you go it's up to you to make friends. Within a week of us arriving into Capel, I joined the local Library, the Senior Citizens Club and fronted up to the Uniting Church Op Shop, to become one of their volunteers and of course, last but not least, I joined the Bunbury Bridge Club. Once we moved into our new house, I applied to be a Mentor at the Primary School and joined the P & C. My social calendar was filling very nicely. Thank You. Now we come to my Darling! I found the information regarding the Capel Mens' Shed and got told "I shan't be going there. I've too much to do here". Next I suggested the Senior Citiz; I was soon put back in my box. By this time, I decided on Plan B. In the words of Aunt Madge, "There's more than one way to skin a cat". It was time to bring in the big guns! The Aussie Icon ... The Barbecue.

What man can resist the challenge of cooking up a storm? A few informal invitations were given out to couples who had also moved into town from foreign parts. (Midland, Boyanup, etc.). This hit the right spot. Overnight we had forged new friendships. We were all in the same boat. Newcomers! We had launched ourselves into the unknown, had arrived safely and are now part of the country life. Laid back and lovin' it. You too can enjoy a new adventure.

You don't have to be able to swim. The water's fine. Just jump in. Take a chance. You'll love it. Would I lie to you?

Shape of 4711

There's a chain of chemists in the UK that has their own in house brand of products - 4711. This also equates to a shapely bridge hand.

Take this example:

Brd		♠ K754	
Dlr	S	♥ K3	
Vul	Nil	♦ K2	
		♣ AQJ53	
	♠ J986		♠ Q
	♥ J5		♥ AQ98642
	♦ QJ43		♦ A765
	♣ K74		♣ 10
			♠ A1032
			♥ 107
			♦ 1098
			♣ 9862

The bidding was passed around to North, who opened 1C, East overcalled 1H. When South passed, West now responded with 1NT. N; 2C East: 2H, South raised to 3C, bidding passed around to East: 3D. All pass.

Sad to say the contract of 3D resulted in one down, whereas most people played in 3H making 10 tricks.

The consensus of opinion was that East should just bid game in hearts, because of their shape.

So remember, if you hold a 4711 and partner shows some interest, go for game. You, like the in house perfume, might come up smelling of roses.

Happy bridging



Thinking of Entering a Country Congress?

From Di Brooks

To the old stalwarts of the Country Congress events you could probably skip reading this, but to those newer travellers who are thinking of entering for the first time I would like to offer some advice.

- Venues: if the event is being held in a Country Town Hall or a Heritage building, best wear flat or nonslip shoes. (Some of the beautiful old wooden floors are highly polished)
- If the event is held during the cooler months, take a travel rug with you. Be like an onion, wear extra layers. You can always "Peel Off".
- The chairs can be a mixture of styles so a small cushion can help.
- For those players who will be staying overnight, bring along a medium sized Esky. This can hold your consumables and double up as a side table during the competition.
- Food Supplied: Some events include lunch within the entry fees. If you have special dietary needs, it's probably best that you self-cater, whether you need gluten free foods or anything in particular. Be a D.I.Y.
- Take a little stash of goodies ... fruit, nuts, glucose lollies. Playing bridge for a full day, you need to keep your levels of concentration up. You might think playing cards is a sedentary pastime. Believe me, the brain is being exercised constantly and it needs to be fed.

- Lastly, ENJOY. The Game, The Hospitality, The Company. Make it a happy experience.

Happy Bridging



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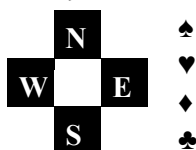
Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

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Brd
Dlr S
Vul NS

♠ AQ
♥ Q86
♦ K753
♣ A974



♠ KJ109874
♥ J
♦ A82
♣ K5

15

12

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1S
Pass	2C	Pass	3S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5H *
Pass	6S	All Pass	

* 2 key cards

West leads DQ.

Plan the play.

Solution:

Brd
Dlr S
Vul NS

♠ AQ
♥ Q86
♦ K753
♣ A974



♠ KJ109874
♥ J
♦ A82
♣ K5

15

6 7
12

What are your options? You could hope that someone holds precisely ♣QJ10, in which case the ♣9 will set up with a ruff. The power of prayer may help with that quest.

More likely, you could try for a squeeze, or pseudo-squeeze, by running trumps.

If you are prepared to risk instant annihilation, then your best chance is to play a low diamond from both hands at trick one. If West lacks the heart ace, he will expect that the defensive ace is in diamonds (he knows that his side has an ace from the bidding), and is very likely to continue with diamonds. Then if diamonds are 3-3

If you were West and saw your diamond queen hold the first trick, would you switch to a heart? Nor would I.

The moral: Put yourself in an opponent's shoes.

Ed note: Bill Jacobs will be in Perth for the ANC

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2C	Pass	2S
Pass	3D (1)	Pass	3NT
Pass	4D (2)	Pass	?

(1) 5+ diamonds, forcing

(2) 6+ diamonds, forcing

What should South do with:

S ♠ A652
♥ A3
♦ K9
♣ KJ1053

Slam hands in teams matches often provide large swings. So it proved in the semi-finals of a World Youth Teams:

Brd	♠	7	
Dlr E	♥	K862	
Vul Nil	♦	AQ7542	
	♣	AQ	
♠ K10843		N	♠ QJ9
♥ J105	W		♥ Q974
♦ J83		E	♦ 106
♣ 76	S		♣ 9842
	♠	A652	
	♥	A3	
	♦	K9	
	♣	KJ1053	

With diamonds 3-2, about a 68% chance, North-South can make 7C, 7D or 7NT. No one bid the grand slam and two pairs missed the small slam:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2C	Pass	2S
Pass	3D (1)	Pass	3NT
Pass	4D (2)	Pass	?

(1) 5+ diamonds, forcing

(2) 6+ diamonds, forcing

Answer to the problem

One South bid 5D, passed out for +440, while the other South found the better action, 4H, a cue-bid in support of diamonds. North then asked with 4NT and 5NT, but could not find out enough to bid seven. Even so, bidding 6D was worth 11 Imps.

After 5NT, promising that the partnership held all the aces and the DK, DQ, South might have ventured 7D on the basis of the source of tricks in clubs. Still, the grand slam is not such a great contract. It would be superb if the partnership also had the DJ.

Bridge and skiing have something in common. Falling over isn't important. It's getting up again.



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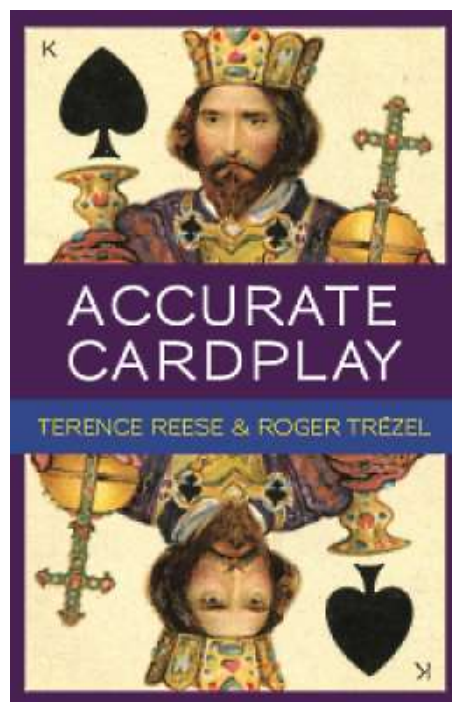


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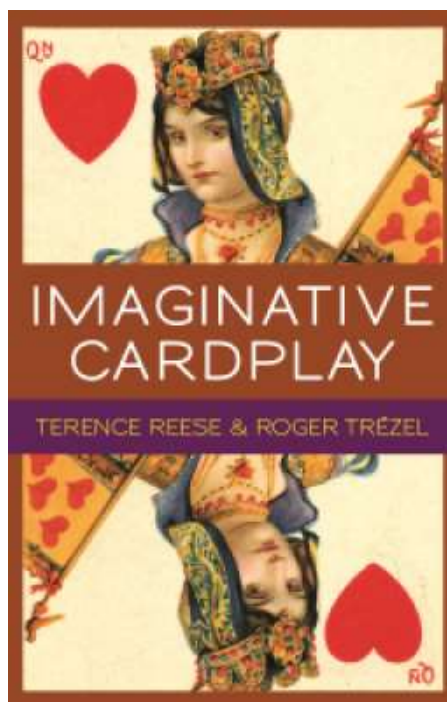


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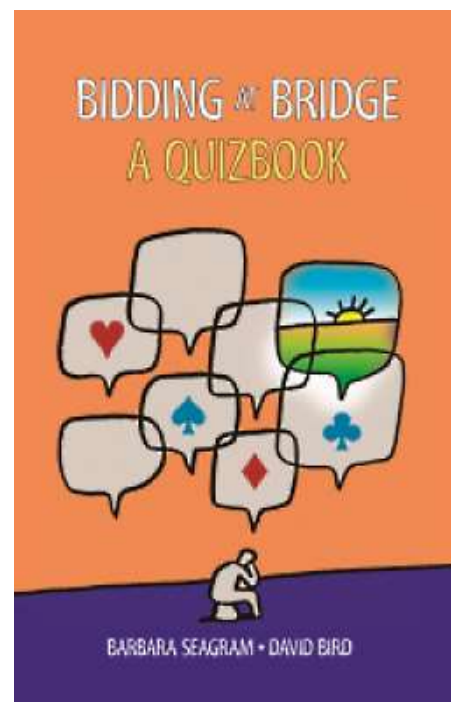


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