

wa bridge



Interstate Women's Team



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2017 BAWA Country Championships



TEAMS Winners:
Doug Hardman, Jessica Chew, Vera Hardman,
and Rez Karim



PAIRS Winners:
Jan Burgess and Jana Mayhew

2017 BAWA Country Championships

From Mike Trafalski



Teams Second:
Michael Turner, Robina McConnell,
Eugene Wichems and Alan Dundas



Runners Up Pairs:
Simon Smith and Louise Walker



First Plate:
Doug Hardman and Vera Hardman



Third Pairs:
Bob Stick and Pam Minchin



Second Plate:
Sybil Davies and Claire James

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President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

John Brockwell, a senior member of the ABF, had an idea in the early 80's for a national team competition similar to the United States /ACBL Grand National Teams. He wanted every club in Australia to have the opportunity to play in, what was to become, the largest team event in Australia. So in 1986 he launched the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) and ran it successfully for 30 years. The format was similar to the US; clubs would hold heats to qualify teams for a state final which would then send the winning teams to the national final. I remember clearly the 1986 state final at the South Perth Bridge Club; 36 teams packed the venue for an entire weekend playing a huge number of boards. I had the pleasure of partnering Phil Firstenberg along with Henry Christie and Brian O'Hara. Virtually every club had taken part in the qualifying rounds with more than 100 teams participating. An obvious added attraction was the Gold Points on offer; gold master points were relatively new and the opportunity to earn them in WA was limited. Even in the club heats Gold Points are earned for every match won as well as overall position. The state final is awash with points. In last year's state final 19 qualifying teams earned a total in excess of 105 Gold Points.

So 30 years later what went wrong? Many clubs don't even hold heats and the ones that do, apart from Undercroft, attract disappointingly small fields. I will make a special mention of Nedlands whose qualifying event this year attracted 11 teams – well done.

BAWA received a letter from South Perth this month detailing issues that they saw with the GNOT. One of the main points made was the cost; \$40 entry fee to BAWA plus normal club table monies was seen as a deterrent to entry. OK fixed; as of 2018 the entry to BAWA for GNOT teams participating in club heats will be reduced from \$40 to \$15. Another point made by South Perth was the apparent lack of co-ordination between clubs as to when heats are held. OK partially fixed; in 2018 clubs will be encouraged to liaise with Robina McConnell, the GNOT co-ordinator, as to when heats are held; this will then be published on the BAWA web site. BAWA

is also more than willing to move the state final back a month to allow more time and flexibility for clubs to schedule their heat. South Perth also suggested that clubs be allowed to hold qualifying heats for the Restricted Division of the GNOT. OK fixed; they can. I am not 100% sure off the benefit of this as any Restricted Team can enter the Restricted Event. However, clubs may choose to award the entry fee to the final as prize for the winning team.

Anecdotally I have heard comments like "Oh with this team entered we won't stand a chance." That may well be true if only three teams enter but with four teams two will qualify, with seven teams three places are available in the Gold point rich environment of the state final. Anyway it's a silly comment as I have no chance to win the national final, but I still have a go every year. Maybe one day.

Finally to clarify; you can run a club duplicate session at the same time as a GNOT heat. What you can't do, for example, is combine the GNOT heat with your Open Teams competition. The GNOT heat must be a separate event.

So hopefully 2018 will see a partial return to the glory days of the GNOT; if we don't the ABF may well look at pruning the number of WA qualifiers for the national final. That would be shame as I have seen plenty of Metro, Restricted and Country players have a ball and learn heaps at the National Final which they also had no chance of winning. If your club is not holding an event in 2018 - ask them why.



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
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Winter Approaches ...

How to Stop Colds and Flu Spreading in Your Bridge Club

When you have the sniffles or a cough, how can you stop those cold germs getting onto the cards and dragging the whole club down?

Here are two valuable tips that can help stop a cold from spreading.

Cold Prevention Tip 1: WASH YOUR HANDS



You've heard it many times before, but washing your hands is the single most important way to stop the spread of colds. About 80% of infectious diseases are spread by touch: the cold germs get on the

hands and from there into the eyes and mouth.

If you keep everybody's hands clean, they'll be much less likely to get sick.

When you wash your hands, do it thoroughly. Use soap and water and scrub for a minimum of 20 seconds. When you're not near a sink, a hand sanitizer that's at least 60% alcohol is a good substitute.

Cold Prevention Tip 2: DON'T SNEEZE OR COUGH ONTO YOUR HANDS OR YOUR CARDS



Most of us were raised to cover our mouths and noses with our hands when we sneezed or coughed. Instead, use the crook of your elbow or a tissue or handkerchief.

That way, the cold germs won't get onto your hands and spread via the cards you touch.

(With thanks to Bill Jacobs/VBA bulletin)

- If you are going to eat lunch or biscuits – please wash your hands afterwards – food particles build up on the cards making dealing difficult.

- This is a good time to also bring to player's attention the need to be mindful of using heavy perfumes, lotions, aftershaves and deodorants.
- Air-conditioners run almost non-stop at venues – recycling a concoction of odours - fresh air is almost non-existent - security a main issue. Many members – aged or not suffer with reactions or have allergies.



Card Hygiene!

None of us like to play with dirty, bent, chipped, or old cards.

BAWA and Bridge clubs go to a great expense buying playing cards, bidding boxes and dealing machines.

Playing cards and bidding cards are handled hundreds of times in just one session of Bridge.

Could We All Please Remember:

- Cards are not to be used to cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- When thinking of your next card to play or the bid that you are going to make avoid putting them up to your mouth (you are not the only person who is going to use them again and they have been handled before you picked them up.)
- Eating food during play leaves residue on cards that makes them dirty.

When playing the cards be mindful that snapping them by the corners and bending them onto the table shortens the life span of cards.



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Patricia Roberts

COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

OUR COUNTRY CHAMPIONS



At the recent competition, two of the members of the Bridgetown Bridge Club, Jan Burgess and Jana Mayhew, won the crown of the Pairs Country Champions for 2017! Over the years, Jan and Jana have had a number of successes in country events, two being winning regional heats of the Grand National Restricted Pairs which took them to Canberra in 2009 and 2010 for the National Finals at the Summer Festival of Bridge. Bridgetown is a very small, "remote" Club with just 18 playing members. We all closely follow their progress and the Club is very proud of their achievements - hearty congratulations from us all.

The Country Championships were held at the Bridgetown Bowling Club over the weekend of 8th/9th April. The venue proved to be comfortable and suitable and the appetizing/delicious food was provided by the Bowling Club ladies. On the Saturday, Jan and Jana won the Pairs Final, with Doug and Vera Hardman from Mandurah winning the Plate. On Sunday, there were 16 teams competing, with Doug and Vera again successful,

joining up with Jessica Chew and Rez Karim from Kalgoorlie to win the Teams Championship. Bridgetown's team of Jan, Jana, Heide Taylor and Ursula Wade acquitted themselves creditably, coming 8th.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Jan Morgan



Congratulations to Louise Walker and Simon Smith on coming second in the Regional Championship Pairs at Bridgetown.

Louise is a colourful, exotic lady born in Rangoon of French and Burmese card playing parents.

She had Nigel Rosendorff pulling his hair out with her (Louise-like) questions and challenges during her duplicate beginner lessons years ago in Perth.

Subsequently she and her late husband enjoyed playing bridge during their travels all over the world - most memorable place being Barbados.

We claim Simon Smith as ours, even though he now lives in Perth, because he spent about a year in Bunbury prior to moving to the city (that other city!) and still spends some time working in Bunbury.

Simon played county chess in England and took up bridge as something to do between mating. (at chess!).

He moved to Australia in 2006, has taught bridge at U3A and both he and Louise are currently obviously enjoying their game.

WATCH THIS SPACE for a photograph of Murray Webber in our next edition!!

Murray is steeped in all things “bridge” and since retiring recently has once again turned his attention to teaching – It is undoubtedly his forte!!

He delivers with great humour and boyish charm and draws good crowds to his intermittent Saturday morning tutorials.

However – he has refused to be caught on camera WITHOUT his fans (a touch of the Greta Garbo?) We WILL get him on film at his next lesson.

Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Julie Bechelli

The very successful **Mix ‘n Match** pairs in January was combined with the popular sausage sizzle, cooked by our very own Celebrity Chef, Jean-Paul Tedeschi and his wife, Jenny. The aroma of the sausages sizzling made one’s mouth water and not many could say no to such a treat. Such a good way to start a game of bridge!

Many of our experienced members were there to encourage and play with the not so experienced. The chatter and laughter at the end of the session, while enjoying a glass of wine along with nibbles, was indicative of a good time being had by all. It was an opportunity for all members to relax and join in the camaraderie.

Below are some of the newer Club members who took advantage of playing with the more advanced players at the Mix ‘n Match pair’s event.



From left to right: Elizabeth Bazen (an experienced player), Bernadette McStravick, Mary Pepper (an experienced player), Robin Ward, Joanne James and Derek Johnston.

KALAMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB 2017 CONGRESS - 18TH & 19TH MARCH

Held annually, this is the biggest event of the year for our Club and is booked out within weeks of appearing on the BAWA website. It attracts people from clubs around the State who come each year to enjoy great bridge, the wonderful ambience and as always, amazing food.

This year was no different. Great excitement and anticipation as Club members and visitors filled our Club room to capacity. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces among the visitors as they settled for a day, or weekend, of competitive bridge.

Denise Borger, our Club President and Convenor, welcomed all visitors and Club members to our 2017 Congress.

SWISS PAIRS



1st Tim Munro & Gerry Daly

2nd: Nigel Dutton & Marie-France Merven

3rd Dave Munro & David Schokman

BEST UNDER 300 MP:

BEST UNDER 50 MP:



Peter Clarke and Guy Gaudet



Robert McMahon and Carole McMahon

BEST KALAMUNDA PAIR:
(not qualifying for other prizes)



Stephen Thyer and Joanne Payne

TEAMS EVENT



1st: Robert Prince and Joan Prince, Phil Power and Kathy Power



2nd: Deidre Greenfield, Rick Rhodes, Maura Rhodes and Deborah Frankel



3rd Madge Myburgh, Wendy Harman, Carmen Jackson and Bente Hanson

BEST KALAMUNDA TEAM:
(not qualifying for other prizes)



Gordon Brown, Sheila Pryce, Mel Foster and Mark Goddard

NEW BEGINNER CLASSES WITH FISKE WARREN

Classes begin on 19th May for 8 weeks through to 7th July commencing at 9.30am to 11.30am. A 4-week Revision course will follow the lessons, commencing on 14th July through to 4th August also at 9.30am to 11.30am.

VALE Anne Spring and Wendy Farquhar

Village Bridge Club

The Village Bridge Club has relocated to the
Nedlands Bridge Club

146 Melvista Ave (Cnr Archdeacon St)

We play every Saturday – 1pm – please be seated
10 minutes before play.

For further details please contact

Jane Yu 93831150

Busselton Bridge Club

From Jane Moulden

A big Bridge weekend occurred recently for some club members. On Friday afternoon Neville Walker met with prospective directors from both Busselton and Bunbury for an informal get together. Some technicalities of Compscore were discussed followed by opening bids out of turn, revokes and penalty cards. Neville was able to translate the laws into language we could all understand.

The next day Neville was the Director at our Pairs Club Championships. This was the first time it has been held as a one day event. It attracted 46

members from a great cross-section of players. There was lots of camaraderie during lunch and at the prize giving.



Congratulations to overall winners Di Bishop and John Whiting with President Barry Witham



2nd Robyn Howe and Jane Moulden



Best less than 100 mps Kate Pollard and Bay Wilson.



Best - 40mps Jon Mulligan and Peta Mulligan



Best - 10mps Jim Davies and Barbara Averill



Best - 5mps Genevieve Diggins and Jan McDonald

Suckers for punishment, the Committee met on Sunday to begin formulating a 5 year strategic plan for the club - then our normal club session on Monday. Don't say bridge players aren't committed, addicted and possibly stupid.

See you at the Zonta Charity Day on Saturday June 24th.

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

KALGOORLIE BRIDGE CLUB AWARDS 2016

Congratulations to all Winners



Encouragement Award - Joanna McDonald with President Sue Lia and Vice President Mary Williams



Most Improved Player - Karen Ellis

Highest Score

Tuesday	Geza Sulykos
Thursday	Val Norman and Geza Sulykos
Saturday	Jessica Chew and Rez Karim
Individual Champion	Geza Sulykos
Pairs Champions	Gwyneria Brahma and Rez Karim



Novice<25 MP's - Paul Sheriff

Amateur 25-75 MP's - Ronnie Rogers



Intermediate 75-200 MP's - Geza Sulykos

Expert + 200MP's - Gwyneria Brahma



Mary Williams

2nd Life Member of the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The Club Pairs Red Point competition was held on 10 April 2017 with thirteen full tables. Thanks to the catering team for your welcome contribution to the afternoon.

Congratulations to the winners



N/S Eddie Pozarowszczyk and Neale Consigliere



E/W Jenny Liggins and Alan Green

Our next members only Red Point will be held on Thursday 11 May 2017.

Visitors are always most welcome. The hall is on Seacrest Drive, Sorrento in the middle of sports

ovals. We play Monday and Thursday at 12.30pm. Please arrive early and be seated by 12.15 so the Director can select the movement.

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

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

AUTUMN PAIRS WINNERS



Winners - Janice Hawker and Di Brooks with Director, Eve Dethlefsen (Centre)



2nd Terry Turner and Joy Turner



Under State Masters - Hazel Bennett and Janet McKay

ARIES PAIRS



Winners - Di Brooks (and Andrew Marsh) with Director Eve Dethlefsen and President, Roz Davey



2nd Ron and Betty Philpot



Under State Masters: Nicky O'Connell (Michael Fulwood) with President, Roz Davey

777 TEAMS' EVENT



Winners David Clark, Anna Maria Dela Carrera, Nicky O'Connell and Di Brooks



2nd Jenni Creedon, Eunice Howard, Michael Fulwood and Anne Francis

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

The Restricted Butler (under 300 MPs) event held in March was won by Lyndall Steed and Michael Turner. Clyde England and Craig Hardman came second, and Denise Sampson and Gudrun Kemmer were third.



Wednesday's Best 3 out of 4 competition was won by Kathy Power and Clyde England.

Bill Maley and Doug Hardman came second, with Corrie Davis and Denise Sampson third.



The Under 100 Masterpoints competition in April was won by Kimberley Zhao and Josephine Dundas.

Francisco Correa and Colleen Webb came second, and Clarice Smith and Diana Moorhouse were third.

West Australian Bridge Club

From Margaret King and David Burn

As this beautiful Autumnal weather moves into May we have now concluded our Annual Women's Pairs. It is great to see a pair who has won this event before taking the honours again in 2017. Well done Jan and Doreen.

Results of the Women's Pairs

1st	Jan Blight and Doreen Jones
2nd	Jo Sklarz and Sue Gammon



3rd	Jane Reynolds and Rose Moore
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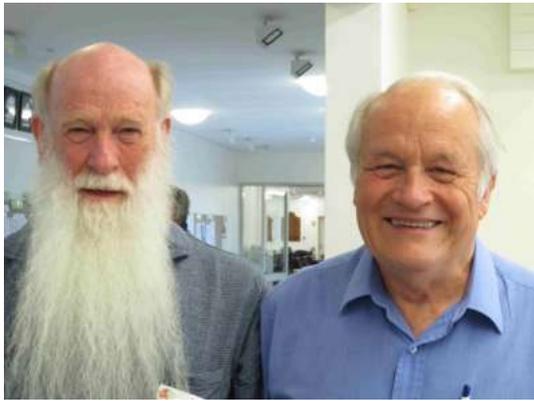
The Restricted Pairs event was also held in April



1st	Nicki McGrath and Melanie Sheffield
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2nd	Jill Keshavjee and Marie Musitano
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3rd Phil Jacobson and Geoff Wearne

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The 2017 elected Management Committee is:

President	Mary-Jane Whitehead
Vice President	Linda Bedford-Brown
Hon Treasurer	Jonathon Pynt
Committee Members	Robin Burton Sally-Ann George Patricia Hunter Peter Holloway Bruce Fraser

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our GNOT West Coast Heat were



1st Michael Smith, Barbara Martin, Jean Calder and Helen Baker

2nd Patrick Garnett, Pamela Garnett Robert Cappellin, Denise Davies and Helen Mullin



3rd Shirley Drage, Peach Partis, Peter Garcia-Webb and Shirley Bloch



The AGM was the time to award
PATRICIA HUNTER
Life Membership.

Over the years Trish has undertaken the most onerous, boring, tedious and exasperating of tasks – always arriving to the right conclusion. Her involvement in the preparation of quotes, applications, meetings, discussions et al resulted in a new roof, wiring, electrics, heaters, air conditioners, hot water heater, new entrance and a myriad of other works. Trish also undertook the duties of Treasurer and Office Manager.

CONGRATULATIONS to our members Jan Blight, Doreen Jones, Cathy Hood, Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld who form the Interstate Seniors Team for 2017 ANC along with Joan Touyz.

- Saturday July 1st is the Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs 10.00am start – see the flyer this issue.
- Sunday August 13th is the one day Congress – 10.00am start

Undercroft Bridge Club

From Graham Milward

We are home!! Following timely completion by Hickey Constructions, we moved back to our revamped and extended Clubrooms on the weekend of 25/26 March. Thanks to great work by all available Committee members and several

other very willing volunteers, the move was achieved without the loss of a single session.



On Saturday morning 8 April, the Club arranged an official opening event, at which City of Joondalup Mayor Troy Pickard and yours truly, unveiled a plaque in memory of the occasion. The weather gods smiled upon us and more than 150 members and ex members enjoyed a pleasant gathering.



The contract price for the works was approximately \$450,000 with UBC contributing \$140,000 and the City chipping in the balance. Lotterywest added \$15,000 for the purchase of audio visual equipment and office furniture.



The extensions will allow the very comfortable accommodation of 32 tables, all of which were quickly snapped up for our May Congress. If you belong to another club and missed out on this event, we would love to have you visit at another time.



Very sadly, David Giddy, a long time and popular member, who was longing to see our upgrade finished, passed away on the day before the move home. Bridge was a very large part of David's life and fortunately he managed to continue playing until 3 or 4 weeks before his death. He will be missed by many.

During February and March the Club held its Summer Pairs RPE which was won convincingly by Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell, 2nd Judy Havas and Louis Klein and Carol Fensome and Chris Jenkins 3rd.

Our qualifying round for the Restricted Butler Pairs was won by Ian Rowlands and Peter Hicks, followed by Joan Schneider and Debbies James, and Mei Huang and Carol Netscher. It was good to see David Wheaton once again playing at Undercroft, together with partner Christine Bacon.

Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

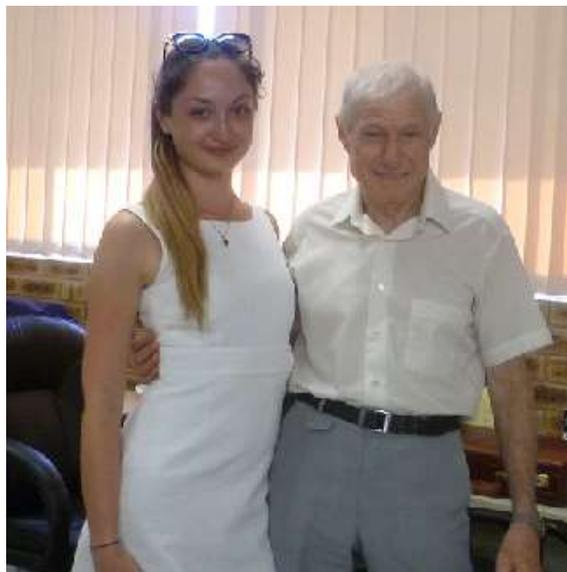
It has been 'holiday season' for our directors at Melville during February and March. In the week of 20th February, four of our Directors were away. We have eight playing sessions a week at Melville and Leon Ref very willingly stepped up to direct six of those sessions! Thanks very much Leon.



Leon was presented with a bottle of his favourite vodka as a "thank you" of behalf of our club from President Salim Songerwala.

Noriko and her bridge partner Salim Songerwala.

Bridge is a game for people worldwide and obviously we have a great mix of cultures at our club. Below, Noriko Sakashita teaches Japanese Tea service every Monday, but did not have time on this particular day – our good fortune. She looks lovely.



Wow! This young lady sure turned heads when she turned up at our club recently to assist Director Leon Ref. She is Victoria, Leon's lovely grand-daughter visiting all the way from Germany.

Our annual **CLUB CONGRESS** was a great success. We congratulate the following



President Salim Songerwala with Cassie Morin and Elizabeth McNeill



Ros Warnock, President Salim Songerwala, and Valerie Isle



Team winners: 1st Val Biltoft, Cynthia Belonogoff, Deana Wilson and Kaiping Chen



2nd Elizabeth McNeill, Valerie Isle, Ros Warnock and Cassie Morin



3rd–Deirdre Greenfeld, Deborah Frankel, Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes



President Salim Songerwala with Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel.

CONGRESS FINAL PAIRS:

1st	Nick Cantatore and Marnie Leybourne
2nd	Doreen Jones and Dave Munro
3rd	Carol Fensome and Christine Jenkins

PLATE PAIRS:

1st	Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel
2nd	Rachel Shave and Bridget Cooke
3rd	Deborah Greenway and Robin Paterson

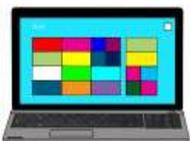
PAIRS CONSOLATION:

1st	Cassie Morin and Elizabeth McNeil
2nd	Noel Daniel and David Lobo
3rd	Virginia Seaward and Mimi Packer

CLUB RESTRICTED PAIRS:



1st place: Rachel Shave and Shana Smith (with Convenor Terry Antrobus and Tournament Manager Errol Jacob)



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



2nd place: Irene D'Almeida and Mary Macaulay



3rd Lyn Toft and Mary Johnston



3rd place: Mavis Koay and Jay Wongphsukchot



4th - Viv Wood and Gerry Daly

South Perth Bridge Club

From Dave Munro

EASTER CONGRESS

Prize winners for the South Perth Easter Congress were:

WELCOME PAIRS:



1st - Pauline Hammond and Jo Sklarz with President Dave Munro

2nd - Audrey Stokes and Diana Quantrill



Under State Master: Chris England & Julie Crewe



Under 300 MP's: Wilma Coloper & Jenny Simpson



Best SP Pair: Jessica Chew and Noriko Sakashita

OPEN PAIRS

Top qualifiers:



N/S: Viv Wood and Gerry Daly

E/W: Bob Prince and Nick Cantatore



Under State Master: Ingrid Gilfillan and Michelle Pollock

Under 300 MP's:

Shared between Fiona Han - Dennis Gimblett and Do Dean - Arfah Yusof (P1000543)

CONSOLATION



1st Simon Smith and Elizabeth Wilby

PLATE



1st John Clarke and Wes Rudnicki

FINAL



1st: David Matthews and Chris Ingham

2nd: Noriko Sakashita and Jessica Chew



3rd: Martin Cleeve and Carol Cleeve

Best SP Pair: Pauline Hammond and Jo Sklarz

SWISS PAIRS



1st: Roman Gdowski and Clyde England



2nd: Leone Fuller and Trevor Fuller



3rd: Dave Munro – Chris Ingham

4th: Vicky Lisle – Cynthia Belonogoff



5th: David Burn and Bruce Fraser

Under State Master: Sarita Singh - Mark Hughes

Under 300 MP's Fiona Han - Dennis Gimblett



Best SP Pair: Patricia Hunter and Carol Newport

SWISS TEAMS



1st: David Matthews, Nick Cantatore, Leone Fuller and Trevor Fuller



2nd Noriko Sakashita, James Steer, Stella Steer and Jessica Chew



3rd Tim Munro, Viv Wood, Jane Reynolds and Gerry Daly



4th Jonathon Free, Cynthia Belonogoff, Ian Lisle and Vicky Lisle



Best SP Team: Cassie Morin, Jeanne Hey (Liz McNeill and Peter Gill)



Best Restricted Team: Peter Clarke, Garth Scotford, Cherry Zamudio and Joe Louis



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

Entries www.bawa.asn.au or Jane

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Russell McCann

Undercroft Bridge Club Member

From Peter McCann



Russell was born in Liverpool UK in 1921, the middle of five brothers. He was taught bridge as a child by his father, who he used to partner playing against the neighbours in their home kitchen.

Russell was just under 18 when the Second World War broke out and he shortly enlisted in the RAF. He served as a navigator/ bomb aimer and he initially fought in the Middle East where he crewed with Aussies and Kiwis. He was en route by boat to Singapore when news came through of its fall and he was diverted to Ceylon (Sri Lanka). In Ceylon he was welcomed by the expat community at their best clubs because of his ability to play bridge. He often played contract bridge at a 'penny a point' in order to raise stake money to play poker with his service colleagues.

His mum and dad were poor and he used to periodically send part of his RAF pay, and any card winnings, home to them. When the war ended, he found that his mum had saved it all and insisted on giving it back to him. He used the money to start a business with one of his surviving brothers (two brothers had died from diphtheria as children).

He stopped playing bridge after the war but he did teach his son Peter the game when Peter was a child. They did not have any opponents to play against, so used to practice 'double dummy' at home. In 1984 Russell emigrated from the UK to

Australia with his wife Amy to be with their son Peter and his family.

In 2007 Peter joined the Undercroft Bridge Club. Shortly after, in 2008, Russell started playing again – after a gap of about 63 years! Russell adapted well to new bidding systems, which he found quite challenging. After all, when he last played the HCP (high card point) count system had not been widely adopted as a means of hand evaluation. A player needed 2.5 'quick tricks' to open the bidding; an opening strength hand to overcall and nearly all jump bids were strong rather than pre-emptive. But his card play remained excellent. An ace still beat a king and that had not changed in 70 years.

When Russell started playing at Undercroft in 2008 the members did not know him and most assumed he had recently graduated from the beginner's classes. However they quickly realised he was far too good a card player to have just learnt the game and were curious about where he had played before. Conversations after the boards had been played would often go something like this:

"Where did you play before Undercroft?"

"I haven't played since the war"

"Really. Which war?"

"The Second World War" – Jaws drop!

Russell is now 95 and still really enjoys his bridge at Undercroft. He loves the warm welcome he has received from all members and particularly appreciates the genuine affection and concern that members have for him.





They haven't got what they said they did – will the Director help us? (3)

From Matt McManus

They haven't got what they said they did – will the Director help us? (3)

So far we have looked at situations where a player has deviated from the agreed system, either deliberately or accidentally. In the final article in the series, I will consider the times when the player who made the bid has followed the system, but their partner has wrongly explained the agreement to the opponents.

In this case, there is a clear infraction at law. The laws require that the opponents are given a full and accurate description of your agreements.

Let's look at this simple auction in a number of different scenarios:

1NT 2D

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1NT	2D		

East's hand is:

- ♠ 865
- ♥ AJ1075
- ♦ 642
- ♣ Q7

1) South alerts 2D. East asks and South says, "diamonds and hearts". East was about to bid 2H, but, finding out about North's hearts now decides to pass. 2D becomes the final contract. The hand is played out and NS make 2D. It turns out that North did not have hearts at all. The NS agreement is that 2D is just natural.

Director's Response: The Director will consider how the auction may have been different had NS been given the correct information. Assume that he decides that North would have bid 2H and that this bid would have concluded the auction. He next determines how EW would have fared in 2H. If they would have got a better score than they did against 2D, he will adjust the score to this. Note that if EW would not have done better, there

is no adjustment. There has been an infraction but no damage has arisen from it. There is no automatic penalty for giving the wrong information.

2) South alerts 2D. East asks and South says, "diamonds and hearts". East was about to bid 2H, but, finding out about North's hearts, now decides to pass as do South and West. This is the same scenario as in #1, but this time North follows the correct procedure and calls the director AT THE END OF THE AUCTION. He does this because he believes that his partner has given a wrong explanation and he has become either declarer or dummy.

Director's Response: The laws allow only West to change their final pass should they so wish to do so, given the new information. In this particular scenario that is unlikely, although there are other circumstances when it may happen. Although East doesn't get to have another go, EW is still protected in relation to anything that happened earlier in the auction. The director may take East away from the table and ask what they would have done had they known what the agreement really was. The contract is still played out in 2D. At the end, the director rules as in #1, but in this instance he has more information about how the auction might have proceeded without the mistaken explanation.

3) There no alerts. East bids 2H which ends the auction. The hand is played and turns out to be a bit of a disaster for EW because North also has five hearts. Following enquiries at the end of the hand, North reveals that his 2D bid showed diamonds and hearts. Note that in this instance, because North ended up as a defender, he MUST NOT reveal partner's misexplanation until after the play of the hand is finished.

Director's Response: The director will make a judgement as to what would likely have happened had 2D been alerted and correctly

explained. Here, it seems probably that East would have passed. If EW would have received a better score, the director will adjust accordingly.

4) East asks South about the meaning of 2D. South says, "natural", East bids 2H and everything is the same as in #3.

Director's Response: This will also be identical to #3. The failure to alert and the incorrect explanation by South are treated in exactly the same manner. The fact that the NS system card may have been correctly completed (with 2D being described as diamonds and hearts) is completely irrelevant.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1) If your partner gave the wrong explanation of your bid, it is in your interest to correct it as early as you possibly can. If you become declarer or dummy, this is at the end of the auction. If you are a defender, you must not do anything until the play of the hand is over. You must not take any action at all before this time. That includes calling the director or excusing yourself from the table to go to speak to the director.

2) When there has been a wrong explanation, and the opponents end up with a worse score because of it, the director will probably award them a better score than they got at the table – and, as a consequence, you with a worse one. Because you and your partner caused the problem, you should accept this gracefully.

3) If it is not clear whether one partner has made the wrong bid or if the other partner has given a wrong explanation, the laws require that the director assume that there has been a wrong explanation. This means that he will rule that there is an infraction, and may award an adjusted score.

4) Just because there has been an incorrect explanation, it does mean that the director will adjust the score. A pair needs to be able to demonstrate how they have been damaged by their opponents' mistake.



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20th and 21st May 2017

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Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs
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Dlr S ♠ K84
 Vul EW ♥ K932
 IMPs ♦ AJ
 ♣ 954

♠ ♠
 ♥ ♥
 ♦ ♦
 ♣ ♣

♠ N
 ♥ W E
 ♦ S
 ♣

♠ A
 ♥ A5
 ♦ AQ8
 ♣ AQ10732

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

West leads SQ. Plan the play.

SOLUTION on page 28



TEAMS of FOUR 2017



By John Beddow
 Convener

The Teams of Four Competition is again being run in 2017.

As I reported earlier, numbers are up for this year. 31 teams compared to 26 in 2016. Melville are back with teams in the Open, Intermediate

and Novice, and Maylands have made a welcome return after many years absence with a team in the Intermediate Division.

Because of the increased numbers, both the Intermediate and Novice Divisions have been split into two divisions: Blue and Gold, and will feature Qualifying and Final Playoffs. The Open will be the same as last year with no Qualifying Playoffs and prize money to 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams only.

As for previous years, up to date results can be found on the BAWA website.

TEAMS of FOUR ENTRIES 2016 - 2017

CLUB	OPEN 2016	OPEN2017	INT 2016	INT 2017	NOV 2016	NOV 2017
KALAMUNDA	0	0	1	1	1	2
GOSNELLS	0	0	0	0	0	1
MACCABI	1	1	1	1	0	0
MANDURAH	1	1	1	0	0	0
MELVILLE	0	1	0	1	0	1
MAYLANDS	0	0	0	1	0	0
NEDLANDS	1	1	1	1	0	0
SOUTH PERTH	1	1	2	2	2	2
SWAN DISTS	0	0	0	0	1	1
UNDERCROFT	1	1	2	2	1	1
WABC	2	2	3	3	2	2
WEST COAST	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	7	8	12	13	7	10



Fatal Attraction



By Ron Klinger

<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

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PROBLEM

SOUTH dealer | EW vulnerable

With only EW vulnerable, SOUTH opens 1NT, 12-14, passed out. What would you lead as West:

- ♠ A1098
- ♥ J765
- ♦ 97
- ♣ QJ10

SOLUTION on page 28

FREMANTLE BRIDGE CLUB ONE DAY CONGRESS SUNDAY 11th June 2017

Freemasons Hall,
Cnr Chalmers Street and High Street,
Fremantle

Two Session Pairs directed by
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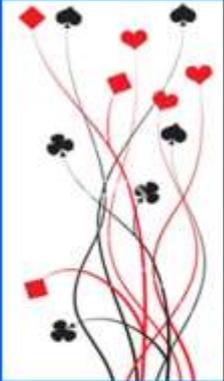
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SUNDAY 13th August, 2017
Two sessions 10.00am and 2.00pm

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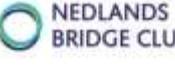


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The Vengeful Wife

By Phil Power

Kathy and I played this hand at a recent Club session and it doesn't look much on face value but it turned out to be, what I thought, quite remarkable from my point of view as Declarer ☺.

East opened an ACOL 1NT and Kathy sitting South with her lovely heart hand passed smoothly. As can be seen from the layout, 1NT by East has no hope of making upon Kathy running out her hearts and then switching to a spade. However it was not to be.

Brd	30				
Dlr	E	♠	AKT2		
Vul	Nil	♥	T		
		♦	JT942		
		♣	972		
		♠	764	♠	Q83
		♥	J74	♥	862
		♦	Q83	♦	AK76
		♣	AQT5	♣	KJ8
				♠	J95
	8			♥	AKQ953
				♦	5
9				♣	643
	10				

West passed and it was up to me sitting North.

Much to Kathy's chagrin I decided to stick my nose in where it wasn't wanted.

I bid 2 spades showing at least 4 spades and a longer minor. East passed.

This is where the Vengeful Wife achieved its story heading. Kathy decided to teach me a lesson ☹ and bid 4 Spades.

Unfortunately with no-one Vulnerable 1NT goes off 2 for +100 to N/S and 2 spades makes for +110 to N/S and in matchpoint sessions the extra 10 counts.

BUT here is what happened.

I believe East's natural lead would be the AD but East led the 8H instead so I played the AH, KH and QH from Dummy dropping 2 club losers from my hand. I then played dummy's singleton diamond and covered West's 8D with my 9D and East won the trick with his King. East then returned a club which I was forced to follow since I still had a club in my hand. West won the trick

with their Ace and returned a Diamond. I played the 10D and East covered with their Ace and I ruffed in Dummy with the 5S. I then played a Club from dummy and ruffed with the 2S in my hand. I played another Diamond from my hand ruffed with dummies 9S. My JD was now good?

I played dummies last Club and ruffed in hand with my 10S. Another small Diamond from my hand and Dummies JS won the trick. So now I am in Dummy. The hearts are all good except East and West don't have any hearts and they still have 3 trumps each. I have the AK of trumps and the JD. I played a Heart from dummy and won West's 4S with my KS whilst East dropped his 3S. My AS won the next trick... East and West following suit of course and I then played my JD to East's QS and West's 7S Making 10 Tricks for +420 and a top board ☺

The Vengeful Wife I love her to bits The opposition were nice too.



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ATTENDANCE:

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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.

Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

SOLUTION

Dlr S	♠ K84		
Vul EW	♥ K932		
IMPs	♦ AJ		
	♣ 954		
♠ QJ105		♠ 97632	
♥ J74		♥ Q1086	
♦ 1073		♦ K962	
♣ K86		♣ -	
	♠ A		
7	♥ A5		
7	♦ AQ8		
21	♣ AQJ10732		

I've made it easy for you this month – there are two correct plays.

Cross to dummy's HK at trick 2 and take a minor suit finesse – any minor (*) - leading low from dummy.

If the finesse wins, play the other minor to force an entry back to dummy: so if a club finesse wins, but West shows out, play DQ – if that wins, then play CQ; alternatively, if a diamond finesse wins, play CQ to force a club entry to dummy with C9, to cash SK.

If the finesse loses, then that gives you an entry to dummy in that suit, so you can try the other finesse.

There are two traps to avoid on this deal: cashing SK prematurely, and leading C9 from dummy.

THE MORAL: Bridge can be a little like chess, in that you have to plan ahead.

(*) Actually, playing the club finesse is slightly superior, as it reduces the chance of an adverse ruff



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Fatal Attraction

By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION

The opening lead can make or break the defence. On this deal from a National Interstate Teams the choice of lead allowed declarer to succeed.

Dlr S	♠ Q632		
Vul EW	♥ KQ94		
	♦ AQ75		
	♣ 95		
	♠ A1098		♠ J4
	♥ J765		♥ 103
	♦ 97		♦ AK1062
	♣ QJ10		♣ A874
	♠ K75		
7	♥ A82		
8	♦ QJ5		
13	♣ K632		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1NT
All Pass			

It is attractive to lead a 5-card suit against no-trumps, but a 4-card suit has little appeal unless it is headed by a sequence. Leading from an ace-high suit or from J-x-x-x often gives a trick away. It is much better to choose the Q-J-10 sequence.

One West led the S10 and now declarer had two spade tricks and seven tricks in all for +90. While one deal proves nothing, you can see how much better the CQ lead works. East encourages and even if declarer collects four heart tricks the defence can prevail. If South plays a diamond from dummy, East wins and can shift to the SJ. Now the defenders collect three clubs, two diamonds and at least two spades.



BAWA SWISS PAIRS

Begins Thursday, 6 July at 7:30pm

Duration: 4 Weeks



RESULTS

TEAMS of FOUR As at 21st April

From John Beddow

INTERMEDIATE BLUE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
WEST COAST	3	2	42.99
UNDERCROFT	2	1	18.21
MAYLANDS	1	1	17.92
KALAMUNDA	1	1	17.62
SOUTH PERTH	2	-	12.38
WABC	3	-	10.88

INTERMEDIATE GOLD

Club	Played	Won	VPs
NEDLANDS	2	2	31.74
WABC B	3	2	30.77
UNDERCROFT	1	1	17.10
MELVILLE	2	-	11.76
WABC A	2	-	8.63
SOUTH PERTH	-	-	-

NOVICE GOLD

Club	Played	Won	VPs
UNDERCROFT	1	1	14.78
MELVILLE	1	-	5.22
KALAMUNDA B	-	-	-
SOUTH PERTH B	-	-	-
WABC B	-	-	-

NOVICE BLUE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
SWAN DISTS	2	1	20.00
WABC A	1	1	16.99
KALAMUNDA A	1	-	3.01
GOSNELLS	-	-	-
SOUTH PERTH A	-	-	-

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2nd	Tad Bieganski and James Steer
3rd	Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton
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6th	Kathy Power and Phil Power
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Country GNOT Final



Saturday 3 June 1:00pm

Sunday 4 June 9:30 am

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		*Sat 3 rd – Mon 5 th	Country GNOT Final
		Wed 7 th	BAWA Daytime Open Teams 1/2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Thu 8 th	BAWA State Swiss Teams 1/4
		Sun 11 th	<i>Fremantle Bridge Club Congress-see flyer</i>
		Fri 16 th –Sun 18 th	<i>Geraldton Congress- see flyer</i>
		Sat 24 th	<i>Busselton Bridge Club Zonta Day- see flyer</i>
	July	Sat 1 st	<i>Nedlands Bridge Club - Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs – see flyer</i>
		Sun 2 nd	<i>WABC Masters in Teams of 3</i>
			BAWA State Swiss Pairs ¼ Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 8 th -9 th	<i>Mandurah Bridge Club Congress – see flyer</i>
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	August	Wed 2 nd	BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1/3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Fri 4 th –Sun 6 th	<i>TBIB South Perth Bridge Club Congress</i>
		Sun 13 th	<i>Nedlands Bridge Club Sunday Congress-see flyer</i>
		Thu 17 th	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1/3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 19 th -20 th	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs PQP/Gold Points Venue: WABC – see flyer
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