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2018 Interstate Seniors Selection



The 2018 ANC Seniors Team:
James Steer and Stella Steer, Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven,
David Schokman and Dave Munro

BAWA Country Championships



Pairs Final Winners:
Equal First: Phil Power and Florence Maltby,
Corrie Davis and Denise Sampson



Swiss Teams Winners:
Florence Maltby, Phil Power, Kathy Power and
Clyde England

2018 BAWA Country Championships

From Mike Trafalski

The BAWA Country Championships were held on the weekend of 7/8 April at the Bridgetown Bowling Club. 29 pairs from Albany, Bunbury, Denmark, Kalgoorlie and Mandurah competed in a Pairs and Swiss Teams event. Peter Holloway directed the event with his usual efficiency. Saturday morning was the qualifying round for the Pairs Final and Plate, Sunday was the Swiss Teams Competition.

A special thank you to everyone involved in making the event possible by providing tables, bidding boxes, Bridgemates and especially Fiona and other members of the Bowling Club who supplied an endless supply of food, tea and coffee over the weekend.

BEST QUALIFIERS

N/S Rez Karim, Gwyneira Brahma

E/W Alan Dundas and Jean McLarty

PAIRS- PLATE

1st Ross Proudfoot and Merle Proudfoot



2nd Claire James and Anne Wakelin



Equal 3rd: Doug Hardman, Vera Hardman, Phyl Barnes and Joy Gibson

PAIRS -FINAL

Equal 1st: Phil Power and Florence Maltby, Corrie Davis and Denise Sampson



3rd Place Jane Moulden and Robyn Howe

TEAMS

1st Florence Maltby, Phil Power, Kathy Power and Clyde England



2nd Neville Koenig, Roz Trend, Pam Minchin and Bob Stick



3rd Mike Trafalski, Alison Mettam, Kay Thompson and Ken Else

President's Report

Late last month it was my pleasure to attend the official opening of the new Willetton Bridge Club. I was joined by the member for Riverton, Dr Mike Nahan and the Mayor of Canning, Mr Paul Ng both of whom have been most supportive of the club during its inception. The club has already outgrown their original venue at the Herald Avenue Senior Citizens Centre and are currently playing twice a week at the Riverton Library. They also have plans to add an evening session soon. Noel Daniel has assured me he will have the club details to me ASAP and I will post them on our web site as soon as I have them. Visitors are most welcome.

Jane Reynolds has been our Western Senior Pairs and Super Vets convenor for quite some years. Jane's work commitments, particularly later in the year, have forced her, reluctantly, to relinquish the role of Super Vets convenor. If you are interested in making a contribution and taking on this role please contact either me or our Executive Officer Robina McConnell. Jane has a file with a complete A to Z detailing of the requirements of the position.

BAWA is seeking a person to assist with marketing our events, a role that Noelene Law did so successfully some years ago. It involves travelling to various clubs, perhaps playing in the session and should this arise we will cover table money and advising club members about our upcoming events. We may also be able to assist with some travel costs. Once again please contact either me or Robina.

Unfortunately, the State Mixed Teams was cancelled this year due to less than 10 tables being entered. It would be irresponsible of BAWA to run events at a loss and 10 tables was determined to be the minimum number required to prevent such a loss. If you wish to see Thursday evening state level bridge continue then you need to enter. The premier pair's event for the year, the State Open Pairs, is a three-week event beginning May 17.

You still have time, provided you are eligible, to enter the first major Gold Point Event for the year The Western Senior Pairs. You are eligible if you were born before 1 January 1959. Heaps of Gold Points are available – entries in soon.■

Coming Up



STATE OPEN PAIRS

3-week event starts Thu May 17

STATE DAYTIME OPEN TEAMS

2-week event starts Wed June 6

STATE DAYTIME OPEN PAIRS

3-week event starts Wed August 15

HGR MEMORIAL WEEKEND

ABF/BAWA (PQP & Gold Points)

Sat15 & Sun16 September

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

NEW MEMBERS

Bayswater Bridge Club is growing by the week, finding out about our club and our lessons mainly from Weekend Notes, Little Aussie Directories and from Trinity School for Seniors in the City, with two more tables of beginners ready to join the main session in a couple of weeks. Many members are venturing out into other clubs such as Canning Districts, South Perth, Maccabi and Melville. Three pairs, Pat Allen and Alan Gregory, Alan and Noeleen Eason and Edward Reeves and David Amson, entered the Super Novice at Swanbourne and did very well. Pat and Alan came 8th in the morning session.

DIRECTORS' COURSE

Several members went to the So You Want to Be a Director Course held at Melville. Whilst it was enjoyable our members felt that it could have been targeted at newer directors who need a basic procedural course.

PROFILE OF BRYCE MARTIN

Bryce Martin, our Assistant Director, came along to the Sunday session of the Director's Course after spending a very interesting and tiring time the evening beforehand during the Earth Hour a world wide event where non essential electric lights are turned out between 8.30 and 9.30pm. The event is a symbol of commitment to the planet which began in Sydney and has now spread to 187 countries. Bryce spent much of his time riding a bike powering the ice-cream machine for all the kids at the event. He is committed to renewable energy and subsistence farming as well as the whole notion of living economically and ethically within the environment. His passion has lead him to creating with others a sustainable communal dwelling space in Denmark and so will soon be heading down to the South West and bridge tables far afield. We will certainly miss his expertise, his

optimism and his beautiful nature. We may all just hire a bus and go down to Denmark, Kendenup, Albany and Esperance Congresses to catch up with Bryce as our club will be missing him greatly.



COMPETITIONS

Bayswater is entering Neura Bridge for Brains Competition and the upcoming Australia Wide Pairs - with the winners of last year's event Max Gerber and Linda Gilbertson hoping to do well again.

SECTIONS

We thought we would try a Jet Stream section and a Zephyr Section for those who preferred 27 boards, and for those wanting a more leisurely afternoon but it turns out everyone opted for the 27 boards so our club has now moved out of the fledgling stage.

VENUE

We still meet at the Bayswater Bowling Club which is ideal for us with plenty of parking, lots of space with wonderful amenities and support from the

Bowling Club with the bar open at the end of the day and the Cucina, an Italian Restaurant cooking for the evening meal sending beautiful aromas through the tables at the end of the day. Many players put their orders in by coffee time for delicious take away meals all ready to go by the end of play. The only drawback is the moving of tables before and after play although everyone pitches in and helps but there is a lot of lifting. The Tennis Club next door is building new premises with an upstairs room possibly available later in the year. If we do move we intend to keep up the contact with the Bowling club as social members and members of the community garden at the bowling Club as it is virtually just next door.

SESSION TIMES

Our Session at 58 Murray Street is Wednesday 12.30 – come with or without a partner.

Joondalup Bridge Club

From David Wheaton

Joondalup Bridge Club has had an eventful past month. The first event being the Red Point Competition held on Monday 19th March.



Winners Harry Crosby and Daphne Field with President David Wheaton.



2nd Alan Tolley and Dawn Duly

Following this was a Gala Night on Thursday 29th March. This was held to celebrate the graduation of 25 beginners from their first lessons!



A fabulous night with 14 tables! The beginners were partnered with experienced players to give them a great introduction to the world of Duplicate Bridge. A good time was had by all. On the 17th April the AGM was held and attended by 67 members.



The Red Point Event on the 18th April was won by Eddie Pozarowszczyk and Carol Thomas (N /S)



Jeanette St Ledger and Rick Morris (E/W)

Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

2017 AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Encouragement Award - Kerry Williams (R) with President Sue Lia and Vice President Mary Williams.



Most Improved - Lucia Pilcher

Club Pairs Champions – Thursday - Paul Sheriff and Geza Sulykos

Club Individuals Champion - Tuesday- Paul Sheriff



Highest Score – Thursday - Mary Williams and Sue Lia 77.50%

Highest Score – Tuesday - Barry Aslett 84.38%



Highest Score - Saturday - Irina Cuomo and Pam Moore 76%

Expert Award - Gwyniera Brahma 122pts



Intermediate Award - Val Norman 11pts

Beginners Award - Akash Brahma 12pts

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS

Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

The Restricted Butler Qualifying sessions were won by Clyde England and Kimberley Zhao. Runners up were Bill Webb and Brian Murphy.

Wednesday's Best 3 out of 4 event was won by Vera and Doug Hardman. Clyde England and Kathy Power came second.

The 0-100 Masterpoints Championship was won by Richard Cooper and Kimberly Zhao. Colleen Webb and Peter Knight were runners up. Alison Cullen and Di Schupp came third.

The Club ran a popular "Mentors in Teams of 3" event in April. Fourteen teams took part. The winning team comprised Trish Anderson, Maxine

Clarke, Michelle Burman and Freda Badger. Eugene Wichems team of Joan Perkins, Lynda Ford and Betty Curtin came second.

Maylands Bridge Club

From Linley Le Page

A lot of members of the Maylands Bridge Club don't know the club motto. But when the motto is mentioned they always say how well it suits the club.

"Friendship and Equality"

That is the ethos that we really try to live by.

It shows in the way it is all hands on deck to tidy up after play. It shows in the Red Point Event afternoon teas, when many members bring in homemade treats to share.



It showed at our Christmas barbecue, when our menfolk brought portable barbecues to our premises and grilled up a storm, and our womenfolk supplied the salads and desserts.

What a success that was.



It shows in our Thursday morning supervised sessions. Attendees say not only do they learn, they also have fun.

And it shows in the way we are trying out new ways to get fair and equitable bridge movements along with catering for our mobility challenged members, by supplying wheelchairs for those that need assistance.

Our session times are Monday and Thursday afternoon (be seated by 12:50), Wednesday (be seated by 10:05 and BYO lunch), and Thursday morning supervised play at 9:30.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Open Autumn Swiss Pairs (42 pairs)

Director Peter Holloway



Winners Viv Wood and Kim Morrison pictured with Past President, Masterpoint Secretary, Director, club Web Master and designer Ian Bailey.



2nd Doreen Jones and Dave Munro

3rd Patricia McNamara and Belinda Taranto



4th Chris Ingham and Bruce Fraser

5th Cassie Morin and Elizabeth McNeill

6th Linda Coli and Jonathan Free

7th Susan Evans and Shelley Allen

8th Tuck Meng Chin and Trevor Fuller

9th Patricia King and Penny Styles

10th Val Biltoft and David Schokman

We Congratulate our members -

ANC Seniors Team

Marie-France Merven, Nigel Dutton, Stella Steer, James Steer, Dave Munro and David Schokman.

ANC Open Team

Paul Brayshaw, Chris Mulley, Cynthia Belonogoff, Mimi Packer, Jonathan Free and Deana Wilson.

ANC Women's Team

Viv Wood, Jane Reynolds, Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll.

Broome Bridge Club

From Pam Wadsworth

Play bridge? Passing through Broome this winter: Staying in Broome for the dry season? If so why not join us at the Broome Bridge Club.

This group will meet for nine friendly sessions – as it has for probably more than the last twenty years – commencing on Tuesday 26th June 2018.

Sessions are held at Broome Lotteries House, which is located on Cable Beach Road East. Tables are set up from 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start. Fees, which are just \$5 per person, cover room hire, afternoon tea and a supper at the conclusion of the last session (this year on Tuesday 21st August).

While there are no regular bridge players living in Broome, at the peak of the season we have as many as nine tables but there are no master points to be gained. A feature of the weekly event is the ability to arrange for further informal games at local residences and caravan parks.

It would be better if you can join us with your own partner but, given reasonable notice, we will seek to find one for you.

Our contact persons for 2018 are

- Ros Warnock (0413 319 841)
- Pam Wadsworth (0412 019 775)



Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

The Restricted Pairs Championship has been run and won!



Happy couples/winners (left to right):

Graham and Margaret Williams, John and Monica Reid, and Margaret Ann and Paul Sarich.

The winners with an impressive percentage were Margaret and Graham Williams. Congratulations to them. An interesting aspect of this event was that the first three across the line were all husband wife pairs! Congratulations to the runners up John and Monica Reid (2nd), and Paul and Margaret Ann Sarich (3rd). Is this sending a message that more partners in life and bridge should participate? We wish so. The turnout was an excellent 19 tables. With our new Club ready by the time this event comes around and with more space, we anticipate even more participation.



It is so wonderful to see Life Member Miriam Winter is still able to play great bridge at 98 years of age. We would love to celebrate her centenary at our Club - a remarkable woman. (Left to right) Miriam's bridge partner, Robin Hewitt, President Salim Songerwala and Miriam.

My Top Ten Pet Peeves at the Bridge Table

From Suzanne Goodall

1. People who come to Bridge when ill. If I catch a cold or any virus it is generally at the Bridge Club.
2. Arrogance! Is this really necessary? You are not a neurosurgeon or top scientist! Well maybe you are but this is only a game - a difficult one perhaps but still nonetheless a game.
3. GLOATING in any form. Yes, you may consider yourself or your partner brilliant but please don't crow about it! Part of good sportsmanship means being humble.
4. SLOW PLAY. Need I say more?
5. Intimidation of a novice in any form. There are bullies everywhere and unfortunately some are at the bridge table.
6. Summoning the Director as if he/she were a servant. A simple 'Director please' will do.
7. Poor hygiene. Good grief! We are sitting in close quarters!
8. Players who chat throughout the auction and sometimes the play - not only illegal but annoying. Just STOP IT please!

9. Players who give unsolicited advice. Really? There are only a few real experts in Australia. Aren't we lucky to have some of them at our club?!
10. Taking up too much personal space at the table. Leave your clutter on the side table please.

Some of My Favourite Things at the Bridge Table

1. My wonderful partners. All are people with whom I am happy to sit opposite for four hours or more.
2. The lovely and interesting people we meet at Bridge. We are a diverse lot.
3. My partner's understanding when I make errors.
4. The wonderful sense of humour Bridge engenders in people.
5. When my partner knows our system. Thank you for your effort.
6. In a suit contract, when my partner places the trump suit on the table first.
7. Players who claim in a clear and precise manner and then place all of their cards on the table.
8. Partners and other players who save the post-mortem for after the game. Hey, that's why they call it a post-mortem after all.
9. Players who accept that calling the Director is a requirement and not a personal affront.
10. Our great Directors - especially when they are able to diffuse a tense situation.

Thank you all.

Undercroft Bridge Club

From Graham Mildward

Our AGM was recently conducted and a motion, to continue with paid, non-playing Directors for day-time sessions, was passed, if not unanimously, then very close to it. It was gratifying to see the support for the arrangement, following a trial conducted during the past 11 months. The strong financial position of the Club, and the fact that the costs of the building upgrade are now behind us,

has meant that there was no need for fee increases to allow for Director payments to be made.

Committee member changes saw Rupert Dodd replace Barbara Ainley as Treasurer, after Barbara's 3½ years of wonderful service, and Christine Bacon and Sharon Dyball take the places of De'arn Alexander, Mark Cooper and Margaret Melsom. Thanks again to the retiring members. Two vacancies exist for Committee members and volunteers are always welcome!!

The City of Joondalup has approved a request to upgrade our kitchen, at the Club's cost, and works will commence on Monday 14 May. There will be no bridge on the Monday but normal sessions will continue from Tuesday. Connie Coltrona has put in many hours to achieve the upgrade and many thanks go to her. We look forward to the new facilities.

Our May Congress has probably come and gone by now and it was great to see a full house, in spite of the fact that we opted for a BYO lunch instead of one of the wonderful spreads provided by Undercroft in the past. A big thankyou to Convenor Bruce Penhey, Director Bill Kemp and all other helpers.

The Club's Summer Pairs RPE saw a wonderful performance by Kay Parry and Gary White who took out the honours ahead of Tad Bieganski/Jairo Giraldo and Beata Bieganski/Lilia Male. Congratulations to those players and all who finished the competition feeling pleased with their results. It was good to see a sprinkling of newer players taking part.

Another excellent performance was put in by Ross Blakey and Alf Surace who won our Restricted Butler Pairs competition. They were followed by Christine Bacon/Bruce Penhey and Jenny Dawson/Ted Roscoe.

Please remember your partner, and the Director of course, are your only "friends" when you are playing bridge, so treat them both well!! AND if you think your partner is treating you, or your opponents, not as well as he/she should, please

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don't be backward in having a quiet word with them. Pleasant behaviour helps us all get maximum enjoyment from the game.

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our GNOT West Coast Heat were



1st Graeme Hillier, Shirley Drage, Chotoo Baghat and Baboo Baghat



2nd Ray Wood, Marleen Medhat, Peach Partis and Peter Garcia-Webb

3rd Ann Hopfmueller, Max Havercroft, David Cowell, Brian Kaye and Tad Bieganski

AUTUMN PAIRS COMPETITION



1st Elizabeth Bennett and Peach Partis

2nd Shirley Drage and Maurice Herman

3rd Ray Purdy and Margaret Tierney

Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

On 19 April 2018 the Club Pairs Red Point was held.



The winners were Ron Burroughs and Angie Stepatschuk and John Sharland and Susan Sharland. It was a successful afternoon directed by David Burn. A most delicious afternoon tea was appreciated by all. Special thanks to all the contributors – Jenny, Carol, Astrid and Neale. It's great the way people gladly help to clean up afterward and share the work around. Thank you so much.

Winners of our popular monthly free raffles were Jane Hayes and Dick Sudweeks.

Our website www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org has all the information you will need should you wish to visit our Club. You will be most welcome.

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

PISCES PAIRS Winners



Michael Fulwood and Nicky O'Connell, with President Roz Davey (left).



Under State Masters: Hazel Bennett and Bob Gorton with President, Roz Davey.

AUTUMN PAIRS



Winners Annamaria De La Carrera and Nicky O'Connell with Director, Di Brooks and President Roz Davey (middle).



Under State Masters: Hazel Bennett and Jen Green with Director, Di Brooks and President Roz Davey.

South Perth Bridge Club

From Jan Howell

Our EASTER CONGRESS was a very busy time for the club with events held on each of the four days.



The organising team comprising Convenor, Valerie Isle, Director Bill Kemp and House Manager, Wilma Coloper ensured a successful congress ably assisted by the many volunteers who laid out a delectable variety of food throughout the weekend.



Prize winners - WELCOME PAIRS



1st Sue Grenside and Richard Grenside



2nd John Beddow and Egmont Melton

3rd Vivian Zotti and Therese Garbutt



4th Paul Rideout and Richard Maker

OPEN PAIRS



Best qualifying pair - Kim Morrison and Viv Wood
FINAL



1st Tim Munro and Gerry Daly



2nd Rohan Bandarage and Sei-Moi Loh

3rd Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes

PLATE



1st Val Biltuft and Phil Tearne



2nd Jan Blight and Marcey Spilsbury



3rd Jonathon Free (Susan Collinson)

CONSOLATION

1st Clyde England and Roman Gdowski

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Events>Event List



2nd Ron Cooper and Renee Cooper

3rd Denis Gimblett and Fiona Han

SWISS PAIRS



1st Bridget Cooke and Rachel Shave



2nd Tim Munro and Gerry Daly



3rd Alan Harrop and Jonathan Pynt

4th Janet khaw and Shelley Allen

SWISS TEAMS



1st Nick Cantatore, Trevor Fuller, Leone Fuller and Marnie Leybourne



2nd Anne Lowe, Rosemary Enright, Marcey Spilsbury and Fusako Hashimoto

3rd Gwyneira Brahma, Phil Bapty, Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood

4th Viv Wood, Kim Morrison, Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven



Best SP team Tom Peacock, Mark Goddard, (Joan Prince and Bob Prince)

Best team below 300MPs Sarita Singh, Arianna Yusof, Jenny Simpson and Wilma Coloper

Secondary prizes were awarded on each day to the best South Perth pair/team, best pair/ team below 300MPs and best pair/team below state master.

Despite the excitement of congresses, our club is more about the everyday bridge games enjoyed by our members. We now have four supervised sessions to help new players consolidate what they learned in their beginners' lessons and two novice sessions plus the Saturday morning gentle game in addition to our regular sessions six days a week and one evening.

Visitors are welcome at all our sessions. Members of other clubs are welcome to join our club as alternate members which enable players to join our club without paying the BAWA and ABF annual levies twice. I am not sure why some other clubs are still not willing to offer this facility to their members who belong to more than one club.

Check out our website for session times. See you all soon!

West Australian Bridge Club

From Margaret King

The Annual WOMEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP Held over 3 weeks proved to be once again as popular as ever.



1st Marie Musitano and Robin Paterson



2nd Belinda Taranto and Patricia McNamara

3rd Jo Sklarz and Sue Gammon

4th Corinne Monteath and Alison Brogan

5th Deanna Wilson and Cynthia Belonogoff

6th Val Fleay / Margaret King

The WABC RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS was held on Sunday 8th May and also proved popular with 100 players participating.



1st Jennifer Andrews and Meredith Goodlet



2nd David Coulter and Pauline Coulter



3rd Wilma Coloper and Claire Weston



4th Joanne Payne and Stephen Thyer



5th Terence Heptinstall and Hilary Heptinstall



6th Mary Lang and Ian Rowlands

The WABC WINTER SUPER CONGRESS is to be held at the club on Friday June 1 - Monday June 4. All bridge players welcome and a delicious afternoon tea provided on Friday and Saturday



Willetton Bridge Club

THE WILLETTON BRIDGE CLUB OFFICIAL OPENING

MONDAY 23rd April at 12.30 pm

Invited Guests:

- His Worship Mr PAUL NG - Mayor City of Canning
- Cr BEN KUNZE and Cr YASO PONNUTHURAI – City of Canning
- The Hon Dr MIKE NAHAN - MLA, State Member for Riverton
- Ms AUDREY VARISCHETTI - President Herald Avenue Senior Citizen Centre
- Mr NIGEL DUTTON - President BAWA
- Ms ROBINA MCCONNELL - CEO BAWA
- Ms LINDA BEDFORD-BROWN - Editor Focus Magazine BAWA
- Ms MICHELLE GLASER - Grants Officer City of Canning
- Mr OSMAN MASNOR - Literacy and Learning Librarian City of Canning



Audrey Varischetti, Dr Mike Nahan Cr Ben Kunze, Osman Mansor, Mayor Mr Paul Ng, Cr Ms Yaso Ponnuthurai and standing BAWA President Nigel Dutton.

INTRODUCTION

Bridge has been played at Herald Ave Senior Citizens Club for many years on an informal basis by a small group of members. Now in addition to the many other activities run from the Centre

“Willetton Bridge Club” has been formally established. Recently the club was officially registered with BAWA (Bridge Association of WA) and ABF (Australian Bridge Federation).

BACKGROUND

Last year, a number of Members got together to establish a formal Willetton Bridge Club with the aim to play supervised bridge on a regular basis. An interim committee was established to coordinate matters. This committee reports to the Herald Ave Management Committee.

Noel Daniel, a certified Bridge instructor initially conducted a series of free lessons for interested members. These lessons, supported by loan equipment from BAWA generated enormous interest at Herald Avenue. Due to this interest and with support from Noel Daniel regular directed sessions were established on Monday afternoon in the Herald Ave dining room.

Following that success, and with support from The City of Canning and generous funding to buy equipment, a series of further lessons have been conducted in 2018. These lessons have been for beginners as well as more advanced players. All these classes received great support and generated even more interest in having regular bridge sessions.

Through the enthusiasm of members, this has now developed into a membership of over 50 people with about 30 members playing regularly on Monday and another 16 playing on Fridays.

Now that the Willetton Bridge Club has been registered, it is affiliated with the many other Bridge Clubs throughout Australia.

Due to the large numbers of players and difficulty starting early in the Herald Avenue Dining room on Mondays the committee searched for alternative venues. Again with the support of the City of Canning a room was offered at the Riverton Leisureplex Library. Since March, this has become the regular venue for Monday and Friday sessions. In addition on Saturday, a series of further lessons for members to improve their game are being held. Despite being at a different venue The Willetton Bridge Club is still managed through the Herald Avenue Management Committee.

In the future, it is planned that additional sessions and competitions will be run both in the daytime and evenings.



Playing bridge is a great game for keeping the mind active at any age and helps improve memory and problem solving skills as well as providing an important social outlet for participants.



The Club is appreciative of the enthusiastic support it has received from the City of Canning, The Herald Avenue Management Committee, Dr Mike Nahan, BAWA, and Noel Daniel for making the Clubs success possible.■



CLASS OF 2018 WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB **MASTERS IN TEAMS OF 3**

Sunday 1 July 10.00am

Open to all bridge under-graduates with less than 100 Masterpoints as at 1 April 2018.

The idea is to form a 3 person team. The fourth member of your team will be a bridge master chosen by ballot before start of play. All team members will get the opportunity to play with the bridge master as their partner.

Entry Fee: \$35 per player

Lunch: Bring your own

Drinks, nibbles and prizes after play at approx. 5.00pm

Entries via: BAWA website

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Rulings (2)

From John Beddow

Taken from "Tournament Bridge" by Jerome S Machlin

As you can imagine, a Bridge Director's idea of interesting hands is not necessarily the same as a bridge player. Most often it is not the bidding or the play that matter, but the ruling. For example:

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| | | ♣ | K865 | | | | | | |
| | ♠ | AKJ9 | | N | | ♠ | 108742 | | |
| | ♥ | 653 | | W | | ♥ | K84 | | |
| | ♦ | AQ5 | | | E | ♦ | 873 | | |
| | ♣ | AQ7 | | S | | ♣ | 109 | | |
| | | | ♠ | 65 | | | | | |
| | 6 | | ♥ | AQ102 | | | | | |
| 20 | | 3 | ♦ | KJ10 | | | | | |
| | 11 | | ♣ | J432 | | | | | |

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Paul Swanson | Bob Leonardi | Nick Nickelli | Randy Joyce |
| | | | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Lead 2D

1. When Dummy was tabled, Randy called the director. "3H was obviously a transfer which was not alerted." The Director instructed that play continue. Eventually Declarer lost three hearts and a club to make his contract. After play was over the Director asked Randy how he was hurt by the failure to alert. Randy said that if he had known that 3H was a transfer he would have doubled, partner would have led the JH ensuring three heart tricks and the fourth heart would have promoted the SQ for a winner, and a club trick would have set the contract. The Directors ruled 3S down one.
2. Paul Swanson now entered an official protest. The Directors consulted further and decided that line of defence would not set the contract as on the fourth heart Declarer could ditch a

diamond from hand and a club from Dummy, eliminating two losers. The score was changed back to three Spades making.

3. Randy now entered another official protest. "If the JH is led and immediately overtaken by South, then a club back, finessed by Declarer, the North wins and continues hearts, then Defence will get 3 x heart tricks, 1 x club trick, and a trump trick for one down.
4. Then another Director said that he could make the contract against that defence. He would win the club shift with the Ace, play two rounds of trumps and play a small club away from the Queen. South wins and is forced to lead a club which Declarer ruffs in Dummy and takes the Diamond finesse, Cashes the AD and plays another diamond, end playing South who must lead a H to the K.
5. Yet another Director said he could set the contract on that line of play. He would allow the JH to win, take the 2nd Heart and shift to a club. Now South cannot be end played. Declarer must lose three hearts, a club, and a diamond for one down. So the final ruling was one down.
6. Paul Swanson asked for the floor. He said that if he had alerted and South had doubled for a heart lead, he would have passed and let East play the hand. South now has no killing lead and the contract would be made. So, the final committee decision was 3S making. ■

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Dir N
 Vul All
 IMPs

♠ Q3
 ♥ AKQJ
 ♦ KQJ42
 ♣ AK

♠ N
 ♥ W E
 ♦ S
 ♣

♠ AK
 ♥ 105
 ♦ 98
 ♣ 10987543

25
 7

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 2♣ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 6NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

West leads ♠J. Plan the play.

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Dealer: SOUTH | Vulnerable : NIL

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1NT | ? |

PROBLEM

What would you do as South with:

- ♠ A3
- ♥ KQJ86
- ♦ 53
- ♣ 6532

SOLUTION on page 28

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Pre-empting Style

From Gerry Daly

In this article I want to explore thinking around pre-empting to the 3 level on 6 card suits. Beware, there are plenty of expert players who may not support the concept.

Firstly, it's worth reviewing some basic rules of thumb from the pre-emptor's handbook. The pre-empt is a disruptive ploy that can damage your partnership's bidding as much as the opponents'. It is important to understand the relevance of vulnerability when deciding to pre-empt.

We can be a lot bolder when not vul vs vul. Your vulnerable opponents may be unable to penalize you for fear they are getting insufficient compensation for their contract.

Position is also important. In first seat you have 3 potential victims so you are twice as likely to inconvenience an opponent as partner.

In third position partner has already passed so the chances of causing friendly fire are greatly



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reduced. Your second seat pre-empts should be much more orthodox as the chances of "getting the wrong guy" are 50:50.

Another major consideration is the form of scoring. In match points it's all about frequency of success so again you can be more aggressive and not too concerned about the occasional monster bottom. Hopefully they will be more than compensated by lots of above average boards. At imps scoring however you can't afford to go for big numbers or keep your side out of a vulnerable game by deploying a poorly timed pre-empt. The final consideration is partner's disposition on the topic. There needs to be some mutual understanding on style.

Here are two hands from the recent South Perth Congress. This example is from the open pairs final. Its nil all and you are dealer against strong opponents. Clearly, we have little future in the majors and our opposition will not have any





If the major cards were distributed 3-1 instead of 2-2 there would be a little more to think about. Perhaps we are making a higher scoring major contract if partner has a 5-card suit? Actually, at match points I would probably still bid 3D but at imps would pass if I had 3 spades and 1 heart. With 1 spade and 3 hearts it's still a 3D opening as opposition are likely to outbid us in spades if we let them into the auction.

| | | | | | | |
|-----|----------|---|-------|----------|---|----------|
| Dir | W | ♠ | KJ643 | | ♠ | T52 |
| Vul | Nil | ♥ | K5 | | ♥ | AJ974 |
| | | ♦ | A92 | | ♦ | 87 |
| | | ♣ | 762 | | ♣ | AJT |
| | | | | N | | |
| | ♠ 98 | | | W | | E |
| | ♥ 82 | | | | | |
| | ♦ KJT653 | | | | | |
| | ♣ KQ5 | | | S | | |
| | | ♠ | AQ7 | | | |
| | 11 | ♥ | QT63 | | | |
| 9 | | ♦ | Q4 | | | |
| | 10 | ♣ | 9843 | | | |

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|------|----|---|-----|-----|----|----|
| PASS | | | 0 | | 8 | 4 |
| 3♠ N | 8D | 8 | | 50 | 5 | 7 |
| 2♠ N | 8D | 9 | 140 | | 12 | 0 |
| 2♣ N | 7D | 8 | 110 | | 10 | 2 |
| 3♥ W | 6C | 9 | | 110 | 1 | 11 |
| 2♦ W | 4S | 9 | | 110 | 1 | 11 |
| 3♠ N | 8D | 8 | | 50 | 5 | 7 |

| | | | | | | |
|-----|----|-------|--------|----------|---|----------|
| Dlr | N | ♠ | 6 | | ♠ | J9 |
| Vul | EW | ♥ | 762 | | ♥ | 9853 |
| | | ♦ | AKQT64 | | ♦ | J9873 |
| | | ♣ | 762 | | ♣ | T4 |
| | | | | N | | |
| | ♠ | AKT52 | | | | |
| | ♥ | AK | | W | | E |
| | ♦ | 5 | | | | |
| | ♣ | AKQ83 | | S | | |
| | | | ♠ | Q8743 | | |
| | 9 | | ♥ | QJT4 | | |
| 23 | | 2 | ♦ | 2 | | |
| | 6 | | ♣ | J95 | | |

| |  |  |  |  | NT |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| N | - | - | - | - | - |
| S | - | - | - | - | - |
| E | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| W | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |

Not all this success can be attributed to the pre-empt but it will have certainly helped many of the N/S pairs who picked up imps on the board. There is of course a price to pay for pre-empting and despite the quality of the diamond suit a big penalty was available to EW. The fact that in only two cases were NS doubled and taken for -800 shows how difficult it can be to bring the serial pre-emptor to justice. Provided you and your partner have a suitable temperament you should consider broadening your pre-emptive style to make life more difficult for your opponents. ●



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My Bridge Story

From Di Brooks

During my time as Promotions Officer for B.A.W.A I prepared a survey and sent it out to all the affiliated clubs. The questions were based on the players' history of playing bridge. The answers were varied and very interesting. Here's a brief overview of the input by those completing the questionnaire.

IN THEIR YOUTH

People starting bridge early in life were from a bridge playing family, where a child was seconded into playing when there were only three for bridge.

Teenagers at University learned the basics, whilst waiting around for their lectures.

Young men learned whilst serving in the Armed Services.

IN THEIR FORTIES

Young Mums had no chance participating in community organisations, let alone learning and playing contract bridge, but once the children were in school, with time on their hands, the ladies looked for some pastime to keep the Old Grey Cells working.

RETIREMENT

Both men and women looked for something of interest that was less active than participating in the sports scene.

THE BOTTOM LINE

All participants wished they had started playing bridge at an earlier age!


Like all stories, we all have our own to tell. As a young Mum I had wanted to go to T.A.F.E with a friend to learn bridge (having been roped into the family game of Solo at Christmas, I had a good interest in card playing). Unfortunately, we were on a tight budget. Hubby suggested I learn something worthwhile; something that would benefit my family. I enrolled for the Upholstery class. The initial cost \$8.00. But after attending the

first lesson, we were all informed that we would need to make purchases of material, tools and a footstool ... totalling \$65. Hubby was horrified and I had to drop the class. Now here is the twist to the tale, Hubby felt I should be able to switch classes, something that wouldn't be very expensive, so he came along to the College to vet the choices. Would you believe it - the only vacancy available was for the Contract Bridge Class! And that, my friends, is the start of an adventure that has spanned over forty years.

I have enjoyed competitions in Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and more so in W.A. ranging in distance from Geraldton down to Esperance. I have met and befriended many lovely people from all walks of life. Has it been worth the journey? You Betcha Ya!

Happy Bridging ☺

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from Ian Bailey

Our weak 1 NT opening was doubled and we scrambled to 2S that was also doubled. Somehow, I managed to establish the clubs for a critical discard before JW found all their winners and made the contract for a handy pickup. Now for board 18, dealer E, NS vul.

| | | | | | |
|-----|----|--------------|---|---|---------------|
| Dlr | E | ♠ 4 2 | | | |
| Vul | NS | ♥ K 10 8 6 4 | | | |
| | | ♦ A 4 | | | |
| | | ♣ J 9 5 4 | | | |
| | | | N | | ♠ A |
| | | ♠ K Q J 9 8 | W | E | ♥ A J 9 7 5 2 |
| | | ♥ 3 | | | ♦ 10 9 8 7 6 |
| | | ♦ Q 5 3 2 | | | ♣ 6 |
| | | ♣ A 8 3 | | | |
| | | | S | | |
| | | ♠ 10 7 6 5 3 | | | |
| | 8 | ♥ Q | | | |
| 12 | | ♦ K J | | | |
| | 9 | ♣ K Q 10 7 2 | | | |
| | 11 | | | | |

JW bid to 5 D. Yes, a 21 hcp minor game that depended only on a 2 – 2 trump split, including missing the A K J of trumps. This time it was a winner, but our teammates brought back +300 so our loss was limited. Now for board 19 – dealer S, EW vul.

| | | | | | |
|-----|----|-------------------|---|---|-----------|
| Dlr | S | ♠ J 10 | | | |
| Vul | EW | ♥ Q J 9 8 6 5 3 2 | | | |
| | | ♦ A | | | |
| | | ♣ 10 5 | | | |
| | | | N | | ♠ Q 9 8 5 |
| | | ♠ A K 6 4 | W | E | ♥ K 10 |
| | | ♥ A 7 4 | | | ♦ J 8 6 4 |
| | | ♦ K Q 9 5 3 | | | ♣ 9 8 6 |
| | | ♣ 2 | | | |
| | | | S | | |
| | | ♠ 7 3 2 | | | |
| | 8 | ♥ - | | | |
| 16 | | ♦ 10 7 2 | | | |
| | 6 | ♣ A K Q J 7 4 3 | | | |
| | 10 | | | | |

I overcalled west's 1 D with 4 H. It could have gone seriously wrong, but it propelled JW into 4 S, and we got our best defensive boots on to put this down 3 tricks. NS at the other table made a partscore in clubs so another few imp's in the kitty.

Board 20 was a partscore bid at both tables so little swing. Board 21 we went for 1700! Ouch! The less said the better. On board 22 we were too timid to bid game so lost out. We had 22 hcp between us – what was our problem? Board 23 was a game bid and made at both tables. On board 24, JW refused to bid game, despite a combined 22 hcp. What was wrong with them? 3 S made, but our teammates went to game so we lost out. Then came board 25, dealer N, EW vul.

| | | | | | |
|-----|----|-------------------|---|---|--------------|
| Dlr | N | ♠ 7 6 | | | |
| Vul | EW | ♥ - | | | |
| | | ♦ Q 7 | | | |
| | | ♣ K Q 9 7 5 4 3 2 | | | |
| | | | N | | ♠ 8 5 4 |
| | | ♠ Q 9 2 | W | E | ♥ K 10 9 7 5 |
| | | ♥ A Q J 4 3 2 | | | ♦ K J 9 |
| | | ♦ 8 6 4 9 | | | ♣ 8 6 |
| | | ♣ J 6 | | | |
| | | | S | | |
| | | ♠ A K J 3 | | | |
| | 7 | ♥ 8 6 | | | |
| 10 | | ♦ A 10 5 3 2 | | | |
| | 16 | ♣ A 10 | | | |

David showed some enthusiasm with his hand as did JW with their hearts. We can't let the youngsters push us around and it took me several goes, but eventually I worked out I had 8 clubs so bid 6. Since hearts were led, I could afford to knock out the Q S after drawing trumps to get a diamond discard, so contract made. This was a nice pickup when our teammates parted with only 200.

The theme continued on board 26, when we went to 4 H on (dealer E, all vul)

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|--------------|---|---|-------------|
| Dlr | E | ♠ Q 10 5 | | | |
| Vul | All | ♥ K J 10 6 | | | |
| | | ♦ J 4 | | | |
| | | ♣ 9 8 4 2 | | | |
| | | | N | | ♠ A 4 |
| | | ♠ J 9 3 2 | W | E | ♥ 7 3 2 |
| | | ♥ 9 | | | ♦ K 8 2 |
| | | ♦ Q 10 7 6 5 | | | ♣ A J T 7 6 |
| | | ♣ Q 6 3 | | | |
| | | | S | | |
| | | ♠ K 8 7 6 | | | |
| | 7 | ♥ A Q 8 5 4 | | | |
| 5 | | ♦ A 9 3 | | | |
| | 16 | ♣ K | | | |

Yes 23 hcp. Why not? You only need to find the J S to make the contract. Unfortunately something went wrong so one off, not good when - 300 came from the other table. Then on board 27 we doubled a 4S bid by JW but only managed one off – deep finesse can put it two off, but we squared the board. And to finish off, board 28 was a part score battle we lost.

After all this carnage, you might be a little surprised at the final result – it was 46-47 imp's. A losing draw! Now is the time to lament that 1700 on board 21. It would be nice to say that we can learn something from all this, but that would be stretching the truth. The one thing that can be seen is that games were bid in complete defiance of the

rules taught to beginners about how many hcp you need to bid a game.

Well, as you can surmise, the remainder of the congress was composed of the good, bad and indifferent, with the occasional ugly thrown in for light relief. Overall, it was a great experience, and

if you have never been, I would recommend it as something you can put on your bucket list.

Our team mates were Penny Styles and Sue Atwell who ably supported us and put up with our indiscretions.●

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Gold Coast Congress is for Novices too!!

From Ian Hammond AM



My wife Frances and I took Bridge lessons in early 2016 played in supervised sessions at Nedlands Bridge Club for about 18 months and during this time also ventured into open club sessions during 2017. We heard about the Gold Coast Congress from friends (both Directors) who live in Newcastle and play Gold Coast every year. They suggested we 'give it a go' despite our tiny number of MPs, as there are many opportunities for 'novice' players to play within their pay grade and have a thoroughly enjoyable time. They were absolutely right. Even the main Bobby Richman Pairs competition held over three days (5 sessions), has open, intermediate, restricted and novice sections.

We went online, entered everything we could, except the teams events, as we did not know anyone else who was going with as few MPs as us. By the time the congress started in February we had amassed a total of 6MP each, so we seriously fulfilled the criteria for novice status: less than

100MP. There are also two other sections for bridge beginners: Rookies with less than 10MP and another category that is less than 50MP. We played in them all.

The playing days are full with 24 boards per session: not too stressful. For novices, most days are two sessions. It is worth noting that Bidding Boxes are not used, and some practice with paper bidding slips is a good idea, as this is standard on the East Coast. Also, the cards are not in the usual plastic 'boards' but are contained within cardboard pockets, which take a bit of getting used to.

We had a great time. During the week we played in 11 full sessions. The event organisation was superb, the Directors were most helpful and special instruction booklets outlining expected behaviour and important bridge rules were given to all novice players. It is a bit daunting to turn up to an event with 3000 people playing bridge, most of whom are much more experienced. We found everyone to be friendly, the bridge was enjoyable, we learnt a lot and also got value from the Celebrity Bridge lessons held on most days. Playing in the <100MP events was particularly enjoyable and less challenging than our club sessions in Perth.

Despite our lack of experience, we did have an occasional 'win' and managed to add 1.8 Gold Points to our total. What more could we ask?

So, if you fancy a treat, gird your loins, book your flights and get ready for Gold in 2019. You will not be disappointed. Anyone for teams??●

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Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

SOLUTION

| | | | | | |
|------|---------|---|----------|---|-------|
| Dlr | N | ♠ | Q3 | ♠ | 87652 |
| Vul | All | ♥ | AKQJ | ♥ | 9432 |
| IMPs | | ♦ | KQJ42 | ♦ | A107 |
| | | ♣ | AK | ♣ | J |
| | | | | | |
| | ♠ J1094 | | N | | |
| | ♥ 876 | | W | E | |
| | ♦ 653 | | | | |
| | ♣ Q62 | | S | | |
| | | ♠ | AK | | |
| | 25 | ♥ | 105 | | |
| 3 | 5 | ♦ | 98 | | |
| | 7 | ♣ | 10987543 | | |

Line 1: Play diamonds from the top, hoping for a 3-3 break. Chance of success: 36%.

Line 2: Play ♣AK, hoping for a 2-2 break. Chance of success: 41%.

Line 3: Run $\spadesuit 9$ at trick 2, hoping $\spadesuit 10$ is on-side, and the suit breaks no worse than 4-2. Chance of success: 42%.

The correct line? Ignore all those numbers, and start with line 2, cashing ♣AK. Then if someone shows out on the second round, play diamonds from the top. If diamonds are 3-3, and the ♦A is with the club shortage, then you will still make your contract. If clubs prove to be 4-0, you can revert to diamonds after the first round of clubs, avoiding the risk of a winning club being cashed. For the numerically inclined, chance of success: 52%.

The moral: Two chances are better than one.

The Passing Parade

By Ron Klinger

SOLUTION

Suppose right-hand opponent opens 1NT. What would you do with:

| | |
|---|--------|
| ♠ | 87 |
| ♥ | AKQJ63 |
| ♦ | Q6 |
| ♣ | 642 |

Since you have ready-made defence against no-trumps, you should pass and defend. The same would apply if you had HK-Q-J-10-x-x and an

outside ace. With an obviously good lead and an outside ace, pass and defend.

South should have heeded that advice on this deal from on BBO:

| | | | | |
|-----|---------|---|---------|--------|
| Dlr | S | | ♠ K972 | |
| Vul | Nil | | ♥ 943 | |
| | | | ♦ 102 | |
| | | | ♣ AQ94 | |
| | ♠ 10865 | | N | ♠ QJ4 |
| | ♥ A7 | | W | ♥ 1052 |
| | ♦ AQJ64 | | E | ♦ K987 |
| | ♣ J8 | | S | ♣ K107 |
| | | | ♠ A3 | |
| | 9 | | ♥ KQJ86 | |
| 12 | | 9 | ♦ 53 | |
| | 10 | | ♣ 6532 | |

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1NT | 2♥? |
| Pass | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| Pass | 3♥ | All Pass | |

Lead: ♣J – ace – seven – two

Although 2H will make, it was a bad idea since it drove East-West to 3D, which makes comfortably on the normal heart lead and can be defeated only via SA, SK, spade ruff. Bidding 2H also persuaded South to compete to 3H, which was one down for -50.

At the other table, after Pass : 1D : Pass : 1NT, South passed and 1NT became the contract. South led the HK against 1NT. The result was one down for N-S +50.



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|----|--------------------------------------|
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| 3 | Chris Mulley and Paul Brayshaw |
| 4 | Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller |
| 5 | Chris Ingham and Kim Morrison |
| 6 | Andrew Swider and Anton Pol |
| 7 | Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton |
| 8 | Egmont Melton and John Beddow |
| 9 | Rachel Shave and Bridget Cooke |
| 10 | Debbie Chappell and Julie Short |

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| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
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| | May | Sun 6 th | <i>Undercroft Bridge Club Congress</i> |
| | | Sat 12 th | <i>Kendenup Open Red Point Day- see flyer</i> |
| | | Thu 17 th | BAWA State Open Pairs Championship 1/3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm |
| | | Sat 19 th | ABF/BAWA Western Seniors Pairs PQP/Gold Points |
| | | Sat 26 th –Sun 27 th | ANC Restricted Butler –WA Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club |
| | Jun | Fri 1 st – Mon 4 th | <i>WABC Winter Congress</i> |
| | | Sat 2 nd – Mon 4 th | <i>Country GNOT Final – see flyer</i> |
| | | Wed 6 th | BAWA Daytime Open Teams 1 of 2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm |
| | | Thur 7 th | BAWA State Swiss Teams |
| | | Sun 10 th | <i>Fremantle Bridge Club Congress</i> |
| | | Fri 15 th – Sun 17 th | <i>Geraldton Bridge Club Congress-see flyer</i> |
| | | Sat 23 rd | <i>Zonta Charity Day Busselton Bridge Club- see flyer</i> |
| | | Sun 24 th | <i>Undercroft Bridge Club One day teams</i> |
| | | Sat 20 th | <i>Nedlands Bridge Club Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs- see flyer</i> |
| | Jul | Sun 1 st | <i>WABC Masters in Teams of 3</i> |
| | | Sat 14 th -15 th | <i>Mandurah Bridge Club Winter Congress – see flyer</i> |
| | | Sat 21 st –Sun 22 nd | <i>GNOT City Final & Sun includes Provincial Heat</i> |
| ANC Hobart | Aug | Sun 12 th | <i>Nedlands One Day Congress</i> |
| | | Wed 15 th | BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1/3 Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm |
| | | Thu 16 th | BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1/3 Venue South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm |
| | | Fri 17 th –Sun 19 th | <i>TBIB South Perth Congress</i> |
| | | Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th | <i>Swan River Swiss Open Pairs PQP/Gold Points</i> |
| | Sep | Thu 6 th | BAWA State Open Teams Championship 1/6 BAWA Restricted Swiss Pairs 1/3 Venue: South Perth BC 7.30pm |
| | | Sat 8 th | <i>Albany Bridge Club Restricted Pairs</i> |
| | | Sun 9 th | <i>West Coast Bridge Club Congress</i> |
| | | Sat 15 th –Sun 16 th | <i>Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs South Perth Bridge Club</i> |
| | | Fri 21 st –Sun 23 rd | <i>Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress</i> |
| | Oct | Fri 12 th –Sun 14 th | Nedlands Bridge Club Congress |
| | | Sat 20 th – Sun 21 st | Busselton Bridge Club Congress |
| | | Sat 27 th –Sun 28 th | Undercroft Bridge Club Congress |
| **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. | | |
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WABC 2018 WINTER SUPER CONGRESS

JUNE 1st - June 4th



MORE RED POINTS AVAILABLE FOR ALL EVENTS

ESTIMATED PRIZE POOL of \$10,000

THE BETTY BARKER FRIDAY MORNING PAIRS: 9:30am

THE MAGGIE SACKS FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: 1:30pm

BELOW 150 MPs (as at 1/1/18) SATURDAY MORNING PAIRS: 9:30am

SAT & SUN 2 DAY SWISS PAIRS 9.30 am & 1.30 pm each day

Winning pair of the Swiss Pairs is guaranteed \$1,000 prize money

THE JOAN CARTER SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: 1:30pm

THE BOBBIE MITCHELL SUNDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: 1:30pm

THE SUSAN WADE MONDAY MORNING PAIRS: 9:30am

MONDAY ONE DAY SWISS TEAMS : 9.30 am & 1.30 pm

Winning team is guaranteed \$700 prize money

THE SHIRLEY POTTER MONDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS: 1:30pm

2 Session events: \$35 per person

4 Session events: \$70 per person

Afternoon events: \$18 per person

Morning events: \$15 per person

Lunch orders available Sat, Sun & Mon

Chief Tournament Director: Bill Kemp 0478 595 275

Tournament Organisers: Kitty George 0408 097 881 & Robin Paterson 0439 905 406



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Participants will receive 10 points towards accreditation.

Sunday, June 17
10am - 2:30pm

City of Melville Bridge Club
790 Canning Highway,
Applecross WA

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Register online at

www.abf.com.au/education/workshops

Event Organiser: Noel Daniel
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Presenter:
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1pm - 5pm

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- Women's Senior Butler Stages 1 & 2
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