

Albany Congress 1st—3rd March



Welcome Pairs 1st N/S :
Esther and Colin Saunders



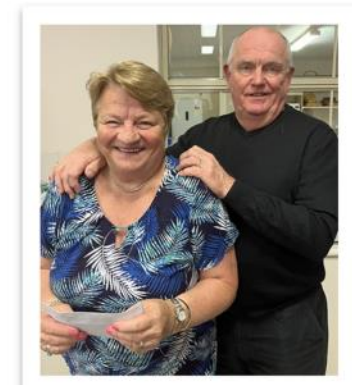
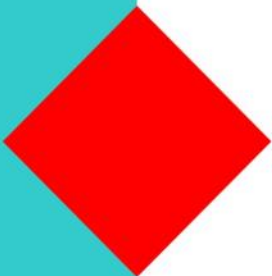
Welcome Pairs 1st E/W :
Arianna Yusof and Peter Holloway



Duplicate Pairs—1st in Final:
Kimberley Zhao and
Alan Cransberg



Duplicate Pairs—2nd in Final:
Tim Wright and Neville Koenig



Duplicate Pairs—1st in Plate:
Marie-France Merven and
Nigel Dutton



Duplicate Pairs—2nd in Plate:
Karen Moller and Jodie Basham





President's Report

By Ian Clark

Thanks to Cynthia Belonogoff for all her hard work to re-fresh the BAWA website. Feedback on the changes has been very positive. One thing that does stand out, is just how many Club Congresses and BAWA events players have available to them to choose from. Hardly a weekend goes by without at least one event.

The ABF has confirmed that WA will have 3 Country Team places available for the on-line interstate GNOT final, in addition to our usual 3 Perth Teams. We have been working with the ABF to help ensure that our remote country players will be able to access the facilities they need to play in an on-line competition, should they be selected to participate. More information will follow in the coming months on how the ABF will support players in remote locations to participate in this event.

There shall be two Country Finals, one to be held in Albany on the 1st and 2nd of June and then the other on the 10th and 11th August in Perth. The latter event shall be held concurrently with the Metro GNOT final. Eligible players may play in either Final but not both. The top three Pairs from each Final shall make up the three country teams to contest the online qualifying event to be held in September. From this event, the top four metropolitan teams and the top eight non-metropolitan teams across Australia will travel to Sydney to contest the Final.

The Metro GNOT Final will take place on the 10th and 11th August at Melville Bridge Club. Entry is through qualification through the club events and entry will be through MyAbf. The top three teams shall then play online on the 20th – 22nd September to qualify for the Final to be held in Sydney in November.

All event information and entry shall be on MyAbf this coming week.

The BAWA AGM will be held on March 25. Based on nominations for Management Committee positions received so far, we will have a good influx of new members to blend in with our more longer serving members and continue to guide the development of bridge in WA.



Well done Gwyneira Brahma (from South Perth Bridge Club) on winning the most red points in WA for 2023. Gwyneira also headed the McCutcheon lists for Grand Masters for 2023. A wonderful achievement!

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Around the Clubs

By: Helen Rogoysky

City of Melville Bridge Club

By Ken Bownes

Better Late than Never!

About sixty club members enjoyed our 2023 Christmas lunch followed by a spirited afternoon's bridge. Many thanks to our organisers Cathy Handcock and Jennifer Sharp.



January-February

Our first red point event for the new year was our annual Australia Day Walk-in Pairs and sausage sizzle. The lunchtime sausage sizzle and drinks made for a very convivial and fun

afternoon's bridge. Our First Sunday of the Month Walk-in Pairs followed the next weekend.

February saw the start of our first bridge classes for the year which will run for a total of eight weeks. We had forty aspiring bridge players turn up on the first night for the classes conducted by Eugene McClorey, assisted by ten volunteer mentors. This is a fantastic turn-out and bodes well for the future of bridge in our club and in the state.

The club's annual Members Only Swiss Pairs Championship is currently under way. Twenty pairs have played the first day of the competition and will be coming back on the last Friday of February for the final day. Winners' photos will appear in the next Focus.

Coming Events

We invite you to the coming events which are open to all players.

City of Melville Bridge Club Congress:

Saturday 23rd March (Super-novice pairs <50MP 9.30am, Novice pairs <150MP 1.30pm) and Sunday 24th March (Swiss Pairs 9.30am).

First Sunday of the month walk-in pairs:

Sunday 7th April at 1pm.

ANZAC Day Open Walk-in Pairs with 30% more Green Points: Thursday 25th April at 12.30pm. A BBQ lunch is being organised beforehand at 11.30am. Check the website (details below) for final arrangements.

See the club website for event details:

www.melvillebc.org.

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Nedlands Bridge Club

By Linda Beford-Brown

Birthday Congress

1st	Ron Cooper and Alan Watson
2nd	Tad Bieganski and Andrew Swider
3rd	Jonathan Free and Joann Theriault
4th	4th Terri Garbutt and Viv Zotti
5th	Martin Doran and Chris Ingham

Winners of the Friday Jackpot 2023 - and Best Birthday Congress Nedlands Pair < 300 Sheila Bishop and Chris Bradley



70th Congratulations to Sally Leonhardt!



Members enjoying the Gold Coast Congress – thank you Chris Ingham for the photo.



Best Nedlands Pair Lesley Forman and Paul Royale

Annual General Meeting

Saturday April 20th 1.00pm – Nominations for committee positions are called for.

Vale Pat Mulcahy – a gentle and respected member.



Joondalup Bridge Club

By Sheevaun Gallacher

Annual Congress

The JBC Annual Conference was held on Sunday 18 February. We had a fantastic turnout with 30 tables. The event was well represented by both our own club members and other Bridge players from across the state. The event could not have happened without the support of JBC members who gave up their time (and cooking skills) to ensure the event was the best yet!

The winners of the Congress were Hamish McCracken and Fiske Warren.



The top JBC winners (coming 11th) were Ann Hopfmueller and Carol Fensome.



The Super Novice Category winners were Mike Bennett and Derek Dorward.



Inaugural Novice (<50 MPS) Red Point Event Competition

What a great turnout for our first JBC Novice PRE-Competition early in February. We had 23 pairs turn up for the event. It was well received, and all the Novices are keen for the next one!

Winners N/S were: Shayne and Alex Bates



Bridge Lessons

Our latest group of beginners have commenced with 29 people turning up to play the game we all love! The first few weeks have been spent learning some of the terminology and how to open the bidding. As always there has been joy, frustration and wonder – shall I ever be able to play Bridge. David Thompson, who has been running the lessons said, 'It's great to see a mix of complete beginners and those who already know a little about the game'.

DID YOU KNOW? At JBC once you have completed our lessons, you can return and complete them again at NO COST!



May Deadline

April 20th is the deadline for inclusion in the May Focus.

Willetton Bridge Club

By Richard Harris



Summer pairs champions at Willetton: L to R Alan Byrne and Jean Marks; Daphne and David Lobo; Leon Ref and Ameer Ali. Behind, Vijay Ahoojah, sponsor. -Pic by Noel Daniel.

Neck to neck competition produced a close result in the Summer Pairs championship:

1 st	Jean Marks and Alan Byrne
2 nd	David and Daphne Lobo
3 rd	Leon Ref and Ameer Ali
4 th	Peter Miller and Bill Carnell
5 th	Kathleen Jaques and Angela McDonnell
6 th	Vihay Ahoojah and Brenda Evans
7 th	Charles Westcott and Margaret Pember
8 th	Ponnudurai Yogendran and Para Padmanathan

During the unremitting heat this season, we have all enjoyed the roomy, well-appointed premises, with their air-conditioning and convenient parking, all courtesy of Canning City and our hosts, the Seniors Club.

Rockingham Bridge Club

By Di Brooks

Rockingham Bridge Club's Morning Tea was held on Saturday, 3rd February, with great success. We had 7 full tables and had extra members to help with the morning tea and introduction to bridge.

Many thanks to our members, who supported this project, bringing in tasty and dare I say calorie free plates of goodies.



We welcomed two of Steve Rogoysky's students, Kate and Yvonne and from my Monday classes, Martin, Sue, Steve, and from

Tuesday afternoons, Bob and Ina Wood.

Coming along for the first time, Les, Vicki, Angela, Ray, Sylvana, (winner of our free raffle), Jenny (No 4, as we had 3 of our Jenny members helping), and last but not least Gloria. Several of the attendees were going to introduce their friends on another day.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

As to the banquet: grateful thanks to all who added to the morning tea, lunch and afternoon repast. Our name in hospitality and our friendliness says it all for Rockingham Bridge Club Inc.



Mandurah Bridge Club

By Ian Jones

At the Club's Annual Charity day the sum of \$760 was raised for the Foster Share Shed, an organisation that supports foster children and their carers. Carers can come for a coffee and support from other carers in a non-judgemental environment, and children can access items of need.

Congratulations to Phil and Kathy Power winners of the Daytime Pairs Championship. Runners-up were Jan Ovens and Mike Mulholland.



The Restricted (0-300 Masterpoints) Championship was won by Trish Christy and Gary Watkins, below with Director Robina McConnell. Runners up were Sandra Hardie and Christine Leather.



The Summer Congress Pairs winners were Jonathan Free and Joann Theriault, followed by Andrew Swider and Tad Bieganski. Gerry Daly and Viv Wood came third. Best Mandurah pair were Sandra Hardie and Ann Shalders, who were

placed a very close fourth. Best Country Pair were Helen and Steve Rogoysky.

Winners of the Teams event were Mitchell Garbutt, Jonathon Pynt, Therese Garbutt and Vivian Zotti.



Runners up were Egmont Melton, Tad Bieganski, John Beddow and Andrew Swider.

Best Country team were Alan Dundas, Jo Dundas, Roz Trend and Carole Hazelden.



West Coast Bridge Club

By Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Monday Swiss Pairs competition were:-

1st	Marion Bogue and Deborah Greenway
2nd	Joy Jones and Pat Scotford
3rd	Ray Wood and Marlene Medhat



The results of our Swiss Teams Competition were:-

1st	Anton Pol, Wence Vahala, Ray Wood, Marlene Medhat
2nd	Ann Patrick, Maureen Phillips, Rick Rhodes, Muara Rhodes, Sarah Westergren (sub)
3rd	Robin Rose, Nerilyn Mack, Brian Kay, Max Havercroft



Our long-time members Yvonne and Michael Plows celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with friends at the bridge club in February. Yvonne and Michael with their daughter, Dee.



Our West Coast Congress will be held on Sunday September 8 at 10.00am.

Bunbury Bridge Club

By Jo Saunders

The Bunbury Bridge Club's "Charity Week" kicked off on Monday 19th February. This year's chosen charity was Waratah Support Centre, Bunbury. Waratah is a not-for-profit organisation that provides family and domestic violence and sexual assault services throughout the South-West of Western Australia. The total funds raised by the Bunbury Bridge Club was \$512 which is a combination of 50% of the table fees paid by each player plus additional donations made by club members and proceeds of a book loan charity jar.

February also saw our Club provide an 8-lesson

Beginners' Course over a three-week period. Thank you to Mike Van Wyk who conducted these lessons. Mike had advertised widely through the local radio, local newspaper, local councils' notice boards at libraries, swimming pools and art galleries, at shopping centres, on several Facebook sites, the club website and through word-of-mouth from club members. He had 12 people express an interest in learning, 8 people paid for the course but one dropped out so he finished with 7 beginners. Mike has offered to open the Club on Monday nights for a couple of weeks so the beginners can reinforce their learning before joining regular sessions. All 7 enjoyed the lessons and appreciated the assistance provided in Esther's workbook. Once again, all felt that the 8 lessons in 3 weeks was

Bunbury Bridge Club

tiring, but provided good reinforcement before things that had been learned were forgotten.

We had good representation of our Club at the Gold Coast Congress with 7 of our club members partaking in the international event. The following people played: Colin, Esther & Jo Saunders, Chris Hollingsworth, Di Taylor & Gwen Clarke; and our beloved director Brian Wade went over to be a Tournament Director. All 7 people thoroughly enjoyed their time at the congress, and some have even booked to return

next year. The Congress Convenor was overly impressed by Brian's knowledge base and professionalism that his presence has been requested again for the full duration of the congress next year. Well done Brian!

Two of our members had a very successful time at the Albany Bridge Congress. Colin and Esther Saunders won the Welcome Pairs event on Friday 1st March. They also made it into the Pairs Final on Saturday 2nd March, but "only" came 9th out of 14, which we think is still pretty good! Their team also won the day on Sunday 3rd March. Well done Colin and Esther!

Albany Bridge Club

By Claire James

The Albany Congress was held over the long weekend and although our numbers were slightly down on previous years those attending agreed it was a great weekend. Challenging bridge, played in a well organised and friendly environment with loads of yummy food in the beautiful city of Albany. What more could you wish for other than taking home some winnings?

Congratulations to Murray Webber our tournament convenor who did a fabulous job making sure everything was ready pre congress. Thank you Murray. Well done to Helen Weston and her team in the kitchen who presented amazing spreads for morning and afternoon teas all donated by our generous members. Thank you everyone. Brian Wade, our Tournament Director ran a perfect competition and as always was calm, fair, and well organised ensuring everyone had enjoyable bridge. Thank you Brian.

On behalf of the A.B.C. committee I thank everyone for making the weekend a success and we hope to see you again next year.

Overall Winners:

Welcome Pairs:

1st	NS	Colin and Esther Saunders
	EW	Arianna Yusof and Peter Holloway
2nd	NS	Sharon Schnieder and Tom Burton
	EW	Jana Mayhew and Jan Burgess

Duplicate Pairs

Final	1st	Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao
	2nd	Tim Wright and Neville Koenig
Plate	1st	Marie France Mervan and Nigel Dutton
	2nd	Karen Moller and Jodie Basham
Cons.	1st	Mike Trafalski and Alison Mettam
	2nd	Christine and Craig Bradley

Teams

1st	Esther and Colin Saunders, Murray Webber and Colin Payne
2nd	Connie Derks, Anne Wakelin, Claire James and John Elliott



1st Team



2nd Team

Many prizes were awarded and can be seen on the A.B.C. website. Congratulations to all winners.

Maylands Bridge Club

By Ilana Meyer

Linley Le Page with Lisa Baker



Ms Lisa Baker, the member of the Legislative Assembly for Maylands visited the Maylands Bridge Club to present us with a plaque from Lotterywest for the funding they recently provided. Many community-based clubs and associations like ours are a very important part of society. They provide friendship and support, a sense of belonging and, in our case, an opportunity to exercise the brain and hone our

competitive spirit. Numerous community groups could not exist without the assistance provided by the state government through the Lotterywest Healthway Grants. We are very grateful for receiving the grant to purchase a new dealing machine, a very big expenditure by our standards, and some new cards and boards. The previous dealing machine had been causing the Club grief for quite some time, and having a reliable one is a great relief.

Shield Event

Winners:

Ian Pleydell & James Sheng



Kalamunda Bridge Club

By Di van Santen

AUSTRALIA DAY COMPETITION 26 Jan

Australia Day was celebrated with usual traditional decorations, BBQ, a raffle, and good fun. With a good turnout of 33 pairs, we played two streams, A and B:

Winners Section A

N/S: Erik Moller and Ross Pringle

E/W: Geoff Blacklaws and Michelle McDiarmid

Winners Section B

N/S: Nicolas Moniodis and Betty Roberts

E/W: elizabeth McMillen and Colin Meek

Upcoming event 16-17 March (Book on MyABF):
Kalamunda Open Congress - Swiss Pairs – Sat 16 -
Red Point Event
Kalamunda Open Congress - Swiss Teams – Sun
17 - Red Point Event





Di And Her Idioms

By: Di Brooks

I love gadgets. I believe this comes from my childhood, where my family had very little. It was also a time of No IT. How times have changed.

Some of the Conventions that are necessary for your system;-

Stayman: a bid of 2C over partner's opening of 1NT. This asks if opener has a 4 card major. (Hearts / Spades) The Basic reply of No, I don't is 2D. This needs to be alerted. (Some players bid 2NT to show a holding of both majors, whereas the old style is 2H, (may have spades) by the bid of 2S, says I don't have Hearts.

Then as the new players progress, you might like to add in a convention over the Opponents No Trumps. There are several from which to choose. Best to research the easiest to remember and both in the partnership do their homework. (Becker, Brozel etc).

Now for a very important aspect of bridge.

The Losing Trick Count.

This really helps you assess as to what level you should reply to your partner's opening bid. It's Vital: You Have A Trump Fit.

The Basis to this convention: Assess the Top 3 Cards in each suit. Ask yourself 'Do I Have A, K, or Q'? Formula states the 4th card and beyond are all WINNERS.

West:

Using the gauge of A,K, Q , check out your losers.

Spades: K = 1, the Jack= 1 Loser.

Hearts: No A or K, but you have the Q, so 2 Losers.

Diamond: A but not the K, 1 Loser.

Clubs: No A nor K and the Q is unsupported, so 3 losers.

Add up the Losers. Total 7 Losers.

Point Count: 13 H.C.P.

East:

Spades: No A nor K, Q not supported, = 3 Losers

Hearts : Partner has 5 trumps, you hold the Ace plus 3 others, 0 Losers?

Diamonds: NO A, K nor Q = 3 Losers

Clubs: A, but no K, = 1 Loser

East holds 7 losers. West has 7 Losers = 14 losers in total.

Formula says every player will hold a 4 card suit. Therefore the 4th card is deemed to be a winner. With both players having a 4 card suit, which means 2 winners between them, so we assess the other 24 cards left. In this instance: 26 minus the 2 winners = 24 the figure to use to calculate your possible total tricks you can make.

24 minus 14 losers = 10 tricks to make.

Get a copy of a session's hand record. Use the L.T.C. formula. Try this. Remember; Vital; A TRUMP FIT.

Happy bridging.

(If you want a copy of any notes, stop me and try one!!!!!!)

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The Killer

By: Ron Klinger
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North/south Vulnerable, West Dealer.

	♠ 10		
	♥ A K 3		
	♦ J 4 2		
	♣ A 7 6 5 3 2		
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Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

Double is for takeout, 4+ hearts

West leads the S8: ten - jack - ace.
 South plays the H5: four - ace - seven and then C2 from dummy: king - ten - four.

How should East continue?

Solution Page: 21



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Masters in Teams of Three

Sunday 7th April @9:30am
West Australian Bridge Club

7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Open to all bridge players with
 less than 100 Masterpoints
 as at 31 December 2023.

The idea is to enter a 3 person team. The
 fourth member of your team will be a
 bridge master chosen by ballot before the
 start of play. All team members will get the
 opportunity to play with the bridge master
 as their partner. It's an excellent
 opportunity to learn from the masters.

Entry Fee:\$30 per player

Note: Players will need to bring their own
 lunch

Nibbles and cash prizes presentation after play
 at approx. 4:30pm

Entries via myABF
 or phone the tournament organizer
Martin Doran 0466 638 055

Director:
Peter Holloway 0411 870 931



Director Please!

By: Helen Rogoysky

If you have recently played in a country congress then you more than likely know **Brian Wade**, one of W.A.'s finest congress level directors. Thank you for answering my question Brian.

When did you start playing bridge?

I started playing bridge in 1978 whilst working in Bougainville (PNG). At that time, a range of social activities were on offer on the island and for some forgotten reason, the game of bridge caught my eye. My wife and I enrolled in the lessons and that was the start. I recall competing in the club's annual championships and during the qualifying round, my wife and I hardly played a contract but we had a great time defending. We ended up in the final only to be soundly beaten but I will always remember that first session of really competitive bridge. After leaving Bougainville in 1980, my bridge career went into recess for nearly 30 years as work and family commitments took hold.

What made you interested in learning bridge?

The idea of playing cards for fun seemed like a nice activity to be involved in but that required attendance at a 15 week program of lessons run by Mike Furstner (who later established his own club in Darwin). Mike was a terrific teacher and laid the foundations for ongoing participation in the game. My wife was a willing partner although she always found the concepts of bridge challenging. For me, it was like a duck to water and I was hooked.

What is your favourite system?

I was initially taught the Standard American system (strong NT but with four card majors) but later graduated to the now popular five card major system. Under the guidance of Di Brooks, I learnt Precision and feel that system provides a competitive edge - particularly in club bridge.

When did you start directing?

About seven years ago. It was at a time when I thought I had grasped the fundamentals of the game and started to get involved in club administration and technical support. It was a

natural progression for me and coincided with a two day director's course run by Bill Kemp.

What drew you to directing?

The challenge of knowing and administering the laws of what is a highly technical and judicious game as well as an opportunity to use my organisational skills and computing background to assist my home club in running its events.

Most faraway place you have directed?

With thanks to my sincere mentor, Neville Walker, and support from Jonathon Free, I was invited to be part of the directing team for the 2023 Canberra Festival. What a great experience to learn the craft on the big stage. Much closer to home, I was involved in the 2023 ANC in Perth but also recently made the trip to direct at the 2024 Gold Coast Congress.

Do you have a favourite law?

Does any director have a favourite law? The one that I have found the most challenging is Law 16 relating to authorised and unauthorised information. This is never an issue at my home club as many of the players seem oblivious to this aspect of the game but of course it is more common at higher level events. I have always found it interesting to see the range of opinions amongst highly regarded directors when making decisions regarding Law 16 which tends to highlight the complexities involved when directors are called upon to make judgement rulings in accordance with that law.



What is your most common reason to be called to the table?

I don't keep a tab on this but probably insufficient bids or leads out of turn.

Do you miss playing in congresses?

When the opportunity arises, I enjoy playing with my ever patient and understanding partners in congresses and BAWA/ABF events. However, the game needs directors if events are to happen and this alone is sufficient for me to put aside my personal preferences to ensure the events are run for the enjoyment of everyone. Having said that, I think it is important that directors do play periodically in congresses etc. to "mix it" with the participants and maintain their awareness of what it is like to be player as distinct to being an administrator. Nothing beats viewing the game from the other side of the fence.

Most memorable moment directing?

One tends to remember the embarrassing or highly stressful moments when directing and I have had a few of them. Fortunately, on many of those occasions, Neville has been able to recover my sanity before the world fell in and for that I can't thank him enough. Ironically, one of the most stressful moments for a director is when the play has concluded. That is the time for sorting out the prize recipients and it is important to get it right but get it done quickly and perhaps amongst other competing interests like incorrect data entry or score queries and others. Spare that moment in time for the director!

What did you do for work?

I retired about 10 years ago but had worked as a Mining Engineer throughout my employment years. This required living and working in many locations and with a range of companies in operational, technical and senior management roles. There is no doubt that the skills gained during employment have significantly assisted me in conducting my directing assignments and in particular organisation, computing and people management.

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

My primary objective in developing my directing capabilities beyond club level was to be able to provide a competent service to country bridge in WA. Being resident in Bunbury and hence away from main stream directing available in Perth, I knew this would not be easy and I again thank Neville for all his support on the journey. Whilst servicing the country circuit involves travel to many distant locations, I relish the support and compliments received from the respective clubs who have invited me to be their event director. I always hope that I have contributed in some way to making their event successful and enjoyable. Of course the baton must be passed on at some stage and so I encourage any budding director to extend their vision, put in the hard grind and make the next step to senior level directing. The game and in particular the country clubs will need that person to step forward.



Who's Who In WA Bridge!

By Helen Rogoysky

When playing at a congress I spied **Martin Doran** and pounced upon a chance to ask him some questions. Thank you for answering my questions Martin.

When did you start playing?

Our family played a lot of board and card games but not bridge. I learned to play bridge at the University of Tasmania during lunchtime breaks

in the Physics Club when I was a student. We enjoyed it so much that a group of us started playing at the Tasmanian Bridge Association.

First home club:

Tasmanian Bridge Association

Current home club:

West Australian Bridge Club



What system do you use?

I prefer Two Over One but over the years have played a lot of systems including Standard; Acol, Symmetric Relay, Medium Club, and some forcing pass (Regres and Impact).

What do you like most about bridge?

You never master either card play or bidding. There's always something new to learn or consider. You can also win playing badly and lose playing well!

If you're not playing bridge what else do you like to do with your time?

I used to bushwalk a lot but these days that has become "orchid hunting" and WA is the best place for that.

Most memorable bridge moment?

Representing four different states in Interstate competition over the years. I have played for Tasmania (Open) numerous times and have also represented Victoria (Open), Queensland (Open) and West Australia (Seniors).

Most faraway place you have played bridge?

Toronto, Canada in a North American Bridge Championship.

Favourite convention?

I don't really have a favourite. My least favourite these days is Bergen Raises particularly playing Two over One.

Do you play online?

Not much. But it is a good way to practice bidding.

Most memorable hand that you have had?

I held the East hand while playing rubber bridge for "coin of the realm" as some would say. Although you don't want to lose money unnecessarily, it seemed like a good idea to bid once again after N/S found their spade fit as partner was clearly going to be short.

Unsurprisingly this got doubled and the 12 point slam rolled home. Note that 6♠ can go off via a club or heart ruff but woe betide East if he tries to cash the ♦A

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What did you do for work?

I worked in Mining & Smelting and then Paper Making as a production engineer, production planner as well as a quality systems management and business analyst. After moving to Brisbane I helped Joan Butts with her bridge club and Online School of Bridge. I currently work part time at the West Australian Bridge Club, which I am really enjoying.

Advice to new players?

Look after your partner. They are on your side despite the occasional misstep.

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bigger things, she partnered Ben Thompson, and, in a four-person team, went on to win the major Championship, the Open Teams. If you have played in this event, you realise how difficult it is playing in a 4-person team in a long event. It is a tough road to walk.

Congratulations Renee, we are all so proud of you.

West Australian Bridge Club

GNOT HEAT

Three Tuesday Afternoons

7, 14 & 21 May 2024

1pm

WABC Club Rooms: 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Entry Fee: \$120 per Team

TO ENTER

Entries via myABF. There are also paper entries at the club or ask Martin for help.

Payment via myABF or cash or card on the first Tuesday.

GOLD
POINTS



Tournament Organiser: Martin Doran

bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au 0466 638 055

Tournament Director: To be confirmed

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POINTS



NOTES

Teams may contain 4, 5 or 6 players

One Team Member must be a member of WABC

Top placed teams qualify for the State Final

System Cards mandatory

TBIB WESTERN SENIOR PAIRS

29TH AND 30TH June 2024

Gold Point Event

For ABF Seniors' events, a player must be born before 1 January 1961.

Melville Bridge Club

431 Canning Hwy, Melville.

Entries: MyABF (using MyABF credits)

Entry fee: \$200 per pair

Director: Jonathan Free

Scorer: Brian Wade

Tournament Organiser:

Josephine Dundas. Ph 0411477194.

josephinedundas607@gmail.com

Prizes: Reflect 50% of net income together with the support of TBIB sponsorship. A perpetual trophy will also be provided by TBIB.

**Prize Presentations &
Cocktail Party**

**Sunday approximately
4:30pm.**

Please note that there will be no lunch available. Lunches can be purchased 5 minutes away across the road.



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PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT



BAWA



They haven't got what they said they did – will the Director help us? (2)

By: Matt McManus

Last time, I looked at what happens when a player deliberately bids something which is not in accordance with the agreed system. This time, I will consider the situation where a bid is described as such and such, but the player who bid it has accidentally made a mistake.

There could be any number of reasons why this happens:

- 1) points miscounted
- 2) hand wrongly sorted
- 3) system forgotten
- 4) wrong bid inadvertently written on the bidding pad/pulled from the bidding box, and the player fails to realise in time

If you ever find yourself in the unfortunate position of having made one of these mistakes, the most important thing to do – although it is often very hard – is to give absolutely no indication at all that something is wrong. The exception is #4 – if partner has not yet made a call after your error, get the director immediately. It may be possible to correct your bid. The director will allow this if he is convinced that you never intended to make the call you did. Note that this does not allow for changes of mind; if there is any chance that you could have been considering the call you did make, it is unlikely you will be allowed to change.

Assuming that any of the above four scenarios has arisen, what are your responsibilities? Should you fess up to the opponents? No. If they have asked no questions, you have nothing to say. As long as your partner, if asked, has given them the correct systemic meaning, there is nothing more to be done. As an example, you think you have this hand...

♠ A64
♥ QJ542
♦ K
♣ AQ75

As Dealer, you bid 1H, partner responds 4H and that ends the auction. The opening leader asks, "Do you open five card majors?", to which partner correctly responds, "Yes". While this is going on, you suddenly discover that the two of hearts is actually the two of diamonds and you should have opened the bidding with 1NT. You should say nothing. Partner has correctly described your agreement. He doesn't know that you only have four hearts...and until just a minute ago, neither did you! The opponents are not entitled to know about your mistake.

If the opponents go wrong because of your error, will the director come to their rescue? In general, the answer is "No". As long as the opponents have received the correct information, then there is no infraction at law, and the result obtained at the table will stand.

I will make some caveats here, in relation to #3, where the player has forgotten the system:

1) If you make a bid which does not match the system, and you are woken up to your error because of your partner's alert or what he says in response to a question from the opponents, then you may not use that information in deciding on your future actions.

2) If you make a bid which does not match the system, you must be certain that your understanding of what your bid means is not the correct one and that it is definitely you that has made the mistake – not partner in giving his explanation. If you have any doubt as all about what your agreement is, you should tell the opponents at the appropriate time – at the end of the auction if you are declarer or dummy, or at the end of the hand if you are a defender.

3) If it is claimed that a player has forgotten the system, then the director will look to see whether his partner has done anything which suggests he was making allowances for the error. (If your partner regularly forgets an agreement, then the opponents need to know about this as well.)

If there is some suggestion that you have allowed for your partner's mistake, there is a high possibility that the director will award an adjusted score.

4) If a partnership is regularly forgetting the system, the director is well within his rights to stop the pair playing their current system and to require them to play a more natural system. And for the enjoyment of all the players in the game,

he should do so.

So far, in Parts 1 and 2 of this topic, I have offered little joy to the "non-offending" side. They have been stuck with what has happened when the correct explanation has been given. However, relief is at hand in Part 3, when the opponents incorrectly describe their agreements – stay tuned.

Online Course for Youth

Paul Marston and Nevena Djurovic will present a special online Introduction to Bridge course for kids aged 14 to 24, in conjunction with the ABF.

The course will be in May 2024. It will consist of 4 lessons and 4 practice sessions of about one hour, and the whole thing will be entirely free. This course is a one-off. It will not be repeated.

The goal is to create a community of young bridge players who play in regular duplicates together. To achieve this goal, they will need to have a good number of students in the course.

Here they will need the help of the wider bridge community. We ask you to encourage all the kids you know to get on board and have a go. Please help us to reach a critical mass.

Registrations will open in April. The link to register will be available in the next ABF Newsletter and on the ABF website at the end of March. Please pass this link on to any potential new students. It will provide them with interesting additional information, with an opportunity to grab a seat once bookings finally open. If you send an email to youthlessons@bridgelounge.online we will notify you when registrations open.

Why should kids learn bridge?

- Teamwork: You always have a partner when you play bridge, so the game teaches you how to work together.
- Bridge is a great way to make new friends.
- Cognitive Skills: Since many of the cards are hidden, bridge is a strategic game. It helps to develop a young player's reasoning, logic, and critical thinking skills.
- Competition & Travel: Bridge students can go on to participate in Youth Bridge competitions locally, regionally, and internationally. Many trips are partially or fully funded. These events teach sportsmanship – how to be good winners and good losers. They also provide opportunities for kids to travel and see the world.

Why should kids learn with Paul and Nevena?

They can handle numbers. More than 2,000 students graduated from Paul and Nevena's course between June 2020 to June 2023 with greater than 95% retention. True, these were adults and kids are different.

That is the challenge ahead.

The course is very hands on. The lessons will follow the first four chapters in Paul's book Introduction to Bridge. These chapters focus on the basic conversation of bidding. That is, when to open in a suit, how to look first for a fit, ideally in a major, then decide about game.

This is the essential thinking of a bridge player. Once you understand this, you have reached first base. The opening bid of 1NT, overcalls and doubles can come later.

The card play topics are what to lead, the importance of drawing trumps, honour from the short hand, and promoting winners.

Upcoming Events

March

Saturday 9th—Sunday 10th	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Final
Sunday 10th	WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress
Saturday 16th—Sunday 17th	Kalamunda Congress
Saturday 23rd—Sunday 24th	Melville March Congress
Friday 29th—Sunday 31st	South Perth Easter Congress

April

Thursday 4th	BAWA Interstate Womens Selection
Sunday 7th	WABC Masters in Teams of Three
Thursday 18th	BAWA Interstate Seniors Selection
Saturday 20th-Sunday 21st	Bunbury Annual Congress
Sunday 28th	BAWA Restricted Butler Selection

May

Saturday 11th	Kendenup Swiss Pairs Congress
Saturday 25th	Kalamunda Restricted Congress
Sunday 26th	Fremantle May 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.

70% Results—Random Search

WABC

77.72% Will Nunn and Trevor Smith
70.03% Edward Ellice-Flint and Penni Fletcher-Hughes

Kalgoorlie BC

70% Kerry Williams and Michael Fisher
70% Michael Fisher and Karen Ellis

Rockingham BC

74% Steve Rogoysky and Helen Rogoysky
70.8% Nia Parker and Andrew Marsh

Denmark BC

76.04% Wendy Wade and Michelle Randle
72% Fred Rieben and Colin Payne

Melville BC

81.7% Austin Ietto and Brad Potter
78.6% Robyn Wansbrough and Donna Dennis
70.7% Bob Peters and Joan Peters

Mandurah BC

73.3% Carole Hazeldon and Jean Field
72.5% Nada Clastres and Beverley Ford
71.2% Doug Hardman and Bill Maley
70.9% Lyn Clarke and Corrie Davis
70.5% Florence Maltby and Alan Dundas
70.3% Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao

Albany BC

77.5% Ken Else and Kay Thompson

Fremantle BC

71% Cliff Collinson and Sarita Singh

West Coast BC

71.7% Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat
70.8% Sara Westergren and Chris Westergren
70.3% Kate Nadebaum and Janet Khaw



The Killer SOLUTION

By: Ron Klinger
www.RonKlingerbridge.com
 Improve Your Bridge Online

David Hoffman, ACT, found a neat entry-destroying play on this deal from an Open Butler Trials:

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After the S8 lead against South's 3NT, ten – jack – ace, South played the H5: four - ace - seven and the C2 from dummy: king - ten - four.

Hoffman, East, won with the CK and, despite South having bid hearts, he switched to the HQ to knock out dummy's entry. South ducked, but Hoffman had a third heart to play. That put paid to the value of dummy's clubs and declarer was two down for -200 and -6 Imps against the datum of N-S 50. Note that if Hoffman had continued with spades at trick 4, declarer has nine tricks.

SATURDAY BRIDGE

WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER

Nigel Dutton is writing a weekly column, it doesn't matter what level your game is this will be informative, educational and instructive and at times tongue in cheek!

70% Results—Random Search cont.

Undercroft BC

- 73.8% Tuya Cooke and Christine Jenkins
- 72.5% Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside
- 71.5% Nat Wright and Jo Wright

Bunbury BC

- 75% Margie Mullen and Jock Mullen
- 73.6% Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders

Geraldton BC

- 70.8% Heather Cupitt and Wayne Cupitt

Maylands BC

- 73.21% Linley Le Page and Richard Maker



Geraldton Congress

7th-9th June 2024



Venue: Geraldton Bridge Club
Eighth St, Wonthella
(just behind the Wonthella Bowling Club)

Director: Brian Wade
0427 133 747

Events:

Welcome Pairs

Friday 6:30pm \$30/player

Drinks and nibbles included

Pairs

Saturday 9:30am \$30/player

Light lunch—soup and sandwiches included

Teams

Saturday 1pm, Sunday

9:30am \$60/player

Light lunch on Sunday included

Tea and coffee available all weekend.

Enter via myABF

Convenor: Maureen Knight

Email: nullba@yahoo.co.uk

Phone: 0499555647

Bunbury Bridge Club Annual Congress (40th)

**Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st
April 2024**

at

Australind & Districts
Senior Citizens Club
8 Mardo Avenue, Australind WA

Events:

Saturday 20th

Duplicate Pairs (Matchpoints)

Two Sessions—Qualifying and Finals

\$40/player

seated by 9:45 for a 10am start

Sunday 21st

Swiss Teams (IMPs to VPs)

Two sessions—6 x 9 board rounds

\$40/player

Seated by 9:15 for a 9:30 start

**Prizes will be approximately
50% of Entry Fees**

Lunch is not provided but orders will be taken for
Bunbury Subway.

Refreshments will be provided on both
days.

Director: Brian Wade

0427133 747

Convenor: Esther Saunders

0400 343 460

mrsesaunders@gmail.com

Entries: via myABF



Gold Coast Bridge Congress Reflection

By Jo Saunders and Helen Rogoysky



Between Sunday 18th to Saturday 25th February, 98 West Australians were in the Gold Coast playing in the 62nd International Gold Coast Bridge Congress. For some it was a new experience and as such they were blown away by the sheer size of the congress, the number of tables in play and the organisation that is required to host an event of this size. The Gold Coast Bridge Congress is the largest bridge congress in the Southern Hemisphere.

During the week there were 2,162 participants in the Gold Point Events plus an additional 153 participants who solely competed in the Red Point Walk-In Events making a grand total of 2,315 participants. People from all over the globe came to partake. There were people from: Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England, Canada, Philippines, Indonesia, New Caledonia, Tahiti, New Zealand, USA, China, Singapore, Thailand, and of course Australia.

At one point during the week there were 432 tables in play at the one time. Surprisingly enough, it is very easy to find where you are playing due to the signs, the coloured flags, and the matching-coloured table clothes. Helen's first event of the week was the Sunday Swiss Pairs in the Under 1500 section. For this category the flag was orange, the table clothes were orange and the signs told you which row your starting table was in, thus an easy start to the day.

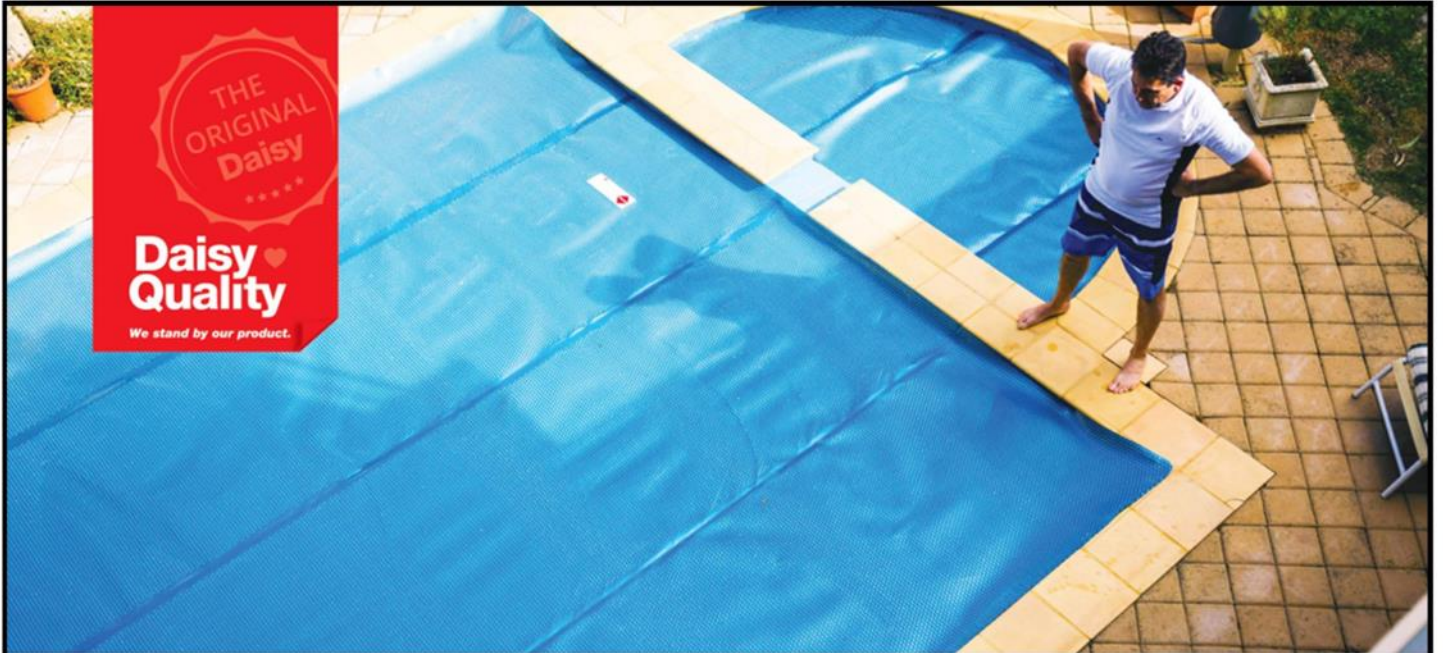
The sky-blue flags and table clothes designated the open section where all the big guns were playing. However, the congress also catered for all abilities. There was even a rookie section where brand new players could have a game. We heard of an interesting director call from this section, where one table had played six tricks before they realised that there wasn't a dummy!

All in all, it was a great experience and one we both strongly encourage you to partake in, regardless of your bridge ability. You never know you just might find yourself playing against the best in Australia just like Helen did.



Helen and Steve Rogoysky pictured with James Coutts and Liam Milne. (both members of this year's Australian Open Team for the World Bridge Games).





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