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Representing WA at the ANC Darwin 7th - 14th July



Women's Team

Alida Clark
Marnie Leybourne
Leone Fuller
Val Biltoft
Viv Wood
Cynthia Belonogoff

WAP Final Winners



Matthew Raisin
Chris Mulley
Paul Brayshaw
Simon Brayshaw



Australian Bridge Author Wins Award

Pat O'Connor was awarded the Book of the Year Award (Beginners' category) for **A First Book of Bridge Problems**.

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Esperance Congress

(Photos courtesy of Carol Pocock and Jim Smith)



Final: 1st Eugene Wichems (Regional Committee, GNOT and Country Championships Convenor) and Mitch Garbutt



3rd in the **Welcome Pairs** - Kay Thompson and Ken Else (Who also placed 3rd in the Final) with Robert Stick and Pam Minchin 2nd.



Plate: 1st Chris Lawrence and Evelyn Tay



Team Winners: David Cole, Rhys Cooper, Terri Garbutt and Viv Zotti



Equal 2nd in the **Plate** Patricia Anderson and Robina McConnell and Judy Phillips and Barbara Bushell



3rd in the **Teams** Carol Pocock, Derek Pocock (Who also won the Welcome Pairs), Joan Prince and Bob Prince



Convenor Jim Smith with Gary Frampton placed 2nd in the **Final** and 2nd in the **Teams** with Jonathan Pynt and Russell Milburn



The **Farewell Pairs** were won by William Hearn and Diana Hearn with Mary Firth and Margaret Blagg 2nd



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

John Aquino has taken over from Jane Reynolds as the organiser of the **Western Senior Pairs**. This is John's first major event and he is working very hard to make it a big success and hopes to break the 40 table mark. This year the event will be held at the WABC clubrooms and will again feature a **prize of a \$1000 travel subsidy for the winning WA pair to attend any interstate PQP event in the following 12 months. Second place pair will receive a \$500 subsidy.** Full details can be found on the BAWA web site.

A great warm up for this event would be to have a go at the Interstate Seniors Selection taking place this month. It's not too late to enter and you could book a spot in sunny Darwin in July and escape some winter blues in Perth. You only need to be a registered player born before January 1 1954 – come and have a go.

I know I have been complaining a little recently about congress costs and prizes so I am pleased to be able to tell you about the reports I received from a number of players about the recent Melville Bridge Club Congress; the emails mentioned the generous prize monies and the most reasonable entry fee. I wasn't able to play so I made some enquires; the club collected a little over \$4000 in entry fees (\$12.50 per session) and paid out nearly \$2900.00 in prizes. They ran at a

small loss but were delighted to showcase their club and extend the Melville hospitality to the wider bridge community - what a great attitude. I am also told that all figures pertaining to the congress were displayed on their notice board. Well done Melville.

On a similar note I would urge your support of the June Congress for the Fremantle Bridge Club. It has been a few years since Fremantle has run a congress, so for their first year back they are hoping for a good turnout. The entry fee is also only \$25 for the day and I'm looking forward to grabbing a tasty lunch in town. Full details are on the BAWA web site.

WABC Australia's largest bridge club, yes that's official, is also cognisant of price pressures and their four day Foundation Day Congress has been attractively priced and is sure to be a big success –well done WABC.

It would be good to see all of my correspondents, who have written recently commenting on costs, supporting all of these events.

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Melville Bridge Club

from Lyndie Trevean

Valentine Dinner

Patsy McDonald, our Club's House Manager, organised a fabulous post Valentine dinner. As is always the case at our club, a partner was only necessary at the bridge table and a great time was had by all.



Getting right into the romantic feel – Scarlet O'Hara and Rhett Butler aka Dave and Kathy Porterfield.



Ros Warnock, John McDonald, Patsy McDonald, and Joyce Johnson dressed for the occasion.



Joan Davies, Bill Hearn and Diana Hearn enjoying pre dinner drinks.



Rita Jones and Miriam Winter (standing) Bob Jones, Jeannie Ravn and Danny Ravn (seated)



It is not often we get to see the lighter side of the people in our local government. Noel Daniel managed to snap this photo of good humoured Mayor of Melville Russell Aubrey telling long time friend Mary Firth to “pucker up”.

Melville Bridge Club Congress



Danny Ravn and Jeannie Ravn winners of the “Congress Final”.



Edith Moens and Erica Auguston won the “Congress Pairs Plate”



Winner of the “Best Melville Pair” in Final: Noel Daniel and Merwyn Menezes with Tournament Manager Erica Auguston and Vice President Dorothy Stevenson.



“Best Melville Team”: Ros Warnock, Valerie Isle, Salim Songerwala and Fred Barnes, with Tournament Director Erica Auguston and Vice President Dorothy Stevenson.



Winners of the “Pairs Consolation”: Mal Clark and Margaret Newton



John and Patsy McDonald took third place in “Consolation Pairs”

Congress Teams:

1 st	Leon Randolph, Walter Martins, Zenon Olszewski and Michael Berk
2 nd	Joan Valentine, Wendy Harman, Jeanne Hey and Barbara Frost
3 rd	Fiske Warren, Maura Rhodes, Toby Manford and John Ashworth

Congress Qual:

1 st	Cynthia Belonogoff and Anton Pol
2 nd	Jean Dawkins and Audrey McCarthy
3 rd	John Hughes and Kristin Hughes

Congress Pairs Final:

1 st	Danny and Jeannie Ravn
2 nd	Maura Rhodes and Fiske Warren
3 rd	Kay Johnson and Dom Ricchiccoli

Congress Pairs Plate:

1 st	Erica Augustson and Edith Moens
2 nd	Valerie Isle and Elizabeth McNeil
3 rd	Phillip Power and Jean McLarty

Pairs Consolation:

1 st	Margaret Newton and Mal Clark
2 nd	Cathy Slaughter and Marleen Medhat
3 rd	John McDonald and Patsy McDonald.

Restricted Pairs (13 March)

1 st	Merwyn Menezes and Ewa Lipnicki
2 nd	Des Platell and Carol Platell
3 rd	Richard Power and Joe Kroeger.



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Congratulations to the following winners:

Monday Best 3 out of 4	Jean McLarty & Ann Bate
Tuesday Best 3 out of 4	Liz Vince & Jo Evans
Daytime Open Pairs	Phil & Kathy Power Runners Up: Andrew Marsh & Roman Gdowski

Upcoming Events - 2012

- **Club Teams Championship** - Saturday 14th April, 09.30 am. Red Point event, financial members only.

- **Bridge for Brains Challenge** - Friday 4th May.
- **Special Teams event** - Wednesday 16th May.
- **Annual General Meeting** - Wednesday 23rd May at 12.00pm.
- **Australia Wide Novice Pairs** - Thursday 24th May.
- **Handicap Pairs Championship** - Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th June.
- **Winter Swiss Pairs Congress** - Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th July. Entries via the BAWA website.



South Perth Bridge Club

By Darrell Williams

Success at the Gold Coast Congress as members win prizes at this Major Congress. Twenty four South Perth Bridge Club members competed in the Gold Coast Congress. Most of them were repeat attendees. Everyone said how much they enjoyed the bridge and also the social fellowship in this attractive holiday environment. Many were successful in the stiff completion and six won major prizes.



Pam Smith and Judith Selleck won their division of the **Intermediate Pairs**.



Cassie Morin and Helen Arendts won their division of the **Intermediate Pairs**.



Merle & Bob Wylie with Jackie and Darrell Williams won the best **Mixed Pair** award in the **Intermediate Teams**.

Future Events at the Club

April Fools Day Open Pairs: - Sunday, 1st April @ 1.30 pm

Easter Congress including the Terry Glover Memorial Swiss teams

- **Welcome Pairs** - Friday 6th April @ 7.30 pm
- **Swiss Pairs** - Saturday 7th - 2 sessions starting @ 10.00 am
- **Open Pairs** - Sunday 8th - 2 sessions starting @ 10.00 am
- **Terry Glover Memorial Swiss Teams.** - Monday 9th 2 sessions starting @ 10.00 am

Broome Bridge Club

From Pam Wadsworth

The Broome Bridge Club operates to provide a base for bridge players to play during late June through to late August, while holidaying in Broome.

The venue is at the Broome Lotteries House, at East Cable Beach Road, Broome, and sessions are held every Tuesday afternoon, commencing at 12.45pm. The weekly sessions provide opportunities for players to arrange other sessions at private venues.

Table fees are \$5.00 and this includes the provision of afternoon tea. Most sessions up to ten tables are set and more than 60 bridge players participate over the season. This is however a purely social bridge club with no affiliations and no master points.

The first session for 2012 will be held on Tuesday 26th June.

Please call either

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Mike Wadsworth - 0439 921 045
For further information or email us on pamikew2@bigpond.com



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The winners of our Monday Graded Teams Competition were the team of **June and Mick Mulholland** and **Judy and Tom Dickson**.



Mick and June Mulholland with Judy and Tom Dickson

In second place were **Pat Garnett, Sue Kerr, Silvia Mata** and **David Malkin**.

Third place went to **Joy Jones, Pat Scotford, Andrea Hopkins** and **Michael Hopkins**.

Participants enjoyed drinks and nibbles after the final round of the competition.

The winners of the Wednesday GNRP Gold Point Competition were **Silvia Mata** and **Ann Patrick**. Second were **Baboo Bhagat** and **Chotoo Bhagat** and third **Graeme Hillier** and **Ivan Pummer**.



Ann Patrick and Silvia Mata

Thanks are due to tournament directors Harold McKnight and Eve Dethlefsen for their very efficient organization of these and other competitive events.

We were delighted that that our long time member, **Freda Jacob**, was inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame this month. She was only the second occupational therapist in the State and, after World War II, she worked with wounded soldiers and people crippled by polio. She went on to found the Independent Living Centre WA in the late 1970s and helped establish the State's first School of Occupational Therapy.

Among other achievements, she became head of the OT department at Royal Perth Hospital and was a charter member of the Zonta Club of Perth.

The newspaper report did not mention that Freda is also a champion bridge player!

Congratulations from everyone at the West Coast Bridge Club, Freda!



Freda Jacob

Shirley Drage (9341 2164) is holding beginners lessons on Mondays at 10.00 am and has a group of very keen, friendly people. If you know of anyone who would like to start playing bridge, this is a very good place to start!

Our next competition will be the GNO Teams Gold Point event which will be held on Monday April 16, 23, 30 and possibly May 7.

Kojonup Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Judy Mathwin, Kojonup Bridge Club member for many years was named **Kojonup Lions Citizen of the Year 2012** in recognition of many years of voluntary support and hard work for Kojonup Red Cross, Kojonup CWA, St Mary's Anglican Church, local Australia Day celebrations and a long list of other valuable contributions willingly and ably undertaken in the district.

Maylands Bridge Club

From Fran Carter

The MBC Shield competition was very pleasantly conducted over three days by David Parham and attracted a field of 12 tables.

The general mood was friendly and the competition fierce with an unassailable first day lead by Charlie and Avril Pears who were the outright winners in the end.



The Winners - Charlie and Avril Pears

Gary Wiltshire and Robert Oakes were runners up and third spot was claimed by Norm Biles and Alexia Torcal.

Our next Red Point event is the Autumn Pairs which will be held over two Mondays - 9 and 16 April.

This year we will conduct only two day Red Point events.

Our calendar includes these in August, October and November with a one day Red point event in June.

Finally our Club's newsletter has reached cyberspace : you can now 'read-all-about-it' on the Club's Website.

Simply visit - www.maylands.bridge-club.org and enjoy the interesting items that reflect our club activities.

Kendenup Bridge Club

From Ann Oldfield

Twelve bridge players from Denmark recently travelled to Kendenup seeking fame and fun. We cannot say fame and fortune as there was no prizes other than a good day out. No discussion was necessary as to the appropriate amount for

the entry fee. There only cost was when they fuelled for the drive to Kendenup about an hour away.

Kendenup had been busy with plans to make the day a good one. Our team was chosen. Our director David Atkinson worked out the movement plan. Our vice president Betty Campbell made up the boards on the clubs dealing machine. Food was discussed. Everyone would bring a plate with a good balance of sweet and savoury. We all hoped there would be enough to eat. The Denmark team arrived in the early afternoon with a smile on their face and a competitive gleam in their eye. Some who had missed lunch appreciated our sandwiches and pikelets.

At half past one everyone sat down and took their first hand out of a board and the battle began. The game plan ran smoothly and we played through the afternoon until the last hand was finished.

Our president Bill Sandilands read the scores and congratulated Denmark on their win. We finished the day with a sociable and plentiful afternoon tea. We need not have worried about having enough. The solid old tables beneath Dot Maddock's tartan tablecloth must have been groaning under the weight of the tasty tucker. Denmark club have invited us to a rematch at Denmark in July. We will be honing our skills in an attempt to redeem our honour. Whatever happens we know it will be a good day out.



Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

During the month of February the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club played a Hi-Lo event.

Players with a high percentage partnered a player with a low percentage – it was keenly contested and at the end of the month there was only a 4% difference between first and last.

Results

1st: Janet Kuhle and Chris Shotter - 55.13

2nd: Di Alabach and Val Norman - 53.71

3rd: Lyne Roberts and Sue Lia - 53.56

Later in the year we will play a Hi-Lo teams event.

Long weekend in March Kalgoorlie players attended the Esperance Congress.

14 in all - this being half of our financial members.

Congratulations and thanks to **Jim Smith** and team for your wonderful hospitality, perfect venue, a well run congress under the direction of Bill Kemp and Esperance turned on perfect weather.

A good time was had by all the Kalgoorlie players (at bridge and socially), unfortunately not one of us was in the winning circle but cleaned up in the raffle!

Next on the agenda for Kalgoorlie is our AGM followed by 2011 awards and presentations.

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess



The **Welcome Cup**, which is the trophy for our Club Champion, was presented to **Helen van der Waal** at our recent Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to Helen who has won the trophy for the second year running.

The Welcome Cup was donated to the club by Tony and Judy Brooks-Daw, who have played with us several times on their regular visits from the U.K. and its name represents their appreciation of the warm friendship they encounter at the Bridgetown club. Tony is continuing a tradition as his parents, Stan & Betty Brooks-Daw were members of Kalamunda for many years in the 1980s and they also left a legacy for that club in the form of a trophy for Friday's pairs, "The Venture Cup".

Fremantle Bridge Club Inc.

From John Penman

Following the resignation of our Vice President the Management Committee at their March meeting unanimously elected Chris Wells as Vice President until the next AGM in August.

The President's Pairs were held on 11th and 18th February. This was won by Moira and John Penman, with Marion Jefferson and Tom Wheatley second and tied for third place were Malcolm Pryce and Janusz Koprowicz, Susan Simper and Susan Tham, and Rose Stephens and Neville Stafford.

The winners of the red point event on the evening of St David's Day were Sue Moonen and Judy Toey, with Linda Siddall and Mildred Snowden second and Janice Winsor and John Findlay third.



Richard Cooke has been giving a course of lessons for beginners at the Fremantle Bridge Club which has been well and enthusiastically attended. The attendee's have been encouraged to now move on and attend supervision sessions which will run from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Thursdays.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmüller

Undercroft is a very busy club with well over 400 members. All sessions are well attended with Monday and Friday being the largest daytime games and Tuesday evening the biggest night session. Saturday mornings regularly has 80 plus players attending the lessons and there is a

waiting list for beginners. During February Jim Pinnington ran a supervised session on Tuesday mornings to help bridge the gap from Saturday lessons to club sessions. This will happen again in April.

The **SUMMER PAIRS**, held over three Tuesday evenings in February/March, had 40 pairs participating with Tony Martin doing a fine job of directing. The competition was fierce but friendly and in the end father and son pair, **Russell and Peter McCann** were popular winners. Congratulations! In second place were Tad and Beata Bieganski with John Beyfus and Brian Fensome third.



*Peter McCann, President Ann Hopfmüller and
Russell McCann*



John Beyfus and President Ann Hopfmüller

Our club was closed for three days in March while the air conditioning was upgraded. This was a joint project between UBC and the City of Joondalup and although many of our members had severe withdrawals, others chose to attend nearby clubs. I'm sure the pain was worth it!

Lessons by Fiske Warren continue on the third Wednesday of each month from 10.00am to 12 noon. The cost is \$12.00 and everyone is welcome.

On Tuesday 1st May we will again hold the "BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE". This is an Australia wide event raising funds to support the work of "NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH AUSTRALIA". Play will commence at 12.30pm with a delicious afternoon tea served during the break. The cost is \$7.00 pp.



Syd Noakes winners with President Ann Hopfmueller

1st Beata Bieganski and Carol Fensome

2nd Philip Oldershaw and Tony Eardley

3rd Christine Jenkins (Marie Sheridan) and Jennifer Bandy

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Ian Oldham

Rockingham Bridge Congress was successfully held in February. Thanks to Director Bill Kemp, Convenor Janice Hawker and particularly Catering Officer Liz Sayers and members for the great food spreads provided for players all day.



1st Pairs:
John Beddow & Egmont Melton



2nd Pairs:
Vera Hardman & Doug Hardman



Plate 2nd:
Jenny Mailey & Bill Mailey



Teams 1st:
Beata Bieganski,
Tad Bieganski,
John Beddow & Egmont Melton



Teams 2nd:
Raewyn Lewer,
Sandra Sandilands,
Val Oldham,
& Ian Oldham

Events Diary:

- Mon 16th April - **Aries Pairs**
- Fri 11th May - **Individual Champ.**
- Wed 23rd May - **Teams Event**
- Mon 11th June - **Winter Pairs**

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks & Nils Andersson



One of the Bunbury members is Robert Britza, our bikie... one of the good guys. He comes to bridge on his Harley Davidson, strides in to the club in his leathers and sits and plays a good game of bridge. Robert has land which is planted out with fruit and vegetables, which he is more than happy to share with his friends at B.B.C.

Quite often there are sacks of rock melons, sweet corn, zucchini, cucumbers, apple cucumbers, pumpkins and broad beans. When in season, we enjoy the gift of figs. Robert personifies country generosity.



February Red Point Winners Murray Webber and Kate Boston.



March Red Point Winners Peter Morgan and Jan Morgan



We say goodbye to Life member, **Edith Piper**, who, at the age of **92**, passed away peacefully. Edith was still enjoying the day sessions in Bunbury, up until three weeks before her sudden illness. We shall miss her sharp defensive plays and her great sense of humour.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The club offers members a unique advantage (each second Thursday of every second month) of having the opportunity to play with an accomplished player. If your bridge is in a rut, you need to have some systems clarified or a general improvement of your game then the club will provide assistance. April 12th is the next **Mentor Day** and for this session only the club invites all non members to take advantage of this event. Normal table money for visitors \$8 and bookings are essential - rlburton@iinet.net.au or call 93866968.

Supervised play is held every Tuesday morning 9.30am – 12 noon – no need to have a partner – one will be available for you.

Check the club web www.nedlandsbc.org for further details of the popular Fiske Warren Bi-Monthly Lectures held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month 9.30am to 11.30am.

Easter Monday April 9th is a normal bridge session starting at 12.30pm

The **Autumn Swiss Pairs** – open to all players starts May 2nd, 9th and 16th - Red Points, cash prizes and spot prizes during the event.

In memory of Ranjit Gauba the **Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs** will be held Saturday July 7th. Play begins at 10.00am and is open to all players.



Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Andy Leal

Kalamunda Bridge Congress



Kalamunda Bridge club's annual congress was held over last weekend and was oversubscribed with over 170 entrants from all over WA competing for the prize money of \$2200. There were competitions on both days. On the Saturday there was a pairs' competition in the morning with the top fourteen pairs going into a final. The morning stars were not the winners. (Dave Parham and Ian Bailey), but the Kalamunda pairing of Rory O' Toole and Anne Bookelaar who despite being easily the oldest pair at the congress with a combined age of one hundred and seventy three years qualified for the final. Alas there was no fairy story ending as the final was won by Viv Wood and Kalamunda's Gerry Daly for the second year running. The result was not altogether unsurprising as they are both ranked within the top one hundred players in Australia

Sunday saw the team competition with many of the States' leading players taking part. Gerry and Viv's team were leading for most of the competition only to be beaten by a late surge from the winning team of the Grensides and Rhodes and a Kalamunda team who achieved the highest finish of any Kalamunda players.

The weekend was organised by club member, Denise Borger and a willing team of helpers and was directed by Bill Kemp. They all deserve credit for organising such a successful event.

Competition results

Saturday pairs

Morning pre-qualifying

1st Dave Parham and Ian Bailey

Afternoon - Final

1 st	Viv Wood and Gerry Daly
=2 nd	Steve Rogosky and Hugh Probert
=2 nd	Ian Bailey and Dave Parham

Plate N/S

1 st	Pam Smith and Judy Sellick
2 nd	Dave Munro and Elizabeth McNeill
3 rd	Max Havercroft and Judy Havercroft

Plate E/W

1 st	Nigel Dutton and Marie France Merven
2 nd	Peter Sumner and Susanne Gammon
3 rd	Gillian Wheatley and Eric Wheatley

Sunday teams



Anne Bookelaar Vice President with **Team Winners** Ric Rhodes, Sue Grenside, Maura Rhodes, President Andy Leal and Richard Grenside



2nd - Madge Myburgh, Carmen Jackson, Bente Hansen and Wendy Harman

3rd - Jan Blight, Heather Williams, Kathy Power and Philip Power



West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

NEW SUPERVISED SESSION AT WABC

Commencing March 31st at 2pm

You are most welcome

WABC has a wonderful group of members who have reached the age of **90** years. To thank them for many years of membership and the great contribution they make to the club, the Management Committee decided to waive their future subscription fees. This decision was greeted with much enthusiasm and even some who had not previously owned up to their age have "come out of the closet"! Our nineties are a constant inspiration to us all and continually show us that a steady game of simple bridge played with great skill will win against all the fancy bells and whistles conventions most of the time!



Marjory Thunder



Kathleen Douglas-Smith



Winifred Lee and Sheila Curlewis

In late February the club welcomed members who have joined over the past year at our annual New Members Party. Over 40 new members accepted the invitation and after a relaxing champagne were partnered with longstanding members and committee for a most enjoyable afternoon of bridge followed by a delicious supper.

Prize winners on the day were:



(Sue Broad) and Terry Spiro, Ewa Lipnicki and Jane Henderson.

Nerilyn Mack and Shirley Bloch, Val Fleay and Britt Baird, Janis Cain and Ian James.



Colleen Linsten, Jerry Linsten and Jonnine Evans.



Anne Siopsis, Margie Tulloch and Sue McLaughlin



BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown

bedfords@bigpond.net.au



Capel Life

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Capel!!!



By Di Brooks

Since our relocation to Capel, we have met a lot of lovely people, some whom we now call friends. Just in a short space of time, we have another extended family, which are there for us. How nice is that!

For those of you that haven't had the pleasure of meeting my husband, Alan, you have missed out. He has a great sense of humour which gets him into trouble... that and the fact that he doesn't always keep his reading glasses with him! If you phone us at home and Alan answered, it's usually "Capel Madhouse, Chief Nutter speaking".

The story starts when Alan went into our local supermarket alone!!!! That was the first mistake of the day. The second was the absence of his glasses. As he wandered around the store, he saw something that he found very upsetting. The shop sold Fish Poison...When Al called in to see Mr. D., our greenie friend, he recanted his find and both men were appalled. I was totally unaware of all of this, until several days later I heard the story second hand. Mr. D had gone into the supermarket and told the owner of the awful product she had on her shelves. They both looked at all the products, searching for the offending article with no success. Knowing of Alan's shortsightedness, I went in to the shop and I did a thorough search, determined to solve the mystery.....It didn't take long. I found the offending substance. The packet read," Deadly for Fish". Alan took the wording, translating into "Poison". In actual fact it was an innocent packet of "Burley".

Next stop; call in to see Jane, the owner. I explained the scenario, no glasses, etc and we had a good laugh. Thank goodness Jane has a great sense of humour. The moral to this story is ...either take your glasses with you or don't go out alone!

As for our continued retirement in Capel, life in the slow lane is good. So if you lead a life racing around, it could be that life is passing you by.

Stop in for a cuppa and smell our roses. You are more than welcome.

Margaret River Bush Fire Appeal



President Joan Rickers of Rockingham Bridge Club presenting Di Brooks with a cheque for \$100 to go towards the bushfire appeal.

President Margaret Nixon, of Busselton Bridge Club, did a great job in organising a fun bridge day. Thirty two people attended the lecture by Di Brooks, with the following agenda;-

Morning tea of scones, jam and cream.

Lecture: Losing Trick Count and Overcalls.

Lunch was a delicious repast provided by the Busselton members.

Quiz on Losing Trick Count, resulting in all attendees earning a Gold Star!

Afternoon Lecture: Multi Two's and How to Deal with Them.

Booklets were provided to each participant. Extras were available as needed, with a donation into the Appeal. The day was a terrific success. **Congratulations to all involved and for raising the marvellous amount of \$800.**

My thanks, also, go to Bunbury Bridge Club for their help with some of the photocopying and to the office of John Casterelli, M.P Bunbury.

This is a BAWA supported initiative.

Any clubs wishing to take advantage of further lectures, please contact Di Brooks at dialbrooks@tadaust.org.au

or by phoning 04057 12149

Happy Bridging



Convenors Lloyd Nixon and Busselton Bridge Club President Margaret Nixon with BAWA South West Promotions Officer Di Brooks



Alf Laslett and Julie Laslett



Zonta Club of Dunsborough

Member of Zonta International



Fund Raising Bridge Day Dunsborough

Naturaliste Community Centre, Dunsborough Lakes
Saturday June 23rd, 10am to 5pm

To raise money for local and international projects which help victims of domestic violence

Duplicate Bridge - Cost \$35 pp
Prizes & Raffles - Lunch Included
Complimentary glass of wine
Registration Forms

Contact Jane Moulden 9756 7752
janemoulden@westnet.com.au

Hesitations

From Suzanne Goodall

This is an area which causes consternation for some players.

First of all to make the picture clearer let us substitute the word 'thinking' for 'hesitate'. We all know that Bridge is a complex game and therefore it is a necessity that we think. (When we don't think there are often disastrous results!)

The problem arises when partner **'thinks' then passes versus simply passing in tempo**. There is no fault on the person who does the thinking. Quite the contrary, we should all be thinking when we play this wonderful game. The problem rests with the partner of the person who has taken the time to ponder and pass. Partner was obviously thinking about something, say bidding or doubling, and not mentally compiling his or her weekly shopping list.

So what is the crux of the problem? If your partner hesitates (thinks) then passes before you take any action you should have a clear-cut bid that is in NO way influenced by your partner's hesitation. Another way to look at this is that if one of your logical options is to Pass then you should usually opt for that. Let's look at an example. You open the auction 1H. Your left hand opponent bids 2C. Your partner now thinks a bit then passes. The person on your right also passes. You hold the following hand:

- ♠ AK95
- ♥ QJ863
- ♦ AJ2
- ♣ 9

Now this hand is normally good enough to reopen the bidding with a X asking partner to bid. If your partner did not think before passing then this X would almost be automatic. But once partner thinks then passes it is possible that they are holding clubs and waiting for you to X. Your X says 'please bid partner' but partner may convert your X to penalties holding quite a few clubs. This

only becomes a problem if partner thought before passing the 2C overcall. (Some players are flummoxed and often hesitate when the opposition bids their suit. A good habit to develop is to PASS in tempo if the opposition bids your suit unless you have a no-trump bid in mind.) You, as opener, now have an ethical consideration if partner thinks before passing the overcall. But if partner has passed in tempo you can quite comfortably X to reopen the bidding and partner's PASS to penalize clubs is not in doubt.

If you feel that a hesitation has occurred please summon the Director at the end of the auction. You can also wait until after the end of the play. Having the Director called to your table is not a personal affront. The Director is there to ensure that we are all on a level playing field. The Director will determine whether there has been a hesitation and if any damage has been done to the non-offending side. If you disagree with the Director's ruling, you can respectfully ask them to reconsider. This may be either done at the table or by stating your case away from the table. If that fails and you still feel strongly that you are in the right you may appeal the decision. The Director will advise you of the process.

By the way, **fumbling with the bidding box and then passing may also be considered a hesitation.**

Generally The Director will ask whether it is agreed that there has been a hesitation. Try to avoid saying 'you didn't notice'as this is not likely and thus is not a good defence.

So by all means think but remember if you THINK then PASS then partner's options may be limited.





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Smith Peter

From Ross Harper

An unusual name for a magical defensive manoeuvre. First of all: Peter.....a defensive play from the days of whist showing high low. Also the name of a flag....Blue Peter; shows a ship ready to leave harbour.

And Smith? Clouded in mystery. According to www.bridgeguys.com IG Smith (following on a TRH Lyons) both from the army devised, developed, and first published in British Bridge World, the Smith Peter defensive system. Is it worth playing? It certainly is and introduced to me by Paul Hackett of England. I have raved about it ever since.

If you have heard of it, read this article carefully. If you have never heard of it, read it twice even more carefully!

You lead the 4th or 5th or 6th highest of a suit against 3 No Trump. Declarer wins the led suit and you win a trick in the next suit declarer plays. Do you continue your original suit, perhaps forfeiting a vital trick? Does your partner have another honour? Similarly, if partner wins declarers chosen suit does he return the suit led? Or does he risk your wrath by switching? He will not know and probably wants to avoid the risk of your anger and will continue possibly presenting declarer with the contract.

How can you help poor partner (on either side). Enter the majesty of Smith Peter, and blow out the mediaeval tactic of automatically showing length in declarer's suit.

When declarer plays the suit of his choice, after winning the opening lead you use that opportunity to say to partner "continue my suit" by playing high/low on declarer's suit. Or if you might prefer a switch play low/high.

You have as leader A10842 and led the 4. Partner plays the Jack and declarer wins with the K. If partner wins the trick you desperately want partner to continue....so you play high when declarer, having won, leads another suit which partner eventually wins. Your partner knows that you wish the opening suit to be continued and dutifully complies. Let us say that you have to win declarers' suit - do you continue your opening

suit or switch. Well, who has the Queen? If partner has it, you can wrap up 5 defensive tricks. If he does not have it, you could be giving the contract away by continuing your suit. Then it would be better to try to find an entry in partner's hand to allow your suit to be returned.

The full hand:

Brd	♠ 97			
Dlr	♥ Q102			
Vul	♦ 7654			
	♣ AKQJ			
	♠ A10842		♠ J65	
	♥ 987		♥ AJ64	
	♦ K3		♦ 1098	
	♣ 973		♣ 1082	
			♠ KQ3	
			♥ K53	
			♦ AQJ2	
			♣ 654	

Lead a spade, win with the DK and notice that partner does not Smith Peter: playing his smallest D. Switch to a heart, partner wins and continues a spade.....two down. Whereas, if you continue spades; declarer makes two spades, 3 diamonds and four clubs.....9 in total. Ugh!

But if partner has the Spade Queen and not the Ace of hearts it is absolutely imperative for you to continue spades. How can you tell? Simple.....partner plays the ten of diamonds (Smith Peter) and you safely continue spades. What if the ten of diamonds is a singleton? Tough.....complain to the government or the

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And another example of Smith Peter from the internet:

Brd	♠ 832											
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Vul	♦ AQ3											
	♣ A10863											
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♦ 76		♦ JT92										
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	♠ K7											
	♥ AK72											
	♦ K854											
	♣ Q52											

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West has the choice of leading a heart or a spade. Let us say he leads a small heart to partner's jack, won by declarer against 3NT. Declarer plays a club. West plays a low club.....no Smith Peter and East, if he remembers, knows not to continue hearts and if he is sane will switch to a spade and put the contract down. Good old Smith Peter.....or the lack of the Peter!

There is little mention of Smith Peters in the



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many defensive books.....but a new one has just come out "Deadly Defence" by two Poles with unpronounceable names and Ron Klinger. If you are more than a beginner....buy it! One of the best books ever and in my view knocks Reese and Kelsey (my fellow Scot) into a cocked hat.

And it does mention Smith echo. They give plaudits to Dorothy Hayden Truscott (undated) but no matter. The name might be slightly different and she proposes reverse Smith echoes (high/low to discourage) but ignore that at the moment. Bridge is a simple game.

Let us revisit the first hand with more detail to underline the fundamentals:

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♦ K3		♦ 1098										
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	♠ K63 (KQx)											
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	♦ AQJ2											
	♣ 654											

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South plays in 3NT. West leads fourth highest spade and South takes East's Jack with the King. After an easy club entry, the diamond finesse loses to West's King. Does West continue spades? East tells him. Holding QJ5 spades he is desperate for a spade continuation and gives a Smith signal on the diamond (normally a high diamond) and that is it. But if East has the hand in brackets a spade continuation is not welcome and a heart switch with a spade return takes the biscuits.

For every tale there is a caution. For every rule there is an exception. For every piece of good news there is bad news.

If dummy has a long suit with no Ace and no entry you will have to forfeit your now beloved Smith Peters to show actual count in that suit. Otherwise partner will have no idea how many declarer has and for how long to duck. Obvious ain't it?



Endplays from Canberra 2012

From Richard Fox

The Swiss Pairs in Canberra was one of our more successful ventures. Not so much the first round, where we drew the Grensides and they judged well to bid a slam most pairs didn't find. We couldn't come back from that and they scored a win, but we were able to climb the field to face youth internationals Griff Ware (Aus) and Pieter Van der Poel (NZ).

Scientifically Bid Slam

Some people might beat about the bush, but after I opened 1 Spade (East) and Lynne invited with 3 Spades (4-card support, 8 losers or 10-12 points) I bashed straight to 6 Spades. If there was a killing lead, maybe the opponents wouldn't find it with nothing to guide them.

Brd	♠ J96				
Dlr	N	♥ JT7532			
Vul	NS	♦ 85			
		♣ Q2			
		♠ T432	N		♠ AKQ85
		♥ A6	W	E	♥ KQ
		♦ KQ32			♦ A
		♣ J93	S		♣ A8765
					♠ 7
					♥ 984
					♦ JT9764
					♣ KT4

Contract: 6S by East

Lead: C4

Griff, on my left, led the 4C. Evidently he'd chosen the aggressive approach. I tried the 9 from dummy, and this forced the queen. I won the ace, drew trumps in 3 rounds, played off my winners and led up to the JC. Griff took the king and it was all over.

Up at the top table, Terry Brown found the correct play when he received the passive but unhelpful diamond lead. Now how was he to avoid losing 2 club tricks?

He drew trumps, unblocked AD, finished the hearts and eliminated diamonds with one ruff. Then came the ace and another club, and what could South do? If he played the king he'd crash partner's queen, and if he let the queen win his

partner would be end played, forced to concede a ruff-and-slough. Terry and Avi Kanetkar were the eventual winners of the Swiss Pairs, thanks to plays like this.

A Battle of Wits

A couple of boards later, Griff on my left opened a weak 2H, explained as a 6 or perhaps 5-card suit. After 2 passes I called 2NT and Lynne valued her half-stopper in hearts and useful clubs enough to push to game.

Brd		♠ KJ965		
Dlr	S	♥ 2		
Vul	Both	♦ KT874		
		♣ 94		
		♠ Q743	N	♠ A82
		♥ J63	W	♥ KT9
		♦ 65		♦ AQ3
		♣ KQ85	S	♣ AJ73
				♠ T
				♥ AQ8754
				♦ J92
				♣ T62

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Contract: 3NT by East

Lead: H7

The small heart lead was won in dummy with the jack. Just in case the hearts were a 5-card suit, I needed to keep North off lead.

South's hearts weren't all that crash hot, so there was room for the KS or KD to bolster up his hand. If I could avoid guesswork, that's what I wanted to do. I played off the club winners and LHO had the third one. Finishing the clubs in dummy, I led a small spade towards my hand, and after RHO played small the 8 brought out Griff's 10. Griff didn't return a spade, instead leading the JD to my queen. I was up to 8 tricks now: 4 clubs, 2 diamonds, a heart in the bag, and the spade ace. I played off the spade and diamond aces, LHO dropping the 9D under that ace and showing out of spades.

We came down to the position below, and the final move was the 3D. Griff managed to get under this with the 2. He had tried his level best to escape the endplay, but his partner had to win instead. Pieter could cash another diamond, while I threw a spade from hand and a heart from

dummy. He didn't have a heart to send through, so all he had left were spades and he was forced to lead to the queen for trick 9. Whoever was forced to win that last diamond was in a pickle.

Brd	♠	KJ	
Dlr S	♥		
Vul Both	♦	KT	
	♣		
	♠	Q7	♠ 2
	♥	63	♥ KT
	♦		♦ 3
	♣		♣

	♠		
	♥	AQ8	
	♦	2	
	♣		

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The First Trick to Winning Bridge

From Gerry Daly

I recently accompanied a Bridge newcomer to his first session of duplicate at the local club. Such sessions can be traumatic for both master and apprentice. I have a vague recollection of feeling sheer terror on my introduction many years ago. It probably didn't help that my partner for the occasion was my prospective mother in law! The master can be in for a rewarding experience in sharing development with a promising pupil or alternatively, a nightmare if the session goes awry. In this case it did not take long to see that we were up for the first scenario. After 12 boards we had defended 8 and I was the dummy for the other 4. As soon as dummy hit the table partner would set about counting his winners and after about 30-60 seconds commence his plan, either taking ruffs in dummy or drawing trumps as was appropriate. Ok, perhaps the first one took longer. Remember the abject terror had to be conquered first and in addition the contract was at the dizzying level of 4 diamonds! I was certainly impressed by the methodical approach.

So how does this story benefit the reader? Here is a hand from a recent State event:

Brd	♠ 865												
Dlr	♥ A9762												
Vul	♦ A4												
	♣ A96												
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	♣ JT82												

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You are in 3NT on the lead of spade 2 (4th best) after the bidding 1D-1H-2C-2S (4th suit GF)- 2NT-3NT. Before reading on decide how you would play it.

Being more experienced than our novice above, you will start by analysing the opening lead (step

1) and determine that spades are 4-3 presenting no threat to the contract. If the lead is honest you are only going to lose two spades, less if you can keep LHO off lead. Next you start planning the play (step 2). You see you can knock out the K&Q of clubs to give you 9 tricks guaranteed. Are there any problems with this? Advanced players will notice that communication is delicate and they will have to be careful in untangling their winners in the right order. They also notice that if the diamonds break they have two more tricks there, that is 10 tricks if we don't knock out the club.

How should we tackle the hand? That may depend on the form of scoring.

If we were playing matchpoints (pairs) it is correct to take reasonable risks to score the maximum number of tricks. Suppose you are an optimist and aim for 12 tricks. You are hoping for 4 in the majors, 3 in clubs and 5 diamonds. What are your chances? A 3-3 diamond break is 36% while the double finesse in clubs, playing for each opponent to have 1 honour is a 75% shot. Full of optimism you might win the first spade; run the 8 of clubs expecting to lose to RHO. Win the expected spade return, repeat club finesse. Assuming that is successful cash club ace hoping to find them 3-3 unless you have already benefited from a singleton or doubleton honour with LHO. Next unblock the hearts then run 5 diamonds. Of course if the second club finesse loses and this is expected to occur 25% of the time you are back to nine tricks. Your last hurdle is to maintain concentration (*step 3*) when LHO exits a diamond after cashing his 4th spade. Better make sure to cash those aces and kings in the right order or you will strand a winner.

In the line above (*plan 1a*) the probability of taking 12 tricks is quite low, somewhere in the order of 12%, 11 tricks perhaps about 30%, 10 tricks about 33% and 9 tricks about 25%. You might consider a variation in that when the second club finesse holds you test the diamonds before checking for clubs 3-3. However it looks

like the likely 4-2 diamond break will give you communication problems and you won't enjoy the 5th diamond if you set it up.

Why tackle the clubs first? After all there is a chance you will end up taking only 9 tricks when you had 10 from the top. Well by ducking a spade you can protect against this (*Plan 1b*). You still make 10 tricks despite losing two clubs and a spade. Superficially ducking the first or second spade would appear to change the odds to 52% 11 tricks, 33% 10 tricks and 15% 9 tricks. There is clearly nothing to gain by starting with diamonds. If there are 5 diamond tricks available they are not running away. Worse than that removing the Diamond ace prematurely ensures defeat on adverse layouts as occurred at the table.

Should the play be any different at Imps? Well in this form of scoring the key focus is to make the game. Going down will cost 10 or 13 imps depending on vulnerability. Having established safety of nine tricks with the line above the next step is to secure an overtrick or two. These are still worth 1 imp each so should be pursued without endangering the contract. Is there anything we overlooked earlier? What if in plan 1b RHO switches to a heart after you duck the first spade and plays another when he wins the first club finesse? Yes this, although an unlikely possibility endangers the contract. So in imps scoring it is definitely going to be the quick and cheerful plan 1a.

Does it matter which spade you choose to win the first trick with? In this case it does not. However

if your heart singleton was a lower card you would want to encourage a spade continuation. If you win with the Ace RHO, respecting your declaring ability, will reason that you would have held up if it was your only stopper. He may switch to the heart seeing no future in spades. If you win with the King the position is uncertain. Perhaps the K is your only stopper and had to be taken.

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In the event with imps scoring this hand was played in 3NT 13 times. In seven cases a diamond was led alerting declarers to the bad break and correct line of play. Only on four occasions was the spade lead indicated by the bidding here forthcoming. Perhaps the bidding was different at other tables. Disappointingly each of these declarers failed to make the contract. All are certainly capable declarers so what went wrong? Clearly the issue seems to be with step 2. The hand looks easy so it appears the declarers were lulled from the simple discipline of counting tricks and planning accordingly. Time pressure is not an issue as it might be in a match point event. We are all guilty of these lapses and I suspect all these players would quickly come up with the correct line if presented with this as problem away from the table. I am again reminded of one of my partners' favourite quotes "opponents who think are dangerous".

We simply need to go back to the start of the opening paragraph and like the first timer, apply the first lesson we were taught. Thinking before playing is the first trick to winning bridge. Congratulations to him for being able to maintain this focus in the scary atmosphere of his first game and congratulations also to the instructor at the beginners lessons for embedding this point.

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False Carding

By Bill Jacobs

The art of false carding (generally defined as playing a higher card than you need to play on a trick) as declarer, is one that is largely ignored in bridge literature. And yet it is one of the safest activities known to man, as partner's role is reduced to playing dummy's cards. Many years ago, I kibitzed Tim Seres through a session of match points. He played his fair share of contracts, and he virtually never played the lowest card out of his hand when following suit or leading a spot card to a trick. His plan was clearly to make signalling life as difficult for his opponents as possible.

Deliberate false carding is a science as well as an art. There is only one basic rule, and that is:

Issue your own signals as declarer using the signalling methods of the defenders.

That means that if your opponents are using standard signalling methods, then you play a high card to encourage the suit led, and a low card to discourage. The theory is that if you play a high card (thus concealing a low spot card), then a defender's card will seem "high" to his partner, thus making a continuation more likely. Similarly, if you play a low card, then you promote the "lowness" of the defender's card.

You must reverse your false cards if the defenders play upside-down signals - low to encourage the lead, high to discourage.

Let's see how this rule-of-thumb applies to the following problem:

Brd	♠	Q43
Dlr S	♥	AQ94
Vul All	♦	43
	♣	J732
	♠	N
	♥	W
	♦	E
	♣	S
	♠	J85
	♥	KJ762
	♦	AK
	♣	AQ4

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1H
1S	3H	Pass	4H
All pass			

West leads the spade king, East following with the 7.

Well, most likely that 7 is from a doubleton and you can suffer a spade ruff, which will probably sink the contract. You want to suggest to the opening leader that RHO has three spades, thus encouraging him to switch to a minor before the spade queen gets set up. To do this, you issue a discouraging signal for spades, depending on the opponent's methods.

First assume your opponents use standard signals: you discourage spades with the 5. From LHO's perspective, his partner's 7 could have been from J87 - so he might now consider switching.

But if the opponents use upside-down signals (so the 7 is from 97 or 107 in all likelihood), you should follow to the first spade with the eight, concealing the five. Now opening leader must consider the possibility that his partner started with J75, 1075 or 975. If you instead follow with the 5, then opening leader can be fairly sure that his partner started with a doubleton spade.

It would be an error in either scenario to follow with the jack! A capable LHO will not play you for a singleton spade, because that makes a set unlikely, and moreover, his partner might have bid 3♠ holding four card support. So LHO will see through your ruse and bang down the spade ace, thinking "if declarer is encouraging me to switch, then I'll continue".

Suppose opposite the same dummy and same bidding, your hand had been:

♠ 85 ♥ KJ7652 ♦ KQ5 ♣ A4

In this scenario, you want to encourage a spade continuation, so if the opponents are playing standard, you encourage with the 8 (making the 7 look like top of a doubleton); or if the opponents are playing reverse, you play 5.

There's quite a lot to this falsecarding game! And you have to do your thinking (and question-asking) before following suit from your hand.

This second problem, from the 2004 Daily Bridge Calendar, is much less obvious, and proves the rule that "every rule has its exceptions" (apologies for the paradox):

Brd	♠ J865
Dlr W	♥ KQ52
Vul Nil	♦ J4
	♣ K74
♠	N
♥	W E
♦	S
♣	
	♠ KQT973
	♥ 93
	♦ AKQ
	♣ Q5

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2H	Pass	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	All pass	

After West's natural weak two opening, you reach 4♠, and West leads the diamond 10.

No doubt you see the danger to 4♠ - RHO wins the spade ace, leads a heart to his partner's ace and gets a ruff in return.

The counter play is bold and difficult to spot: lead a heart yourself! LHO will grab his ace, thinking you have led a singleton heart, and look to clubs. But be careful, you have to lead the right spot card. If the defenders play standard signals, then you must lead the nine - whatever RHO's singleton, his partner will think it is a doubleton with the three. But if the defenders play upside-down, you must lead the three, and hope that RHO's play is consistent with 9x doubleton.



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Murdoch and Bortolo Drives

Greenfields, Mandurah

14th & 15th of July

Beat the winter blues

Join us for our first

Swiss Pairs Weekend Congress

Saturday & Sunday

9.30 am Swiss Pairs

Entry Fee \$60 per player for the weekend

Players must play on both days

Light lunch provided each day

Prizes will be a minimum

of 45% of Entry Fees

ENTRIES via BAWA WEBSITE

www.bawa.asn.au

Convener & Tournament Director

Neville Walker - 9581 6422

nevillewalker1@bigpond.com

Geraldton Bridge Club Inc.

Weekend Congress

15th to 17th June 2012

Catholic Centre, Cathedral Ave.

& Cnr. Maitland St.

Director Peter Holloway

Prizes at least 55% of entries

Friday 15th

Registration/Supper 6.30pm
Welcome Pairs 7pm. \$15.00 pp

Saturday 16th

Open Pairs 9.30am. \$15.00 pp
1st session Swiss Teams 1.30pm. \$30.00 pp

Sunday 17th

2nd session Swiss Teams 9.30am
Presentation of prizes (approx) 1pm

*Salad roll and a piece of fruit with
complimentary drinks.*

*Complimentary tea and coffee available all
weekend*

Entries to:

Convenor Maureen Knight ph.99642572

Email: rnullba@yahoo.co.uk

Cheques payable to:

Geraldton Bridge Club Inc.

TRANSPORT:

A return bus trip is available:

Perth – Geraldton – Perth and to all bridge
sessions. Cost \$55.00

Bookings essential as seating is limited.

Contact M Knight.

Some suggested accommodation sites:

Ocean West Units ph.9921 1047

Ocean Villas ph.9921 5666

Ocean Centre Hotel ph.9921 7777

Best Western ph.9921 1422

Fremantle One Day Congress

Sunday 10th of July



Freemasons Hall

Cnr Chalmers St and High St, Fremantle

Two sessions:

10.00am – Qualifying

1.00pm – Final, Plate and Consolation

Director: **Peter Holloway**

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per player

Entries via BAWA website:

www.bawa.asn.au

Convenor: Dave Parham

Phone: 9335 5774

Email: dave.parham@bigpond.com

Complimentary Tea, Coffee and Biscuit all day

BYO lunch

Light supper provided prior to prize giving



Esperance Deal

From Jim Smith

The Esperance Congress took place on the on the long weekend in March as it does every year. The extra day enables us to have a more leisurely program. With the majority of play taking place during the day-time players are able to relax and enjoy the local hospitality in the evenings. There were even one or two hard souls that had a swim in the ocean before the 10am start. The new venue proved ideal with good air conditioning and a first class commercial kitchen. Judging by the praise the produce from the kitchen was pretty good as well.

There was a good mix of players from throughout WA with majority of the field coming from Perth however country was also well represented with 10 players from Albany and 14 from Kalgoorlie. Given that there are usually 4 to 5 tables for a normal club night in Kalgoorlie this was a huge effort and much appreciated by the South Coast club.

In the Esperance congress we play 6 rounds of teams to determine the top 4 teams to play in two 16 board match semis followed by a final and play-off. This year the results went as per the seeding with the top 4 seeded teams winning through. The final result was a good win to the Zotti Team of Viv Zotti, Rhys Cooper, Terri Garbutt and David Cole.

An interesting hand that came up in the final qualifying round of the teams was this one.

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Dlr E	♥ T953										
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The Bidding.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1NT(1)	Pass
2NT (2)	Pass	3D	Pass
3S (3)	Pass	3NT (4)	Pass
4S (5)	Pass	5D (6)	All Pass

- (1) 15-17 HCP
- (2) Transfer to Diamonds
- (3) "I have 5 Spades as well and hope you have at least 3 good ones".
- (4) "Look I don't like your spades much either, let me play in 3NT"
- (5) "Sorry you don't have a hope of making it with my rotten hand."
- (6) "Oh well we are up the creek, let's throw away the paddle."

As happens in all good stories, the opposition lent a helping hand, by leading a heart. Declarer discarded dummies clubs on ♥A ♥ K, Played ♠A and another ♠ to the 10 which lost to North's ♠K. North was now in a bad place. Whatever he returned was doomed to disaster. When the

Welcome Pairs	
1st	Derek Pocock and Carol Pocock
2nd	Bob Stick and Pam Minchin
3rd	Ken Else and Kaye Thompson
Plate	
1st	Chris Lawrence and Evelyn Tay
=2nd	Judy Phillips and Barbara Bushell
=2nd	Trish Anderson and Robina McConnell
4th	Mary Firth and Margaret Blagg
Pairs Final	
1st	Mitch Garbutt and Eugene Wichems
2nd	Gary Frampton and Jim Smith
3rd	Ken Else and Kaye Thompson
4th	Terri Garbutt and David Cole
Best Qualifier	
	Derek Pocock and Carol Pocock
Farewell Pairs	
1st	Bill Hearn and Diana Hearn
2nd	Mary Firth and Margaret Blagg
3rd	Trish Anderson and Robina McConnell
4th	Bob Stick and Pam Minchin
Teams Final	
1st	Viv Zotti, Rhys Cooper, Terri Garbutt and David Cole
2nd	Jon Pynt, Russell Milburn, Gary Frampton and Jim Smith
3rd	Bob Prince, Joan Prince, Derek Pocock and Carol Pocock
4th	Lauren Shiels, Renee Cooper, Mitch Garbutt and Eugene Wichems

resultant ruffs and over-ruffs had settled, the contract made plus 1 (perhaps I should have raised to 6♦!). As can be seen a club lead sinks our canoe so we didn't need the paddle anyway. After the hand I agreed with partner that in future, if I ever have the same hand again, I will meekly transfer to spades and pass his bid (however I did have my fingers crossed when I said it!).

Thank you to Bill Kemp who calmly controlled us with the minimum amount of fuss and also to all of the players that travelled to Esperance and made the congress so enjoyable.



Australian Bridge Author Wins Award

Last week, at the annual meeting of the American Bridge Teachers Association, Sydney author and player **Pat O'Connor** was awarded the Book of the Year Award (Beginners' category) for **A First Book of Bridge Problems**.

A First Book of Bridge Problems is available via The Bridge Shop and Paul Lavings Bridge Books for \$22.95.

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We Are the Champions



2012 Open Teams Champions

Nye Griffiths, Liam Milne, Alex Smirnov, Nabil Edgtton, Michael Whibley and Andy Hung

The Milne team with an average age of just 25 years old showed the strength of the young brigade of Australian Bridge players by beating the excellently credentialed Ware Team: Mike Ware Fiona Brown, Hugh McGann, Tom Hanlon, Geo Tislevoll and Jon Sveindal by 29 IMPs plus the 0.5 IMP Carry forward.

MILNE

0.5	35	35.5	35	70.5	18
88.5	26	114.5			

Liam Milne - Andy Hung - Alex Smirnov -
Michael Whibley - Nye Griffiths - Nabil Edgtton

WARE

23	23	13	36	23	59
26	85				

Michael Ware - Fiona Brown - Hugh McGann -
Tom Hanlon - Geo Tislevoll - Jon Sveindal

Nye, Edgtton and Hung are all products of the Australian Youth Bridge Program which is generously supported by the Australian Bridge Federation who have been well rewarded this tournament also seeing Nabil Edgtton (together with Ashley Bach) win the Open Pairs. All of this on the back of Edgtton/Gosney being members of the Australian Team which finished second in the **World Title Transnational Teams** in 2011. All of our youth players are great ambassadors of the game and Australian Players should be very proud of their achievements.



Doubly Expensive

By Ron Klinger



<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

Improve Your Bridge Online

PROBLEM

South dealer; EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1D
1S	X	4S	Pass
Pass	5D	?	

Playing a strong 1C system, the 1D opening might be a short diamond (2-3 cards). What should East do now with:

♠	A7652
♥	A3
♦	753
♣	873

It is great fun to double the opponents and see them fail (chuckle inwardly only, of course), but the last laugh belongs to declarer when the doubled contract succeeds. This deal arose in the final of the 2003 Bermuda Bowl:

Brd		♠ J	
Dlr	S	♥ KJ96	
Vul	EW	♦ AQJ864	
		♣ 54	
	♠ K109843		♠ A7652
	♥ Q108		♥ A3
	♦ K		♦ 753
	♣ J109		♣ 873
			♠ Q
			♥ 7542
			♦ 1092
			♣ AKQ62

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2012 Bridge Holidays with Ron Klinger

Kangaroo Island, off Adelaide

May 6-13

Tangalooma Wild Dolphin

Resort, off Brisbane

July 1-8

Norfolk Island

Nov 25-Dec 2

For details, please contact
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or 02 9958 5589.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>M'stroth</i>
			1D (1)
1S	X	4S	Pass
Pass	5D	X (?)	All pass

(1) Could be short

Lead: CJ

Declarer won, drew trumps and played on clubs, discarding a spade on the third round. When clubs proved to be 3-3, he discarded two hearts from dummy and played a heart to the jack to score an overtrick for +650.

Answer to problem on page 35

ALBANY BRIDGE CLUB

27-29 April 2012

At the Club Premises: 12 Mill Street, Albany

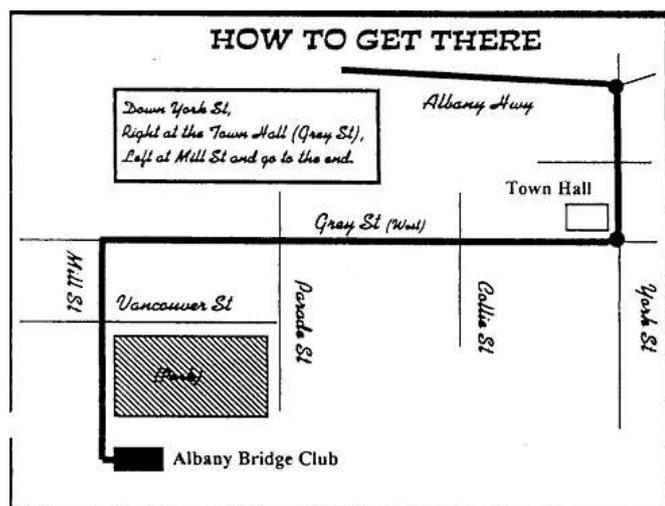
Convenor: Mike Trafalski 98428576 President: Rita Leeming 98418811

PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF \$3000+ (Subject to 27 tables)

DIRECTOR: Jan Howell

PROGRAMME

Friday 27 April	6.30 pm	Registration/Supper
	7.00 pm	Welcome Pairs
Saturday 28 April	10.30 am	Open Pairs - Qualifying
		<i>A salad roll and a piece of fruit will be provided at Saturday lunch-time</i>
	2.30 pm	Open Pairs - Final/Plate
Sunday 29 April	9.00 am	Swiss Teams - 1 st Session
	1.00 pm	Swiss Teams - 2 nd Session
		<i>Sunday Lunch Provided</i>
		Presentation of Prizes (approx.4.30 pm)



Some Suggested Accommodation

Ace Motor Inn - 9841 2911
Albany Holiday Units - 9841 7817
Discovery Inn Guest House - 9842 5535
Motel LeGrande - 9841 3600
Pelicans - Middleton Beach - 9841 7500
Harbourside Cottages - 9842 1769
Dolphin Lodge - 9841 6600

or try

Albany Visitor Centre - 9841 1088

ENTRY FORM (Closing Date Friday 20 April) (All cheques payable to Albany Bridge Club Inc)

Name & ABF No:

Partner & ABF No:

Team Members:

Phone:

Email:

Please indicate events you wish to enter

Welcome Pairs	\$15.00 each
Open Pairs	\$30.00 each
Swiss Teams	\$35.00 each

No ENTRIES Accepted Unless Forwarded to

Entries : via BAWA Website or email :miket1@inet.net.au

NO OTHER ENTRIES ACCEPTED



THE ROVING RHODES

Kalamunda Kapers



By Maura Rhodes
rhodesfamily@westnet.com.au

The annual Kalamunda Congress fills quickly, as it is so popular and is able to accommodate only 88 players. The Club premises are beautifully situated in the bush and the weather is always perfect at the end of March, so we can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the surroundings.

This year, at the Sunday Teams event, the Club decided to provide a hot lunch for the players, as well as food at the end. Although, it did make the entry fee more expensive than most Club Congresses at \$80 a head, the food provided was lovely and Rick particularly enjoyed the roast beef. Our team-mates were Sue and Richard Grenside, who must have played brilliantly, as we won the event. I say that quite seriously, as I made a lot of mistakes, so I felt carried by my three team-mates.

Here are two hands from Round 5 where aggressive bidding paid off:

Brd 14	♠ AJ52			
Dlr E	♥ AJ72			
Vul Nil	♦ J94			
	♣ T3			
	♠ -			♠ Q9764
	♥ KT85			♥ Q94
	♦ AT832			♦ -
	♣ AJ62			♣ KQ854
				♠ KT83
				♥ 63
				♦ KQ765
				♣ 97

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Richard Grenside, sitting East, uses Zar points rather than HCP to evaluate his hands, so he opened the hand 1S, to which Sue responded 2D. Richard repeated his Spade suit, showing 5+cards and a minimum hand and Sue made a game force bid of 3C, which Richard raised immediately to

game. Not only did the 5C contract make, but it was doubled!

On the next board:

Brd 15	♠ T3			
Dlr S	♥ 97			
Vul NS	♦ AT74			
	♣ KQJ94			
	♠ Q82			♠ A76
	♥ JT5			♥ Q632
	♦ QJ8			♦ 6532
	♣ A762			♣ 83
				♠ KJ954
				♥ AK84
				♦ K9
				♣ T5

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Rick, sitting South, opened 1S to which I responded 1NT, which initially shows 6-12 HCP and is almost forcing, playing a 2/1 Game Force system. Rick rebid 2H and I replied 2NT, now showing 10-12 HCP. It is vital not to miss vulnerable games in Teams, as the potential swing can be huge. With this in mind, Rick took the optimistic view and with his 14 HCP plus a 5 card suit, raised my 10-12 point hand to game. This vulnerable game wasn't bid at the other table, so those two boards gained us ten IMPs each, which is a big score in an 8 board Teams match.

Sue and Richard managed to find a couple of slams which our opponents missed, so it was a day which rewarded the fearless!

Congratulations to Kalamunda District Bridge Club on organising an excellent Congress and to Bill Kemp, our beloved Director, for keeping a smile on his face throughout. Special thanks to Sue and Richard who carried us over the line.

Enter now for the unique

South Perth Winter Swiss Teams

Two Sundays: June 24 and July 1

Light supper follows final session

Two Sessions: 10am and 2pm

Prize money 40% of entry fees

Entries via BAWA website

Convenor: Cassie Morin
(cassiemorin@bigpond.com.au)

Entry fee only \$50 per person

Director: Bill Kemp



WABC 2012 FOUNDATION DAY CONGRESS

To be held at the

WABC CLUB ROOMS - 7 Odern Crescent, SWANBOURNE

FRIDAY JUNE 1st to MONDAY JUNE 4th

ORGANISER: Kitty George 9447 5303
CHIEF DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp 9447 0534

ENTRY FEE: \$14 per person Pairs session
\$28 per person Teams/Swiss Pairs
½ price entry for Youth players

ENTRIES: Via BAWA Website
Via WABC Web Site

EMAIL: bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au

PHONE: 9284 4144

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FRIDAY 1 st	1.00pm	CONGRESS PAIRS
SATURDAY 2 nd	1.30pm	CONGRESS PAIRS
SUNDAY 3 rd	10.00am & 2.00pm	CONGRESS TEAMS
MONDAY 4 th	10.00am & 2.00pm	SWISS PAIRS

Lunches may be ordered before start of play Sunday and Monday



Book Review

IMPROVE YOUR OPENING LEADS by Ron Klinger

By Mike McGlone

IMPROVE YOUR OPENING LEADS

Ron Klinger

Master Bridge Series 2009

ISBN 978 0 297 85834 8

Life is too short to be making bad leads!

And that is the theme of this little volume authored by Ron Klinger, a highly successful bridge-player, teacher and writer.

Klinger doesn't waste much time in getting down to the meat of the topic. The first part of the book introduces an action plan that Klinger believes will be a boon for aspiring players wanting to improve in this area. A key part is closely observing the bidding, drawing positive or negative inferences, thus building up the likely composition of the hands.

There's a small section discussing the standard leads and why certain leads are preferred over others. This fleshes out a topic that is usually reduced to a couple of paragraphs in elementary texts.

The second and more substantial part is a series of Opening Lead quizzes based on hands played at recent World Tournament Events. By using the Plan the reader can systematically check his understanding and compare his 'hit rate' with Klinger's analysis and comments. There are well over fifty such hands. Klinger promises that on completing the book, one may not find the killing lead every time, but it might be found more often.

Well is the book value? Being a bridge player with limited

experience I undertook a little bit of back-ground research.

I sent the first quiz from the book to a select number of bridge teachers and players that held a Life ranking minimum.

Dealer North: Nil vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1S	Pass	2C (1)
2H	3C	Pass	3NT
Pass	4C	Pass	5C
All Pass			

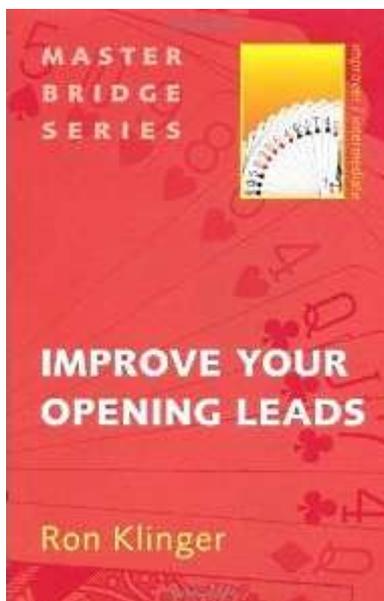
(1) Natural and game-forcing

West to lead from

S_5
H_QT8764
D_K743
C_KT

- a) Would this be a difficult or easy hand for you to select the opening lead?
- b) At what stage of the bidding process would you start to give some thought what to lead, if at all?
- c) Do you 'review' your own leads to confirm or otherwise how successful your leads have been?
- d) How many seconds roughly did you take to decide the opening lead?

Without specifically asking I wanted to see some evidence of a systematic logical approach used by this select group of players. The results were inconclusive. The teachers were the ones that clearly used a plan to logically deduce the opening lead to defeat the contract. Other players employed less rigorous approaches: making one or two bidding deductions perhaps, making reference to lead guidelines, and down to a couple who reckoned it was a toss of the coin. Overall I would conclude from the evidence



other factors are more important in making one an accomplished bridge player. The overriding benefit in my opinion is the book's focus on the auction interpretation and its usefulness in building up a picture of unseen hands. That information is ultimately priceless for both defenders and declarer.

One contributor spoke of his partner, many years ago, doing a review of their opening leads. When the yearlong study showed the contributor's opening leads were more successful in defeating than his opposite number he was chuffed until reminded it was probably because of the excellent overcalls he had received.

Only two contributors made a reference to the degree of difficulty of the quiz. An important consideration as it wouldn't be the first time I've lashed out and purchased a book pitched for a different audience. These contributors say the quiz had a degree of difficulty 5~7 out of ten. So the book would appeal mostly to players at an advanced level wishing to beef up their skills in making logical deductions about the bidding.

Nonetheless for players who have a reasonable understanding of bidding systems this book would assist in developing auction interpretation skills.

This is one book I know I will keep coming back to.

Doubly Expensive

by Ron Klinger

Answer to problem:

East had no business doubling 5D just on the basis of two aces. North or South might have been void in spades. East could have produced a better sequence: a 3D limit raise over the double to show the values to raise to 3S with 4+ trumps and then leave the rest to partner. As North-South could double 4S for +500, East had done too much already with the jump to 4S and then trapped himself into doubling because he had not shown a strong raise yet.

At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>
			1C
1S	2C (1)	4S	5D
All Pass			

(1) Shows diamonds

Lead: S10

Declarer made eleven tricks for +400, which meant 6 Imps to the USA. Had West started with the SK and switched to a low heart, there was some chance declarer might go one off.

As the margin in the match was a mere 1 Imp to USA, Italy would have won had Lauria desisted from the double.

Tournament Directors Seminar

On Sunday **13 May** 2012 Bill Kemp will be running a full day seminar for Tournament Directors at The West Australian Bridge Club.

The Seminar will focus on team events and multi Session - multi section events. It will cover movements, other planning and Bridgemate setup with emphasis on the use of the ASE8Scorer setup.

Attendees will need to provide their own lunch.

Cost of the seminar \$20 per person

Timings are 9:30am - 1:00pm and 1:30pm - 5:00pm

Please email bookings to Bill Kemp at diggadog@iinet.net.au

Club Directors Course

Bill Kemp will be running a weekend course for prospective Club Directors at the West Australian Bridge Club on **26 and 27 May** 2012.

The Course will cover the laws of bridge, movements and scoring with a brief introduction to ASE8Scorer and Bridgemates.

Timings are 9:30am - 1:00pm and 1:30pm - 5:00pm on both days

Attendees will need to provide their own lunch.

Cost of the course is \$30 per person

Please email bookings to Bill Kemp at diggadog@iinet.net.au



Interstate Senior Selection

Sat 14th and Sun 15th April

Sat 21st and Sun 22nd April

Event commences at 10 am

VENUE: Nedlands Bridge Club
(14 Melvista Ave,
Nedlands)

ENTRY FEE: \$85 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp – 9447 0534

2011 Winners:

John Beddow and Egmont Melton



State Open Pairs

6 weeks event starts Thursday,

26th of April 2012

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: South Perth Bridge Club
(corner of Brittain Street
and Barker Street, Como)

ENTRY FEE: \$65 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

DIRECTOR: Peter Holloway – 0411 870 931

2011 Winners:

Gerry Daly and Karol Miller



State Swiss Teams

5 weeks event starts Thursday,

30th of April 2012

Event commences at 7.30 pm

VENUE: Nedlands Bridge Club
(14 Melvista Ave,
Nedlands)

ENTRY FEE: \$220 per team

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

2011 Winners:

Jonathan Free, Michael Bausor,
Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton



Daytime Open Pairs

3 weeks event

starts Wednesday, 4th of July @ 12.30pm

VENUE: Nedlands Bridge Club
(14 Melvista Ave,
Nedlands)

ENTRY FEE: \$35 per player

ENTRIES: via BAWA Website
www.bawa.asn.au

DIRECTOR: Peter Holloway – 0411 870 931

2011 Winners:

Christine Ross and Peter Gill

Results



ABF News

Interstate Open Selection Butler – Qualifying Pairs

1st	Simon Brayshaw and Matthew Raisin
2nd	Gerry Daly and Karol Miller
3rd	Don Allen and Trevor Fuller

Interstate Women's Selection - Butler Pairs

1st	Leone Fuller and Val Biltoft
2nd	Viv Wood and Cynthis Belonogoff
3rd	Alida Clark and Marnie Leybourne

Summer Swiss Pairs

1st	Ron Cooper and Rhys Cooper
2nd	Stella Steer and James Steer
3rd	Dave Munro and Pim Birss

Proposed Changes to 2013 Playoffs

The ABF Management Committee has decided to bring the **Open** and **Women's Playoffs** to select the 2013 International representative teams forward to December 2012 to allow more time to prepare and organise overseas representation. The proposed dates are **December 8-13, 2012**.

This will enable the **Seniors Playoff** to move forward to February or **March 2013**.

To fit the earlier dates, the PQP cycle for 2012 will end with the **Spring Festival** in **October-November 2012**.

The **Grand National Open Teams** in **November-December 2012** will be the start of the 2013 PQP cycle.

Pennants Results

ALBANY	51.3	46.1	50.8	44.3			48.13	
BRIDGETOWN	49.1	49.1	57.8	43.4			49.85	
BUNBURY	47.7	58.2	49.6	54.1			52.4	2PTS
BUSSELTON	41.9	41.1	43.8	46	62.4	52.3	47.92	
ESPERENCE	59.5	46.8	48.5	54.5			52.33	
GERALDTON							50	
KALAMUNDA	53.1	49.9	52	50.6	46		50.32	
KALGOORLIE	53.4	61.1	47.1				53.87	4PTS
MACCABI							50	
MELVILLE	44.4	54.3	53.9	43.9	47.9	63.3	51.28	
NEDLANDS	56.2	47.5	66.4	49.7			54.95	6PTS
ROCKINGHAM	55.6	57.3	55	45.9	45.6		51.88	
UNDERCROFT	53.1	54.7	46.2	42.6	62.5	53.5	52.1	

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All-inclusive fares from AU\$3,999 per person including US \$500 per person onboard spending credit for ABF members.

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20 December 2012, 15 nights

All-inclusive fares from AU\$6,699 per person including US\$500 per person inboard spending credit for ABF members.

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2012

	April	Sun 1 st	ANC OPEN Teams Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Fri 6 th – Mon 9 th	South Bridge Club Easter Congress – see flyer
		Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th Sat 21 st – Sun 22 nd	Interstate Senior Selection Trials Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Thu 26 th	BAWA State Open Pairs 1st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 27 th – Sun 29 th	Albany Congress
		Mon 30 th	BAWA State Swiss Teams 1st of 5 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	May	Wed 2 nd	Nedlands Bridge Club Autumn Swiss Pairs 1 of 3 - see flyer
		Sun 6 th	West Australian Bridge Club- Novice Congress
		Sat 19 th – Sun 20 th	Western Seniors Pairs (PQP & Gold Points) Venue: WABC 10.00am
	June	Fri 1 st – Mon 4 th	West Australian Bridge Club Congress
		Sat 2 nd – Mon 4 th	Country Grand National Open Teams
		Thu 7 th	BAWA State Swiss Pairs 1st of 5 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 10 th	Fremantle Bridge Club Congress
		Mon 11 th	BAWA State Winter Teams 1st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 15 th – Sun 17 th	Geraldton Bridge Club Congress
		Sun 24 th	South Perth Bridge Club – Open Swiss Teams 1st of 2. Starts 10.00am
	July	Wed 4 th	BAWA DAYTIME OPEN PAIRS 1st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
ANC Darwin 7th - 19th		Sat 7 th	Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Mon 9 th	BAWA State Handicap Pairs 1st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th	Mandurah Swiss Pairs
		Sun 22 nd	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress
		Thu 26 th	Open Spring Pairs Championship 1st of 6 Women's Spring Pairs Championship 1st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 27 th – Sun 29 th	Bunbury Bridge Club Congress
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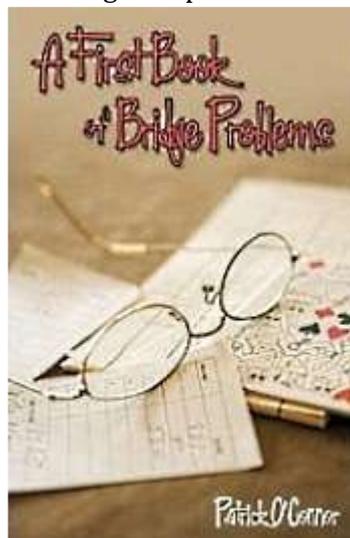


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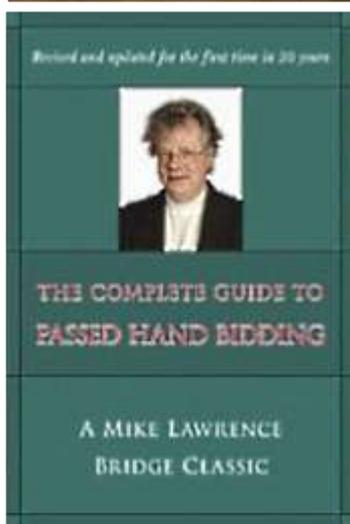
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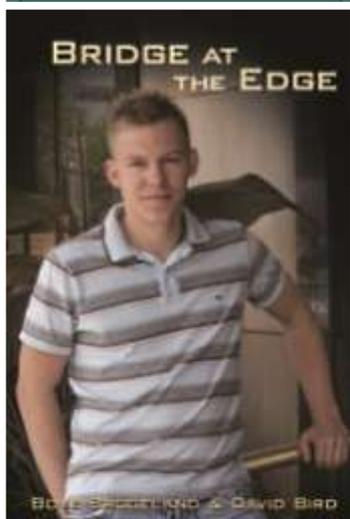


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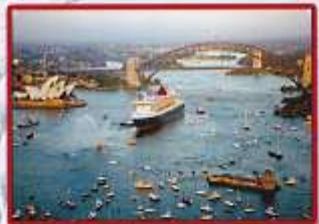
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