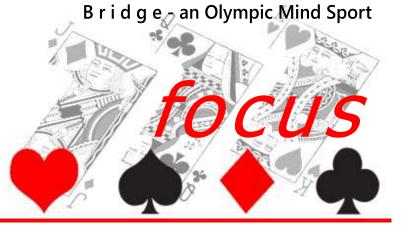


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## Interstate State Open Selection Playoff



Winners:
Chris Mulley, Tim Munro, Deana Wilson
and Fiske Warren



Runners up: **Sue Gammon, John Beddow, Mark Doust**and **Egmont Melton** 

# Congratulations

WA Open Team for 2016 Australian National Championships in Queensland



Viv Wood



Jane Reynolds



Chris Mulley



Tim Munro



Fiske Warren



Deana Wilson



## **David Schokman**







David with his 3 grandchildren



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## President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

This year's report is very much a two tone document. Firstly;

the good news, the thanks and farewells. You will note from the Treasurer's report that after a couple of rocky spells the Association is now back on a sound financial footing with a pleasing end of year result. The savings measures along with the increased charges have resulted in 2 years of modest surplus with a similar predication for the coming year. The 2015 ANC, which I will mention again shortly, was an outstanding success in all areas, particularly finance. When it comes to the ANC WA is the envy of every other state, mainly due to the support given by local players, which in turn translates to a healthy profit which will help progress the organisation over the coming years.

The move to Thursday only for State Events appears to have been successful with, as I predicted last year, overall table numbers improving. This coupled with the success of our four ABF licenced events continues to auger well.

It is with considerable regret that I have to report significant retirements Management Committee. John Beddow, who has been an MC member for over 13 years and Executive Officer for 8 of those, has decided to call it a day. I cannot over-emphasize the extent of the contribution that John has made to BAWA over that time. In addition to his role as MC member and Executive Officer John has also successfully Inter-Club run the **Teams** Championship for a number of years and has taken on the sometimes difficult role of BAWA recorder. He is a loss that will not be easily remedied. Sheenagh Young has been a long standing member of the MC nearly 20 years; albeit with a break in the middle. Like John, Sheenagh has made a substantial contribution to BAWA over this time; primarily as the long-time Tournament Organiser of the HGR Memorial Congress and, of course, the 2015 Perth ANC. I can assure all of you that the statement from the Captain of the ACT Women's team at last year's Victory Dinner that, "the best ANC are always in Perth" resulted in nothing but nods of agreement from all of the interstate visitors. If you see either John or Sheenagh over the coming weeks be sure to say Hi and thank them for their contribution.

I am pleased to announce that Lyn Milne has offered to take over from Sheenagh as the TO for the HGR. On a similar note, Kitty George, who has been the TO for the Western Seniors for some years has decided to take a break and has handed over the reins to Jane Reynolds. You may know that Jane is an old hand at organising the Western Seniors. Fortunately, we are not losing Kitty from the Management Committee.

The bad news is the very recent, last week in fact, decision by the Melville City Council to change the goal posts for the redevelopment of the Melville Bridge Club and, consequently, BAWA's involvement in the same. Noel Daniel, who has worked tirelessly on this project for more than 3 years, tells me he is bitterly disappointed and will be arguing strongly at a forthcoming meeting for the council to revert to its original plan. It is my understanding that the costs of the Tompkins Park redevelopment has resulted in the council reconsidering and offering Melville an alternative home. It is still very much an unknown scenario but my initial reaction was also one of disappointment and frustration – further news as things develop.

Finally, I extend special thanks and appreciation to all of our members who, on your behalf, volunteer time and effort to help in the smooth running of BAWA and all of our associate clubs.



#### **Coming up Events**

• Interstate Seniors' Selection Qual Pairs

2 weekends beginning 9 April *Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club* 

BAWA Mixed Pairs

3 weeks event starts Thursday 14th April Venue: South Perth Bridge Club

ANC Restricted Butler – WA Final

Saturday 30th April (if required)/ Sunday 1st May



## **Around the Clubs**

By Linda Bedford-Brown

#### **Denmark Bridge Club**

From Philip Powell

#### Denmark players making waves

Denmark Bridge Club has only been an affiliated club for two years, but two of its members are already making a name for themselves in competition play.



Denmark Bridge Club members **Bob Stick**, left, and **Colin Payne**, at the Gold Coast Congress in February, where they achieved 1st place in the Ivy Dahler Pairs.

Bob Stick and Colin Payne were awarded the club's Most Consistent Pair prize for 2015, having the best average score from the club's Monday and Thursday sessions.

Buoyed by this achievement, Bob and Colin decided to test their skills at the Gold Coast Congress held in February.

They played 500 boards over nine days in the restricted section and achieved 3rd place in the pairs B final, 1st place in the Ivy Dahler pairs session (out of 72 pairs) and 2nd place in the B teams event (out of 200 pairs).

Since then they have gone on to win the Best Masters pair (unplaced) at the Albany Congress.

Bob, who played at the WA Bridge Club before moving to Denmark, directs at most of Denmark's sessions, conducts the club's supervised bridge lessons (assisted by Colin) and is soon to begin a learner course for new players, taking over this task from Brian Mee, formerly a director at the West Coast Bridge Club.

Denmark President John Elliott said:

"Brian has taught beginners for many years and is now entitled to a well-earned break.

The club is privileged to have players of this calibre who so willingly give of their time and experience and which has been a significant contribution towards our success to date."

#### Mandurah Bridge Club

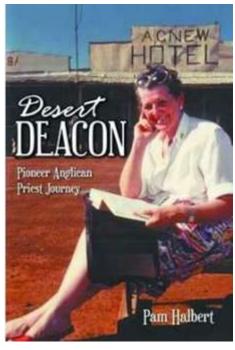
From lan Jones

In March, Mandurah Bridge Club member, **Pam Halbert** was inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Perth on International Women's Day. Pam was one of 16 WA women to be honoured at the induction ceremony which was attended by Governor Kerry Sanderson and Deputy Premier Liza Harvey.



After overcoming a number of challenges in her life and raising a family, she was ordained a deacon in 1988. Her first parish was at Bull Creek, but she had always dreamed of working in the Goldfields, and three years at Leinster followed where she also ran counselling services and travelled deep underground, which she described as "an amazing experience". Returning to Perth, Pam served as a priest at Willagee, Pinjarra, Dawesville and Wannanup, and retired in 2005.

Pam was prompted to write a book about four years ago following an interview which she heard on the ABC. A young Lebanese woman was unhappy because her father was forcing her to marry a man she did not love nor had not met, and this was happening in Australia. This interview gave Pam the impetus to write a book about her own experiences. Pam had suffered a similar fate years earlier. Her recently published memoir, Desert Deacon, is the story of the life of one of WA's first female Anglican deacons and priests to be given a Parish in the NE Goldfields and tells how her faith, courage and tenacity enabled her to change her life and find her true identity. Pam's life shows how women can overcome adversity and will provide encouragement for girls and women in similar situations.



Pam has great faith. She has always prayed for help with life's challenges and the wisdom to make the right choices. Pam says that the most important skill to learn in life is gaining confidence.

"Confidence is something we are able to use to bring out the courage to do things ..... we have to know ourselves, trust ourselves. I ask myself the question: 'Do I still want this poor situation to continue?' Then I look for the choices. There are always choices."

Mandurah Bridge Club is proud to have such an outstanding member.

#### Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

The Committee for 2016 has been elected:

President	Sue Lia	
Vice-President	Mary Williams	
Secretary	Barry Aslett	
Treasurer	Gwyneria Brahma	
Committee Members	Val Norman Fae Hughes	
	Geza Sulykos	
	Lorna Sharp	
	Yvonne Hefron	



March 13th the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club participated in the Goldfields Expo at St Barbara's Square. Clubs are invited to have a display to show locals what clubs are available in Kalgoorlie. We had some interest and will now start 2 groups of lessons - one for beginners and one for Refresh Your Skills. Hopefully, they will enjoy the game of bridge and eventually become members.

Albany Congress – 6 club members attended the Albany Congress (9hr drive from Kalgoorlie). Great congress – well organised and catering was endless and delicious.



Geza and Paul ended up in the winners' circle – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fridays Welcome Pairs. Great time had by all playing bridge and socially!!

Next on the agenda for the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club is our 2015 Awards night and the long weekend in September (Friday  $23^{rd}$  to  $25^{th}$  Sept) is our congress.



#### Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The AGM was held in March and the elected Management Committee for 2016:

President	Mary Jane Whitehead
Vice-President	Linda Bedford-Brown
Interim Honorary Secretary	Robin Burton
Honorary Treasurer	Jonathan Pynt
Voluntary Office Manager	Trish Hunter
Committee Members	Sally George, Penny Styles, Peter Holloway Nic Matich

The recognition of Life Member was awarded to outgoing President Linda Bedford-Brown was for her long standing commitment and contribution to the Club.

The members Daytime Pairs was held in March and Congratulations to:



1 <sup>st</sup>	Doreen Jones and Dave Munro
$2^{nd}$	John Beddow and Chris Bagley
$3^{\text{rd}}$	Sue Gammon and Alan Dundas

GNOT Heat Held in March and Congratulations go to our 14 members in the four Teams that will compete in the finals:



1<sup>st</sup> Phil Power, Dave Munro, Pim Birss and Kathy Power



2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Coli, Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer and Virginia Seward



3<sup>rd</sup> Fiske Warren, Deana Wilson, Roz Trend and Alan Harrop



4<sup>th</sup> Francesca McGrath, Tim Munro, Chris Mulley and Simon Brayshaw

We also Congratulate members **Viv Wood, Jane Reynolds, Fiske Warren, Chris Mulley** and **Deana Wilson** who will be in the ANC Open Team going to Brisbane this year.

Congratulations also to members **John Beddow** and **Sue Gammon** who made it through to the finals playoff.

#### LESSONS IN APRIL WITH FISKE WARREN

#### Tue 26th April, 12.45 pm to 2.45 pm

 RESPONDER'S REBIDS – DEVELOPING THE AUCTION

This is a basic lesson suitable for inexperienced players including those playing in supervised sessions.

#### Wed 27th April, 10.00am to 12.00 noon

• SAFETY FIRST!

A new lesson designed for more experienced players. When a hand looks easy, make sure to look for possible problems. Try the example below.

♠AK2	<b>♠</b> Q43
♥AK2	<b>♥</b> Q43
♦A32	♦KQ4
<b>♣</b> K932	<b>♣</b> AJ54

6NT by West. North leads ♠J. How can you make 100% sure of your contract? (Answer below)

Each lesson costs \$15, payable on the day. All are welcome to attend and there is no need to book in advance.

Answer: You need to ensure against either opponent holding 4 or more clubs. First cash \*A. Next lead \*4 and play the \*9 if South plays low. If South discards win \*K and then lead towards \*J. Should you play this way at Pairs scoring? No, you cannot afford to give up the reasonable chance of an overtrick.

At Pairs, lead \*2 and finesse \*J. If you lose to the singleton Queen ... unlucky!

The Autumn Pairs begins Wednesday April 13th – a three week competition – book on line – www.bawa.asn.au / flyer in this issue.

#### Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance

Following our Committee Meeting on Friday 11th March, it was agreed to feature 'Condensed Rules and Guidelines of Play for Rockingham Bridge Club Members' on our newly created Website. Terry Turner is to be applauded for his diligence in putting this paper together. Reading this is a must.

Dave Clark is also to be thanked for taking the Rockingham Bridge Club into the 21st Century via the Website.

#### **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE- ETIQUETTE & RULES**

Once the bidding has begun, general conversation is not encouraged at the bridge table. All players need to understand that duplicate bridge is a very competitive game and thus each player needs to **respect the rights of all other players**. Before the first board begins it is certainly permissible to exchange pleasantries with partner and the opponents. © Marilyn Hemenway 2003



Director Sandi Sandilands with winners **Joy Turner** and **Terry Turner** 



Under State Masters Winners **Dave Clark** and **Elena Olsen** 



#### Kalamunda District Bridge Club

From Cherry Zamudio

Kalamunda District Bridge Club Congress is annually held in March, and this year, as in many years past, it was booked out after only two weeks of being posted onto the internet.

Due to the size of our Bridge Room only twenty two tables are available. Just as in every year, we were delighted to welcome players from many of the Clubs around Perth who come to the Hills for a weekend away from the hustle and bustle of Perth. In fact a number of people make arrangements to stay in Kalamunda and make it a weekend break.

The Congress was almost without incidence, despite the fact that our President Denise Borger, who at the very last moment, managed to coerce another team into playing when a team had to pull out at very short notice. The two days were enjoyed by all and the Kalamunda Club players excelled themselves in once again providing snacks, cakes and enjoyable lunches. It is always those behind the scenes, who man the kitchens, organise the event, and act as Caddies, who do not sometimes receive the praise they deserve. A huge thank you to them all!

The results of the Congress are as follows:

#### **SWISS PAIRS**

Prize Money was presented by President Denise Borger

Unfortunately, Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free who came second in this event were unavailable for a photograph.



 $1^{\text{st}}$  - Martin Broome and Valerie Broome

2<sup>nd</sup> - Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free



3<sup>rd</sup> - Judith Selleck and Maureen Hughes



Best Kalamunda Pair: 5th Guy Gaudet and Peter Clarke

2nd Kalamunda Pair: 10th Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown

3rd Kalamunda Pair: 11th Lynn Shinnick and Marlene Robertson









**TEAMS EVENT** 



 $1^{\mbox{\scriptsize st}}$  - Viv Wood, Pim Birss, Dave Munro and Gerry Daly



2nd - Elizabeth McNeill, Sue Grenside, Richard Grenside and Cassie Morin



3rd - Mimi Packer, Rose Moore, Linda Coli and Jonathan Free



Best Kalamunda Team:

9<sup>th</sup> Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown, Mark Goddard and Mel Foster.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Kalamunda Team:

12th: Denise Borger, Elizabeth Bazen, Garth Scotford and Cherry Zamudio

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Kalamunda Team:

13th: Wendy Harman, Carmen Jackson, Madge Myburgh and Bente Hansen





#### South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker

#### **Browning Cup**

Fourteen pairs took part in this annual Handicap event held on Sunday 28th February. Diane Smith and Rodney Bryant took first place, whilst Marnie Leybourne and Nick Cantatore were prehandicap winners.



Diane Smith and Rodney Bryant



Nick Cantatore and Marnie Leybourne

#### **Oriental Food Night**

Over thirty attended this club fund raiser and enjoyed a varied and delicious meal. Evelyn Tay and her husband put in a giant effort to prepare most of the dishes – Cantonese Braised Beef, Fried Beef Won Ton, Chicken Sang Chow Bow, Vegetables in Coconut Milk, Thai Fish Cakes, Chinese Greens, with Chocolate Cake, Asian Jelly and the enchantingly named Love Letters, a Chinese New Year delicacy. Violet Williams cooked up a tasty chicken curry, whilst Margaret

MacKenzie with Chris and Dennis Lawrence pitched in to help serve and clear up. Merwyn Menezes made a donation. Funds raised go towards the club's (eventual!) relocation to new premises.



Dennis Lawrence, Evelyn Tay and Chris Lawrence



Judith Selleck, Margaret MacKenzie and Maureen Hughes



Ann Torlach, Michael Turner and Lyndall Steed



#### West Australian Bridge Club

From Deborah Greenway

The new members party was held in February and its always a good opportunity for new club members to have a casual game of bridge and meet some of the committee members and other

members of the club. Of course it involves nibbles and wine, and a welcoming speech by the club president Kitty George. It can be a bit nerve racking for some as they have just graduated from Peter Smiths beginners course but they soon realise that it is a fun and relaxed afternoon. A good time was had by all.

#### Winners N/S

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Burn and Francis Barron
$2^{nd} \\$	Rhona Barton and May Schonwolf
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Nelson and Dymphna Elsey

#### Winners E/W

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sue Broad and Jane Reynolds
$2^{nd}$	2 Sylvia Pan and Jocelyn Parry
$3^{\text{rd}}$	3 Mike George and Kaiping Chen



Jane Reynolds with President Kitty George

The first of our championships for the year was held over a 2 week period in February. Players are not seeded and everyone plays the same basic Acol system. 40 people entered which was an excellent turn out considering many of the clubs regular Bridge addicts were at the Gold Coast Congress.



Congratulations to Deana Wilson who won the event, with Raymond Wood in second place and Robin Rose in third place.



## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Graded Teams: Below National Masters Competition were



 $1^{\text{st}}$  - Margaret Tierney, Robin Cordin, Ron Dalton and Sally Brittliffe



 $2^{nd}$  - Chieh Goodlet,  $\;\;$  Joy Jones, Pat Scotford and Colleen Stone

3<sup>rd</sup> - Ann Patrick, Richard Collister, Tony Letch, David Hughes and Noel Jordan (sub)



From David Cowell

Since the last issue of the Focus magazine Undercroft has run two more of its championship events. For three Friday evenings in February we had the Syd Noakes Trophy.



The winners were Carole Fensome and Joanna Tennyson pictured with Vice President Alan Tolley.



2nd David Burn and Nerilyn Mack



3rd Brian Kaye and Chris Price

Then starting on Tuesday afternoon 1st March for three weeks Undercroft held its Summer Pairs competition.



The winners were Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell



2<sup>nd</sup>Tony Martin and Wilhemina Piller



3<sup>rd</sup> Satish Bedekar and Anthony Eardley pictured with President David Cowell

Undercroft will have its Annual General meeting on Tuesday afternoon 26 April where our members will elect the new committee. In the time I have served on the committee and as President much has been achieved. We look forward to seeing the extension to our club started in October this year - estimated to take up to 6 months. While this is happening our club will continue playing in a nearby hall called 'Percy Doyle Football Tee-Ball Clubrooms'. This is situated within the Percy Doyle reserve a short walk from where we are currently located, there is plenty of parking.

#### **Evening playing times**

We continue to play bridge seven afternoons a week, and welcome members and visitors alike - members \$4 and visitors \$8.

Sunday afternoons is for players with a maximum of 15 MP's. All starting times are 12.30.

We also offer bridge four evenings a week, Monday to Thursday evenings inclusive - starting times 7.30pm. As always for all sessions be seated 10 minutes before the start. This is particularly important at evening sessions.

#### **Melville Congress**

Photos courtesy of Valerie Isle **TEAMS** 



1st Phil Power, Heather Williams, Kathy Power and Jan Blight



2<sup>nd</sup> Deana Wilson, Fusako Hashimoto, Leon Randolph and Kaiping Chen



3rd Lise Banks and Laurie Money (Sandy Vertannes, Mary Johnston)

#### QUALIFYING SWISS PAIRS



1st Peter Gill and Jeanne Hey

#### FINAL

1st Leon Randolph and Kaiping Chen

2<sup>nd</sup> Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel



3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Grenside and Richard Grenside

#### PLATE

1st Brian Davison and Anita Davis

2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Shave and Bridget Cooke

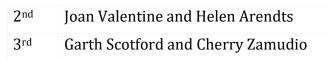


3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Hopfmueller and David Cowell

#### CONSOLATION



1st Pam Smith and Judith Selleck



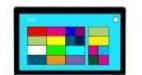
#### Congress Smiles!











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## A Director Ruling

#### 1 "Enhanced Emotions"

From Matt McManus

Recently, I have had a number of requests to write about the procedures when the director is called to a table following a hesitation by one of the players. Over the next few articles, I will look at this from a couple of different perspectives.

One of the side effects of playing bridge is the likelihood of players experiencing "enhanced emotions". This is not limited to the occasionally animated discussions between partners or teammates at the end of a session. Players often experience their own personal enhanced emotions in the middle of a hand.

For instance, let's say your left hand opponent opens 1H, and the enemy bid all the way to 7H. Not surprisingly, you don't have many values, but what you do have is the singleton king of trumps. Dummy comes down with a trump suit of AQ876. Declarer wins the opening lead in hand, and advances the HJ on which partner plays small. Declarer starts thinking. It would be an unusual bridge player sitting in your seat who didn't experience a slight increase in heart rate while sitting waiting for declarer to decide what to do. (If declarer has five hearts, the odds favour a finesse, while if he is in an 11 card fit, playing for the drop is the percentage line.) What will declarer do? Of course, you hope that if has just a five card suit that he will go with the odds, or alternatively if he has six that he doesn't know what the correct odds are and take a finesse. If you don't feel a little "enhanced emotion" at this point, you may not be getting all you can out of the game!

It is possible to experience similar sensations which have nothing to do with the decisions of the opponents. Say your partner opens 1S and you reply 3S, which is a limit raise inviting game (typically about 10-12 points with four card support). Partner starts thinking – what can he be thinking about? In the great majority of cases, it will be whether to pass or whether to bid game. While he is thinking, you take another look at your hand – it turns out that it is really quite good; you have a maximum for your limit raise.

Given that partner clearly has a borderline decision, what do you want him to do? Bid game obviously. Again, your emotions ought to be rising, hoping against hope that partner doesn't pass. (Of course, for most of us the reality is that eventually partner passes and we end up writing down +170 on our scoresheet!)

Let's look at the last example again with a very slight change to the situation. This time you and your partner have agreed to play Bergen raises. That means in order to show your limit raise, rather than bidding 3S, you make an artificial call of 3H. Partner alerts this and when the opponents enquire, he says, "10-12 points with four card support". Again he starts thinking and you experience the same emotions as before. Clearly he is not a minimum - he would sign off in 3S straight away. Clearly he is not maximum - he would bid 4S straight away. He must have a hand somewhere in the middle. Given that he is in the borderline range, opposite your maximum the chances of making 10 tricks must be pretty good. With all this knowledge, when he does sign off in 3S, don't your emotions tell you that you should bid one more for luck?

However, to do so would be very much contrary to the laws of Bridge. Let's look at why this is the case. The laws say that the only legal way of communication between you and your partner is via the bids made and the cards played and the meanings which you have attached to these. Anything else is what is known as **unauthorised information**. There is a wide range of things that this covers:

- any comments that one member of the partnership makes
- any gestures or signs of approval or disapproval
- anything that one player says to the opponents in answer to a question
- the fact that partner does or doesn't alert your hid

 what you can glean from the speed with which partner makes a call or plays a card

So - unauthorised information embraces of wide range of situations – from the less desirable (comments and gestures) to those which are a very normal part of bridge.

Let's look in particular at the last position speed, or as the laws refer to it: the "tempo" in which a call or play is made. Although the laws say that players should try to make their bids and plays in a regular tempo, it recognises that in the real world this doesn't happen - bridge is not a game for robots! There is nothing in the laws which prevent a player taking their time to consider what call they should make (although this obviously needs to be within reason - take note slow players - but that is a completely different topic.). A break in tempo (or "hesitation" to start using the common parlance) is a perfectly normal part of the game. There is no need to call the director just because one of your opponents has hesitated. They haven't done anything wrong - nothing contrary to the laws of Bridge.

What they have done is to convey information to their partner, albeit silently and unintentionally. (For instance, in our 1S-3S example from above: "Partner, I have a borderline hand opposite your invitation.") The laws say that partner cannot use this information in making a decision about what to call. In the first case (1S-3S-Pass), there was nothing partner could do with the information – the final contract had already been determined. However in the second case where Bergen raises were being used (1S-3H-3S-?); partner still had the chance to make another call. To confirm what I said above: to bid on would be very much contrary to the laws of Bridge.

The actual words of the relevant law are: "partner may not choose from among logical alternatives one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the (unauthorised) information."

In our example, the two possibilities ("logical alternatives") that the player has are to respect partner's signoff in 3S and pass, or to bid on to game. The fact that partner took a long time to sign off indicates that they have a borderline hand and so bidding on with a maximum invitation is likely to be more successful ("could demonstrably have been suggested").

The immediate reaction of the player when they are told that they might have done something wrong is to say, "... but I was always going to bid on, look! I've got a maximum." The intention of the player is not relevant to the director's decision. In the next article, I will look at the processes the director follows in dealing with this situation, applying the law and coming to a ruling.



## UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB ONE DAY CONGRESS

Sunday **22 May** all day

10.00am start
Maximum 22 tables



DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp CONVENOR: Bruce Penhey ENTRY FEES: \$35.00 pp

Includes lunch, morning coffee and afternoon tea.



Entries via BAWA website

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Percy Doyle Reserve, Corner Warwick & Marmion Rd, Duncraig

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## **Table Etiquette**

By Maura Rhodes

Rick and I have just returned from the 2016 Albany Congress, which was a very enjoyable event. We teamed for the first, but not the last time, with Kate Boston and Murray Webber, who were delightful team-mates. The first game with new team-mates always makes me nervous. "What if we don't get on? What if they criticize every mistake we make?" I needn't have worried, because both Kate and Murray were lovely. When we made the inevitable mistakes, as all Bridge players do, not a word was said and when we excelled, we were showered with praise. Thank you, Kate and Murray. In the words of Arnie, ... "I'll be back" ...

Thank you to all the Albany Bridge Club members for their hospitality and who did so much work to make the weekend enjoyable for everybody.

In Round Four of the teams, Rick and I played against Bob Stick and Colin Payne from Denmark. After we had finished, we congratulated the two guys on their massive two Imp win! They explained that they had recently adopted a new rule: **NO ADVERSE TABLE TALK**. Since adopting that simple rule, their Bridge has improved immensely. If you don't believe that, look at their results- they played at the Gold Coast Congress, proudly winning an event there!

The rule was simple, "No Adverse Table Talk, no huffing and puffing ... chortling only allowed, out of earshot, in private!"

Throughout my playing years, having witnessed experienced numerous examples recriminatory table talk, I easily relate to Bob and Colin's rule. It is somewhat astonishing, how supposedly intelligent people, appear to think that the more they criticize their partners, the better their partners will play. In fact, the reverse happens. I do not think that there are any players who have improved their game after unfavourable criticisms at the table!

I was delighted to see an article on Albany Bridge Club website, which I think, should be printed and displayed in all Clubs. It was taken from the American Contract Bridge league: Bridge is an extremely enjoyable game. Courteous behaviour is an exceptionally important part of that enjoyment.

This guide serves as a brief reminder of how to behave at the bridge table. We are sure that all players naturally follow this code of conduct but there are times when concentration and pressure can take their toll and it is for these situations that we issue this as a reminder.

- ✓ Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- ✓ Be a good "host" or "guest" at the table.
- ✓ Fill in your convention card completely and make it readily available to your opponents.
- ✓ Make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.
- ✓ Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.
- ✓ Take care of your personal grooming.
- ✓ Ensure that your mobile phone is turned off.
- ✓ Enjoy the company as well as the game.

Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents in public, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results or object to a call for the tournament director or to dispute or argue about a director's ruling.

#### Please call the director if you think you may have been affected by bad behaviour. You will be helping others as well as yourselves

As in all games that are governed by rules and regulations, bad behaviour will be penalised....

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. This can include immediate disciplinary board penalties, and if a future violation is incurred at the same event,

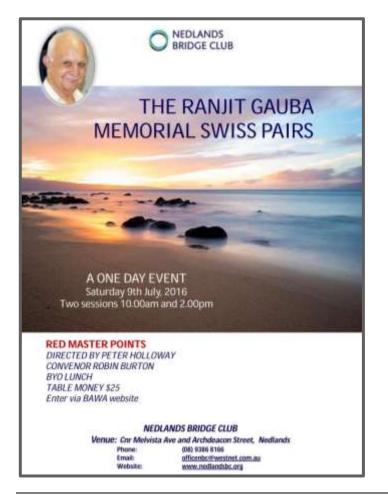
disqualification from future competition in that event. The guilty party or parties will be deemed not to have played in that event. No Masterpoints will be awarded and no refunds received. Any further violations may result in a disciplinary hearing where the player(s) future participation in tournaments will be considered. A Best Behaviour Report Form shall be available for players to report incidents which occur away from the table; and for directors to document complaints and action taken

.... Enjoy your game!

With thanks to the ACBL for the work they have done in this area

My two little grandsons at the table: Seb displaying bad table manners and Charlie showing how it should be done!







West Australian Bridge Club



#### THE 2016 WINTER CONGRESS

JUNE 3rd - June 6<sup>th</sup>

### A SUPER CONGRESS WITH 50% MORE RED POINTS FOR ALL MAJOR EVENTS

THE CAROL POCOCK FRIDAY MORNING PAIRS	9:30am
FRIDAY ALL DAY PAIRS	Two sessions 9.30 am & 1.30 pm
THE DES CAIN FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS:	1:30pm
SAT & SUN: TWO DAY	Each day
SWISS PAIRS	9.30 am & 1.30 pm
THE JOHN ASHWORTH SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS	1:30pm
THE HELEN GEORGE SUNDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS	1:30pm
THE JAMES BENTLEY MONDAY MORNING PAIRS	9:30am
MONDAY TEAMS	Two sessions 9.30 am & 1.30 pm
THE HELEN KEMP MONDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS:	1:30pm

Full Day events: \$30 per person per day Afternoon events: \$15 per person Morning events: \$12 per person

Director: **Bill Kemp** 0478 595 275 Convenor: **Hilary Yovich** 0409 082 920 ENTRIES VIA BAWA WEBSITE:

www.bawa.asn.au

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## Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs bill.jacobs55@gmail.com

Brd Dlr Vul	N Both	<ul><li>◆ Q87632</li><li>◆ K93</li><li>◆ J</li><li>◆ AK4</li></ul>		
	<b>∳ ∀ ♦</b>	N E S		
	13 17	<ul> <li>A5</li> <li>✓ A4</li> <li>✓ AK76</li> <li>✓ Q8763</li> </ul>		

WEST	NORTH	<b>EAST</b>	SOUTH
	1S	Pass	2C
Pass	3C	Pass	4NT
Pass	5H	Pass	6C
All Pass			

West leads C5. Plan the play.

ending in dummy and ruff a spade to establish the suit. HK is your entry.

Cashing the spade ace first won't work. If trumps are outstanding, East can win the second spade and play a third one, establishing a ruff for West. And if you draw trumps first, you lack the entries to set up the spades in the above layout.

If any other line offers a better chance than that unusual spade play, I am all ears.

The moral: Whether the contract is 1C or 6C, you gotta manage your entries!



#### Solution:

Brd Dlr Vul	N Both	<ul><li>♣ Q87632</li><li>♥ K93</li><li>♦ J</li><li>♣ AK4</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>104</li><li>▼ J876</li><li>◆ 9432</li><li>◆ 1095</li></ul>	N E S	<ul><li>★ KJ9</li><li>♥ Q1052</li><li>◆ Q1085</li><li>★ J2</li></ul>
1	13 9 17	<ul><li>A5</li><li>✓ A4</li><li>AK76</li><li>Q8763</li></ul>	

You have to assume clubs break 3-2. Then if spades are also 3-2, you have a sure thing by winning the trump lead with the queen and playing a *low* spade from your hand.

Whatever happens on this trick, you can subsequently cash the spade ace, draw trumps



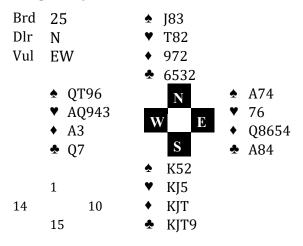
## Saving Partner?

By Viv Wood

I've just returned from the Women's Play Offs in Canberra where I played with Alida Clark and the same team which had just won the Canberra Women's Team's event. We had some hopes of a good finish, but were knocked out in the semifinals. On the plus side for WA, the team that beat us included 3 WA women in their 6 woman team. Cynthia Belonogoff, Jenny Thomson, Jane Reynolds, Renee Cooper, Marilyn Chadwick and Toni Sharp played off in the two day final but they were beaten by ex West Australian, Pele Rankin with Paula McLeish, Ruth Tobin and Helene Pitt. Congratulations to the 4 woman team who did it all by themselves – a gruelling event.

Two hands from this semi-final ask the question - when should I rescue partner?

On the first hand you are sitting North and pick up this lovely collection of rubbish. You pass, as does East and partner bids 1NT. West X's and this is a penalty X.



Should I rescue Alida from this awful contract? We have the mechanism to show a single suited hand (which I didn't' have), or to bid showing a 4 card club suit with a higher suit (which I also didn't have!). I decided the correct action here was to sit the double. Unfortunately it didn't work out well for us at score up, so I asked Andy Hung on the ABF Website's "What should I bid" for an expert opinion. He got back to me immediately and I've included some excerpts from his very informative response.

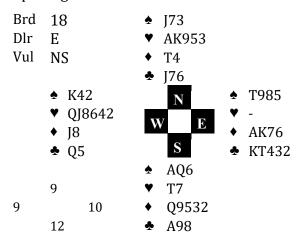
"In this type of situation (with a 4333) I would almost always sit and be content with 1NTX. The problem with 4333's is that you are not guaranteed to have an eight-card fit, so what you are trying to do is to limit the damage control (whereas 2x doubled in a 4-3 fit may be more disastrous). The good thing about passing is that partner is still allowed to run (say with a 5-card suit) knowing that typically we would have a 4333 shape to be passing the double"..... "Another good thing about passing is that the doublers' partner may have a weak hand and might just remove her partner's penalty double anyway".

He also added the important rider that things change if your 1NT range is weaker.

Returning -500 at score up didn't go well when there was a better spot in 2C as the cards lay. On a good day even -500 would be a good outcome if team mates had made the vulnerable game which is also possible on the layout.

So although we lost imps on the board, hopefully in the long run passing with the flat hand will win out.

The second hand had a happier ending. This time you are sitting East and like the look of your cards but just don't have enough to make an opening bid.



South opens the bidding with 1D and your partner bids 2H's showing a 6 card heart suit with less than 10 points. We were playing with screens. North sitting on my side passed as did I and we pushed the board over. It came back

showing South had made a re-opening double which my partner passed and so did North! Now there's a decision to be made, could partner manage 8 tricks with my dummy? How many could she go off and could there be a better place to play? In these situations you know that the trumps are stacked sitting over partner so I ventured a rescuing XX. Partner sent the board back having bid 2S and that was passed out. This was already a win in my opinion as I expected anything else we bid to be doubled also. When Alida found the perfect line to make 8 tricks in her Moysian fit we were delighted. This brought 5 imps in as our opponents at the other table played in 2C's for -50.

Such decisions are tough at the table and you will not always find consensus as to the correct action. If you choose an unsuccessful action there will certainly be scrutiny as these tend to be significant boards. However if you are consistent with your logic you should win out in the end!



## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO BAWA COMPETITIONS

BAWA takes this opportunity to remind all players, new and established, of the attendance requirements when entering a BAWA event.

#### Attendance:

Entry to an event entails a commitment to play every session. Penalties may apply to pairs failing to arrive or failing to give 24 hours notice to the Tournament Director. Should unforeseen circumstances prevent attendance, it is the players' responsibility to arrange a suitable substitute.

#### **Substitutes:**

Proposed substitutions should be notified to the Director at least 24 hours prior to the session. Penalties apply to players who play with unapproved substitutes.

(See the BAWA regulations for full details)

#### **Nedlands Bridge Club**



The ABF will be subsidising two eligible pairs from each State to play in the Restricted Butler Pairs at the 2016 ANC in Brisbane in June/July, 2016. The subsidy will be for \$2,000 per pair plus entry fees into the event.

#### Saturday, 23rd April

One Session Event commencing 1.30 pm

Table money: \$10.00 per player

**Director: Peter Holloway** 

Open to players from all clubs who have less than 300 masterpoints as at January, 2016

(Number of pairs qualifying is dependant on number of tables playing)

The State Final is scheduled to be played on Sunday, 1st May

Entry through BAWA website
NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB
Venue:

Cnr Melvista Ave and Archdeacon St Nedlands

Phone: (08) 9386 8166

Email: officenbc@westnet.com.au

## No fear at the Gold Coast

From Phil Power

Kathy had booked a Jetstar flight, a good old red eye special, leaving Perth at Midnight for a direct flight into Coolangatta and a 20 minute bus transfer to the Gold Coast.

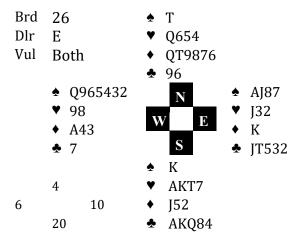
Our seating was immediately in front of the wing emergency exit. Due to the exit behind us, our seats did not go back so we had an upright position for the entire 4hours and because we were right over the wing ..... which have the engines attached .... the noise was deafening. Did we get any sleep? Impossible.

We were booked into the Meriton, a serviced apartment block a few minutes walk from the Gold Coast Convention Centre where it would be bridge all day for 7 days.

Our first event was the 2 day Weekend Match pointed Swiss pairs commencing Saturday 1pm.

We played some good bridge over the weekend but lost concentration on a few boards in the last round and as a result tumbled down the placing's to finish 29th. Still not bad we thought as the field consisted of 180pairs.

Here is a hand we played in the weekend match point Swiss which showed some aggressive bidding by all.



#### Makeable contracts

	<b>♣</b>	<b>♦</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>★</b>	NT
N	2	3	4	-	-
S	2	3	4	-	-
Е	-	-	-	4	-
W	-	-	-	4	-

I was the dealer sitting East and passed. South opened 1C. Kathy sat West and over called 2S which was showing a 6 card suit and very few points. How many of you would now make a bid with the North hand having only 4hcp? I know I wouldn't but does the singleton spade and 6 card diamond suit make the hand worth a bid. Your partner has only opened 1C promising 11hcp. North showed no fear and bid 3D.

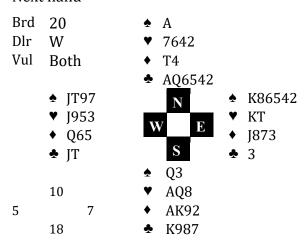
I had values and good spade support so I bid 3S. South, buoyed by his partners bid of 3D tried 4H. Knowing that I had something for her Kathy bid 4S which was passed around to South who doubled - no doubt because of his own 20hcp and his partner's promise of something in diamonds.

I remember Nigel Dutton telling us recently that in a book by Larry Cohen, Cohen says that bidding 4S over 4H won't normally do any harm ... or words similar...

North led a club which South won with the Ace and then played The Ace and King of hearts.

I'm thinking, here we are in 4S doubled and vulnerable, at best we have only 16hcp between us and we've already lost the first 3 tricks. South now played a diamond which travelled around the table and to my surprise dummy's King won. Kathy was now in Dummy so she simply played the AS and it was all over ... Kathy took the next 10 tricks ... making contract ... and +790 to the good guys.

#### Next hand



#### Makeable contracts

	*	<b>*</b>	*	<b>♦</b>	NT
N	6	4	5	-	5
S	6	4	5	-	5
Е	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	_	-

I remember a number of years ago in a teams match overhearing our next opponents saying "We'll play these two as they play some 'funny stuff' ... our funny stuff on this next board brought us in 13imps.

East opened 2D ... promising a 6 card major and 6-9hcp. Kathy placed a double on the table promising a very good Diamond stopper and a min of 16hcp. West passed and I bid 3C. East rebid 3 spades and as I was forced to bid and may have 0 points Kathy passed. Kathy's failure to double 3S told me she was short in that suit and therefore must have something in Hearts with support for clubs so I tested the waters by bidding 4C. Kathy now bid 4S showing 2 Aces and I ended the auction in 6C ... The hand plays very easily ... I took the opening spade lead with my ace and played two rounds of clubs finishing in my hand to enable the heart finesse. If the hearts were 3/3 then my 4th heart would be good if not I lose one heart and ruff the last one in dummy making 12 tricks ... out of the 180 pairs playing only 8 other pairs found the slam.

On this next hand, board 16 from round 8, played during the open teams event our opponents showed great judgement to pass 1S doubled.

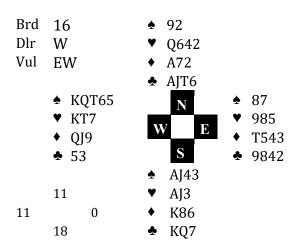
#### Anyone for a game of ...



Playing in the 2016 Gold Coast Congress a restricted pair sits down E/W to play their opponents.

N/S regale them with their Bridge achievements finishing with that one of them had also played in the Bermuda Bowl.

"Oh" says East "you like to bowl as well do you".



#### Makeable contracts

	*	<b>*</b>	*	<b>♦</b>	NT
N	4	2	4	2	4
S	4	3	4	2	4
Е	-	-	-		-
W	-	-	-		-

Kathy opened 1S and North doubled. I passed and South thought for some time before passing. He correctly reasoned that I must have a Yarborough and that Kathy would have to play out of her hand and the vulnerability was favourable for them. Kathy did her best to play losing cards toward dummy in the hope that the defence would get in and somehow finesse themselves but it was to no avail and we went down 4 for -800. Our teammates took the double out into 3NT making plus 1. We lost 9 Imps on the board. There were 205 teams playing in the open division and only 17 teams were left in 1S doubled. There were a few teams playing 4H but generally the rest of the field played in 3NT.

Playing the Gold Coast congress was a great experience. It is an extremely well run event. There are open, seniors, intermediate and restricted events. Everything ticks along quickly and smoothly. There are no delays between rounds. Results info sheets are distributed immediately after each round and a bulletin is produced each day providing the previous day's highlights along with interesting comments about hands played at selected tables. Every day there were lectures by bridge experts about various bridge topics. We attended a 2 over 1 lecture hosted by David Beauchamp.

One highlight for us was being invited to a cocktail party hosted by convenor Therese Tully. Kathy and I think this congress should be on every bridge players bucket list.



The NTBA and ABFpresent

#### **Territory Gold Bridge Festival**

at the

Doubletree by Hilton, Esplanade,

Darwin

(Formerly Holiday Inn, Esplanade)

#### August 31st - September, 4th 2016

Games played during the Day

#### **Three Events:**

Swiss Pairs
(with player qualifying points)
Matchpoint Pairs
Swiss Teams



## All With Gold Masterpoints, Cash & Voucher prizes

For More Information, Session Times, Entry Brochure, etc. visit the NTBA web-site www.ntba.com.au

**Tournament Organiser:** 

Lisa Hambour

tgbf@abf.com.au







# Western Senior Pairs 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 10.00am start

# Gold Point Event and Senior P Q Points

For ABF Seniors events, a player must be born before 1 January 1958.

Venue is WABC located on Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Entry Fee: \$80 per player

(Collected at the table or pay online)

#### **ENTRIES:**

www.bawa.asn.au or

Peter Holloway or

Jane Reynolds

#### **DIRECTOR:**

Peter Holloway 0411870931

#### **TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER:**

Jane Reynolds 0402074070

sladewitch2000@hotmail.com



Cocktail Party and Presentations Sunday at approx. 5.00 pm

#### 2016 Albany Congress - a Personal Perspective

From Mike Trafalski

In March, on the Labour Day weekend, Albany Bridge Club hosted their Annual Congress – the thirty seventh consecutive year. Players from Albany, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and everywhere in between converged on the Albany Bridge Club. As usual the weather gave its best rendition of "Four Seasons in One Day" with rain on Friday evening through to bright sunshine on Monday morning. Our Director, Peter Holloway was heard to remark "this is the first time I've seen the sun since I got here". Peter ran the Congress in a quiet efficient manner with all events running smoothly and on time.

All bridge players throughout know that Country Congresses provide the best atmosphere of congeniality, friendliness, bridge (of various qualities) and fantastic food. The Albany Congress demonstrated all the best aspects of this with catering organised by Annette de Pledge, ably assisted by the many volunteers from Albany Club members. Many prize-winners (as well as other participants) commented extremely favourably on the quality and quantity of food provided for lunches, morning and afternoon teas.

As is usual at Country Congresses, competitors supported many of the cafes and restaurants in Albany for breakfast, coffee and dinner.

The Congress consisted of Welcome Pairs, Congress Pairs and Swiss teams and despite the many excuses for wrong bids, wrong leads, poor defence and bad play by declarer, and the making of unmakeable contracts (according to Deep Finesse) a good time was had by all. Remember the most important rules in Bridge - 1. It was not my fault, 2. If you disagree, see rule number 1.

The change in format from what was advertised was commented on by many of the visitors – notably the scrapping the Sunday morning play ("We come to Albany to play Bridge not see the sights or shop"). Similarly, the change from Swiss Pairs to a qualifying round followed by a Final, Plate and a Consolation event was also noticed – "Swiss Pairs gives ordinary club player to earn some red points – very few players come away from a Swiss pairs event without any Red points", "Most Country Club Congresses throughout Australia now play Swiss Pairs" - both from the

Director of the Albany Congress. In planning for the 2017 Congress the Albany Committee can consider these comments and others from frequent visitors to the Congress.

At the conclusion of the weekend, prizes were distributed to players of all ranks. Congratulations to the Albany Bridge Committee and all members of the Albany Bridge Club who contributed to making the 2016 Congress a wonderful success.

Winners in the Albany Congress:

#### **Welcome Pairs**



Connie Daly and Mike Trafalski

#### **Congress Pairs - Qualifying**



Rosemary Rear and Rosemary Enright

#### **Congress Final**



Dave Munro and Deana Wilson

#### **Congress Final Runners Up**



Ester Saunders and Colin Saunders

#### **Congress Plate**



Murray Webber and Kate Boston

Congress Consolation

Elizabeth McNeill and Cassie Morin

#### **Congress Teams**



Clyde England, Corrie Davis, Doug Hardman and Vera Hardman.





#### **SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB**



#### **AUTUMN OPEN PAIRS**

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL AT 12.30PM
NORMAL TABLE MONEY APPLIES
\$7 MEMBERS AND \$9 VISITORS
NO NEED TO BOOK



**RED POINT EVENT** 

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE AFTERNOON WITH US

#### **GERALDTON BRIDGE CLUB**



Winter in the Sun

## GERALDTON BRIDGE CONGRESS

17th June - 19th June 2016

Geraldton Bridge Club Rooms
Eight Street, Wonthella

(behind Bowling Club)

Friday Welcome Pairs \$20.00 pp
Evening

Saturday Open Pairs \$20.00 pp
Morning

Saturday Teams 1st Session \$45.00 pp

Afternoon

Sunday Teams 2nd Session

Morning

#### **Excellent prize money**

Light Sunday lunch provided, refreshments served all weekend

**Enter via BAWA website** 

#### **DIRECTOR**

**Peter Holloway** 

#### **CONTACT**

Maureen Knight 0499 555 647

## Bunbury Bridge Club 34th Annual Congress

Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th April

#### Venue:

Bunbury Bridge Club Premises Corner Balgore Way/Gurinda Street Carey Park, Bunbury



Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of Table Fees

#### **Limit 20 Tables**

Entries via BAWA website www.bawa.asn.au

Payment on arrival

#### Friday 22nd

Welcome Pairs (Director: Di Brooks) 6pm Light Meal & Refreshments Start 7pm - \$15 per player

#### Saturday 23rd

Open Pairs (Director: Neville Walker)
Start 9.30am – Qualifying, Final & Consolation
\$35 per player
Includes Lunch and Refreshments

#### Sunday 24th

Swiss Teams (Director: Neville Walker) Start 9.30am – \$35 per player Includes Lunch and Refreshments. Pizzas at the conclusion of play.

Convenor: Brian Wade

Phone: (08) 97972339 or 0427133747

Email: hwade@bigpond.com

Participants with special dietary requirements should contact the Convenor by Friday 15th April.



#### Club Sandwich

http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com Improve Your Bridge Online

#### **PROBLEM**

SOUTH dealer | NIL vulnerable

#### WEST

- **•** 9
- **♥** A2
- ♦ K852
- **♣** QJ10975 **EAST**
- **♠** AQ
- ♥ KQ975
- ♦ A96
- ♣ A42

You are West in 6C after South showed a weak hand with both majors and longer spades. North leads the S4. You take the SA, ruff the SQ and play the CQ, which wins, South discarding a spade.

Plan the rest of the play.

Brd ▲ 164 Dlr S ♥ 84 Vul Nil ♦ QJ107 **♣** K863 **•** 9 AQ KQ975 **♥** A2 ♦ K852 A96 ♣ QJ10975 A42 ★ K1087532 I1063 10 19 43

South opened a multi showing both majors and North bid 2S. East doubled and South bid 3S. When West ventured 4C, East jumped to 6C.

North led the S4, taken by the ace. Declarer ruffed the SQ and played the CQ: three – two – S2. How should declarer continue?

#### Answer to problem

A second club finesse is safe, as North cannot afford to cover. Leaving the CA in dummy, declarer can play HA and a heart to the king,

followed by a low heart, ruffed. If North overruffs, the CA draws the last trump and the HQ and the fifth heart take care of declarer's diamond losers. If North does not over-ruff - play a club to the ace and play the HQ. North can score a trump trick, but that is all.

My bridge partner is a professional athlete, constantly making jump bids.



## Bridge Holidays with Suzie and Ron



An intimate luxury cruise around Greenland on Silversea's Silver Explorer

August 13-22, 2016

Another luxury cruise, Singapore round-trip on Silversea's Silver Shadow

October 31 - November 12, 2016

Tanglaooma Wild Dolphin Resort

July 24-31, 2016

Brochures available for any of these on request: <u>suzie@ronklingerbridge.com</u> (02) 9958 5589.



# Capel Life The Old Grey Mare By Di Brooks

Since July 2015, this little woman has been back and forth to medical practitioners with various symptoms, all to no avail. Ordered to take things down to a more manageable level (easier said than done) it was a rude awakening ... the Old Grey Mare wasn't what she used to be. The uphill climb was now down hill all the way.

Now it is times like these when you find out who your friends are. As always, my Darling was at my side, giving me a hand.

After having a stent put in, with a slight complication, I now have a new lease of life, albeit at a slower pace. Whilst I was idling away my days, I had to rest the right arm and learn to use my left hand. You should see the handwriting. It would make a five year old child cry.

I am in the throes of completing the baby blankets that I had started months ago. My friend, who taught me the 'Ripple' pattern, inspected my handiwork and both efforts passed muster.

My days are spent in my recliner, watching my favourite D.V.D's, doing crosswords, writing to friends and family or just taking it easy. If you want to see a turtle on its back, struggling to right itself, rolling around trying to come to an upright position - look no further!

These past few months have been a trial, blood pressure has roller coasted, but now things are on an even keel. You needed to be a fly on the wall ... but that, my friends, is a horse of another colour.

#### **EDITING OF MATERIAL**

Contributors should note that the right to modify submitted material is retained by the Editors

# 2016 Country GNOT Final

4 - 6 June

4 June 1.00 pm 5 June 9.00 am and 1.00 pm 6 June 9:00 am



**Convenor:** 

Mike Trafalski

08 98428576

miket1@iinet.net.au

#### **Bridge:**

5 sessions (10 x 12 board matches) for approx. \$105.00 (based on 10 tables)

**Entry BAWA Entry Page or contact Mike** 

Location: Kojunup Town Hall



### **RESULTS**

#### BAWA Interstate Open Selection Butler Qualifying Pairs (30)

Viv Wood and Jane Reynolds		
Tim Munro and Chris Mulley		
Sue Gammon and Mark Doust		
Alan Harrop and Roz Trend		

## WA Top 20 Players to February 2016

1	Wood, Viv	Grand	1,960.54
2	Merven, Marie-France	Silver Grand	3,842.22
3	Dutton, Nigel	Silver Grand	4,515.06
4	Belonogoff, Cynthia	Silver Grand	2,695.17
5	Christie, Henry	Silver Grand	4,063.34
6	Free, Jonathan	Silver Grand	3,189.42
7	Munro, Tim	*National	218.13
8	Cooper, Ron	Silver Grand	3,128.25
9	Wilson, Deana	Bronze Life	454.75
10	Clark, Alida	Silver Grand	4,039.05
11	Rhodes, Maura	Grand	1,655.35
12	Bieganski, Beata	Grand	1,297.31
13	Reynolds, Jane	Silver Life	521.40
14	Bieganski, Tad	Grand	1,219.31
15	Rhodes, Rick	Grand	1,170.11
16	Chew, Jessica	National	165.65
17	Havas, Judy	Bronze Life	502.66
18	Tennyson, Joanna	Bronze Life	479.98
19	Smith, Ken	Gold Life	946.69
20	Biltoft, Val	Silver Grand	4,013.96

## 2016 BAWA COUNTRY BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



#### WHEN

#### **Saturday Pairs**

9 April 2016 - 9:30 am& 1:30 pm

#### **Sunday Teams**

10 April 2016 - 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

**Director: Peter Holloway** 

#### WHERE

Bridgetown Town Hall

#### **ENTRY FEE**

Pairs: \$45:00 per person

Teams: \$45.00 per person

Includes Lunch and Morning/Afternoon Teas

#### **HOW TO ENTER**

BAWA website: http://www.bawa.asn.au/

Convenor: Mike Trafalski

Email: miket1@iinet.net.au

Phone: 98428576



#### **Diarize Now**



#### Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2016

	Apr	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress- see flyer	
	F	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Interstate Senior Selection 1 to 8	
			Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am	
		Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	WA Country Championships	
		Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nedlands Bridge Club Autumn Swiss Pairs 1/3 – see flyer	
		Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Mixed Pairs 1/3	
			Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm	
		Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	WABC Novice Congress – see flyer	
ANC Event		Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nedlands Bridge Club ANC Restricted Butler Pairs- see flyer	
		Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bunbury Bridge Club Congress -see flyer	
		Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	ANC Restricted Butler WA Final – if required	
	May	Sun 1st	ANC Restricted Butler WA final – if required	
		Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Open Pairs Championship ¼ Venue South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm	
		Sat14th - Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Western Seniors Pairs PQP /Gold Points	
		Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Undercroft Sunday Congress	
	Jun	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BAWA State Swiss Teams ¼ Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm	
		Fri-3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	WABC Winter Congress	
		Sun 4th -6th	Country GNOT final-see flyer	
		Wed 8th	BAWA Daytime Open Teams Championship 1/2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm	
		Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fremantle Congress	
		Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Geraldton Bridge Club Congress-see flyer	
ANC		Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> -July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Brisbane	
	Jul	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nedlands Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs – see flyer	
	,	Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Mixed Teams 1/3	
			Venue: South Perth BC 7.30.pm	
		Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mandurah Winter Congress	
		Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	GNOT City Final /Provincial Heat	
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			ands, All Thursday evening events are held at the South Perth	
****	Bridge Club, corner of Brittain Street and Barker Street, Como. Commencing 7.30 pm.			
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