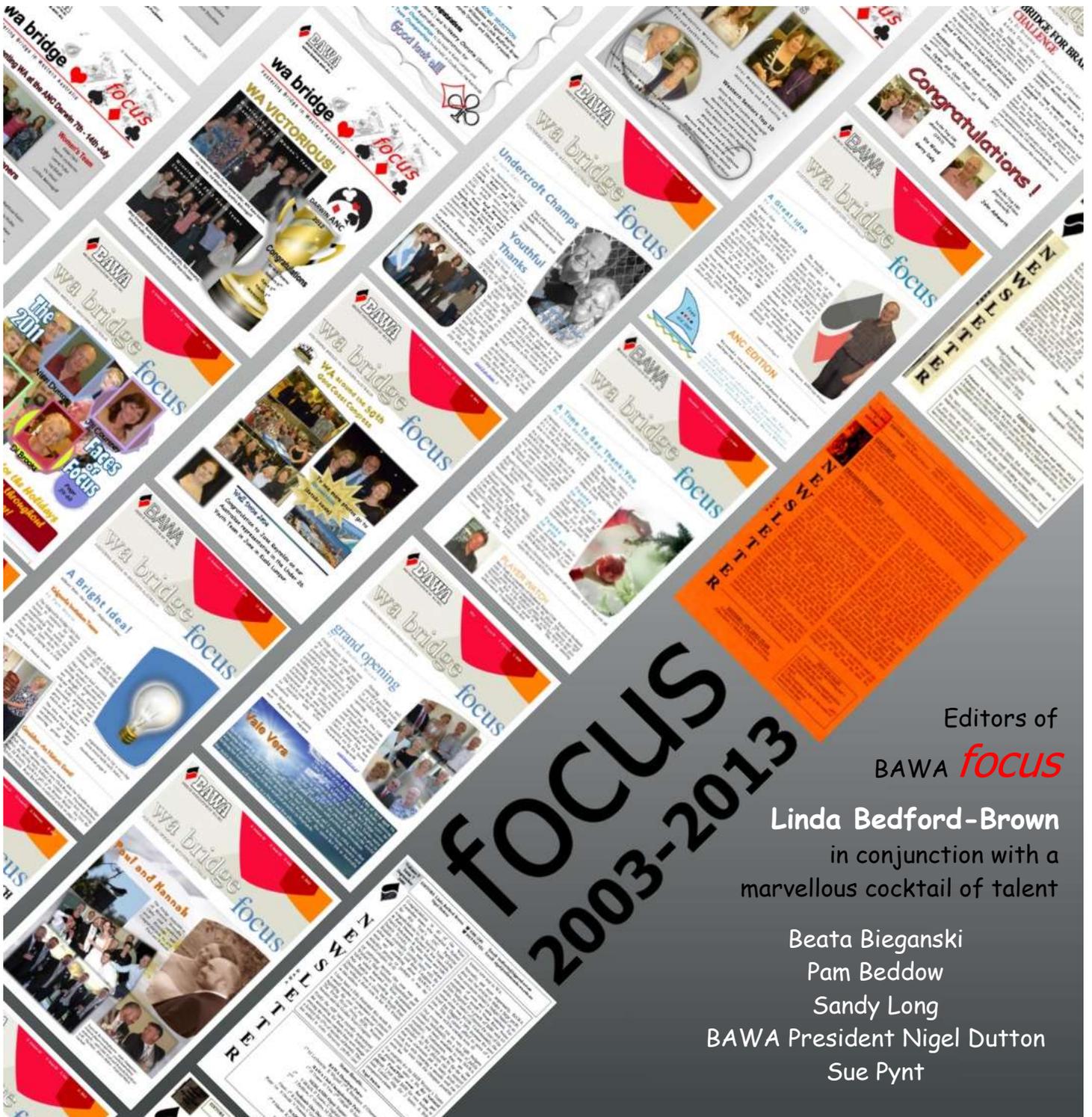




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# **Focus 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

From Linda Bedford-Brown

*April 2003 saw the first resurrection of a State 'newsletter' for BAWA.*

*The realisation for me of 10 years and 11 issues a month (I do think that in the early days two issues were not done!) dawns with the prospect that could I be writing this again in another 10 years.*

*Focus (BAWA) has only found success due to regular club involvement and individual contributors, local and interstate. You all give of your time and expertise for the betterment of bridge - failed conquests, honest appraisal of bidding, applauding excellence of partners and opponents. Bridge Laws are challenged, comments on Forum, Letters to the Editor. Cup challenges in the country, the exodus to Broome, a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*The growing involvement of clubs with Around the Clubs; and in this respect the decline of any local newspaper publishing state or local players winning daily or State events has given rise to Focus also being a source of achievement for all*

*players of the sport. One always likes to be acknowledged and quite rightly should be.*

*Ex pats; such a joy to hear from them.*

*Club Committees work hard and are acknowledged.*

*Having flyers published for club events have swelled the numbers over the years for Metropolitan and Country events.*

*BAWA flyers have been brought back into circulation.*

*Clubs and members have a voice and Focus is their medium.*

*This is a Bridge Community Effort.*

*I thank everyone who takes the time, every month and when they can, to give WA players a great read.*

*You are Focus, and because of your participation we can focus on WA.*



# President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It is a little scary to realize that this bumper issue of **Focus** is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition. But sure enough I checked my files and there was the April 2003 President's Report mentioning the new magazine. So the heartiest of congratulations to **Linda Bedford-Brown** and her team on a decade of outstanding Bridge magazine production. Over the years Linda has worked with a number of people but Pam Beddow and our current co-editor Beata Bieganski deserve special mention and thanks. It is well recognized nationally that WA Bridge Focus is a world class production. Furthermore, Beata's work producing the on-line and interactive edition of Focus is leading the pack. We all wish them well for the next 10. ☺

The 0-300 Welcome Pairs was a great promotional exercise for BAWA and we were absolutely delighted with the turn-out. Unfortunately, we were equally dismayed that technical problems made the experience, for lots of new players, less than acceptable. I have written personally to all of the participants in the event offering BAWA's apologies and an assurance that this is not how BAWA events typically run. I have also offered entry to all of the pairs in the event entry, at our expense, to the Restricted 0-300 Teams in September. I would be delighted should they decide to take up the offer

and will be pleased to help them find team mates should they so wish.

I am aware that it is a subject that is of no interest to 95% of our players but recently there been a flurry of on-line and newspaper comment regarding the selection methods of interstate teams. Suffice to say that the BAWA Tournament Committee is made up of volunteers who, with hard work and much thought, make decisions regarding such matters with the best interest of ALL players and the Association in mind.

Following on with the discussion regarding incorrect scores in electronic travelers BAWA has taken a leaf out of Rockingham BC book of scoring and added to the score entry the requirement to enter the pair number of the declarer. This has been remarkably successful and at the recent Melville Congress the director reported 100% correct scores. It is likely that this requirement will become mandatory for Red Point events very soon. If you remove the unnecessary requirement to enter a lead, which we have for Red Point events, the number of key strokes players need to enter over a session are reduced. We have also mandated for Red Point events the requirement that the displayed score reflects the declarer's result and not North's. I would suggest clubs consider adopting of all these measures for their club sessions.

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Articles always welcome



# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

### Competition Winners

The Special Teams event in February was won by Liz Vince, Ian Jones, Wendy Hansen and Sandy Anderson.



*Liz Vince, Ian Jones, Wendy Hansen and Sandy Anderson.*

Bill Webb and John Griffiths won the Tuesday "best three out of four" event held in February.

The winners of the Daytime Open Pairs event held in March were Kathy Power and Jean McLarty.

### Upcoming Events

#### May 2013

- Special Teams Event - Wednesday 15th May
- Annual general Meeting - 12.00pm Wednesday 22nd May

#### June 2013

- Handicap Pairs Championship - Tuesday 4th, 11th & 18th June (financial members only)
- Friday best 'Three out of Four' event - 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June

#### July 2012

- Monday best "Three out of Four" event - 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd July
- Winter Swiss Pairs Congress - Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July. Entry fee \$60 per person, entries via BAWA website
- Special Teams Event - Wednesday 24th July



## Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

Well done 'Focus' for keeping the bridge players of Western Australia informed and updated with all the latest bridge news, and lots of interesting articles too, for the past decade. What a great achievement!



On behalf of all our members, thank you Linda Bedford-Brown for your amazing energy and enthusiasm that always shines through each edition. We hope to see you stay on as editor of the BAWA newsletter for another 10 years!

Congratulations to the **winners** and well done to all who participated in making our Congress such a success.

Results of the Melville Congress (9 and 10 March):

Best Qualifier: **Nigel Dutton and Marie Merven**

Best Melville Qualifier:



Jeannie Ravn and Danny Ravn  
with President Dorothy Stevenson

**Finals:**



1st Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes



2nd Kate Watson and Murray Webber

3rd Jonathan Pynt and Nick Cantatore

Best Melville Pair in the Finals:



(Merwyn Menezes) and Noel Daniel

**Plate:**



1st Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski



2nd (David Shockman) and Dave Munro



3rd Kay Johnson and Dominico Rocchiceoli

**Consolation:**



1st John Beddow and Pam Beddow



2nd Cassie Moran and Elizabeth McNeill



3rd Laurel Lander and Loh Se-Moi

**Congress Teams:**



1st Valerie Isle, Ros Warnock, Cassie Moran, and Elizabeth McNeill with Director Dave Parham



2nd Dave Munro, Dave Shockman, Viv Wood, and Cynthia Belonogoff



3rd Margaret Newton, Sheila Gould, Chris Lawrence and Evelyn Tay

**Best Melville Team:**



Bridget Cooke, Rachel Shave, Ayesha Ghosh and Elizabeth Cooke

**Rockingham Bridge Club**

From Ian Oldham



Pisces Pairs winners Ian Oldham and Val Oldham with President Jill Dawson



Pisces Pairs best Under State Masters Jan Pearson and Liz Sayers

**Coming Up:**

- o Mon April 15<sup>th</sup> Aries Pairs

- Wed April 24th Teams – Random
- Mon May 13th Taurus Pairs
- Fri May 24th Individual Championship
- Mon June 17th Winter Pairs



## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Monday Pairs Competition for the Joyce Moody Trophy were

1st	Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage
2nd	Helen Baker and Jean Calder
3rd	Barbara Martin and Michael Smith



Shirley Drage and Shirley Bloch

Our next Club Competition is the GNO Teams event, which commences on Monday April 8. This is our only Gold Point Competition for the year.

Congratulations to BAWA Focus magazine and to Linda Bedford Brown on celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the publication. West Coast Bridge Club has appreciated the opportunity to be involved and to give recognition to the achievements of our members.

## Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

An Encouragement Award came back with the first team from the Geraldton Bridge Club to compete in the premier bridge event of the year—the Gold Coast Congress.

The team of Maureen and Chris Knight, Jeanette Day and Bryan Baldock joined 2000 other

competitors from all over the world at Broadbeach Qld to play two sessions of bridge a day, for a week.

In each concurrent competition the same set hands were played, so each person could compare their play with the world champions. Maureen Knight said: “It is an amazing sight walking into a room with 450 bridge tables. At the Club we think twelve tables is a crowd!”

The team also found time to attend coaching and educational sessions.

Club members are already booking to go next year



L to R: Maureen Knight, Bryan Baldock, Jeanette Day, Chris Knight



## West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

Happy 10th Birthday **Focus** and all congratulations to Linda and her past and present Editorial and Production teams. We at WABC look forward each month to reading Focus, celebrating local successes, catching up on BAWA and Congress news and advertising and enjoying the excellent articles on all aspects of bridge. Keep it going team!



February saw the completion of our Individual Championship with the worthy winner being **Anne Youngs**. This is always a fun event and this year was held as a daytime competition. 17 tables competed over two days and were very well organized by our hard working director David Burn. A happy group stayed on after the completion of the event to toast Anne.

Another eagerly anticipated event was the New Members Party. Old and new members gathered for welcoming champagne on Sunday afternoon followed by a very social game of bridge. This was followed by a magnificent High Tea to complete a great afternoon. Bottles of bubbly were presented to the new members who were winners of the "competition".



Jan Ross with Kitty George



## Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmuller

Jonathon Free directed our SUMMER PAIRS event which was held on three Monday evenings in March. Thirty six pairs took part.



They were: Michiel De Ruyter with Toby Manford



The winners were BRIAN FENSOME and TAD BIEGANSKI



Verna Holman with Bernie West



Edward Roscoe and Chris Price were 2nd



Mildred Snowden with Des Cain



John Beyfus and Joanna Tennyson 3<sup>rd</sup> CONGRATULATIONS to you all.

A very special couple from Undercroft celebrated their **60<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** recently. Don and Billie Skinner have been members at our club for many years and both have been supportive in the development of the club and its many activities. Billie is a Director and has served as the President. They were married in Perth on March 14<sup>th</sup> 1953. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement and best wishes for your future together.



Don and Billie Skinner being presented with a plaque and chocolates at their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Councillor Bill Stuart from the City of Stirling



## South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker



### To Focus!

And special thanks to Linda Bedford-Brown for making it such a useful and enjoyable resource for us all

The **South Perth Swiss Pairs**, held over three Monday nights finished on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

44 Pairs entered and a light supper was provided on the final night. Due to computer/printer problems, results were announced after many players had gone home; please accept our apologies for the lack of photos! Congratulations to the 7 winners.

1st	Bridget and Elizabeth Cooke
2nd	Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku
3rd	 <p>James and Stella Steer</p>
4th	Gerald Merven and Eugene Wichems
5th	Val Biltoft and Phil Tearne
6th	 <p>Jackie and Darrell Williams</p>
Best SP Pair	Pauline Collett and Joan Prince

### Australia Day Red Point Event - Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

21 ½ tables played in two sections.

Blue Section winners:

N/S	Bill Symons and Les Calcraft
E/W	John and Kris Hughes

Red Section winners:

N/S	Abe Rosenstreich and Christa Nimmo
E/W	David Matthews and Chris Ingham



John and Kris Hughes

### McCutcheon Award 2012



Director Jan Howell presents **Dave Munro** with the McCutcheon Award for winning the most Master Points in 2012 for Silver Life Masters

## Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Maureen Heslop

Our Red Point event held on March 11th was won by **Barbara Partridge and Ken Partridge** with 60.70%

2nd Maureen Heslop and Raine Woodhead with 59.10%

3rd June and Reg Dawson with 58.30%

12 Small slams were made during the afternoon.

Afternoon tea of chicken and salad was organized by our Catering Committee.

On 11th February 2013 we held our AGM and the following were elected onto the committee:

- **Maureen Heslop** (President)
- Rod Rylatt (Vice President)
- Reg Dawson (Secretary)
- Richard (Dick) Sudweek (Treasurer)

Gisela Leonhardt, Evelyn Banks and Lyn Fakira Committee Members.

The club plays regularly on a Monday and Thursday afternoon at Seacrest Community Hall, Seacrest Drive, Sorrento. Players are asked to arrive by 12.15 for a 12.30 start. Visitors' fees are \$4 including a cuppa.

For further details please contact:

Maureen Heslop on 9309 4963 OR  
Reg Dawson on 9409 4534.



## Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The Fiske Warren 8 week beginners course commences May 7th 10.00am to noon and further details are available from Fiske [fiskebridge@bigpond.com](mailto:fiskebridge@bigpond.com)

Fiske will also be running during May 8th and 22nd Two Sessions on the Two Over One system. 10.00 – noon.

April Workshops with Fiske:

- ✓ Responses to 1NT – How Effective is your structure April 24th 10.00-noon
- ✓ No Trump Openings and Rebids - April 30th 12.45pm - 2.45pm. This workshop is suitable for inexperienced players and players in supervised sessions.



The Club Championship Pairs held in March was won by **Dave Munro and Bruce Fraser**

2nd Charlie Lim and Lily Lim with

3rd going to May Schonwolf and Di Quantrill

Congratulations to club members **Matthew Raisin, Simon Brayshaw, Stella Steer, James Steer, Wendy Driscoll** and **Shizue Futaesaku** who will be the Open Team representing WA at the Australian National Championships in Adelaide.

## Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

From Sue Lia

### Kalgoorlie Bridge Goes on Display

From Pam Moore

On the first Sunday in March community groups were invited to take part in an open day organised by the Goldfields Repertory Club and among the many showing off their facilities was the Kalgoorlie Bridge Club. The stand displayed general information about the game of bridge as well as free bridge lessons and magazines. It was a chance to dispel the common image of elderly women at play as the stand was manned by some male members as young as seventeen. The interest was high and some new members were signed on.



## Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Bunbury Bridge Club held their "Open Day", Saturday, 16th February. The promotion campaign consisted of paid advertising as well as some free publicity, along with colourful posters and flyers, plus local radio coverage making for a successful day. Members volunteered to do letter box drops in their area, to bring new players into the club.

If we all brought one person into classes, imagine the increase in numbers of bridge players across WA.

For my part, I have enrolled as a volunteer with the local Youth Group, Fuzion and hope to stir up some interest in learning bridge. Who knows, Capel may produce the next Youth Champion Bridge Player.

The Sponsored Pairs was won by Nils Andersson and Colin Bell – Congratulations

## Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

It is an exciting time for members at the Bayswater Bridge Club which meets at the Old Peninsula Hotel Dome Ballroom in Maylands. The Heritage building with its ornate ceiling, polished floor and velvet drapes has a lovely warm atmosphere in keeping with our friendly club. However with numbers growing steadily due to weekly lessons by Sandy S-M and Sue Levy, and also by word of mouth, the club will eventually need to look for larger home premises. A submission has been made to the Bayswater City Council for use of another Heritage building, the Old Maylands Library on Guildford Road, Maylands.

The club is holding its Inaugural Annual General Meeting on Wednesday April 3rd 2013 with all current executive and committee members re-nominating for positions as well as others nominating to come on board. Application has now been made to BAWA for affiliation and applications have been made to the Lotteries Commission for electronic equipment so our fledgling club will soon be stretching its wings.

Evening classes are currently underway and it has been mooted that an evening session of bridge on Mondays at 7.00pm will be announced in the next few weeks. A Welcome Bayswater Red Point will be held in the coming months. In the meantime at least two tables of members from Bayswater are looking forward to participating in the Foundation Day Red Point Event in June at the Italian Bridge Club in Fitzgerald Street Perth.

The club was abuzz recently when Silver Grand Master and International player Alexandra Russell came along to play. It gave the members a real boost. Her friendly support in all areas of the game including play, bidding and directing

was inspirational and the members are looking forward to welcoming her again. Another person who has inspired our club is Ian Sutherland who "trollies" every week on the train from Armadale and helps in every way he can to promote bridge and our club. We now have a bridge library started up with the many bridge books Ian has donated.

Six pairs from the Bayswater club recently attended a Charity Day at the Mt Lawley Golf Club and helped to raise over \$3000 for various charities. Four pairs from the Bayswater Bridge Club will be attending the next Charity Day to be held in support of the Save the Children Fund on Monday April 8 at the Mosman Park Golf Club; Bridge, lunch and a glass of wine all for a good cause.

Steve Mills from 6PR has recently been discussing the Bridge scene on air and by emails with Isla Palmer from the South Perth Bridge Club. "Millsy" is wondering how bridge clubs in Western Australia could support Telethon in 2013 and The Bayswater Club has expressed interest in the venture. The club could support the charity either by holding a normal session where proceeds go to Telethon or by joining in a more public display with a "bridge" theme.

The club has an email address now: [bayswaterbridgeclub@iinet.net.au](mailto:bayswaterbridgeclub@iinet.net.au) and we are working on a website.

For any information email us or ring Sandy on 0448 005 967

## Busselton Bridge Club

From Jane Moulden  
Congratulations to Focus on its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I always look forward to the first of the month to see what's happening in the rest of the WA bridge world. I particularly like the input from Nigel on the overall scene, the information on etiquette and laws, but especially the photos and news of what everyone else is doing. As well as acknowledging all achievers, these put names to faces and help camaraderie between the WA bridge clubs. Focus is also a tremendous vehicle for advertising and finding out about upcoming events.

Busselton Bridge Club was bursting at the seams over summer with so many bridge players visiting the South West. The stand out attendance

was 18 tables at Dunsborough in January which meant 2 movements. As far as I know this is a first for our club. This necessitated a hasty trip home for an extra set of boards and a radical rethink for our directors. Congratulations to director of the day Brian Appleyard and club president Margaret Nixon for carrying off the day so well.

Summer also meant the revitalization of our Tuesday night session in Busselton. As the holiday season draws to a close it's important that you check with Margaret (9752 2635) before you pop into a Tuesday session.

Don't forget our Zonta Charity Day on June 29<sup>th</sup> and the South West Friendly Teams on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Entries via BAWA website.



Best wishes **Focus** on your 10th Birthday. Thank you for linking together the Bridge scene across Western Australia.

Congratulations to Linda for creatively developing Focus and together with Beata, evolving Focus into a word class e-magazine that delivers very useful advice on bridge play, on bridge ethics as well as information from the Clubs. Focus is a valuable resource for bridge in WA.

### *South Perth Bridge Club*

Dear Linda

Bunbury Bridge Club have asked me to write to you to congratulate you on the 10th Anniversary of Focus Magazine. The work that you and your co-editors have done over the last 10 years has been truly magnificent.

It is a magazine that is appreciated very much in our Club, and the way it is presented is enjoyed by all our members. It's content is suitable for all of us - experienced and new bridge players, young and old - unfortunately there are not many 'young'!!

We wish you continued success and hope that you will be in a position to continue with your good work.

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Gale, Secretary

*Bunbury Bridge Club*



# Chasing the Ladies

From Gerry Daly

- How do you play 6H on the following hand after a 3H opening and no opposition bidding after the lead of Ace and another spade?

Brd	24	♠	
Dlr	W	♥	
Vul	Nil	♦	
		♣	
♠	J54		♠ KQ7
♥	AJ87653		♥ K4
♦	K2		♦ A76
♣	9		♣ AQT76

	♠		
	♥		
	♦		
	♣		

9	18
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Lead: SA

- How do you play 5C after RHO has dealt and opened 1S and LHO raises to 2 or 3 spades after your take out double. First three tricks are Spade Ace lead followed by Heart to K and then Ace.

Brd	20	♠	KJ
Dlr	W	♥	Q
Vul	All	♦	AKQ
		♣	AKT9876
♠	T		♠
♥	AK		♥ 32
♦			♦
♣			♣

	♠		
	♥		
	♦		
	♣		

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Lead: HA

- Do you play the first hand any differently if over your 3H opening LHO makes a take out double?

Both hands are dependent on locating the Queen of trumps. Most of us got some advice early in our bridge career's that purports to guide the finessing decision in relation to missing queens. The rule is "eight ever, nine never" The "eight ever" bit means that if missing 4 small cards and

the Queen you should always finesse. If you look at the distribution table below you will see that this is sound advice. The finesse is a 50% shot whereas dropping a singleton Queen (5.7%) or doubleton (27.1%) combines to a much poorer 33% chance. Clearly we take the finesse unless we have other information that it is not working.

What about Nine never? This applies when you are missing 3 small cards and the Queen. Well this advice certainly appears dodgy. Sure, the chances of dropping the queen are marginally better at 52% (12.4% singleton Q + 40% doubleton) compared to the 50% finesse. It is hardly enough difference to say "never finesse" though. So my version of this rule sounds less catchy and is "eight ever (finesse after some thought), nine, lets double check all the evidence before we decide what line to take".

In the first problem you have no information from the bidding to guide you. You would normally go with the 52% chance and play for the drop. You know most of the other declarers will do the same. If for some reason you are happy to gamble for a top at risk of a bottom you can go for a second round finesse. It is just as likely to be successful but may give a different result to the room.

What if LHO made a Take out double over your 3H opening bid? There are only 13HCP outstanding. Without thinking further you might say LHO needs the QH points for his bid. Can this be right? Would you make a T/O X at the three level with a balanced 13 count including a doubleton HQ and a threadbare spade suit? I certainly wouldn't but of course there are many different styles. If I had to make a decision at the table I would assume that the double was based on heart shortage and therefore take a finesse against RHO for the trump queen. It only takes a slight suggestion that the Q is with LHO to make the finesse the better % option. Of course you are not guaranteed success on each hand; simply that in the long run you will be making slightly more

of these contracts than if you had blindly followed a suspect rule.

Although the actual outcome does not affect the reasoning above here is the full hand for those interested.

Brd 24	♠ AT93				
Dlr W	♥ 2				
Vul Nil	♦ QJ84				
	♣ KJ83				
	♠ J54	N		♠ KQ7	
	♥ AJ87653	W	E	♥ K4	
	♦ K2			♦ A76	
	♣ 9	S		♣ AQT76	
				♠ 862	
				♥ QT9	
				♦ T953	
				♣ 542	

11	
9	18
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The hand comes from a recent congress and also brings with it a useful lesson on matchpoint tactics. In matchpoint scoring the winning strategy is to avoid bottoms and score as many above average boards as possible. Playing in 4H making 11 tricks was worth 50%. 2 Pairs bid 6H. One went down scoring 5% and one made scoring 91%. This pair would have also scored 91%, without any risk, for playing in 4H and making 12 tricks. The top went to someone who got lucky in 6NT. In Imps (teams) scoring you can justify bidding 50% slams or better because the upside is equal to the downside. In mp's (pairs) scoring you don't need to be as aggressive in the bidding and can let your card play do some of the work in improving your score. If responder held a third heart pushing on to 6 would have been warranted. It is also worthwhile learning Roman Keycard Blackwood which allows us to stay out of slams where we are missing a keycard (any ace or trump king) and the queen of trumps.

The second hand comes from an event that was based on imps scoring. You are faced with the same choice of lines to locate the queen of trumps. In checking the evidence you first note that the opponents have only sixteen HCP between them for the opening bid and raise. Clearly there is some distribution involved. Has RHO opened on a 10 count and 6 spades to the Q10 or has LHO raised on 4 or 5 spades to the ace and some distribution? If we are generous we will say that the drop works 52% of the time as per the odds table. However in reality the bidding suggests that one opponent is likely to be short in clubs reducing the chances of this line. What

about the finesse? I reckon the opener is much more likely to have an 11 count which needs the QC than a 10 Count. I can also imagine plenty of hands where responder can raise with only a 4 or 5 count, thus not needing QC for his bid. We only needed to push the odds slightly in favour of the finesse to make it the preferred line. I guesstimate that the chances of a successful finesse are in the order of 90%. Unfortunately due to lack of entries to dummy you cannot take the safety play of cashing one high club first. So you grit your teeth and ruff the KS with CJ noting with a certain satisfaction that your flamboyance has piqued partners attention. Now play a club to the 10 and all ends well. A surprising number of declarers failed to follow this line. Some may not have properly considered the inferences from the bidding. Others certainly "wanted" to choose this line but seemed to need assurance that the finesse was guaranteed to succeed before deviating from the "normal" "Clubs from the top" line.

The full EW hands were

♠ QT9865	N	♠ A432
♥ AK7	W	♥ J9832
♦ 6	E	♦ T82
♣ Q42	S	♣ 3

Hopefully the article will assist in your future endeavours at chasing the missing ladies at the bridge table.

Outstanding Cards	Possible Holding	Percentage	Number of Hands	% Singleton (Drop or Finesse)	% Doubleton	% Trebleton
2	1-1	52.0	2	52.0 Drop any, no finesse	48.0	NA
	2-0, 0-2	48.0				
3	2-1, 1-2	78.0	6	26.0 Finesse K but not QJ	52.0	22.0
	3-0, 0-3	22.0				
4	3-1, 1-3	49.7	8	12.4 Finesse K but not QJ	40.7	37.3
	2-2	40.7				
	4-0, 0-4	9.6				
5	3-2, 2-3	67.8	20	5.7 Finesse KQ but not J	27.1	40.7
	4-1, 1-4	28.3				
	5-0, 0-5	3.9				



## WESTERN SENIORS PAIRS

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013

10 am start each day

For ABF Seniors Events players must be born before 1 January 1955

**This is a Gold Point and PQP Selection Event**

**Venue:**

**West Australian Bridge Club  
7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne**

**Entries:**

**Via the BAWA Website:**

**[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)**

**Entry Fee: \$80 Per Player**

(Collected at the table or Payable on Line:  
BAWA BSB 016464 Acc No 255674541  
Description: Your name + WSP)

**Tournament Unit:**

Bill Kemp & Dave Parham

**Tournament Organiser:**

Kitty George

[kitty.george@bigpond.com](mailto:kitty.george@bigpond.com)

0408097881



**WABC 2013**

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS

To be held at the

WABC CLUB ROOMS

7 Odern Crescent SWANBOURNE

**FRI May 31<sup>st</sup> to MON Jun 3<sup>rd</sup>**

ORGANISER: Kitty George - 9447 5303

CHIEF DIRECTOR: Bill Kemp - 9447 0534

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## RED POINTS & CASH PRIZES ALL EVENTS

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<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Congress Pairs</b>
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10am &amp; 2pm</b>	<b>Congress Teams</b>
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10am &amp; 2pm</b>	<b>Swiss Pairs</b>

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Sunday and Monday

# Masterpoint Mysteries

From Ian Bailey

*Masterpoint Secretary of Nedlands Bridge Club*

When you have a good day at the table, you will earn some masterpoints. You may have wondered at some time how these are worked out and quite likely at this point you mind moves on to some other mystery of the universe or what you are having for dinner. Now that you have had your dinner, I will make an attempt to enlighten you about some of the mysteries involved in masterpoints.

There are three types of masterpoints. They are given the quite unimaginative names of green, red and blue. Green masterpoints are assigned in ordinary club events. Red points are given for approved club events, state competitions and other special events such as congresses. Gold points are assigned in national competitions, such as the GNOT. Some may quibble and say that there is another grade of points coloured blue, that has nothing to do with blue lights. These are awarded for supervised sessions. However, I can't recall anyone ever taking any notice of this, so I will ignore it. In any case, the scoring program used by most clubs (given the typically devious name of ASE8 by computer programmers to disguise the purpose of the program) doesn't even admit to their existence. Why should I bother to let this complicate my life?

When you get enough masterpoints, you can be promoted to higher master rankings. You can go as far as regional master with green points alone, but to proceed any further, you need to get red points. To get to life master, you need gold points. After that, there is nothing left except to rise to the glorious rank of grand master.

The number of masterpoints allocated to any event is determined by a fancy mathematical formula. There is a masterpoint manual though that has tables of masterpoints for commonly used events, so it is not necessary to employ a mathematics professor to do all the calculations. The scoring program ASE8 will work them out for you anyway.

Something that many players are not aware of is that that more masterpoints are awarded in Howells than in Mitchell movements. For

instance, for seven tables, the total number of masterpoints given for the whole field using a Mitchell movement is 1.88. Should you run a Howell instead, then it would be 2.64. In my experience, most players don't want to go to the trouble of working out what table they have to move to for the next round, and they want to play more than two boards at a table. The club has to pay for all masterpoints awarded, so running a Mitchell for seven tables saves the club in the vicinity of \$2. If it comes to the crunch, the club could probably scrape the extra cash together. The money is paid to the ABF (Australian Bridge Federation). This is a major source of revenue for the ABF.

The next question is how the ABF finds out about the masterpoints awarded by the club. This is the job of the masterpoint secretary. The ASE8 program can be persuaded to put together the green points awarded during the last week, or whatever time you last extracted the points. I don't know about you, but I always get an uneasy feeling about the computer doing things for me and I have no easy way of checking that it got it all right. But it does seem to work so I live in hope and cross my fingers regularly. Once ASE8 has extracted the points, they are sent to the ABF. This used to be done quarterly, but now it is done monthly. So once a month the masterpoints secretary has to get the points together and send them off.

This procedure applies to only green point events. When it comes to red point events, extra work is necessary. The masterpoint secretary will sort out the masterpoints for any particular competition, for instance, the club open pairs. It is important to check that the points generated by ASE8 are correct. Would you believe that sometimes directors make mistakes when entering the details of a competition? You thought directors were perfect, didn't you? When you have checked it all you send the results off to the State masterpoint secretary for approval. The ABF will not accept red points unless they have been formally approved in this way. When approval is given, you can submit the

points in the usual way whenever the fancy takes you.

Just to fill in some more detail, masterpoints are sent to the ABF as a computer file with a specific format. ASE8 will produce the points in this format. Occasionally, things will go wrong and you have to build up the masterpoint file yourself. This is not terribly difficult, but you have to enter ABF numbers of all the combatants, and make sure that you get these right. There are ways of checking this but I will show mercy and spare you the details.

It is important that the masterpoint secretary keep track of all the points that have been finalized. The ABF takes a dim view of things if you send the same points off twice. And players take a dim view of you if you forget to send in their masterpoints. I can point out that the ABF sets a limit on the number of red point sessions the club can run in any year so a record must be kept.

Those are the main tasks for the masterpoint secretary. It's not terribly difficult and the most important thing is to keep track of everything. Usually things run along smoothly, but occasionally something goes wrong and then there can be big problems. For instance, last year it took over a month to find what happened to the records of a red point event. Some players care about their masterpoints and if you make a mistake you can be hounded until it gets sorted out. Other players couldn't care less. But who plays bridge for fun? Aren't we all terribly serious about our game? Now tell me you don't really want to win!

What more can I say? May masterpoints rain upon you.

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The West Australian Bridge Club



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# Capel Life

The Best Laid Plans of Mice and Men



By Di Brooks

The old Scottish saying of the Best Laid Plans of Mice and Men are Oft to go astray was so true on Friday, 8th March. We were due in Albany for 12 noon, so I could deliver a eulogy for my friend, Carol Flack. (Carol was Kojunup Director for the Monday sessions and President for two years. To this day, Carol is the TOP Player for Kojunup Bridge Club in the Top 50 All Time Players)

The plan was to leave home just after 8am and take a steady drive down South. There were two routes to choose from, so Al decided to go through Mt Barker. *Big Mistake*. Road works everywhere, speed limits down from 80 to 40 in places. *Blood Pressure Up*. Not helping were the dear sweet souls who do 45 kms in a 60 zone. To say we were both on high levels of stress would be an understatement. My darling husband, who always lectures me and the family about speeding, decided to be like My Fair Lady and get me to the church on time! I phoned ahead, giving our time frame for arrival. We were told, "Put Your Toe Down"! I had to laugh. We had just been pinged by the police, pulled over for 10 minutes, whilst the good officers a/ wrote out the ticket and b/ tried to find a map of the local area, so we would know where to go! Driving up to the crematorium, we were greeted by a funeral assistant.... "Take a deep breath. Regain your equilibrium. All is in hand." Thankfully, I was third in line and could sit and relax for a few minutes. I'm sure my friend watched us, laughing at our antics. It's an absolute certainty that time, tide and road works wait for no man.

On a happier note, the Sunday monthly Capel Farmers Market was a great success, even with the weather being inclement. Luckily for me, I was allocated a stall inside; so no need for umbrellas and wet weather gear. Buyers were undeterred by the gloomy forecasts and every stall holder recorded a healthy profit. \$80 was raised -slightly down on the previous month but still a goodly sum to go towards buying more beads for the Fuzion Youth Group jewellery project. The only negative was when someone

walked off with my bead container, leaving me well out of pocket. I was not impressed.

This week is filled with meetings for different organisations. Well, it keeps me off the streets.... until Neighbourhood Watch, when I do a letterbox drop, with our Goodwood News Letter. One way of meeting locals and keeping them informed of community news.

Am off to the newsagents.... Maybe Lotto will be kind to us... especially as we have an expensive blue slip to pay.

....back to Bridge



## Different System Styles: Different Results

By Di Brooks

With a selection of three basic systems that players can choose as their favourite method, players need to be fully aware of each system, just so they know whether to bid over a Standard American 1NT, ranging from 15-18, 15-17, or whatever is the basic choice. With Precision and Acol opening of 1NT, opponents definitely need a convention against these weaker No Trump openings. Precision 13-15, Acol 12-14.

I prefer Modified Astro Pinpoint as you can show your single suited hand or a two suiter whilst still at the two level... other than bidding 2S which shows Spades and a Minor or 2NT showing both Minors 5 and 5. Jean McLarty and I play Pottage, so when the bidding passed around to South, who now opened 1NT Acol, 12-14, Jean considered her hand and bid 2C. This bid says "I have a long suit with 10-15 points". North passed and I

choose to bid 2H, declaring my 5 card major. Holding a singleton spade, we would be no worse off if Jean's long suit was spades. But if Jean now showed either of the minors as her long suit, I had support for them but not spades. Imagine my delight when Jean zapped me to 4H.

Deep Finesse says 3H by East or West, 3S by West but only 2S by East. The lead was the natural KD which allowed me to pitch Dummy's losing club and I made 4H. You will see that if North had been playing a conventional opening, to show a weak hand with two suits, the opening lead might have been a club and not a diamond. Who knows!

Brd 17	♠ A				
Dlr N	♥ 72				
Vul Nil	♦ T9532				
	♣ KT642				
	♠ QJ87643				♠ T
	♥ KJ64				♥ QT983
	♦ -				♦ A864
	♣ A9				♣ Q53
					♠ K952
					♥ A5
					♦ KQJ7
					♣ J87

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11	8
14	

On another subject, overcalls to an opponents opening one of a suit, even with their two opening, MUST have a certain substance. The reason we overcall is as follows:

1. To play the hand
2. Lead directional
3. Push the opponents bidding to a higher level

Give your partner a chance to make a sacrifice bid against a known vulnerable game for the opponents.

If you overcall with rubbish and partner is on lead, he won't thank you if he leads his doubleton Kx in your suit, in which you hold 5 or 6 lousy cards. At worst, your suit at the one level MUST be Q108xxx or better. If partner leads K from Kx, you may not win the first trick, but you sure will win the second trick in that suit... unless there is a void.

So when the opponents open 2S showing 6-10 points, five spades plus 4 of another suit, it's never worth the effort to overcall at the 3 level with a six card suit held by the 10. This is asking for trouble, especially vulnerable and worst still, holding KQJ9 in spades. Best to sit quietly and hope they stay in spades. If you make a free bid at the three level, vulnerable, your hand must be at

least a 16 count or you need to use the Rule of 2 and 3. This is a great guideline to assess whether you should even make a pre emptive bid when vulnerable. The "Rule" sounds complicated, but really it isn't. Just count the tricks you will lose, if you look to go down three tricks and you are vulnerable against non vulnerable... DON'T DO IT. Even Vul against Vul... not worth it if you are doubled down 3. That's 800 in Teams and a hard amount on an eight board match to pull back.



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# Harper and Hoffman

From Ross Harper

I am just back from the cold and frosty UK where I was lucky enough to have some games with the redoubtable Martin Hoffman

Just prior to leaving I was reading a book by former Scottish Internationalist Carl Dickel in which he mentions the Bennett murder case. Rubber bridge played by two couples.....the Bennett's and oddly enough the Hoffman's. No relation to Martin.

It all happened in Kansas, Missouri...the fateful date was September 1929. John Bennett was a prosperous perfume salesman and after a round of golf proceeded to his house for an evening's bridge playing with his wife. Near the end of the evening the following fateful famous hand came up.

Brd	♠ AT63		
Dlr	♥ T85		
Vul	♦ 4		
	♣ A9842		
	♠ Q72	N	♠ 4
	♥ AJ3	W	♥ Q94
	♦ AQT92	E	♦ KJ763
	♣ J6	S	♣ Q753
	♠ KJ985		
	♥ K762		
	♦ 85		
	♣ KT		

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14      8
10

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1S
2D	4S	All Pass	

Bennett went down drawing trumps. As Culbertson remarked "That was flirting with death ". After an argument with his wife, Bennett slapped her and announced that he was leaving. She found his gun in the bedroom. It was loaded and eventually shot him dead.

And of course experts commented on his play. His bidding was clearly rather bold. His play? Well he could have made it. So could we all once we have seen all four hands. The lead was the Ace of diamonds followed by Jack of clubs.

I must confess that while one expert simply announced that running nine of spades leads to success, I wonder if I could or would have played that way.

Lose to Queen of spades if East held it and a heart return....four losers! Culbertson also states that proper play was to establish the clubs before drawing trumps. Declarer is not worried about club ruff by West; as long as he follows twice.

The internet is full of theories on what was a tricky but not too difficult a hand. Several potential strategies said a commentator wisely.

1. Play two top clubs ending in dummy and ruff third club if covered by the Queen.
2. Finesse against West's Queen of spades
3. Endplay West for ruff and discard. Or heart continuation.

So there we have it.

Fortunately my wife does not carry a gun and if she did she would probably miss!

Mrs Bennett was (after the jury were out for eight hours) acquitted and played bridge for many years.

But back to London and a couple of Hoffman hands.

Brd	♠ A62		
Dlr	♥ 42		
Vul	♦ KQ9865		
	♣ 65		
	♠ QT8	N	♠ 9753
	♥ JT98	W	♥ 653
	♦ T2	E	♦ AJ7
	♣ QT74	S	♣ J82
	♠ KJ4		
	♥ AKQ7		
	♦ 43		
	♣ AK93		

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5      6
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You are in 3 NT by South and receive a heart lead.

Easy...just set up the diamonds. But take care. The only winning play is to play a small diamond to the 9. Would you have done that? Work it out.

Brd  
Dlr  
Vul

♠ J2  
♥ AQ2  
♦ AQJ97  
♣ 976

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A3  
♥ KT97  
♦ K853  
♣ K32

♠ KQT9876  
♥ 65  
♦ T2  
♣ AJ

♠ 54  
♥ J843  
♦ 64  
♣ QT854

14	
3	13
10	

The contract is 4 spades by South...a club lead to the K.

Duck. Duck Duck. East can do no harm. Lose a club, a diamond and Ace of spades. It is easy to go wrong by taking Ace clubs at the first trick creating an entry to West the danger hand.

Bridge is a simple but can be made complicated; if you blithely take the Ace of clubs. When East is in with the Ace of spades a club return and heart back causes no end of embarrassment with apologies to partner . Or if partner is not the brightest star in the firmament try a simple statement that two finesses out of two were wrong...and claim that you had a 75 per cent chance of making it. Conceal the 100 percent.

My thanks to Hoffman.

# happy birthday

## Thirty Years On

From Di Brooks

*Focus*, the B.A.W.A. newsletter celebrates its **10th Birthday**, under the editorship of Linda Bedford Brown, past co-editors, Sue Pynt, Nigel Dutton, Sandy Long, Pam Beddow and the current co-editor, Beata Bieganski.

Take a look at the photo of the B.A.W.A. newsletter, Vol 1, #5, under the penmanship of P Hughes. How times have changed. Check out the format of the past and present. Changes in Technique and Space age Technology as well as in the incoming committees, over the years, have affected the metamorphosis, from the one page newsletter, emerging as a huge colourful edition, full of interesting articles and photographs.

I remember eleven years ago, when in conversation with the then editor of the B.A.W.A newsletter (every three months), Terry Glover. Terry was trying to drum up interest from the state players, urging them to put together articles for the next edition. Very few people were prepared to help out. It was then I realised that we all need to be party to supporting our great mind sport.

Grateful thanks to Linda, Pam, Beata and everyone who has put in their tuppence worth. Congratulations to them all for a job very well done.



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# Your Bid Your Play

By Bill Jacobs



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With no one vulnerable, you are in second seat, holding:

♠ 852      ♥ KT432      ♦ 932      ♣ J6

The auction proceeds:

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
		Pass	Pass
1H	X	Pass	??

Playingimps, how do you respond (if at all) to partner's takeout double?

Decide, and then read on.

Responding to partner's takeout double of 1H, most experienced pairs play that 1NT shows a decent hand, around 7-10 points, with a heart stopper. This hand doesn't qualify, and a 1NT response will likely drive your side too high. It's unpleasant, but the expert bid is 1S, on the 3-card suit.

But in a recent team event, several players who faced this problem did in fact bid 1NT. They were raised to 3NT by partner – I told you, you would get too high.

The opening lead is H8 (fourth best):

Brd      ♠ AKQ  
 Dlr      ♥ Q  
 Vul      ♦ KQ7654  
          ♣ A97



♠ 852  
 ♥ K10432  
 ♦ 932  
 ♣ J6

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That dummy is perhaps more than you deserve. Anyway, dummy's HQ holds the trick, RHO following H7. Your play.

Decide, and then read on.

Here is the full deal:

Brd      ♠ AKQ  
 Dlr      ♥ Q  
 Vul      ♦ KQ7654  
          ♣ A97

♠ 1094	N	♠ J763
♥ AJ985	W	♥ 76
♦ A	E	♦ J108
♣ KQ84	S	♣ 10532

♠ 852  
 ♥ K10432  
 ♦ 932  
 ♣ J6

Don't tell me you fell for that line about "HQ holding the trick".

In 3NT you should overtake the HQ with the HK to lead a diamond up. You will make 3NT if LHO has DA singleton or the suit is 2-2. Even with your cavalier play of the heart honours, it is *impossible* for the defenders to take 4 heart tricks after winning their DA.

But if you fail to take advantage of the offered entry to your hand, you are forced to lead diamonds from dummy, and are likely to go down by leading an honour.

## Forum-online

If you have an interesting comment or observation to make Forum is the place to have your say.

You will find Forum on the Focus Online under Regular Features.

(All Forum discussions are deleted each month as and when the new Focus is uploaded)

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed.

# Country Championships 2013

From Di Brooks

This was another successful event by Eugene Wichems and Robina McConnell for 2013. Held in Bridgetown in the Community Hall fifteen and a half tables vied for the Country Championship.

## Saturday Pairs

Highest Qualifier:

**John Whiting and Diane Bishop**

## Final



1<sup>st</sup> **Kay Thompson and Ken Else** (Albany)



2<sup>nd</sup> **Murray Webber and Kate Boston** (Bunbury)



3<sup>rd</sup> **Jan Morgan and Peter Morgan** (Bunbury)

## Plate



1<sup>st</sup> **Jean McLarty** (Mandurah) **Di Brooks** (Bunbury)

2<sup>nd</sup> Pippa and Barry Witham (Kojonup)

3<sup>rd</sup> Anthony and Ruth Warburton (Bridgetown)

## Sunday Teams



1<sup>st</sup> **Robina McConnell, Gerald Merven, Trish Anderson and Eugene Wichems** (Mandurah-Busselton)



2<sup>nd</sup> **Di Brooks, Kathy Power, Jean McLarty and Phil Power**, (Bunbury - Mandurah)

3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Stevens, Brian Wade, Phyl Barnes and Joy Gibson (Bunbury)

The cost of lunches was built into the entry fees. All of this was donated to the Anglican Church for their Youth Program. The ladies of Bridgetown Bridge Club did a brilliant job with the food. A delicious selection of both sandwiches **and hot soup** was served for lunch, with continuous tea and coffee on tap, with ample supplies of tasty treats through the weekend.

Convenor, Robina McConnell, made special mention of the sportsmanship shown by Rita Leeming, after Rita made a claim as declarer and then realised her actual play hadn't taken into consideration a trump left outstanding. Fair play at it's best.

Bottles of wine were given as encouragement awards to players who entered the Country Championship for the first time. The prize monies were generous. Every aspect of the event was terrific.

Director, Peter Holloway kept everything flowing. Bouquets to everyone for making the weekend so enjoyable.



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Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Open Pairs</b>	
	Qualifying	10.30am
	Final/Plate	2.30pm
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Swiss Teams</b>	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Session	9.00am
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	1.00pm
	Prizes	Appr 4.30pm

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- Travel down YORK St
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- LEFT into MILL St (3<sup>rd</sup> street)
- Bridge club at end of street (next to park)





# Winning Choice

By Ron Klinger



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## PROBLEM

West dealer; EW vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3C	Pass	Pass	?

What would you do as South with:

- ♠ K2
- ♥ A9432
- ♦ A103
- ♣ KQ3

From the final of a national open teams event:

Brd	♠ A96		♠ QJ853
Dlr W	♥ J87		♥ KQ105
Vul EW	♦ K87542		♦ Q96
	♣ 9		♣ 5
		♠	
♠ 1074		W	E
♥ 6			
♦ J			
♣ AJ1087642			
		S	
	♠ K2		
	♥ A9432		
	♦ A103		
	♣ KQ3		

At both tables the bidding began:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3C	Pass	Pass	?

At one table South chose 3H, a reasonable move, and North raised to 4H. All passed and West led the DJ. With the bad trump break declarer finished two down.

**Answer to problem page 29**



Coming up Events:

### • Men's & Women's Teams

4-weeks event starts Thursday, 8th of April

### • State Mixed Teams

4-weeks event starts Thursday, 18th of April

### • State Swiss Teams

4-weeks event starts Monday, 6th of May

### • State Open Pairs

6-weeks event starts Thursday, 23rd of May

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3-weeks event starts Monday, 8th of July



Based on masterpoints as at  
1st of January 2013

**3 Grades:**

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100 - 499

500 and over masterpoints

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# ROVING RHODES

## Murder at Melville



By Maura Rhodes  
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On the second weekend of March, Melville Bridge Club hosted a weekend Congress, which was very popular and entries filled quickly. Rick and I weren't able to play in the Teams, having received a better offer: our daughter and son-in-law were arriving from the Channel Islands with our first grandchild. Much as I love playing Bridge, it doesn't bear any comparison to family and we were delighted to welcome the three of them. Little Sebastian is absolutely gorgeous and will bring us all great joy.

Fiske Warren and I played in the Pairs on Saturday and had a fortunate day when Lady Luck smiled upon us. Here is an interesting hand from the Final which gave us a surprisingly good score:

Brd 1	♠ K87		
Dlr N	♥ 3		
Vul Nil	♦ KQJ8743		
	♣ 74		
♠ 53		♠ AT62	
♥ AQ94		♥ KT7	
♦ AT952		♦ -	
♣ K8		♣ AJ9653	
	♠ QJ94		
	♥ J8652		
	♦ 6		
	♣ QT2		

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13	12
6	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Maura		Fiske	
	3D	X	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Declarer certainly had her bid, but the contract had no hope. After Fiske's take-out double, I looked at my Diamond holding, with a certain 3 tricks, plus the Ace of Hearts and other possible tricks with the King of Clubs and the Queen of Hearts and had no hesitation in passing the double at this vulnerability. Later when I looked at the results for this board, I was the only person

who found the pass. I asked Ron Klinger for his comments on this board and he agreed it was a no-brainer. If we have enough for game in NT, then we are likely to take 3D at least three off which is 500. Why don't other Bridge players use this kind of logic? Maybe they don't realise the potential of converting their partner's take-out doubles to penalty.

Unfortunately, as the round progressed, tiredness set in and my judgment deteriorated. I got lost in a complicated bidding sequence on the last board of the match and put my long-suffering partner into an impossible slam. Fiske was not impressed and said that he hoped it hadn't cost us the win. Fortunately, it didn't and we romped home in spite of my brain-storm.

Thank you to Melville for a very enjoyable day and to Dave Parham who directed proceedings, without any apparent effort- the mark of a competent director.

We enjoyed the rolls for lunch and I really thought the bowl of fruit, which was available for people to nibble on if they got peckish before lunch, was a fantastic idea- a healthy alternative for those of us who like to watch their waist-lines. Well done, Melville.

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# Exhilarating Exuberant Energetic Effervescence

From The Senior Serpent

We usually write Bridge articles for the readers of *Focus*. But this is not really a Bridge article. The following breaks a rule of your correspondent; that is the use in of the perpendicular pronoun made famous by Sir Humphrey Appleby ("Yes Prime Minister").

On this tenth anniversary of a Bridge Monthly for BAWA, I am celebrating in the Paradise of Cairns, Linda, your remarkable achievement over these years. I am always grateful for your urging and encouragement. You are an amazing motivator who gets us to do things repeatedly without ever seeming to be nagging; always excited, buzzing!

Your work now with Beata bursts at the seams with the lifeblood of Bridge; an Ode to the Common Man; all that Club News! It is always so vibrant, so widespread.

You have helped me personally to deal with a demon of personal diffidence and to present articles for your magazine. Be assured that work lives on. I now play a very active part here in Cairns with an emboldened measure of assurance, due very much to your persistence and patience. We have a membership of near 200, Bridge sessions every day except Sunday. But we suffer the isolation and therefore lack of exposure to the wider Bridge community. We work on it now.

We have to pay homage to a Bridge hand. We do in Cairns have the best technology, including the latest Deal Machine. So do believe me that this is a random deal:

♠ - ♥AKQ987532 ♦ - ♣AKQ9

One of our leading players decided the 532 were Diamonds, and ("I had only 18 points") opened 1H. Partner bid; lucky!

Your correspondent here had the same reaction but the penny dropped in time.

What do you do here? The Heart suit must be 90%+ chance to be solid. What about the Clubs? Another consideration is the Spade void. Tread

softly and we run the risk of the opponents' Spade competition. There seems to be little chance of "scientific" treatment. You can beat about the bush for a preference from Partner with 3 small Clubs.

Well ... I am proud to be able to say that this was the day that I was able to open a Grand Slam. So did some others. It was a good day. Partner had 3 small Clubs. So did each of my opponents.

I wish you Linda and Beata the best of success for the coming years.

Be grateful for ageing. A privilege some do not receive.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### South West Friendly Teams

Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> 2013

9.30 to 5.00

Director: Peter Holloway

Naturaliste Community Centre,  
Dunsborough



Lunch provided

Cost \$25 Entries via BAWA website

Convener Jane Moulden 9756 7752 or  
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# Results

## B A W A ( 0 - 3 0 0 ) P a i r s

1st	Peter McCann and Tuya Cooke
2nd	Merwyn Menezes and Patel Bhavna
3rd	Bill Symons and Salim Songerwala

## B A W A S u m m e r S w i s s P a i r s

1st	Gerry Daly and Geoff Cross
2nd	Leone Fuller and Sharon Evans
3rd	Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku

## Answer to the problem from page...26

At the other table South found the winning move, bidding 3NT, based on the balanced shape and club holding. Not only is there a danger of a bad trump break after an enemy pre-empt, but also South was the one with the club stopper. How could the partnership finish in 3NT if North happened to lack support for hearts?

When 3NT came to East doubled. No doubt he figured that with his major suit holdings, South was not likely to have a source of tricks. He was right that South did not have a source of tricks, but North provided it in the shape of a useful diamond suit. Declarer came to ten tricks for +650 and +13 Imps. A diamond to the king followed by a finesse of the D10 produces six diamond tricks to go with two spades, one heart and one club.

## March Pennants

ALBANY	50							50	<b>50</b>	
BRIDGETOWN	65.8	56.3	50.9	63.4				236.4	<b>59.1</b>	6 PTS
BUNBURY	54.4	56.8	44.5	47.1	52.1			254.9	<b>50.98</b>	
BUSSELTON	52.6	55	45.8	61.5	61	41.9		317.8	<b>52.97</b>	
ESPERENCE	61.8	63	55.3	44.4				224.5	<b>56.13</b>	2 PTS
GERALDTON	50							50	<b>50</b>	
KALGOORLIE	63.8	54.1	56.2	50.9				225	<b>56.25</b>	4 PTS
MELVILLE	54.6	63	44.4	49.7	54.9	57.8	60.4	384.8	<b>54.97</b>	
NEDLANDS	46.3	53.6	52.1	61.2				213.2	<b>53.3</b>	
ROCKINGHAM	62.3	55	57.3	46.4	59.3			280.3	<b>56.06</b>	
UNDERCROFT	58.1	56.3	59.8	60.7	49	47.3		331.2	<b>55.2</b>	

## 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.

# Diarize Now



## Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2013

	<b>April</b>	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Interstate Senior Selection Trials 10.00am start Nedlands Bridge Club
		Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Men's/Women's Teams 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Albany Congress</b>
	<b>May</b>	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Nedlands Bridge Club Autumn Swiss Pairs – 12.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> of 3</b>
		Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WABC Novice Congress</b>
		Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Mixed Teams 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Undercroft Midyear Congress</b>
		Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Western Seniors Pairs PQP & Gold Points
	<b>June</b>	May 31 <sup>st</sup> –June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>WABC Congress/Country GNOT</b>
		Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fremantle Bridge Club Congress</b>
		Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA – State Swiss Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> -Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Perth Bridge Club Mid-week Congress</b>
		Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Geraldton Bridge Club Congress</b>
		Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>South Perth Bridge Club Winter Open Swiss Teams</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2
<b>ANC 7<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Adelaide</b>	<b>July</b>	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs</b> <b>Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am</b>
		Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Graded Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 Venue Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
		Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mandurah Bridge Club Winter Swiss Pairs</b>
		Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Nedlands Bridge Club Congress 10.00am</b>
		Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bunbury Bridge Club Congress</b>
		Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
<b>**NOTE**</b>	<b>Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.</b>		
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# Western Australians at 2013 Gold Coast Congress

From Dave Munro and Darrell Williams

Another great success for the 52nd Gold Congress held between 23rd February and 2nd of March 2013. An estimated 2000 players participated over the 8 days of this prestige event that has world wide recognition. The organizing committee has continued to innovate with the program by introducing new events and changes in scheduling to better cater for players interests and capability.

WA had 46 participants. All arrived with thoughts of good fun, fellowship and great bridge. Hopes for success were high. There was clear elation

during the progress of events as WA players names appeared high in the divisional lists only to be followed by depression as expectations could not always be realized. Never-the-less there was some notable outcomes with **Doreen Jones** and **Catherine Hood** winning the Monday Swiss pairs and **Gerry Daly** and **Viv Wood** forth in their division of the Open Pairs. Viv was also a member of the winning team in the mixed teams section. **Noelene Law** took 2nd place in the Ivy Dahler Swiss Butler Pairs.



Winner Mixed Teams: William Jenner O'Shea, Vanessa Brown, **Viv Wood**, Mike Doecke  
*(Photo courtesy of David Stern)*

*(Seen at the Gold Coast from Darrell Williams, Bruce Fraser and Penny Styles)*



Monday Swiss Butler Pairs Winners: **Doreen Jones** and **Catherine Hood**  
*(Photo courtesy of David Stern)*





## Gold Coast Congress 2013 Results

can be seen on [Focus Online](#)

## ANC Open Final Winners

*(Archive photos)*



1st Matthew Raisin and Simon Brayshaw



2nd Stella and James Steer



3rd Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku