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Seen at the ANC

(Photos courtesy ABF)





President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

I was very pleased to see 28 pairs competing in the Daytime Open Pairs; it does seem players are keen on playing during the day rather than at night. BAWA is, however, conscious that players playing in the event are not playing at their clubs. I did look carefully through the entry list and was not too concerned. However, we will be keeping a close eye on this as the Association is not in competition with its affiliates. As always your views are welcome.

I have just returned from the 2014 ANC, held at the Canterbury Park Racecourse in Sydney, and can report a mostly successful event. Unfortunately our teams had only limited success with just the Youth managing to make the final; nevertheless, all players would have gained much from the experience. Sheenagh Young and some of her 2015 ANC team were at the Congress listening, looking and learning with the aim of making the 2015 ANC a most memorable event. I can assure all of you that the 2 week event next year at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle will be a feast of great bridge with lots of opportunities for our local players to play against new faces and earn stacks of Gold and Red points.

Even though we are 3½ months out it is good to see 10 pairs already entered for the **Grand Master / Restricted Pairs**. It is interesting to see how many players from the East are regular visitors to our website and last week a number of them commented on the event and what a great idea it was. If you are a Grand Master, or better,

why not find an up and coming player at your club and invite them to play. If you are a Restricted player (less than 300 Masterpoints) and are keen to play – email me and I'll do my best to find you a partner. Conversely, I would be pleased to hear from Grand Masters who would like me to help find them a partner. We have around 150 Grand Masters in Perth so I don't see why we can't fill South Perth Bridge club for the 2 week event.

Entries for the Swan River Open Swiss Pairs are coming in fast, with limited places don't miss out.



Coming up Events:

- **GNOT City Final & Restricted**

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st of August

- **State Mixed Pairs**

3-weeks event starts Monday, 1st of September

- **State Mixed Pairs - Restricted**

3-weeks event starts Monday, 1st of September

- **State Open Teams**

8-weeks event starts Thursday, 4th of September

- **State Open Teams - Restricted**

3-weeks event starts Thursday, 4th of September

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Mandurah Bridge Club

Form Wal Aldridge

The WINTER CONGRESS

The Mandurah Congress Soup Kitchen was in full swing with six delicious soups up for tasting - Thanks to Linda Ford and her team for making the catering side of the Congress a great success.

The Bridge had winners too with **Gerry Daly** and **Viv Wood** taking the top honours.



Gerry Daly and Viv Wood.



Runners-up Egmont Melton and John Beddow.



Sue Watson and Gudrun Kremmer won best below State Master Status - with Vera Hardman and Doug Hardman the best Mandurah pair



Robina O'Connell and Eugene Wichems best Country pair.

The Acton Raffle donated by Craig Hardman and Tina Waugh was won by Laurie Hayes.



The Judy Tuckey hamper was taken home by Deborah Greenway.



Bill Maley and Doug Hardman placed an overall 3rd in the Nationwide Pairs.



Congratulations to Ross Proudfoot and Terry Blakely for winning the Club Handicap Pairs.

Monday best 3 out of 4 was won by Vera Hardman and Doug Hardman and Tuesdays 3 out of 4 being won by Denise Sampson and Elsa Rouse.

Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Bunbury Bridge Club celebrated its **33rd** birthday on Monday, 7th July. (Although not the actual date, but when good food, alcohol and great company are the order of the day we weren't too worried). Twenty seven members brought along plates of tasty foods to share. Cheryl, wife of President Dennis Evans made two huge cheese cakes as the official Birthday Cake. And after enjoying a slice or two, everyone confirmed they were delicious.

President Dennis Evans did the presentations, acknowledging the winners for the past month as well as Member of the Month.



This award went to **Murray Webber** for all his efforts in organising the Club's Annual Congress.



Red Point Winners: Jennie Drennan & Gillian Disney.



Best Improved Players: Geoff Gatti and (Andy Males).

Wednesday, 11th June, Sponsored Event was won by Jo Bird and Sandra Main.



Old Stalwarts, Nils Andersson and Alex Wallis cutting the cake.

Each member attending the luncheon was given a Club pen to commemorate the celebration. Club Coordinator, Di Brooks, thanked everyone for their participation in making the Birthday Lunch a great success.



Ex - President (2013), Jim Offer, with (2014) President, Dennis Evans, presenting a cheque to Club Coordinator, Di Brooks, who convened the Charity Day, 27th June 2014, fundraising for the Royal Flying Doctors. A total of \$400 made up from the day's session takings, donations and monies raised from the in house raffle.



Members enjoying the day Gay Johnson, Jim Offer and Holly Nutley.

Winners of the Day:

N/S Nils Andersson and Di Brooks

E/W: Di Redgment and Fay Woods.

Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

Saturday, 19 July saw the Roy Hindmarsh Trophy held at the Fremantle Bridge Club. This Trophy is named after Roy Hindmarsh, who, together with his wife, contributed so much to the early years of the Club's development before they left for Queensland at the end of the 1990s to join members of their family. Roy particularly helped to establish the directing at Club events.

The Roy Hindmarsh Trophy is awarded in the competition to the highest placed partnership where neither of the partners has 100 master points or more. This year the Trophy was won by **Martin Jones** and **Sam Zurub**, pictured below.



West Australian Bridge Club

From Gwen Wiles

After a very busy May and June, we have had a relatively quiet month of July.

We hold the Charles Pearce Cup every Wednesday evening in the month of July. Members do not have to enter formally as it is just a walk-in event. The best of three determines the winners at the end of the month. We have just two Wednesdays to finish this event.

On Sunday 27th July we will be holding our Masters in Teams of 3 event. After a very slow start, and after a lot of spruiking for the event we now have a good turn out and it should be a very enjoyable day.

WABC upgraded our social area this month with the addition of new tables and chairs which look very classy. We had been discussing this change for some years and decided to go ahead with the old furniture being donated to The Salvation Army and the WA Historical Society who were very grateful to receive these items.

Our library also saw the addition of a new bookcase to house our books for sale. It completes the library and allows for more space to include the new editions the library personnel will be purchasing for the club for our learning and enjoyment.



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Club Championship Pairs Competition (Anton Brazowski Trophy) were

1st Baboo and Chotoo Baghat

2nd Leonie Lorian and Richard Pianta

3rd Hilary and Terry Heptinstall



Chotoo Baghat and Baboo Baghat

Sunday Bridge

I believe that West Coast is now the only club to be running a bridge session on Sundays!

Bridge commences at 1.30pm and you may come without a partner. Silvia Mata runs a very pleasant and friendly session and we welcome players from other clubs. Why not come and join

us if you find that you have a free Sunday afternoon and the Eagles or Dockers are not playing!

Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Cherry Zamudio

Members enjoying a Great Australia Day.

A happy day was had by all, with plenty of raffles, great sausages and onions (somehow they always taste better at the club!) and good bridge.



Our Congress which is always held in March was this year, probably, the most successful of all. A great deal of hard work went into the organisation and our heartfelt thanks to Denise who was again the Convenor.

So many bridge players living away from the Hills so enjoy a day in the country and our Club does lend itself to just this.

Recent Results:

Individual Championship held in January:	Nick Moniodis
Best players for the month for February were joint winners:	Jamie Paterson Stephen Thyer Peter Clarke
Best player for the month of March:	George Bozanich
Ladies Pairs Championship:	Wendy Harman and Carmen Jackson
Men's Pairs Championship:	Guy Gaudet and Stephen Thyer
Best player for the month of April was	Stephen Thyer
Inaugural Daytime Teams Competition:	Gordon Brown, Ian Brown, Anita Davis and Brian Davison



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The hot cheese scones of Ann Ashman welcomed players to another event at the club – and a cold morning it was. The one day event was a huge success due the weeks of planning by Ann Ashman and Betty Huntley and their committee.



Qualifying Winners:
Noel Daniels and Tony Stevens

2nd Bob Prince and Joan Prince

3rd Sandy Sutton-Mattocks and Walter Martins

Final



1st **Eddy Mandavy and Maura Rhodes**



2nd Bill Symonds and Peter Gill



3rd Gill Dolling and Mark Dolling

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Plate



1st **Charlie Lim**, (President **Linda Bedford-Brown**) and **Lily Lim**



2nd **Lynne Errington** and **Chris Bagley**



Equal 3rd **Linda Wild**, **Helene Kolozs**, **David Burn** and **Rica King**

EDITING OF MATERIAL

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Consolation



1st **Wendy Kappelle** and **Graeme Cronin**



2nd **Jan Blight** and **Doreen Jones**



3rd **Helen Kemp** and **Pat King**



Best Nedlands Pair:
Mimi Packer and **Phil Tearne**



Best Restricted Pair:
Gilda Rowland and Deb Greenway

Winning the Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs
Gerry Daly and Viv Wood



2nd Cassie Morin and Elizabeth McNeill

3rd John Nicholas and Maura Rhodes



**South Perth
Bridge Club**

From Jane Walker

The Club AGM and Elections will be held on
Sunday 27th July with an important item on the

agenda being the updating of the Club's
Constitution.

Recent Club Results

Browning Cup – 6th July 2014

This handicap event drew a good field. **Marnie Leybourne** and **Nick Cantatore** (pictured below with Vice President Bob Mitchell) won the session overall, but after handicapping, the overall winners were Jackin Clare and Lesley Maff. In second place were Shirley Kimber and Helen Arendts, and in third place, **Jackin Clare** and **Lesley Maff**, also pictured with a beaming Vice President Bob.



Club Novice Pairs Championship – 19th July

This event drew a huge and very competitive field and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all. Outgoing President Cassie Morin presented the prizes whilst less successful competitors carried out sometimes vigorous post mortems.



1st **Wendy Krummel & Liz Farr**



2nd Julie Crewe & Chris England



3rd Helen Lewis and Jackin Clare

Winter Swiss Teams Winners



Egmont Melton, Tad Bieganski, Beata Bieganski and John Beddow

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

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Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmueller

On Sunday July 6th we held the Jim and Irene Sanderson Teams of 4 and Neville Walker came from Mandurah to direct. It was a very pleasant day.



The winning team was **Ian Rowlands, Peter McCann, Chris Jenkins and Marie Sheridan**. Congratulations.



In second place were Chris Ross, Vina Maia, Louis Klein and Win Norstrand



David Cowell, Ann Hopfmueller, Chris Price and Stella Steer were third.



Ossie Trigwell is a past President and Life Member of the Undercroft Bridge Club. The Open Pairs are named in honour of him. The winners this year were Beata Bieganski and Carol Fensome. Well done ladies!



David Cowell and Ann Hopfmuehler were second



John Beyfus and Sheila Parker third.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday August 11th and several committee members will stand down. Armanda Torre has served as a committee member for many years and worked tirelessly for our club. She will be greatly missed, especially in the catering department.



Thank you Armanda for all of your efforts.

Happy Bridging



Busselton Bridge Club



Congress 2014

Naturaliste Community Centre,
Dunsborough Lakes

October 18th and 19th

Saturday 9.30am Pairs \$35 pp

Sunday 9.30am Teams \$35 pp

Director – Peter Holloway

Lunch provided

Entries via BAWA website

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“To alert or not to alert” (2)

By Matt McManus

Following on from last month’s article, try this quick quiz. Under the ABF/NSW Alerting Regulations, should the final call in each of these auctions be alerted or not?

	West	North	East	South
1	1H	P	4C (Gerber)	
2	2H (6-10, at least 5/5 in H & S)			
3	1NT	P	2D (transfer)	2H (takeout of H)
4	1NT	P	2D (transfer)	X (takeout of H)
5	4C (strong H pre-empt)			
6	1C	1S	2H (6-10 HCP; 5+H, NF)	
7	1NT	P	2D	3D (natural)
8	1NT	X	2C (Stayman)	
9	1C	1H	X (takeout, denies 4 spades)	
10	1C (Precision)	2C (both majors)		

Answers are at the end.

Some common questions about alerts: what to do if...

*** I forgot to alert and only realised later in the auction (or even in the play)?*

– Call the director immediately. There are some actions the director can take which may minimise the problems caused by your forgetfulness. The earlier you realise and call the director, the better it is likely to be for your side.

*** My partner didn’t alert my bid when he should have?*

– Keep very quiet until the correct time according to the laws. That is, if you become declarer or dummy, call the director and tell the opponents at the end of the auction. If you become a defender, call the director and tell the opponents at the end of the play. (This is exactly the same as if your partner were to give an incorrect explanation about the meaning of your bid.)

*** My partner didn’t alert my bid and now he has made a bid which I think is alertable? When he doesn’t alert, I know he thinks he is bidding naturally, but under our system it is something special.*

– Alert anyway. It is true that this will make partner realise his error, but the laws require you to alert. It is likely that the director will be needed to sort out the problem. There are a whole different set of procedures which the director will apply to ensure that the opponents are not damaged by you “waking your partner up”.

*** I think that my partner may have made a special call which I should alert, but I can’t remember the system?*

– Call the director. He may choose to ask you to leave the table while partner explains his own bid; that way your opponents find out about what your agreements are, as they are entitled to under the laws, and you don’t get to hear your partner explain his own bid.

What happens when I haven’t alerted when I should have?

It is up to the director to determine whether the opponents have been damaged by your failure to alert. It is often a fairly complicated process, which I won’t detail here. It may be that the director will award an adjusted score to compensate the opponents if he believes that they may have been disadvantaged. This may take the form of a score which is different to the one obtained at the table, or it may be an artificial score – a certain number of matchpoints (percentage) or IMPs for each side.

One very important principle which players often do not realise is that just because there has been

a failure to alert, it does not mean that the offenders will automatically be penalised and consequently the non-offenders benefit. In fact, the non-offenders have some responsibility to protect themselves in certain circumstances even though the opponents may have neglected to alert when it seems they should have. The more experienced the player is, the higher the responsibility placed on them to try to mitigate any problems arising from a potential failure to alert. The following two examples which I have encountered in the past year may help to demonstrate this principle.

(1) West opens 1S, North bids 2NT (no alert), East passes, South bids 3C and that becomes the final contract. It goes one off, but it turns out that EW can make nine or ten tricks in spades. East held 10 points and four spades and calls the director. As might be expected, 2NT was the unusual no-trump showing both minors. As it was a conventional call, it should have been alerted. East claimed that when it wasn't alerted, he thought it must have shown 20-22 points and so he didn't bid. As East was a very experienced, this was clearly nonsense. He was very aware that 2NT was not natural. He had hoped that he would get a good result at the table, and if it didn't work out, he would call the director to get the normal result restored.

If you thought that that was a prime example of "bush lawyering", what about this next one?

(2) With just NS bidding the auction goes, 1NT – 2C – 2D – 3NT (no alerts). East, on lead with five diamonds, does not lead one and the contract makes. EW could have taken the first five diamond tricks. He calls the director because South had failed to alert 2D. (2C was simple Stayman, which didn't require an alert as it is a self-alerting call, ie. considered to be automatically alerted. Technically, 2D, denying a major, should have been alerted – a conventional call.) East claims that when 2D wasn't alerted he assumed it must have been natural and so didn't lead a diamond. Like in the first example, East is quite experienced and was very well aware of what the auction was all about. And even if there had been any doubt, he had the opportunity to check about the meaning of the auction before making his opening lead. Not only did EW not get a favourable ruling from the opponent's failure to alert, I gave East a warning about unsportsmanlike behaviour, with the threat of a

penalty if he engaged in similar gamesmanship in the future. Directors need to be on the alert for players who try to use the laws in a way which is against the spirit of the game. Many times a player's failure to alert arises either from forgetfulness or uncertainty about a call's meaning. It may be appropriate that they not be penalised for such innocent mistakes.

Answers to Quiz

- 1) No alert. Calls above 3NT (except for conventional opening bids) are self-alerting.
- 2) Alert. Even though the bid is natural, it conveys additional meaning of which the opponents may be unaware.
- 3) No alert. Bids of suits either bid or shown by the opposition are self-alerting.
- 4) No alert. Doubles and redoubles are self-alerting.
- 5) Alert. Normally calls above 3NT are self-alerting, but there is an exception for opening conventional calls.
- 6) Alert. Even though it is natural, most pairs would play this as forcing on West to make another bid, so the opponents don't know that it could be quite weak.
- 7) No alert. Bids of suits either bid or shown the by opposition are self-alerting.
- 8) Alert. Normally 2C after partner's opening bid would be self-alerting, but that only applies in a non-contested auction. Here, North's double means that it should be alerted.
- 9) No alert. Doubles and redoubles are self-alerting, regardless of what they mean.
- 10) No alert. Bids of denominations (ie. any suit or no-trump) bid by the opposition are self-alerting, even if they are totally artificially.

Remember, a self-alerting call means that the call is considered to be automatically alerted, and the partner does not need to go through the normal process for alerting.



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My time in Western Australia, in the first week of July this year, started with a one-day Teacher Training Programme at Melville Bridge Club. The week that followed was the result of an ABF Special Marketing Grant application.



28 people came along to the Teacher Training Programme, on Sunday 29 June. The majority hailed from areas south of Perth. Bunbury was the most highly represented (10 people drove up for the day), led by Jim Offer and Monica Offer, and Peter Morgan and Jan Morgan, who have been at the helm of the club for a few years now. Their efforts, which include a modern teaching approach, have resulted in a big increase in membership. Other country areas represented were Busselton, Margaret River and Mandurah. Bayswater, Undercroft, Melville and South Perth also attended.



The TTP offers a modern approach to bridge teaching, and is based on successful methods that work. It's relevant for more areas of bridge than simply teaching. "How" to teach is the primary focus. "What" to teach is important too of course, but if teachers use the best materials, their job is

made a lot easier. The discussion was spirited, and I hope teachers embrace the concepts. As educators, it's necessary to constantly Self-analyse and look for ways to improve teaching styles. This will mean a growth in bridge players – both for the club and the ABF.

Next stop was South Perth, where Jan Howell had stepped forward to organise two workshops, Improve Your Judgment: Doubles, and Defence: Signals and Counting Hands. Doubles was the most popular topic chosen by many of the clubs I visited. Melville, the next day, had asked for this too. I believe that people don't use doubles enough, simply because it never occurs to them to.

That same day I started my journey down south. Sandy Sutton-Mattocks came along to familiarize herself with the local organisers, to whom BAWA will offer assistance. There was a great turnout at Bunbury that night, where the topic was Opening Leads.

Busselton was next, and Margaret Nixon continues to do a good job in the teaching area there too. Doubles was it again, and in the afternoon, new material on End Plays. It's exciting to present declarer play topics like this, and find that people are able to play the hands, once the underlying principles are explained



On our way back to Perth, I gave a workshop on Defensive Signaling at Mandurah. That group, headed by Neville Walker with Doug Hardman, his wife Vera, and Eugene Wichems in the teaching role, was very enthusiastic. That was a

busy day, and, (thanks to Sandy and Noel), I then boarded a plane to Kalgoorlie, for a lesson that night.

Pam Moore picked me up, and again, the topic of Doubles was selected. My memory of Kalgoorlie includes my speedy visit to the incredible Super Pit, where all that gold is mined. It's bigger than I could ever have imagined. Pam was a font of knowledge too.

The week disappeared very quickly. Thanks to all the people who made it so easy for me. Headed by Noel Daniel, they included Robina McConnell, Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, Di Nelson, Monica and Jim Offer, Peter and Jan Morgan, Margaret Nixon, Jan Howell and Pam Moore. I'm hoping to follow up with a Continuing Teacher Education programme next year in Perth.



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)



KALGOORLIE BRIDGE CONGRESS 2014

DIRECTOR: Peter Holloway

RED POINTS - SSSSS and Wine Prizes

26, 27 and 28 September 2014

At the Railway Motel, Kalgoorlie

Recommended Accommodation: Railway Motel - *mention Bridge Congress for great deal*

Fri 26 September

5.30 Registration

7.00 p.m. Welcome Pairs

Finger Food and Bar Open during registration time

Sat 27 September

9.30a.m. Open Pairs - Qualifying Round

2pm Open Pairs Final, Plate and Consolation

Sunday 28 September

9.30 a.m. Teams Competition

2pm Team Competition

Presentations and Farewells.

Free tea, coffee and iced water available throughout Congress. Bar available.

All three comps \$90pp:

Welcome Pairs \$20

Open Pairs \$35

Teams \$35

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Closing Date - Friday 19th of September

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Australian National Bridge Championships



Perth July 11th - 23rd

The Esplanade Fremantle

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The Rabbi's Rules <i>by Mark Horton and Eric Kokish</i>	\$29.95
Diamonds are a Hog's Best Friend <i>by Victor Mollo</i>	\$29.95

Teams of Four 2014

From John Beddow - Convener

The Teams of Four Competition is again being run this year.

Numbers are down for this year, mainly due to what I believe was an unrealistic burden on some of the larger clubs. For example, WABC fielded seven teams last year which I know put a great strain on their team coordinators trying to find players at certain times of the year. Perhaps we should run a T of 4 in Broome during the winter months. ☺ . I was particularly delighted to see Swan Districts remain for another year.

I would dearly like to see some fresh faces in this competition. I know some of the smaller clubs think that their members are not really interested in team matches, but for those players who wish to improve their rankings in the ABF Masterpoint scheme, there is no easier way than team matches. For example, you need to be in the top 50% to get MPs in a pair's event, but you can come absolutely bottom in a team's event and still get your Red MPs. This is because each member of the winning team gets 0.56 Red MPs in the Open, and 0.42 Red MPs in the Restricted and Intermediate Divisions for every win they achieve. So for all you clubs that have never taken part in this competition, or used to, but don't now, consider giving your members a chance to earn Red Points in 2015.

CLUB	OPEN 2013	OPEN 2014	INT 2013	INT 2014	REST 2013	REST 2014
KALAMUNDA	1	0	0	1	2	1
MACCABI	1	1	1	1	0	0
MELVILLE	2	1	2	1	0	1
NEDLANDS	1	1	1	1	1	0
SOUTH PERTH	2	2	2	2	2	2
SWAN DISTS	0	0	0	0	1	1
UNDERCROFT	1	1	2	1	1	1
WABC	2	1	3	3	4	3
WEST COAST	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	10	7	12	11	11	9

Since I took over the Teams of Four in 2000, numbers have been as follows:

All Divisions:

Year	Teams	Year	Teams	Year	Teams
2000	11	2001*	15	2002	18
2003	17	2004	17	2005	18
2006	26	2007	23	2008	24
2009#	28	2010	31	2011	31
2012	30	2013	33	2014	27

* Restricted Division added.

Intermediate Division added.

A total of 262 players*, including 75 new players, won MPs in 2013.

*this figure does not include members who played, but did not win any MPs

In response to those players who have asked to be awarded their Red Points on a more regular basis, as opposed to being at the end of the year, I have forwarded all Red points earned for the first half of the year to BAWA's MP Secretary. (Dave Munro)

A full list of MPs awarded has been sent to your club contact.

The top eleven for this year, up to, and including 30th June is:

ABF	Name	Open	Inter	Rest	Total
481297	DUNLOP.G	-	2.52	-	2.52
309222	O'CONNOR.M	-	2.52	-	2.52
118362	BROWN.G	-	1.26	0.84	2.10
731099	DANIEL.N	-	2.10	-	2.10
841978	MENEZES.M	-	2.10	-	2.10
652466	ZAMUDIO.C	-	0.42	1.68	2.10
129127	GREENFELD D	1.68	-	-	1.68
175560	MUNRO. David	1.68	-	-	1.68
129232	LEEDMAN L	-	1.68	-	1.68
112542	McDONALD.J	-	1.68	-	1.68
11886	McDONALD.P	-	1.68	-	1.68

Marketing Report

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks
BAWA Promotions Officer

Deadline for COTA Grants

It is almost the last chance to get your applications in to the Council of the Aging for a grant of up to \$1000 to hold a special event at your club during the Bendigo Bank Seniors' Week to be held during the week of November 9th to the 16th. You can download an application form at www.cota.org.au but entries must be received by Friday August 1st. If you get in by this date you are eligible to be included in the significant advertising promoting the event by Bendigo Bank and COTA which includes your event in their online calendar and advertisement in their magazine, Have-a-Go, which targets the same audience that makes up the majority of our bridge clubs. If you miss the deadline you can still hold an event during Bendigo Bank Seniors Week but you will have to do your own advertising.

A tried and true event to get new people to your club is to run a Free Luncheon and Introductory Bridge Lesson (with four follow-up lessons at the ready). Ten percent of the grant monies allocated can be used for catering but there are few restrictions on the use of the other money except that it must be used specifically for the event of the day to show appreciation for the seniors in our community and includes expenditure like printing, name tags, lesson booklets, card packs to be given to the newcomers etc. Both the Gwynne Park Social Club in Armadale and the BAWA affiliated Bayswater Bridge Club in Bedford have germinated in these Bendigo Bank Seniors Week Luncheons and both are wonderfully active and viable clubs with seven to ten tables regularly.

One event which is worth trying is the new approach of "Bridge in a Day" which was recommended at the recent National Marketing Conference held in Sydney. Hugh Grosvenor has run the event with great success in Tasmania and other places in the East. The reason for the large numbers coming to these events could be that the name of the event dispels the myth that bridge is

too hard to learn. Many people would like to learn bridge but are put off by the notion of the difficulty level but the idea that it can be taught in a day draws them in. We need to make sure that we provide a good introduction to bridge that is easy, fun and smooth which is the new way which is promoted in the US by Audrey Grant and Fred Gitelman and by our own ABF teacher Joan Butts. As bridge teachers we need to go back to basics when introducing bridge to people by teaching the mechanics with a hands on approach – get them playing straight away – and teach the play. Don't even mention the bidding. The way to do this is by starting like whist or euchre with just rounds of following suit, then playing mini-bridge which gives the logic of the bidding without even a word about it. "The play is the thing to catch" not the conscience of the King but to get the newcomers hooked like we are on the game. This year Bayswater Bridge Club is trialling the "Bridge in a Day" event on Wednesday 12th November with two hours before the free luncheon and two hours after, with four lessons to follow up.

Directors' Course

It was great to see that quite a few people managed to get to the long-awaited but scarcely advertised Directors' Course which is being given by expert director, Bill Kemp at the Undercroft Bridge Club on two Sundays July 20th and July 27th all day from 9.30am to 5.00pm.

An apology first of all - the timing of the course didn't allow for advertising in Focus and I apologise if any clubs were not informed about the course. Also because of the short notice many who wanted to attend were not able to organise changes to already fixed schedules. So whilst we are very appreciative of Bill giving the course now, it was the only time he is available, I hope that we will be able to arrange another course in the not too distant future as there is clearly a need for more education in this essential part of the game.

The first day included in-depth analysis of the rules and the various movements and next week will continue with this and look at the electronic side of directing including Bridge Mates. Patrick Smythe, a relative newcomer to bridge, found the first day fairly tiring as it covered a lot of ground but he found he was inspired to look further into various aspects of directing and has already found that knowledge of the rules has increased tremendously his understanding of the process of the game at the club.

Real Poor Behaviour and Perceived Poor Behaviour

The National Marketing Conference held recently in Sydney isolated two main tenets that can both be covered in a single word, Education. The first is the notion that good teaching is the lynch pin in building successful clubs. The second is the notion that the main thing preventing retention rates at our clubs is poor behaviour which may not seem to have such a logical connection to education as good teaching does but it is a huge factor.

I have been grappling with the notion of poor behaviour for many years trying to find a solution. The first step is to actually identify the problem of poor behaviour. To me there are two types of Poor Behaviour, the one that is real and the one that is perceived. Some behaviours have a bit of both and the solution to all is knowledge. As teachers of bridge we need to educate our students how to deal with real poor behaviour and perceived poor behaviour which actually does more harm to the profile of bridge because even though it is more subtle it loses people swiftly.

Poor behaviour that is real includes grumpy, rude, ignorant, bad-mannered, negative, and loud behaviour. Luckily this is fairly rare. As teachers we need to mention that as with all sports and games bridge draws all types of people and “characters” and that unfortunately you may meet some at the table. However, people with very poor behaviour can be excluded and those who are mild are simply confined by the rules of the game. The main thing is that you only have to put up with them for a few minutes before you move on to the next table. Strategies: play your game, don't get involved, say hello at the

beginning and thank them at the end and move on. Simple. Alexandra Russell, who helped many players and teachers on strategies to promote bridge always said that the best thing to do is to tell new players to ignore rude behaviour and “whatever happens, don't let anything put you off the game you love”.

The notion of Perceived Poor Behaviour came about when I realised that I am included in the newcomers' lists of poor behaviour. I play too fast. I had a complaint made after the game to the Director by a newcomer who said that I had been intimidating her and I was duly cautioned. I realised then how my behaviour had come across to the new player and ever since then I have been trying even harder to play more slowly. Now that I know how it can be perceived I teach my students how to deal with players who play too fast...leave your card face up until you are ready. Another perceived poor behaviour that has lost many newcomers is the process of claiming. We need to teach people that this is part of the game but equally we need to teach people to claim correctly and fairly especially with new players at the table. Rules need to be followed but extra time to explain the claim kindly helps to promote the game. Calling the Director is a process and an integral part of the game. Students need to know that the Director is the “servant” of the players, as it says in the handout given at the recent Directors Course and that they are there to ensure the game runs smoothly not as a punitive force. Teach students to call the director. Get them to call the director if they have made the error as it takes the sting out of it. On the other hand we need to make sure we call the director kindly if an error has occurred and that we always call “Director, please”.

So, we need to teach our students strategies to overcome all types of behaviour and warn them of poor behaviour and the process of the competitive game that they may find a bit off-putting but give them ways to cope until they are the ones claiming and playing a bit faster. Teach them not to be “sooky la la's” but at the same time we could all analyse our own behaviour to make sure we are following the rules of the game kindly and with awareness of how our behaviour is perceived by new players. In Bill Kemp's words at the end of his Directors' Course “It is a game after all.”

From Phil Power

Opposite the Brighton Hotel in Mandurah and sitting in the shadows of the Old Mandurah Traffic Bridge is a very large, very old Moreton Bay Fig Tree. Timber decking surrounds the tree and there are great views overlooking the Mandurah Estuary foreshore.



The Menu: Antipasto followed by a main meal of any Pasta dish off the menu.



During the course of the evening some interesting and wild hands came up. Vera Hardman wanted me to share Board 1

Brd	1		♠	AQT43										
Dlr	N		♥	Q73										
Vul	Nil		♦	J974										
			♣	Q										
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			♦	AT63										
			♣	AIT8743										

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Vera sat South as did I. Vera really liked her Clubs and her Diamonds and when her opposition kept bidding Hearts she soon found herself in 6D. The result was not a good one. I'm not sure what Vera was drinking but I'm glad I wasn't offered any. At our table Kathy opened 1S and Doug Hardman sitting east could almost be heard thinking aloud..."You beauty" as he looked at his seven

spades...I answered Kathy's bid with 2C. West passed and Kathy repeated her spades. Doug couldn't believe his luck when Kathy bid 2S and would have been vigorously casting "Harry Potter" spells at me to pass. Whilst Kathy could have 6 nice spades I know that she may have been forced to repeat her 5 card suit with nothing else to bid... but with no spades and a 7 card club suit I was always bidding 3C and the contract rolled in when Doug and his partner did not contest the auction further.

Board 23 issued forth another shapely hand.

Brd 23	♠ KQ8542				
Dlr S	♥ 4				
Vul Both	♦ A6				
	♣ Q843				
♠ T763		♠ 9			
♥ AT		♥ J9			
♦ Q842		♦ KT975			
♣ K92		♣ JT765			
	♠ AJ				
	♥ KQ876532				
	♦ J3				
	♣ A				

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Sitting South I opened 2C and when Kathy showed a positive hand with Spades I bid 4H. Ross Proudfoot got off to a great lead of a small D but when I took the AD and played a heart to his AH he did not continue the D suit and I made 12 tricks.

P.S.

Another evening is planned for Tue August 5th.

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Smarty Pants

From Michael Stewart

I'd like to address a subject that has concerned me for a while.

Many less experienced players give themselves a hard time when they see the possible results shown by 'Deep Finesse', and say things like "Oh, no! I should have made four hearts...."

First of all, I try to share that there are no 'shoulds' in bridge - only 'coulds' - as 'shoulds' tend to create guilt, and spoil your day. Then I explain that the results shown by deep finesse - or 'Smarty-pants', as I nickname it - are based on having seen all four hands, and seeing a way to achieve a particular contract that may be hard (or even totally illogical!) for us mere mortals.

A case in point was Hand 20 played at Bunbury on Friday, where W ended up in 3NT. Sitting S, I had overcalled 2D over E's 1D - having six to the AJ - and if my partner had lead his 10D, whatever declarer did I can knock out his control in the second round, and have four winners in my hand, with the AS as an entry, and was sure they were going down!

To my surprise, when I checked the possible outcomes, smarty-pants said that 4NT was makeable (and 5NT from E!), so I went back to the hand below, and analysed them.

Brd 20	♠ QJ872				
Dlr W	♥ QT42				
Vul Both	♦ T2				
	♣ 93				
♠ K53		♠ T94			
♥ A975		♥ KJ8			
♦ 7		♦ KQ43			
♣ AQT65		♣ J87			
	♠ A6				
	♥ 63				
	♦ AJ9865				
	♣ K42				

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Because I (as S) only had 2 hearts to the 6, I saw that declarer can finesse to the 8 in dummy, return to hand via the clubs - finessing my king), and finesse once more! Like, who in their right mind would finesse to the H8, knowing that the stronger hand had four winning diamonds!



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Capel Life

By Di Brooks

Retiring to the Country is many peoples' dream. Do you picture yourself seated in comfort doing absolutely nothing? I don't think so. When Alan and I decided to move to Capel, anyone and everyone thought we were mad. In fact, one couple drove through Capel, on their return to Rockingham after a week holidaying in Albany. Their comment, I won't repeat. But I found a lovely story which I'd like to share with you...

Once upon a time, there was a farmer, leaning over his gate, watching the traffic drive pass by. A sports car pulled over and the driver approached the farmer and said "I'm thinking of moving to this area. What's it like here? The farmer chewing on the proverbial straw, thought a moment and replied, "What's it like where you are now?" The city slicker said "It's noisy and the people aren't very friendly" "You'll find it the same here, too" was the farmer's reply. You couldn't see the sports car for dust as the driver took off.

A week came and went. The farmer still leaning on his gate, again, was approached by a male driver. "Good Morning, I'm thinking of moving here. What's it like living in the country?" "Well, replied the farmer, what's it like where you are now?" "Great" came the reply. "People are friendly and very community minded". "Ah", replied the farmer, "You'll find it so here"

Capel is a quiet town with 2,000 people residing in the town and 15,000 in total living in the shire. We have a hotel, the Country Club, a Library, a small shopping area and a variety of organisations that operate in the S.W. plus several churches and different sports clubs, all of which are more than happy for you to join them. For those of you that don't know me, let me give you an update. I don't follow sport, drink alcohol, or have time to read. I am a managing woman. Give me a project and I'm as happy as Larry. (If anyone can tell me who Larry is, I'd like to meet him). My life revolves around my husband Alan, playing bridge and helping at the school as well as some church/community projects. I also promote recycling and help when and where I can. During School holidays, the children have

very little to amuse themselves outside of their home. Capel Council run a project for teenagers. I have been collecting board games. The Primary School P & C is giving their support to a Holiday Game Morning, in conjunction with the Council. We start on 9th July. I'll keep you posted. But what to do during school days?

Capel Library is very Community minded. The staff organise a Mothers Morning, Reading for Toddlers and a Bridge group. A recent chat with the manager now has another string to its bow, or should I say ball of wool, knitting for Charity morning will run for two hours a week giving anyone who loves to knit an opportunity to come along, meet new people and make new friends. All whilst knitting squares for knee rugs for the elderly, small items for prem babies, (King Edward Hospital) and jumpers for children with aids in Africa.

So if you think your area has little to give you, perhaps you can give something of yourself to the Community. I promise you, it will enrich your life.

Have a great day and now back to Bridge:

The Rule of 2 & 3

As always, the minute you label something, the content seems more complicated, but trust me, this Rule isn't. The basis of the Rule of 2 & 3 is used for gauging whether you should open a pre-emptive hand, in all circumstances, revolving around vulnerability.

So let's look at the theory:

You are Non Vulnerable and the opponents are Vulnerable. If you assess the tricks that you lose, you can afford to bid, get doubled and go down by three tricks, giving away 500, when the opponents can possibly make Game, receiving 600+.

With both sides Non Vulnerable, giving away 500 is not good. Down 3, terrible, down 2, great!

When you are 'red' and the opponents are 'green', then extra care needs to be taken before you decide to pre-empt. Down 2 or 3: Terrible.

All vulnerable: Down 3: The Pits, whereas Down 2, you may come up smelling of Roses.

Happy bridging 😊

Bridge Benefits

When I promote the benefits of playing bridge, I also start with that the game is played worldwide. People from all walks of life, whatever their age, gender, religion or race, can enjoy contract bridge. There are other benefits too - the social scene, volunteering for roles within the club, with extras thrown in regarding our health. Bridge improves the mind, increases concentration and memory spans. Getting out of the house, meeting up with people of the same mind set or having a respite just for a few hours can help give some much needed R & R. We, the converted, know this. So rather than keeping this the best kept secret since the building of the Ark we need to promote our Olympic Mind Sport wherever we go. Preach to the unconverted. Do them a favour. Introduce them to classes. It will enrich their

lives. I know, because Bridge has also enriched my life.

I started learning bridge in 1978, in Peg Brady's class, at Rockingham High School. Since then, I have never stopped learning. That's another bonus of playing bridge. I have travelled throughout Western Australia and have met some lovely people all wanting to improve their bridge play and enjoying the camaraderie. During my "Apprenticeship", I have represented W.A. playing in the Women's Teams in Sydney and Adelaide, and have also enjoyed representing S.W. Country Teams in the G.N.O.T's in Tweed Heads, Queensland, in 2012 and 2013.

So do yourself and your Club a big favour... promote the Club and our great game of Contract Bridge.



Australian Pat O'Connor wins Book of the Year Award



Pat O'Connor [Sydney, Australia] has done it again! His new book **A Second Book of Bridge Problems** will be awarded the prestigious ABTA Book of the Year.

Award at a ceremony at the upcoming US Summer Nationals in Las Vegas on 17 July.

His first book, aptly titled [A First Book of Bridge Problems](#) won the same award in 2012.

Both books are collections of bridge problems for newcomers, but are quite gentle. There is only ever one theme or issue per problem.

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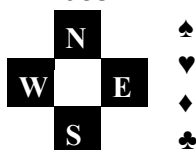
Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

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Brd
Dlr S
Vul All

♠ AQJ102
♥ 4
♦ AJ94
♣ 1065



♠ K4
♥ AJ3
♦ K832
♣ AK42

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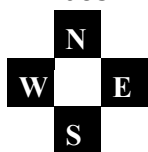
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1D
Pass	1S	Pass	2NT
Pass	6D	All Pass	

West leads H6 and East plays HQ. Plan the play.

Solution:

Brd
Dlr S
Vul All

♠ AQJ102
♥ 4
♦ AJ94
♣ 1065



♠ K4
♥ AJ3
♦ K832
♣ AK42

♠ 86

♥ K8765

♦ Q1076

♣ J9

♠ 9753

♥ Q1092

♦ 5

♣ Q873

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The key to this hand is to play the trumps for just one loser, and there is a textbook play for this combination. You cash DA, and assuming everyone follows low, lead a diamond from dummy.

If East plays a low one, you put in the D8, picking up the suit for one loser if East started with Q10xx. If the 8 loses the trick, then you can later draw the final trump with your DK.

If East shows out on the second round, play the DK and lead one back towards the DJ9 to once again limit your trump losers to one.

It's a beautiful safety play, but alas, on this hand, it is not 100% foolproof. The problem is that you need to ruff a heart in dummy. If you play ace and another diamond, and West happens to have Q10xx, then when he wins the queen, he can play a heart, forcing dummy to ruff with the jack, and establishing the D10 as the setting trick.

The best you can do, at trick 2, is play a diamond to the jack. If West has Q10xx, then all is well. If East has Q10xx, then he will win the queen, but after you have ruffed a heart in dummy and cashed the diamond ace, you will have a marked finesse for the contract.

If East wins the diamond trick with the singleton queen – unlucky!

The moral: Put not your faith in books!



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PROBLEM

East dealer : EW vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	4H
All Pass	s		

What would you lead as West holding:

W ♠ AQ10862
♥ 6
♦ K1085
♣ 76

The opening lead can make or break a contract.

Brd	♠ K3		
Dlr E	♥ K102		
Vul EW	♦ Q63		
	♣ AQ854		
♠ AQT862		♠ J754	
♥ 6		♥ 875	
♦ KT85		♦ AJ2	
♣ 76		♣ 932	
	♠ 9		
	♥ AQJ943		
	♦ 974		
	♣ KJ10		

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9	6
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	4H
All Pass			

South's cards look more like a one-opening than a pre-empt, but the 4H bid was chosen at the table, no doubt because of the favourable vulnerability. It is a bit much to expect West to bid 4S facing a passed partner, although West does have excellent shape. Indeed, if West fails to find the right lead, it would be better to bid 4S and fail by one trick, with the normal play in diamonds (assume the queen is not with the pre-empter).

If you have the courage to bid 4S, there might be another benefit. North might bid a misguided 5H (do not sacrifice with a balanced hand). That will

go two down with the right lead, but make otherwise.

A singleton trump holds no appeal against a pre-empt and in general it pays to attack. Too often a passive lead from rag cards can find dummy with strength in that suit to give declarer discards.

Here the attacking leads are a diamond or a spade. Both will work. If you lead the SA, the switch to diamonds is obvious. On the D5 lead, low from dummy, East will play the jack, cash the ace and return the suit. One down.



Nedlands Bridge Club

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Roving Rhodes

Nedlands One Day Congress

By Maura Rhodes

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The Nedlands Congress was a wonderful event, which attracted one hundred Bridge players. We were warmly welcomed with beautiful hot cheese scones, and then later, for lunch, there was a choice of delicious home-made soups with rolls and a lovely array of fruits for dessert. I couldn't imagine a nicer lunch on a winter's day and even better, it was healthy food. There were also delicious cakes on offer throughout the day, although I didn't look, as I am hopeless at resisting temptation.

I played with Eddy Mandavy, who is not one of my regular partners, but we have had a few games before and I really enjoy playing with him. He is an excellent Bridge player and a very supportive partner, who never criticizes at the table- one of my pet hates.

Here is my favourite hand from the Finals:

Here is the full hand:

Brd 16	♠ AT97		
Dlr W	♥ AJ4		
Vul EW	♦ K		
	♣ AK984		
♠ J		♠ Q4	
♥ KQ9875		♥ T632	
♦ AT76		♦ Q953	
♣ 75		♣ QT6	
	♠ K86532		
	♥ -		
	♦ J842		
	♣ J32		

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10	6
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2H	X	3H	?

What would you bid as South?

To me, it is a no-brainer. There is only one correct bid in my book, which is 4S. I have 6 Spades and Partner has promised at least 3, unless he plans to double and bid his own suit. I

also have a void in the enemy suit. I trembled a little when Eddy bid 4NT, Roman Keycard Blackwood, then subsequently bid the small slam after confirming that I possessed one of the Keycards: the King of Spades.

How do you play 6S on the lead of the King of Hearts? So long as you pitch a Club on the Ace of Hearts, there is no problem with the play. I drew trumps, ruffed a Club, gave away a Diamond, and then pitched the other Diamonds on the established Club suit. We were the only pair in the Final who bid this slam and one pair asked me how we bid it. On hearing about my 4S response to Eddy's double, they said, "But you only had 5 Points" to which I replied, "Points Schmoints!"

Thank you to Nedlands Bridge Club for our very generous prize money as a result of winning the Final. I would also like to offer a sincere thank you to all the wonderful Nedlands ladies who organised such a terrific day and to Peter Holloway, the director. As the popularity of Congresses seems to grow and grow, let there be more!



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.

Results

BAWA Daytime Open Pairs (28)

1 st	Doreen Jones and David Matthews
2 nd	Jeanne Hey and Joan Valentine
3 rd	3 rd Elizabeth McNeill and Cassie Morin
4 th	4 th Pattie McNamara and Anne Lowe
5 th	5 th Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes
6 th	6 th Ann Youngs and Geoff Yeo
7 th	7 th Judith Selleck and Pamela Smith
8 th	8 th Derek Pocock and Carol Pocock
9 th	9 th Linda Bedford-Brown and Jan Blight
10 th	10 th John Beddow and Chris Bagley

Teams of 4 as at 20th of July

From John Beddow

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
Melville	4	1	59
Nedlands	4	2	58
SPBC A	3	2	48
Undercroft	3	1	48
SPBC B	3	1	40
Maccabi	2	2	33

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
SPBC B	9	5	138
Melville	7	5	129
SPBC A	7	4	125
WABC Sparkles	9	2	125
Maccabi	7	5	108
Kalamunda	7	4	112
WABC Others	8	1	95
WABC Sharks	4	4	90
Nedlands	8	2	100
West Coast	4	2	66
Undercroft	7	1	55

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
Kalamunda	7	5	131
WABC Sandgropers	7	4	120
SPBC A	6	3	95
WABC B	5	3	79
Undercroft	5	2	68
Swan Dists	4	1	66
WABC Silverfish	5	1	56
SPBC B	4	2	54
Melville	2	0	21



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2014

SWAN RIVER OPEN SWISS PAIRS

*PQP (32, 24, 16 & 8) and **GOLD POINT** event*

*Travel Subsidy to 1st and 2nd placed WA
based players (\$1000 & \$500/pr)*

Saturday 9th August at 10.00 am

and

Sunday 10th August at 9.30 am

Venue

West Australian Bridge Club,
Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

Directing Team:

Matthew McManus and Bill Kemp

Tournament Organiser:

Hilary Yovich

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Entry Fee **\$80** per player payable at the table
or on the BAWA web site

(Account BAWA BSB 016464 Acc No 255674541)

*Lunches from Kirkwood Deli may be ordered
before play*

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Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2014

	Aug	Sat 2 nd –Sun 3 rd	South Perth Bridge Club Congress
		Mon 4 th	BAWA Winter Pairs 1 st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Thu 7 th	BAWA State Men's/Women's Teams 1 st of 4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 9 th –Sun 10 th	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs PQP/Gold Points
		Sat 30 th –Sun 31 st	GNOT City and Restricted Final Heats Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
	Sep	Mon 1 st	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Thu 4 th	BAWA State Open Teams 1 st of 8 BAWA 0-300 Teams 1 st of 3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 6 th	Albany Bridge Club Restricted Congress
		Sun 14 th	West Coast Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Sat 20 th – Sun 21 st	HGR Memorial Weekend
		Fri 26 th – Sun 28 th	Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress
	Oct	Sun 5 th	BAWA Restricted Swiss Teams <300 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
		Mon 6 th	BAWA Open Spring Pairs 1 st of 4 Women's Spring Pairs 1 st of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 10 th – Sun 12 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress
		Fri 17 th – Sun 19 th	Busselton Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th	Undercroft Bridge Club Congress
	Nov	Sun 2 nd	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Mon 3 rd	BAWA Xmas Swiss Pairs 1 st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 8 th	Kendenup Bridge Club Congress
		Sun 9 th	BAWA State Open Teams Final Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am BAWA Super Vets Congress
NEW		Thu 13 th	BAWA Grand Master RESTRICTED Pairs 1 st of 2 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 21 st	Mandurah Bridge Club "Golden West" Welcome Pairs – Red Point Event
		Sat 22 nd –Sun 23 rd	BAWA Golden West Congress –GOLD POINTS
	Dec	Fri 5 th – Sun 7 th	WABC Xmas Congress
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events		Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.



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<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

BAWA Daytime Open Pairs



Winners
Doreen Jones and David Matthews



2nd Jeanne Hey and Joan Valentine



3rd Elizabeth McNeill and Cassie Morin



2014

Hans Rosendorff Memorial Restricted Swiss Pairs

Sat 20th & Sun 21st September

Venue: West Australian Bridge Club
7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne, WA

GOLD POINTS

**This event is restricted to players UNDER
300 masterpoints as at 1st April 2014**

Winning pair will receive free entry to the 2015
Autumn Nationals Restricted Swiss Pairs

*Play commences 9.30am and finishes 5.30pm
(approx.)*

LUNCHES MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE START OF
PLAY EACH DAY

**Presentation of ABF medallions at
supper after play on Sunday**

Entry Fee: \$80 per player

Information and online entry facility on the
BAWA website: www.bawa.asn.au

Tournament Organiser:

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Tournament Unit:

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Bunbury Bridge Club Teams Championship

From Di Brooks



Winners of the Bunbury Championship Teams
**Joy Gibson, Phyl Barnes, Di Redgment and
Anne Wardle**



Winners of the Bunbury Handicap Teams
**Kath Phillip, President Dennis Evans and Liz
Norton, (Robert Britza)**

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Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Swiss Teams Event

Sat 20th & Sun 21st September

Venue: West Australian Bridge Club
7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne, WA

GOLD POINTS

PQPs: 1st 24: 2nd 12: 3rd 6

WA based players in the highest placed winning team will be eligible for a portion of the \$1500 per team travel subsidy for an interstate PQP event

Play commences 9.30am and finishes 5.30pm (approx.)

LUNCHES MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE START OF PLAY EACH DAY

**Presentation of ABF medallions at
supper after play on Sunday**

Entry Fee: \$320 per team

Tournament Organiser:

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