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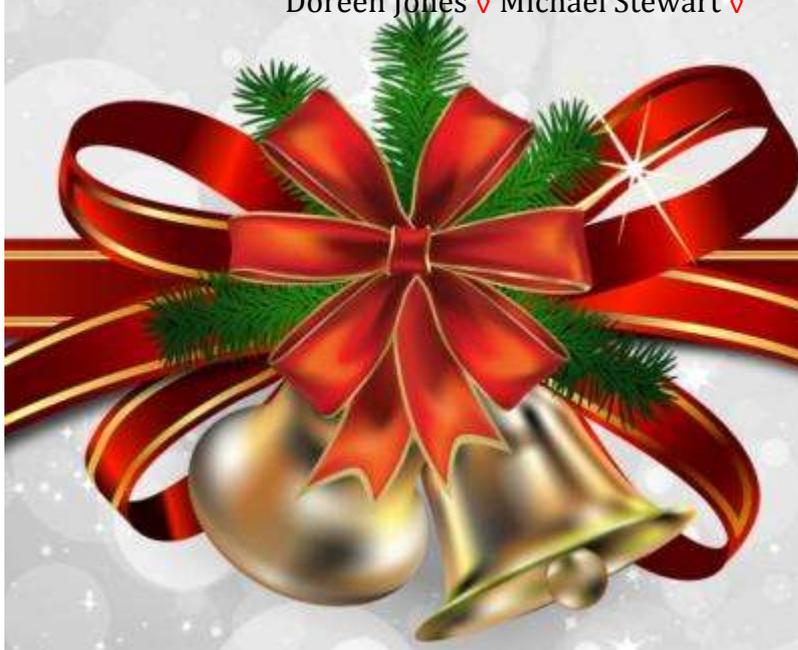
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**Seasons Greetings**



# SuperVets 2012

By John Aquino

## 2012 SuperVets Trophy Winners



Joan Carter and Bobbie Mitchell with Nigel Dutton, John Aquino and Margaret Quirk



SuperVets Perprtual Trophy Donated by John Aquino



Runners Up Melanie and Larry Szalay



Tournament Director Bill Kemp with Margaret Brinsden and Sheila Curlewis



Post mortems



Derek Pocock and Maggie Sacks



Marjorie Thunder, Bobbie Mitchell, Mary Davies



Sprightly centenarian Bridge player, Rudy Woss (102) plays a mean hand and he'll happily tell you it's Bridge that keeps him "sharp". Nothing excites him more than outwitting his opponents.



In the heat of competition



# President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

The ABF were so impressed with the concept of a Super Vets Congress they willingly offered the event Gold Point

Status along with Gold and Silver ABF medallions, normally reserved for national events, for the winners and runners up. Well their support was well justified when last Sunday 114 bridge players participated in the inaugural **BAWA Super Vet Congress**. The event was restricted to players over 80 and I worked out that there would have been around 5000 years of bridge experience in the room. Well done to David Dale who had the original idea and to Noel Daniel and John Aquino who worked together to make the day a great success. Congratulations to Bobbie Mitchell and Joan Carter who will have their names engraved on the trophy. Bobbie also won the prize for the top finished over 80 and Joan the top finisher over 90. Rudy Woss was the winner of the over 100 category. It has been reported to me that nearly every other state in Australia will be holding a similar competition in 2013. BAWA will certainly be making the event a regular feature of the calendar.

At a recent club congress an incorrect score was entered into an electronic traveller. The score was confirmed by E/W. The error was discovered sometime later; it was also determined that the error had cost the pair involved 1<sup>st</sup> place and obviously the prize monies. My initial thought was, well you checked the score – bad luck. However, on reflection I then considered the possibility of an incorrect score being entered at another table and possibly affecting the result of an innocent pair. What now?

Our regulations currently allow 30 mins to check the scores before final results are determined. There was some disagreement as to whether or not this was announced or done in the recent case. Nevertheless, it is true that many pairs don't bother to check their scores particularly if they know they have not had a good day and wish to get home quickly for a reviving cup of tea. Furthermore, it is not something that could be mandated or regulated.

There is no doubt players enjoy the immediacy of electronic travellers, scores are posted on the web before you get home, and I doubt anybody wishes to return to paper travellers (certainly not the directors).

So what to do? There is certainly a case for having directors make a more careful check of the results. If a board has 6 entries with NS making 5C and one entry with EW making the same contract then clearly an error has occurred and it should be in the director's authority to change the score. There is also a STRONG case for having players check the scores carefully and perhaps penalties for incorrect scores.

I can see some difficulty in asking pairs for their prize monies back and it will become expensive for clubs who will clearly need to make good any prizes legitimately earned and not paid. Do we present prize envelopes and ask winners to return them with their BSB details so prizes can be deposited electronically after a period of time need to check the results?

BAWA is currently grappling with this issue – any ideas would be gratefully received.

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**Articles always welcome**



# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

### Competition Winners

#### Thursday Afternoon Best 3 out of 4 Event

Congratulations to Jean Mansey & John Garratt who won this year's event.

Runners up were Elizabeth Blow and Ivan Lewis.

#### Night Time Pairs Championship

Congratulations to the winners of this year's event - Phil & Kathy Power.

Runners up were Alan Wardroper & Tom Stack

### Upcoming Events

#### January 2013

- Anniversary Charity Day - Tuesday 22nd January

#### February 2013

- Mandurah Summer Congress - 2nd & 3rd February
  - Swiss Pairs - Saturday 2nd February
  - Swiss Teams - Sunday 3rd February
- Tuesday best 'Three out of Four' event - 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th February
- Special Teams Event - Wednesday 20th February

#### March 2013

- March Daytime Open Pairs - 4th, 11th & 18th March (Members Only)
- Wednesday best 'Three out of Four' event - 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March

#### April 2013

- Thursday Evening best 'Three out of Four' event - 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th April

- Club Teams Championship - Saturday 13th April (Financial Members only)



## Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean



Melville Bridge Club loves an excuse to have fun. Our Melbourne Cup was huge success with a hat parade, a cup sweep, plenty of champagne as we watched the 'race that stops a nation' on our new flat screen television, a superb lunch provided by the members and bridge afterwards.



Melville Bridge Club was well represented at the Super Vets' Day. Our members travelled in relaxed comfort in the community bus generously loaned to us by the East Fremantle Council. **Congratulations to Melanie and Larry Szalay who were runners up in the tournament and won silver ABF medallions.**

### **Novice Pairs competition - October**

1st : William Douglas and Marguerite Douglas

2nd : Betty Carter and Gwenda Kensit

3rd : Ailsa Stokeld and Marilyn West

### **Guys and Dolls Competition - November**

#### **Ladies' Pairs**

1st : Laurel Lander and Loh Se-Moi

2nd : Sue Madsen and Rose Case

3rd : Jean Dawkins and Joan Williams



#### **Mens' Pairs**

1st : Tony Stevens and Leon Randolph

2nd : Bill Symons and Marty Goodall

3rd : Merwyn Menezes and Noel Daniel

## **Bunbury Bridge Club**

From Di Brooks

Bunbury Bridge Club's October Red Point event was fiercely fought by the twenty three pairs who participated. Director, Kate Boston, ran a Howell movement, so that the players met as many opponents as possible. With that in mind, several people, getting good results on their boards, were hopeful of recording a win. Well, you would think so especially if you were hitting 60%, but as the old adage goes- it's never over till it's over! Alex Wallis and partner Tommy Taylor were cruising on 68.5%. Judy Clarke and Fay Woods were also having a great day. If it was the Melbourne Cup, the favourites must be Club Champions, Jim and Monica Offer. Alex and Tommy would be the rank outsiders... (Only because of their little time in the partnership,) for they both have many years of bridge experience on their belt.

The final result was a well earned first place for:

1<sup>st</sup>: Phil Barnes and Joy Gibson with 70.8%.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Alex Wallis and Tommy Taylor 68.5%

3<sup>rd</sup>: Judy Clarke and Fay Woods 62.7%

4<sup>th</sup>: Jim and Monica Offer 60.2%

Everyone enjoyed the competition as well as the celebratory drinks and nibbles after the event; a great way to end a perfect day.



Winning the Bunbury October Red Point with 70.8% **Phil Barnes** and **Joy Gibson**

## **Kendenup Bridge Club**

From Ann Oldfield

On Sunday 7th October Kendenup hosted Kojonup for a teams game. It was the fifteenth time that the two clubs have met to compete for the Kendenup / Kojonup Bridge Challenge trophy. It all began when Kojonup hosted Kendenup on Sunday 3rd April 2005. The Challenge has been played twice each year with the exception of 2008 when for some reason lost in the mists of time we played only once. The very unique Challenge trophy was created by Tracey Atkinson from a pack of cards, a wise quotation, and an old picture frame. At the recent contest Kendenup players were the hosts and Kojonup players were the travellers and arrived in good time. After playing 27 boards all were ready for afternoon tea. The Kendenup players had been busy in their kitchens and many tasty plates were on the table ranging from Val's home made sausage rolls to Stef's filled and folded pikelets. When the numbers were crunched the two presidents stood up to announce the results. Kojonup President Robin Evans then did a pre-empt and suggested that her team might like to grab a tissue in case they needed to wipe away a tear. Kendenup President Bill Sandilands then announced that the Challenge trophy would hang

on Kendenup's wall until next April when Kojonup would host the next Challenge. The trophy is always keenly contested and desired by both sides but perhaps our greatest reward is a bridge afternoon spent with the friendly and courteous players of Kojonup. The wise quotation:- "Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those cards well"



Getting seated



The Trophy



## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

November has been a busy month at WCBC with two competitions and a very successful Melbourne Cup lunch.

The ladies made a real effort to dress up at the Cup Lunch and one of our stars was Sue Cropley with her 'Scratched Horse' hat.



Susan Cropley wearing the hat!

The results of our Swiss Pairs Competition for the **Eileen and Ernest Nickell Trophy** were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Baboo Bhagat and Chooto Bhagat
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Peter Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis

The results of our Saturday Pairs Competition for the **John Utting Trophy** were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Margaret Tierney and Susan O'Brien
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Helen Baker and Jean Calder



Winners of the Eileen and Ernest Nickell Trophy and the John Utting Trophy **Shirley Drage** and **Shirley Bloch**



**Margaret Tierney** and **Susan O'Brien** 2<sup>nd</sup> in the John Utting Trophy event

We were very proud of our senior members who represented the Club in the Super Vets competition and they achieved pleasing results. Our oldest member, 102 year old Rudy Woss was awarded a certificate for being the best player over 100 years old.



**Rudy Woss** holding his special certificate with competition partner Ivan Pummer

Some of the other players from West Coast were Lottie Oswald who is 95, Freda Jacobs 90+, Patricia Quinlivan and Van Pleydell.



Lottie Oswald



Freda Jacobs



Patricia Quinlivan



Van Pleydell

## Armadale Bridge Club

from Sandy Sutton-Mattocks

Members of the Armadale Bridge Club are savouring their recent success in the Intra-Club Teams Match, a friendly but competitive Annual

three-way competition between the Armadale, Gosnells and Fremantle Bridge Clubs. Although there have been great tussles over the years the honour of housing the Trophy has fallen to both Fremantle and Gosnells but the prize has proved elusive to the Armadale players. This year the Armadale Bridge Club has finally come up trumps and the fifteen year wait has made the win even sweeter. This year's Armadale team consisted of Jeanette Kaic and Ray Glass; Alexandra Russell and Jaqueline Tiley, and Sandy and Don Sutton-Mattocks.



President **Trish Davies** with the Intra Club Trophy

To increase membership and to reach out to a wider catchment area with new areas opening up in the region, the Armadale Club last week hosted the Bendigo Bank Senior's Week Free Luncheon and Introductory Bridge Lesson given by Sandy and Don. There will be four follow-up lessons every Friday from 11.00am to 12 noon to give the new players a bit of grounding before more lessons in the New Year.



Also boosting numbers is the welcome new membership from the Gwynne Park Social Bridge

Club where there are eight tables of social players meeting regularly every Monday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm at the Armadale Bowling Club. Bridge, scrumptious afternoon tea and a social drink after the game help to provide a wonderful afternoon. Many of the social players are now confidently joining the mainstream BAWA affiliated Armadale Club which is making the Armadale Club even more dynamic.



**Jeanette Kaic** retired president. Now a committee member.

The Armadale Bridge Club meets in a unique rural setting on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm and on Fridays at 1.00pm. Tranquil amongst the birds near the Two Logs River Crossing, the club meets in the St Mary's of the Valley Church Hall in River Road, Kelmscott. The President, Trish Davis has an energetic group of helpers including Vice President Ray Glass, Treasurer Beryl Reason, Secretary Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, committee members Roger Marchant, Jeanette Kaic, Richard Styles and Anne Carswell and tournament directors Rod Bryant, Steve Rogoysky and Don Sutton-Mattocks. Their support is helping to build and develop the club so that more of its members can enjoy a good game of bridge both at club level and in the wider arena by participation in the various tournaments, congresses and BAWA events on offer especially now that there are more Restricted events and Novice tournaments available. Several members recently enjoyed the Masters in Teams of Three event and participation next year looks like increasing.

For more information on the Armadale Bridge Club, Sessions or Lessons, please email **Sandy** on [sandy.7notrumps@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.7notrumps@gmail.com) or ring or SMS on **0448 005 967**



## West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

November was our usual flurry of Jackpot Competition. Many players who might not normally play in interclub or club championship competition found themselves hurled into the fray. Lots of nervous energy around during the week but hopefully all enjoyed the competition and it was great to see some new names mixed with the "old champions" comprising the long list of winners.



June Bryant, and Laurie LaBrosse



Margaret King and Jocelyn Parry



Tina Major and Norma Bilsborough



Austin Gillanders and Bea McCarthy



Toby Manford and John Ashworth

Our club also enjoyed hosting the inaugural SuperVets Congress. I hope all who participated enjoyed the day. We certainly did.

WABC would like to wish you all a very happy festive season. We hope to see many of you at our Christmas Congress. Travel safely – see you at the bridge table next year.



**Nedlands Bridge Club**

From Linda Bedford-Brown



**The Melbourne Cup**

Members and guests enjoyed a marvellous Melbourne Cup lunch with many sweep prizes

and a superb lunch followed with a most relaxed bridge session.



The Club has an **Open Red Point** event Saturday December 8th which will be followed by the club Christmas Party and Awards Presentations.

The Fiske Warren 6 week Beginners course starts Tuesday Feb 5th 10 til noon.

Contact Robin Burton 93868166 or email [officenbc@westent.com.au](mailto:officenbc@westent.com.au).

OPEN RED POINT Saturday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. The last minute Red Point of 2012. 1.30pm start. See you at the Club.

Happy Bridging to everyone during the festive season. See you at Nedlands Bridge Club soon.



**Undercroft Bridge Club**

From Ann Hopfmüller

The past month at Undercroft has been extremely busy with special bridge events!

In October/November we ran the GWEN JOHNSON TEAMS competition over three Wednesday evenings. Fourteen teams participated and were ably directed by Bill Kemp.



An "all ladies" team won this event. They were TUYA COOKE, CAROL FENSOME, CHRISTINE JENKINS and MARIE SHERIDAN. In second place

were Peter McCann, Brian Fensome, Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski with Mick and Lorraine Rea, Jan Szymakowski and Margaret Britten third. CONGRATULATIONS!!

The 26th ANNUAL CONGRESS was held on the 27th and 28th October. Both days were fully booked with 56 pairs on Saturday and 26 teams on Sunday. It was wonderful to welcome players from other clubs and our members provided them with fabulous food and good fellowship. Players from our Saturday morning classes, and others, kept the kitchen area running smoothly and BILL KEMP did a superb job as Director. The Mayor of Joondalup, TROY PICKARD, presented the prizes.

### UBC CONGRESS RESULTS

#### PAIRS

##### Consolation

N/S	Satish Bedekar and Tony Eardley
E/W	Peter Stephenson and Ziggy Tuleja



Satish Bedekar and Tony Eardley with Joondalup Mayor Troy Pickard

#### Plate

1 <sup>st</sup>	Christine Ross and May Schonwolf
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vina Maia and Claire Quesnel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marie Sheridan and Christine Jenkins



Christine Ross and May Schonwolf

#### Final

1 <sup>st</sup>	Domenico Rocchiccioli and Kay Johnson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Stevens and Leon Randolph
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jan Szymakowski and Margaret Britten



President Ann Hopfmueller, Kay Johnson and Domenico Rocchiccioli with Troy Pickard

#### TEAMS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mick and Maura Rhodes and Richard and Sue Grenside
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fiske Warren, David Schokman, Jeanne Hay and Dave Munro
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ann Olsen, Diane Tilvern, Satish Bedekar and Tony Eardley



Rick Rhodes, Maura Rhodes, Sue Grenside and Richard Grenside

Thank you to ALL PARTICIPANTS, members, committee and the conveners, CONNIE COLTRONA and DAVID COWELL, for making the UBC Congress so enjoyable.

MELBOURNE CUP day at our club was fabulous! Approximately 75 members attended and most wore a hat or fascinator. Everyone brought a plate of food to share for lunch and the club provided champagne and orange juice. The organising committee did a wonderful job with plenty of sweeps, a hat parade with prizes, a quiz, spot prizes and "silly" bridge! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a fun day,

especially Jennifer Bandy, Alan Tolley, Pauline Coulter, Des Warner and John Beyfus.



On Saturday November 10th another group of players graduated from the beginner's class. Thank you Leslie and Ray Routledge for your dedicated teaching. Good luck to all of these members for their bridging journey!



Graduates with (centre front) Leslie Routledge and Ray Routledge.

In closing I would like to thank Linda and Beata for another year of great work as the editors of FOCUS and wish all of the WA bridging community a happy and healthy festive season.



## South Perth Bridge Club

By Darrell Williams

### Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs – 26<sup>TH</sup> September

Thirty one pairs brought along a scrumptious assortment of food to share for lunch when they broke at half time during this open event conducted on Wednesday 26 September.

Sponsor Nigel Krummell, owner of Pharmacy 777 came along to present prizes, which were baskets of assorted products, to the winners.

When the results were announced by President Cassie Morin, Lisa Fehse and Maureen Hughes had tied with Gill Dolling and Margaret Miocevich

for first place. Susan Collinson and Jonathon Free were third.



President Cassie Morin announcing results with sponsor Nigel Krummell.



Margaret Miocevich & Gill Dolling tied for 1<sup>st</sup>



Nigel with Susan Collinson & Jonathon Free who placed third.

### Melbourne Cup Lunch and Coleman Trophy

The Melbourne Cup Day event was a great event for members with many saying how much they had enjoyed the fun and fellowship. Many winners were surprised to collect prizes they had not anticipated in the sweeps run by Pat Boys with help from Isla Watkins and Elsie Palmer because the favourites had not placed. Prizes

were awarded to Pat Carter, Carol Cleeve, Val Isle and Jackie Williams, Laurie & Kathy Money.



Liz McNeill and John Clark won the Coleman Trophy, with Carol Cleeve and Joan Prince second, Helen Arendts and Tresna Davies were third. Thanks to Denis Lawrence for smoothly directing the event.



## South Perth Swiss Pairs 2013

Three Mondays

7.30pm January 7, 14, 21

Entries BAWA website please

Director: Bill Kemp

Convenor: Darrell Williams

(jackie\_darrell@bigpond.com)

Entry: \$45 per person

Red Points

Prizes: 40% of entry fees (ex GST)



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# SuperVets 2012

By John Aquino



BAWA recently hosted a unique bridge event — a tournament where all competitors were required to be over 80 years of age! It is believed that this is the first time such a tournament has been run in Australia. The event was sanctioned by the Australian Bridge Federation and given ‘gold point’ status.

BAWA decided to launch its ground breaking initiative of staging the SuperVets Tournament with a view to recognising and celebrating the extraordinary contribution that older bridge players have made to our game over a number of years.

A perpetual trophy has been donated by John Aquino for the best overall SuperVets pair. In addition commemorative certificates of achievement are to be awarded for the best performer over 80 years of age, the best performer over 90 years of age, and the best performer over 100 years of age. Yes there are active bridge players over 100 years of age!

The event appropriately took place on the 11 November — Remembrance Day. (aka Armistice Day) and fittingly at 11am players stopped for a minutes silence out of respect and to pay homage to fallen heroes from past conflicts.

Defying initial predictions that there would be a modest turnout for the competition the Tournament Convenor Noel Daniel was overwhelmed with the response. 114 players over the age of 80 entered to pit their bridge skills against other players in their age group. It is estimated that the combined age of all the SuperVets competitors was over 10,000 years!

As competitors assembled for the match the excitement in the room was palpable. By any estimate no one in the room could be regarded as a ‘push over’. Their bridge playing skills though perhaps less keen than they were 30 years ago were still formidable and were on show. It was truly awe inspiring to see a room full of older bridge players, horns locked in silent competition, cards held close to their chests, all vying for recognition of their bridge playing prowess.

The 28 board match started at 10 am and took almost 4 hours to complete. Competitors took a 45 minute lunch break around mid-day but were anxious to re-join the fray. At the conclusion of the completion BAWA put on a formal afternoon tea prior to the announcement of results.

The Shadow Minister for Seniors Interests, the Hon Margaret Quirk, and the President of the Bridge Association of WA, Nigel Dutton, announced the winners and made the presentations.

And the Winners of the inaugural 2012 SuperVets Bridge Tournament were:

Overall Winners: <b>Bobbie Mitchell (87) &amp; Joan Carter (94)</b>
Runners Up — <b>Melanie &amp; Larry Szalay</b>
Best Performer over 80 — <b>Bobbie Mitchell</b>
Best Performer over 90 — <b>Joan Carter</b>
Best performer over 100 — <b>Rudy Woss</b>

Bridge is recognised as a sport by the International Olympic Committee. It is a game that engenders the following attributes and values common with other competitive sports — technique, competitive attitude, strategy, fair play, discipline, stamina, quick reflexes, rapport with your partner, and concentration.

Contract bridge is an excellent gymnastic of the mind for men and women of all ages. Medical research in the United States has concluded that playing the game significantly lowers the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and is even said to boost the immune system. BAWA will make a donation to 'Bridge for Brains' research being undertaken by the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute in NSW. This will help support their continued research into Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

The BAWA initiative has been lauded by the ABF who have encouraged other States to follow the lead taken in WA of offering a bridge competition which specifically addresses an older demographic of bridge players. Because of the extraordinary success of the 2012 SuperVets tournament BAWA has decided to make this an annual event which will be held during Seniors Week each year as part of the State's annual bridge playing calendar.

## Update

Following input from all states and territories regarding the future of the Grand National Pairs, it has been decided that this event will no longer form part of the ABF calendar moving forward. Our commitment to this event will cease following the National Final in January 2013.

We are confident that our novice and restricted players are well accommodated with the inception of events at both state and national level.

## OPEN Red Point Events 2013

February Focus 2013 will publish OPEN Red Point Events being held at all clubs for the year.

Please email your details in a Word document to [bedfords@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bedfords@bigpond.net.au) before

**January 18<sup>th</sup> 2013**



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## 2013 Annual Summer Congress

To be held at our premises on the corner of  
**Murdoch and Bortolo Drives**  
**Greenfields, Mandurah**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February**

Our first Summer Congress in our new club rooms was an outstanding success. Don't miss out on next year's event which has been scheduled one week later to enable players participating in the Canberra Festival to play.

**ENTRIES via BAWA WEBSITE**

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

### PROGRAM

Saturday 9.30 am Swiss Pairs  
\$30 per player – includes lunch

Sunday 9.30 am Swiss Teams  
\$30 per player – includes lunch

Prizes will be a min of 45% of Entry Fees

**Convener & Tournament Director**

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# Capel Life



By Di Brooks

By the time you read this, my darling and I will have celebrated our 49th Wedding Anniversary. (Alan's saving up to buy my Gold Medal, ready for next year!). I digress. During a recent service for the Rav, our mechanic pointed out the need to replace the four tyres. So Alan researched the cost. I was glad I was sitting when he gave me the news... otherwise, I might have fallen down. There wouldn't be much change out of \$1,000. (Lotto not being obliging). A quick call to our tyre and muffler friends in Rockingham gave us a different and much better costing. \$780 against \$940 made it well worth the trip to the city! This also gave us the opportunity to catch up with friends and family. (Our granddaughter, Teesh had just hit the great age of 13, an occasion we couldn't miss).

Leaving home at 7.15am, we had a tight schedule to maintain. The plan - tyres, visits to friends, son and then to Mandurah to visit our grandson, on our return journey. All went well. We left Baldivis, after completing the first two legs of our schedule. Al got on the Freeway, south bound. Then came the dreaded instruction..... "Get the Map Book". If you haven't read the book, "Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps", by Allan and Barbara Pease..... you haven't completed your education! I soon found the relevant page and zoomed into the Greenfields estate and the maze of streets. As navigator, I gave the instructions, "Get on the Mandurah Road", only to be met with, "I'm past Mandurah". Another quick scan of the map, "Well, turn off at Lakes Road". My darling's next words will be written in stone..... Probably his headstone... when he said... "You can't read maps, turn the book upside down." I insisted he listen to me and guess what? Within a few minutes, we were outside of the grandson's home. And for everyones information.... I didn't turn the book upside down, proving Allan and Barbara were wrong.

Oh, and if you ever hear of someone in Emergency, having to have a UBD removed from their tonsils, you will know who and why!

Another instalment in the happy lives in Capel soon.....now back to Bridge-

## Bidding Slams: Pairs versus Teams

It's crucial to bid your slams when playing in Teams events, whilst in a Pairs competition, unless it is a lay down 6, there will always be the players, who, for whatever reason, didn't bid their slam and therefore, you could end up with an average.

Bunbury's November Red Point event had 6 slams to be bid... according to Deep Finesse. So let's look at two in particular.

Brd 11	♠ K		
Dlr S	♥ T5		
Vul Nil	♦ AKT8652		
	♣ K63		
	♠ QT62		♠ 9843
	♥ Q432		♥ 97
	♦ 4		♦ QJ7
	♣ QT85		♣ J742
			♠ AJ75
			♥ AKJ86
			♦ 93
			♣ A9

	13	
6		4
	17	

Imagine North's delight on hearing South open the bidding with 1H. A five loser hand, (North) opposite a known 7 loser hand -might even be better than a normal opening. But one thing was forgotten. There was no trump fit! With both players holding unbalanced hands, it is always a good thing to remember that bad suit breaks are more likely to occur on these style hands. One pair got excited and bid 7NT, whilst another pair bid to 6NT and also went down. Of the nine pairs playing the board, there were two successful pairs bidding and making their slam, 6NT, 6H or

6D were cold. Four pairs viewed the hand as being worthy of slam, whilst the other five pairs didn't even rate the hand as better than game!

Taking note of partner's responses is vital to assessing the final contract.

South	West	North	East
1H	Pass	2D	Pass

(2S or 3NT from South now shows the point count and the shape) Either bid also denies Diamond support. The safest contract would be 6D. Holding a 7 card suit, with South bidding No Trumps, South must hold 2 diamonds and not 3 or 4 card support. So in pairs, bidding and making 6D gives you a second top. In Teams, you would record a 70 IMP loss, whereas a gain of 500, if the opponents just bid 5D and you make your 6D.

Board 20; Dlr:W; Vul:Both

West passed. North, with a cracker of a hand, opened 1H. East overcalling 1S, South's bid of 2D should send North into a tailspin. With a bid of 5NT from North, asking South to bid 6D with one top honour in diamonds, but 7D holding two top honours. Asking for aces is not going to give the information North needs, especially if South holds the Ace and King of Spades. The importance here is to know the quality of the Diamond holding.

It's a sad tale to tell. Not one pair looked for 6D, let alone the cold Grand Slam. Would you and your partner have got to slam?

Brd 20  
Dlr W  
Vul Both

♠ -		
♥ AK8752		
♦ QJT		
♣ AKJ4		
	N	
	W	E
	S	
♠ AT932		
♥ QT6		
♦ 5		
♣ Q653		
♠ J764		
♥ J		
♦ AK9832		
♣ 98		

18	
5	8
9	

Don't get enamoured with your major holding. If partner shows a long minor suit, assess your support plus your outside winners and bid your slams. Teams: bidding vulnerable slams, against game, results in a massive swing. Bidding the 7, against 6 will also give your team the reward it deserves for the great assessment of the hands.

## Golden West

What can one say about this year's Golden West, held at the Mandurah Bridge Club venue? Well, it was a fantastic competition and very competently run by Director, the UNFLAPPABLE, Bill Kemp, along with sidekick, Neville Walker. Forty five tables of hopeful bridge players vied for the gold points and the generous prize monies.

The venue was spacious and airy. The catering, as always, was well done, with Mandurah members providing us with many a tempting tasty treat. (Bang went the diet!) There was ample seating outside on the patio so players could relax in comfort and share their "Should Have, Could Have" stories. (I had plenty of those to tell!) One such hand that gave me so much pleasure is Board 10, of the third session. Playing Precision, sitting N/S, East as dealer, passed, as did my partner, Jean McLarty and West. Round to me, holding a semi balanced hand and a 14 count, I opened 1NT, and Jean now bid 2C, (Stayman) and to everyone's amazement and certainly a shock to my partner..... I PASSED. I'm still laughing as I type this. Partner's face was an absolute picture!!!!

Brd 10  
Dlr E  
Vul

♠ A6		
♥ 543		
♦ AT7		
♣ KQJ86		
	N	
	W	E
	S	
♠ QJ87		
♥ K6		
♦ 932		
♣ T532		
♠ KT532		
♥ AJ97		
♦ J65		
♣ 7		

	14	
11		6
	9	

My reasoning in my action was this: Partner had passed originally. Jean also had the opportunity to transfer to a long major and didn't, so I felt quite comfortable in passing the 2C Stayman. Jean played it beautifully and made the contract. (Very important in a Swiss event, as the scoring is like teams and any part score plus is good). The consensus around the table was that we missed a part score in spades. But as luck would have it, we actually came out pulling 1 IMP on the board. Not enough to help us win the match, as our opponents bid every game their way and made

their contract. Congratulations to them for playing so brilliantly.

We had our ups and downs, some thrills and spills, but the main objective was to iron out our system, ready for Tweed Heads, GNOT Finals.

Overall, we had a great time, win, lose or draw, we played some lovely people, had quite a few laughs... some at my expense, (Read Focus Feb 2013 Capel Life)

Congratulations to the organisers, Alison Stralow, Convener, Directors, Bill and Neville and to the Mandurah Bridge Club committee and members, for doing a sterling job. I am looking forward to 2013. I hope to see you all there.

## Team Tactics

Team tactics are totally different than when playing in a Pairs event. The basics for Teams play are very simple.

1. Make your contract. This may seem a simple instruction to follow, but many forget, (I included) and a momentary glitch in concentration takes you from a small plus or a flat board to a nasty loss.
2. Never put your contract under threat, by making a play to get an overtrick if it costs you your contract. Make your contract, then go for the extra tricks.
3. Bid your skinny games, especially when vulnerable. If you bid 3S, making 4S, for 170+ and the opponents have bid their game, giving your team a minus of -620. This is a loss of -450 and 10 IMP's you have to recover. In a 6, 7 or 8 board match, this is very difficult.
4. If you are in a poor contract, don't panic. Minimise the loss. You may get a pleasant surprise that the same thing happened at the other table, (stranger things have happened before) and by making the best of what you have, your -200 may see a +300 from your team mates, bringing in a +100 and 3 IMPs.
5. When overcalling, make sure you are able to win the first trick, or at worst, the second trick. If you overcall on a five card suit held by Jxxxx, (Jack empty) and partner is on lead and starts off with Kx, he will not be happy when you give two tricks to the opponents, because of your poor suit quality.

6. Enjoy the experience. We all try to do our best. There may be times when you think you are competing against 3 players!!!!!! Remember, Partner is on Your Side.

## Out and about



Wendy Pollock and Di Brooks with knitted garments donated by members of Bunbury and Capel Communities for the House of Hope.

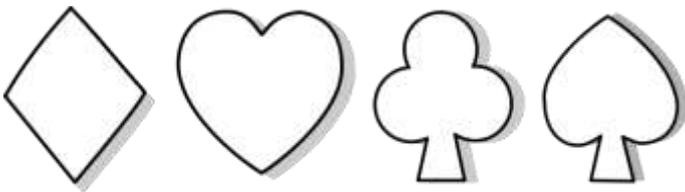
Rockingham Bridge Club held its A.G.M on Monday, 5th November and as one of the club's six Life Members, I try to be there. This year was no exception. It was great to catch up with my old friends and to enjoy playing Precision in the afternoon session with Raewyn Lewer.



Rockingham Bridge Club Champions  
Betty Philpot and Ron Philpot



Past presidents and Life Members:  
 Left to right- Peg Brady, Founder of RBC, Frank Brady, Robert Garbutt, Miriam Garbutt, Ron Philpot and Di Brooks



## Sydney Spring Nationals

### WA Results

*Photos courtesy of the ABF website*

#### Sydney Spring National Open Teams (48 Teams)

- 20<sup>th</sup> Ross Harper Team
- =23<sup>rd</sup> Cynthia Belonogoff and Viv Wood Team
- 39<sup>th</sup> Joan Barnett and Mary Johnston Team

#### Dick Cummings Open Pairs (92 Pairs)

- 8<sup>th</sup> Karol Miller and Gerry Daly
- =13<sup>th</sup> Helen Hellsten and Tony Ong
- 18<sup>th</sup> Michael Courtney and Ross Harper
- =25<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Belonogoff and Viv Wood
- 28<sup>th</sup> Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku
- 51<sup>st</sup> Joan Barnett and Mary Johnston

#### Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams (18 Teams)



2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Christie Team

#### Linda Stern Women's Teams (20 Teams)



2<sup>nd</sup> Marnie Leybourne and Alida Clark Team

# NEDLANDS

## BIRTHDAY CONGRESS

Sunday, February 10th, 2013 at 10am

### GENEROUS PRIZE MONEY

70% OF NET TAKINGS RETURNED AS PRIZE MONEY.

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# Bridge Etiquette

## Unauthorized Information

From Suzanne Goodall

The concept of **unauthorized information** is a tough chestnut. Most of us have not played Bridge using screens so partner's idiosyncrasies and mannerisms are on display. Your lead or bid may not be appealing to partner and often consciously or unconsciously we are made aware of this by the body language of our partner. The trick here is not to act on this information. We all need to try to develop a 'poker face' that gives nothing away.



Also we can be put in an untenable situation if partner asks about an artificial bid and then passes. Sometimes this is seen as 'a lead-directing question'. The remedy of course is for partner to make a lead-directing double and now you can safely lead that suit either when on lead or mid-defence. I was fortunate to have a good friend and partner who resolved this issue with another of her partners by not leading the suit until she had exhausted the 3 remaining suits. Hopefully her partner received the message and stopped the bad habit of 'asking and passing'.

Sometimes it is not even necessary for partner to ask. Once again body language may indicate that your partner holds that suit.

Also it is very important that one not speak unless required. Commenting on your hand whether it is a good or bad one is not appropriate. Also saying that you are not sure what to do is certainly not acceptable table talk. When playing at home these things are tolerated but when playing in an accredited session we are bound by the Laws of Bridge.

Occasionally when you are receiving boards from the next table you may overhear a discussion of the results. It is very important that you call the Director immediately so he can warn the players to avoid loud discussions. If you have unauthorized information such as 7H makes you need to discuss this with the Director away from the table. The Director will adjudicate accordingly and you will not be disadvantaged. It is wrong to

take inference from an overheard discussion and also silly as the contract may or may not be correct.

Looking in hands is something that is obviously wrong. If you accidentally see the opponent's cards that is one thing but outright attempts to have a preview is tantamount to cheating. If the person tends to hold their cards in such a manner that they can be seen then advise them in a gentle manner. Also, should you be waiting for a slow pair, stand well back to avoid seeing a hand that you have yet to play. Similarly if you are waiting for a board you should not go to the table for it as you may see the other board being played.

Also when defending ensure that you do not resort your hand. This may be noticeable to your partner and they may deduce that you now have a shortage.

If anything occurs which looks as if the opponents may be exchanging unauthorized information, whether it be by body language, mannerisms, variations in tempo or inappropriate questions then call or see the director. Some of these situations can be quite tricky but it is best to attempt to try to sort them out to ensure that the fairness of the game is preserved. The player or players in question may not be aware of their bad habits and once it is pointed out to them hopefully they will rectify their ways.

Endeavour to operate only from the 13 cards you hold and the auction. Anything else gives you an unfair advantage.





# Making Mistakes at the Spring Nationals

From Marnie Leybourne

Bridge is a game of mistakes. It generally turns out that the team that makes the fewest mistakes wins. We could perhaps modify this to say that the team that takes advantage of their opponents' mistakes and manages to recover from their own will generally be the winners.

Alida Clark and I played in the Spring Nationals women's teams competition on the MCLEISH team with Jan Cormack (New Zealand) and Paula McLeish (Queensland). We had a great event, qualifying second to play KALMIN in the final. Alida and I also topped the modified datum pair results, while our team mates came fourth. Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku, who also played in the event, came sixth in the modified datum's out of the 43 pairs in the event.

## Mistake 1 – Passing forcing bids

I can safely lay claim to having made the biggest \*%\$#@ mistake of the competition and may go down in history with the dubious honour of being the only player in a national final to pass my partner's semi game forcing opening bid of 2C. Yes, these mistakes happen even at the national level!

It happened towards the end of the final set in the final. We were using large A4 clipboards with written bidding under screens that had fancy trimming and when the board was pushed to my side of the screen Alida's opening bid was hidden – I didn't see it, thought my right hand opponent was dealer (the board was hidden on the other side of the screen as well) – and I passed...

Our opponents awarded Alida "partner of the year" for her equanimity when the Director confirmed that I could not take back my pass and she had to play 2C for minus one, when 3NT +1 was made in the other room. Fortunately, it wasn't this board that cost us the match.

## Mistake 2 – "how can I minimise the damage?"

This hand came up while we were on Vu-Graph, so we had the added pressure of knowing "the

world" was watching our mistakes and, most likely, commenting on them.

### Final match 1

Brd 14	♠ 875										
Dlr E	♥ 9842										
Vul Nil	♦ 62										
	♣ QT84										
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♥ AQT		♥ J763									
♦ AK975		♦ Q8									
♣ KJ		♣ 76									
	♠ K2										
	♥ K5										
	♦ JT43										
	♣ A9532										

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Marnie</i>		<i>Alida</i>	
		Pass	1NT
X	2C (1)	X (2)	Pass
3NT (3)	All Pass		

- (1) This was explained to me as being either long clubs or short clubs
- (2) Take out. A better bid might have been 2S, followed by 3H, however X wasn't a mistake
- (3) A mistake. 3C would have been a better bid, seeking a major fit.

The C4 was led and when dummy came down I knew I had made a mistake as 4S+1 was sure to be the result at the other table. I HAD to make 3NT to avoid losing more than 2 imps.

South won the Ace and returned a club, which I won with the King. I could see only eight tricks (unless diamonds broke); as I knew I could not take the spade finesse as South was sure to have the spade King. Therefore, I had only two entries to dummy – the diamond Queen and spade Ace, so I could not take two heart finesses AND get back to dummy to cash the heart Jack.

I played to the diamond Queen, took heart finesse and played two more rounds of diamonds, North showing out, so that didn't work either.

I spent some minutes reconstructing hands consistent with the bidding that would allow me to drop a doubleton heart King (in my calculations, I did not consider the actual distribution of 2245 – but felt 3244 was a strong possibility for South). At the back of my mind was the thought that some people would be watching on Vu-Graph, which added a bit of stress. Finally, I laid down the heart Ace and South congratulated me.

**Mistake 3 – “partner, what you are DOING to me?” “Making you look good on Vu-Graph”**

Final match 1

Brd 5      ♠ T72  
 Dlr N      ♥ AQT8  
 Vul NS     ♦ AQ83  
             ♣ 76

♠ AK5	♠ Q6
♥ 42	♥ KJ93
♦ T765	♦ KJ2
♣ K984	♣ AQJ2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J9843  
 ♥ 765  
 ♦ 94  
 ♣ T53

	12	
10		17
	1	

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Marnie</i>		<i>Alida</i>	
	1NT	X	2S
X (1)	Pass	4H	All Pass

The bidding:

(1) BIG mistake – our X's after a penalty double are taking out. I should have passed and waited for Alida's take out double, which I could have then passed for penalties. It would have gone four light for +1100.

The S3 was led, which Alida won with the Ace. She finessed the heart Jack and then made the farsighted play of leading the club Queen to the King in dummy to lead another heart. North won with the Ace and led a second club. Alida won with the Ace, cashed the trump King and played her spade Queen. These cards remained:

Brd 5      ♠ T  
 Dlr N      ♥ Q  
 Vul NS     ♦ AQ83  
             ♣

♠ K	♠ 9
♥	♥ 9
♦ T76	♦ KJ2
♣ 98	♣ J2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J98  
 ♥  
 ♦ 94  
 ♣ T

	12	
10		17
	1	

Alida now played the club Jack and North was stymied. She could discard on the club, but Alida would then lead a fourth club, entering dummy to take a diamond discard on the spade King and diamond finesse.

Alternatively, North could ruff the club and then be end played into leading a spade to dummy or a diamond for a finesse to dummy. Ten tricks made!

As the cards were put away, Alida leant under the screen and asked, “Partner, what are you doing to me? We were in a 4-2 fit!”

“Making you look good on Vu-Graph,” I replied. I think the kibitzers would have enjoyed watching her make that hand.

**Mistake 4 – “what do you call an eight-card suit? TRUMPS!”**

What are you going to do with this hand?

T9876432, K64, K6, void

We were green against red and partner, as dealer, opened the bidding with 2D. This was multi – either a weak major or game forcing. The next player passed. What are you going to bid? Where do you want to play?

This was the bidding at our table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Marnie</i>		<i>Alida</i>	
		2D (1)	Pass
2H (2)	3D	Pass	3NT
Now what?			

(1) Either a weak major or GF (23+ or GF single suited)

(2) Pass or correct

This is a bit of a sneaky hand, because in the end it wasn't me that made a mistake, at least not with how the bidding would have progressed at

our table. With a great deal of trepidation I passed and I led a small heart. We took the first six tricks for +200.

4S does, in fact, make, however North will always bid again and five clubs is cold. At the other table, West also ignored her eight-card suit and elected to play in 4H, which went one off, netting us a total of +250 for the board. These were the hands:

Final match 1

Brd 2	♠ AK		♠ 5
Dlr E	♥ 8		♥ AQT753
Vul NS	♦ AT984		♦ Q75
	♣ A9732		♣ T84
♠ T9876432		♠ N	
♥ K64		W	E
♦ K6			
♣ -		S	
	♠ QJ		
	♥ J92		
	♦ J32		
	♣ KQJ65		

15	
6	8
11	

So, we didn't make a mistake, however we gained from our opponents' mistakes at both tables. South should not have bid 3NT at our table, and at the other table, West should have insisted on her eight card suit as trumps.

**Mistake 5 - Making it too hard for partner**

Final match 2

Brd 16	♠ KQ952		♠ T874
Dlr W	♥ KQ86		♥ 4
Vul EW	♦ 7		♦ A63
	♣ T76		♣ AK432
♠ 3		♠ N	
♥ A52		W	E
♦ T9854			
♣ QJ98		S	
	♠ AJ6		
	♥ JT973		
	♦ KQJ2		
	♣ 5		

10	
7	11
12	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Alida</i>		<i>Marnie</i>
Pass	Pass	1C	1H
3C	X	Pass	3D
Pass	4H	All pass	

West led the S3 and this was so obviously a singleton that I knew I was looking at one or two off. I won with the spade Ace and led the heart ten, hoping to give the impression that I was taking finesse. West wasn't fooled. She rose with the trump Ace and had an easy choice of switching to EITHER minor to get spade ruff(s).

Instead, she led the club Queen which, to her partner, looked like she wanted to remain on lead, so she didn't overtake and when West played a second club I almost kissed her and claimed ten tricks.

West, of course, should have led the club nine to her partner's Ace and her partner should have returned the spade ten to tell her partner to return a diamond. Four hearts would have then been two light.

At the end of the four final matches, KALMIN beat MCLEISH 126 to 98.

In the senior teams competition, Henry Christie played in the BUCHEN team, which beat KROCHMALIK 120 to 99 to win the final.



# Warm Up Pairs

NEW!

2-weeks event

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2013

Event commences at 7.30pm

VENUE: South Perth Bridge Club

ENTRY FEE: \$25 per player

# Interstate Open Selection Pairs

6-weeks event starts

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2013

Event commences at 7.30pm

VENUE: South Perth Bridge Club

ENTRY FEE: \$65 per player



# To Congress Or Not To Congress?

## That is the Question

From Glen Barter

At our recent AGM, the Margaret River Bridge Club Inc voted emphatically not to hold a congress until further notice. I would like to share the reasons why I think this decision was so popular.

We are a very small club as most know; our membership is a “floating” 30 plus or minus. Some members live overseas and come to Margaret River for maybe six months of the year. Others are “grey nomads” who travel on and off during the year; some live in Perth and visit their Margaret River holiday homes a few times a year, so a BIG club session here is 4 tables.

When a congress is pending, there is a small core of members who are willing to help organise the event. Over past years we have held our congress in a number of venues generally not suitable for many reasons, too hot, too cold, too small, and too noisy: the list can go on... Last year we were lucky enough to secure a hotel complex for a reasonable rent, on condition we purchased food and drink from the venue. Sounded great. The venue was large enough to house all players comfortably and we discussed food, tea, and coffee with hotel staff who assured us “all would be well.” Unfortunately the lunch on Saturday “left much to be desired” and our President did a great job apologising to players who were generally sympathetic to our dilemma. Sunday was another day and all went well with the lunch. We had a good congress turnout and even with a few “no shows” the club members felt we had had a successful congress.

The 2011 Congress prizes consisted of cash and wine totalling \$2020, approximately 1/6 of our income BEFORE EXPENSES. One player, who had never before played at any of our congresses, complained about the prize amounts and did not like wine as part prize. In all the years I have been involved in our congresses, this was the first and only complaint on both counts.

The Congress was particularly expensive for Margaret River, not helped by ill informed comments without all the facts. Of the \$40 daily entry fee \$22.50 was for lunch and continuous

tea and coffee each day and on Friday night \$15 of the \$20 charged per player went for snacks. From the balance came all other expenses, Directors fees, Red points, boards, incidentals and prizes. Income less expenses netted the club \$723; and of this \$375 was a discount from the hotel for the unsatisfactory lunch on Saturday. Without a raffle we would surely have made a loss. Almost \$7,000 alone was paid to the hotel for their services. Can anyone honestly tell me they would like to work their “butts off” for months prior to and during a congress for \$723?.....I don’t think so.

Prize money at any congress should depend not only on the number of players multiplied by dollars collected, but on expenses incurred by the club. These will vary greatly. Articles questioning prize money (Focus December 2011 and February 2012), fail to consider this. “Generous prizes” offered may not appear to be very generous after expenses are deducted, but often this can’t be helped, particularly in our case. Clubs fortunate enough to have their own premises and who may enlist their members to help provide food for little or no cost or who pay their local P&C or similar organisation to provide meals at a reasonable price will naturally have more prize money to give. In our case neither applied. The fact that the question of prize money has attracted much attention in the past, perhaps clubs should be willing to provide their profit and loss figures after a congress.

While I can appreciate many players come long distances and have to find accommodation and meals within their budgets, if their only purpose is to expect to win large amounts of money and be generously fed, they may need to re-evaluate their motives. There is often much rhetoric at the conclusion of congresses, clapping of hands, players glad to be going home with or without prizes; generally a good time has been had by all. Next time you attend a congress, any congress, give some REAL thought to the behind the scene volunteers and the time effort and in our case, lots of money, needed to ensure you have enjoyed the event.



# 2 Clubs

By Bill Jacobs



[bill.jacobs55@gmail.com](mailto:bill.jacobs55@gmail.com)

Your methods after you open a strong artificial 2♣ are no damn good – I will bet on it. I will certainly bet on it if you follow “standard” principles, which is that a 2♦ response is either negative or waiting.

“Waiting” actually means “waiting for the ensuing disaster”.

Allow me to illustrate using a quiz from some years back by American champion Mike Lawrence. He posed the following three hands all in response to an opening 2♣:

- 1) ♠ Q107653 ♥ K ♦ 832 ♣ Q95
- 2) ♠ Q87 ♥ QJ8 ♦ K832 ♣ K93
- 3) ♠ 6 ♥ 8763 ♦ 10874 ♣ J763

His recommendation was to respond 2♦ on all these hands!

On 1), he said: “Do not bid 2♠. Most players reserve a 2♠ bid for a better suit. My suggestion is that you almost always bid 2♦, which leaves more room for partner to bid something”.

On 2): “The other choice is 2NT, which is as vile a bid as your partner would ever want to hear.”

And on 3): “Not much point to this hand other than to show you what many 2♦ bids can look like”.

Responding 2♦ on each of those hands, all wildly different in their own way, turns responder’s bid into a meaningless noise, giving opener the

chance to describe the nature of his force. Superficially attractive that might be, but it’s a mirage. It implies that responder needs to find out as much as possible about opener’s hand, whereas the reverse is true. It’s the strong hand that needs to find out about the weak hand, because it is rare that a 2♣ opener can impart enough data for the responding hand to take control. (\*note)

I won’t delve into the myriad ways in which the auction can fall apart after the meaningless 2♦ response. Suffice to say that the failure of responder to provide meaningful information puts the auction “behind the game”.

The method that has worked for me over the past 10 years or so was first pioneered by the great American theorist Alvin Roth. It uses three tiers of strength in response:

- Negative: 0-4 points
- Semi-positive: 5-8 points
- Full positive: 9+ points

You see the concept of “semi-positives” in a lot of strong club methods. Here’s how the responses are structured (all the point counts here refer to high-card points):

2♦	Any 9+, or 5-8 without a 5-card suit
2♥	Any 0-4
2♠	5-8, at least 5 spades
2NT	5-8, at least 5 hearts
3♣	5-8, at least 5 clubs
3♦	5-8, at least 5 diamonds

After a 2♦ response, responder can clarify his hand as follows (let’s assume the 2♣ opener names a suit next):

- New suit: 9+, natural
- Min NT: 5-8, no support
- Jump raise: 5-8, with support
- Single raise: 9+, with support
- Jump in NT: 9+, no support (forcing!)

## EDITING OF MATERIAL

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It's a very simple and natural scheme, with little ambiguity in the bids. No 2♦ bids that can range from 0 to 11 points and beyond. And the ability to immediately name a suit with limited values has paid off for me time and time again – when the 2♣ opener has 3-card support and moves to game or slam in responder's suit.

If you return to the three hands listed by Mike Lawrence, you will see that under this scheme, three different descriptive responses are made to 2♣: 2♠ on 1), 2♦ on 2) and 2♥ on 3).

Try it – you'll like it.

(\*note: This reminds me of the "Irish jump cue bid overcall". Over an opposition 1♠ opening, a 3♠ overcall is the Irish ask. It says: "partner, I have a spade stopper – bid 3NT if you have 8 solid tricks to go with it".)



# Masters in Teams of 3

Thank you to the Masters who made themselves available on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>

BAWA President Nigel Dutton, David Matthews, Heather Williams, Nick Cantatore, Jan Blight, Marnie Leybourne, John Beddow, Ann Ohlsen, John Ashworth, Terry Piper, Derek Pocock, Linda Bedford-Brown and Leone Fuller



1<sup>st</sup> with Master **Marnie Leybourne**, Jennifer Andrews, Meredith Goodlet and Marcey Spilsbury



2<sup>nd</sup> with Master **Leone Fuller** Catherine Grogan, Ron Grogan and Sue Ward



3<sup>rd</sup> with Master **David Matthews**, Jenny Simpson, Julie Crowe and Wilma Coloper



Sunday morning warm up waiting for the draw

## Side Tables

BAWA is in the process of decommissioning its offsite storage and has a number of spare 'side tables'. If you have a need for side tables contact John Aquino asap to make an offer. All offers considered.

Mobile: 0434 608 834

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## Bermuda Bowl 1989

Collectable? Unique? Bridgeania?

1989 and Perth was host to the 29<sup>th</sup> Bermuda Bowl and the 7<sup>th</sup> Venice Cup.

Now, thanks to John Ashworth, a limited number of satchels and Tshirts from this event are available. Mint condition and proceeds will go to Youth Bridge Advancement. Contact Linda [bedfords@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bedfords@bigpond.net.au)

Be quick – they wont last!



Only 18 available \$15 each



Only 24 Black Satchels available \$15 each

## Rockingham Bridge Club Inc CONGRESS 2013

February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

### ENTRIES

Via BAWA WEBSITE

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

### PROGRAM

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Congress Pairs 10.00am**

\$25.00 per player pay at the table

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Congress Teams 10.00am**

\$25.00 per player pay at the table

BYO Lunch

Maximum 20 Tables

\*Raffle      \*Door Prizes

**Convenor : Janice Hawker 95287703**

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**Webpage :**

**[www.rockingham.bridge-club.org](http://www.rockingham.bridge-club.org)**







# Results

## State Open Teams

### Final Open

Alida Clark, Peter Rogers, Henry Christie, Karol Miller, Marnie Leybourne and Nick Cantatore

## State Open Teams

### Final Restricted

Tied result

Jill Keshavjee, Sandy Sutton Mattocks, Hugh Probert and Michael Turner

With

David Burn, Rica King, Alison Rigg, John Rigg, Lynne Milne and Chris Bagley

## State Mixed Pairs

1st Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside

2nd Wendy Driscoll and Eddy Mandavy

3rd Jan Blight and Gerald Merven

## Golden West

1st Gerry Daly and Viv Wood

2nd Ron Cooper and Renee Cooper

3rd Tad Bieganski and Beata Bieganski

4th Richard Wallis and Val Biltoft

5th Dianne Marler and Jeannett Collins

6th Trevor Fuller and Sharon Evans

7th Dave Munro and Pim Birss

8th Gill Dolling and Mark Dolling

9th Bob Prince and Derek Pocock

10th Dave Parham and Ian Bailey



## TEAMS OF 4

From John Beddow

### OPEN

Taipans 37 - WABC 47 = +/- 10

Nedlands 52 - Undercroft Red 99 = +/- 27

#### GRAND FINAL:

Undercroft Reds are at home to WABC

#### 3rd & 4th PLAYOFFS:

Taipans 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nedlands 4<sup>th</sup>

### INTERMEDIATE

WABC Reds 97 - Bushmasters 29 = +/- 68

WABC Green 99 - Undercroft Red 47 = +/- 52

#### GRAND FINAL:

WABC Greens are at home to WABC Red

#### 3rd & 4th PLAYOFFS:

Bushmasters 3<sup>rd</sup>

Undercroft Red 4<sup>th</sup>

### RESTRICTED

WABC Red 73 - Undercroft Green 60 = +/- 13

Gwarders 47 - Mulgas 35 = +/- 12

#### GRAND FINAL:

WABC are at home to the Gwarders

#### PLAYOFFS FOR 3rd and 4th PLACES:

The Mulgas are at home to Undercroft Green

Remember, the home team is to give their opponents 2 dates of which the away team must accept one of them.

The Grand Final and 3rd & 4th Play Off matches must be completed by:

**02 DECEMBER 2012**

## Pennants Results

ALBANY	45.1	50.1	65.5	45.9					<b>51.65</b>	
BRIDGETOWN	53.2	54.1	49.1	47.5					<b>50.98</b>	
BUNBURY	57.3	63.2	66.9	44.5	51.1				<b>56.6</b>	
BUSSELTON	55.8	48.3	59.9	59.6	66.9				<b>58.1</b>	4PTS
ESPERENCE	60.7	47.8	53.4	56.9					<b>54.7</b>	
GERALDTON	62.5	50.3	44.7	47.9	49.9	63.8			<b>53.18</b>	
KALAMUNDA	59.7	57.7	62.7	50.5					<b>57.65</b>	2PTS
KALGOORLIE	50								<b>50</b>	
MACCABI	49	53.4	55.2	67.7					<b>56.33</b>	
MELVILLE	51.4	66	63.4	53.6	45.4	60.7	60.6		<b>57.3</b>	
NEDLANDS	45.9	50.9	50.4	54.2					<b>50.35</b>	
ROCKINGHAM	59.2	55.9	55.6	52.3	45.2	58.3			<b>54.42</b>	
UNDERCROFT	56.7	56.3	66.2	54.5	58.8	62.7			<b>59.2</b>	6PTS

## Diarize Now



### Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2012/2013

	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Thu 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BAWA Award Presentation Night 6.30pm</b> <b>Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Jan 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	South Perth Bridge Swiss Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 - 7.30pm - see flyer
		<b>Thu 17<sup>th</sup></b>	BAWA Warm Up Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		<b>Thu 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Interstate Open Selection Butler Qualifying 1 <sup>st</sup> of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mandurah Congress - see flyer</b>
		<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>	BAWA Summer Swiss Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Nedlands Birthday Congress- see flyer</b>
		<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> - Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rockingham Bridge Club Congress - see flyer</b>
	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> - Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Esperance Congress</b>
		<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> -Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Melville Congress</b>
		<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> -Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kalamunda Congress</b>
		<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Interstate Women's Selection Butler Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 6 Mondays @ NBC - Thurs @ SPBC - Sat & Sun @ NBC
		<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> -Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WA Country Championships</b>
		<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> - Mon Apr 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>South Perth Bridge Club Easter Congress</b>
<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>		
<b>**NOTE**</b>	<b>BAWA/Congress Events</b>	Entries <a href="http://www.bawa.asn.au">www.bawa.asn.au</a> unless other specified.	

# BRIDGE COMMITTEES

Often the unsung heroes of Bridge Clubs are the members who volunteer to be on the Club Management Committee.

Countless hours are given VOLUNTARILY every day of every year.

Thank them – regularly!

Thank You!  
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Hon Treasurer Trish Hunter, Sally Anne George, **President Linda Bedford-Brown**, Susie Auburn, House Manager Robin Burton and Peter Holloway. (Absent Hon Secretary Betty Huntley and Ann Ashman)



Back Hillary Stilling, Norman Robertson, Jan Annear (Captain) Liz McNeil, Darrell Williams (Secretary)  
Front: David Dale (Vice President), **Cassie Morin (President)**, Lyndall Steed (Treasurer) Insert: Dave Munro



Back row from L: Kate Pinniger, Jo Sklarz, **Gwen Wiles (President)**, Karen Wallwork. Front from L: Dymphna Elsey, Peta Fuhrman, Dee Sinton (Secretary), (Absent Ursula Maitland, Faye Cullen, Kitty George, Treasurer)



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From left to right: Maureen Phillips, Ann Patrick (Secretary) **Peter Garcia Webb (President)** Lyall Page (Treasurer) and Pat Garnett (Vice president) (Absent Patsy Davey, Harold McKnight and Max Rowan-Robinson)



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