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*focus* happens because of the excellent contributions from our regular columnists, Around the Club editors and guest articles. In 2013 you were all, yet again, marvellous.

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# SuperVets 2013

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

A perpetual trophy has been donated by John Aquino for the best overall SuperVets Pair. In addition commemorative certificates of achievement are 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!

BAWA sincerely thanks WABC for making their club available for this Tournament and for all their help and support to BAWA. A Special Thank You to SuperVets Director Bill Kemp.



## Overall Winners



**Larry Szalay and Melanie Szalay** with John Aquino and BAWA XO Robina McConnell

## Runners Up



**Shira Shilbury and Doreen Jones**

## Best Performer over 80



**Ailsa Smith and Judy Crooke**

## Best Performer over 90



**Margaret Sacks**

## Best Performer over 100



**Deidre Saunders**





# President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

After careful consideration, The BAWA Management Committee has determined that 10 is the minimum number of tables for an event to be financially viable. So, as from 2014, events that do not reach this number will not run. So if you have entered an event and are particularly keen to play, keep a close eye on the entry page and if the numbers look a little low you might care to persuade a few friends to get their entries in.

I had thought that we, and the ABF, had dealt with this issue a few years ago. However, it has come to our notice that some clubs may be thinking of some minor manipulations of pre-dealt boards / sets. So let me re-iterate to clear up any misunderstanding; boards dealt randomly by computer/dealing machines must not, under ANY circumstance, be manipulated in any way. They must be played as they are dealt, this includes so called "set selection" to ensure boards are not too wild or running N/S or E/W or for any another reason. Clubs will risk their access to the masterpoints scheme should this occur. I hope that clears thing up ☺

BAWA has 2 events in January which I would recommend to you, both are only 2 weeks long; the first, the New Year Pairs, (January 2 & 9) would be good practice if you are off to Canberra. The second, the Warm Up Pairs, would be a great start to your 2014 BAWA campaign. Both events are at a special price of \$25 per player.

Finally starting at the end of January is a 4 week Butler event used to qualify pairs to play in a

round robin with the winners to play for WA at the ANC in Sydney. What I would like to emphasise is that the 4 week Butler event is for everybody not just players with aspirations to represent WA. This is the perfect event for up and coming players, and there are quite a few, to test their mettle against the top players. Make no mistake if you wish to improve your game then playing in events such as this is one of the best ways to do so.

Full details of all events and entry facility can be found on the BAWA web site.

Speaking of the BAWA web site I would be delighted to receive suggestions as to how the web site can be improved and / or extra information added. Just email me.

## BAWA Treasurer

The current treasurer has indicated his intention to retire from the position at the next AGM. If you like working with numbers and counting coins and wish to become a member of the BAWA Management Committee get yourself nominated and elected.

The position carries an honorarium.

For further details please contact

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**Articles always welcome**



# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

### Competition Winners

Congratulations to **Doug Hardman** and **Andy Pennycott**, the winners of the Night Time Pairs Championship held in November. Runners up were Alan Wardroper and Tom Stack, and Pat Gaines and Karen Hunter were placed third.



Andy Pennycott, left, and Doug Hardman, right, with Convenor Neville Walker.

### Upcoming Events

#### January 2014

- Anniversary Charity Day - Tuesday 21st January

#### February 2014

- Mandurah Summer Congress – 1st & 2nd February
  - Duplicate Pairs - Saturday 1st February
  - Swiss Teams - Sunday 2nd February
- Tuesday best 'Three out of Four' event – 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th February
- Special Teams Event - Wednesday 19th February



## Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

Like most Bridge Clubs in Western Australia, Fremantle Bridge Club held a Melbourne Cup Lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> November followed by bridge. A delightfully decorated room and good lunch with the race watched on our new TV screen was followed by bridge for the 13 tables.

As usual for this sort of event a lot of work is required and an effective team was organised and supervised by **Rosalie Raine** and **Else Mikkleson** (pictured).



## Bunbury Bridge Club

From Di Brooks

Bunbury Bridge Club held its inaugural Masters in Teams of 3, Sunday, 10th November. With Di Brooks directing, there were a few hairy moments when two Masters weren't there for the selection. A quick phone call reminded them of the need for their presence. Fortunately, Margaret Henderson called in to the Club on an errand and was quickly seconded to substitute for one of the Masters in the interim.

Di gave an impromptu coaching on Teams Tactics as well as on the scoring method. The event gave the students from the Bunbury class a chance to partner a Master and to gain some experience on Teams play.

With Kendenup holding its annual Sunday Congress, there were less Masters available to play for the Bunbury Club. Our gratitude to Phyl Barnes, Stella Dixon, Roger Liebmann and Di Brooks who did a great job acting as Captains for their teams. Well done.

Four teams vied for the first place, with Team 1: Brooks, playing a head to head match against Team 4: Dixon, both sitting on equal scores. Luck and good judgement favoured the Dixon Team and they thumped the Brooks team giving the Dixon Team an unbeatable lead.



Congratulations to Winners **Ann-Louise Dubrowski, Holly Nutley, Brian Wade** and Captain **Stella Dixon**. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooks Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liebmann Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Barnes Team.

Well done to everyone for their participation. For those of you who didn't attend for whatever reason, you missed a feast ... both of bridge and delicious foods that would tempt the most finicky of epicures.



President **Val Knott**

The following day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> the club held a Pre Melbourne Cup Charity luncheon The Royal Flying Doctor being the charity nominated by the Management Committee. Di Brooks was the Convenor.



Winner of the best hat was **Holly Nutley**, for the Old Grey Mare.

An in house raffle was held. Prizes were donated by members and friends of Bunbury Bridge Club. Lucky recipients: Jean Menzies, Kath Phillip, Alex Wallis, Murray Webber, Marg Henderson, Kay Rose and Nicole Ammon. A percentage of monies was allocated to the charity R.F.D. Table fees were donated, altogether monies raised totalled \$400. Such a great effort from everyone, thank you all for your support.

## Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

### **A Bridge (game) Too Far.**

Lynn Layton & George Gibson called into the Club for their first game since they left Darwin in May. They were very happy to be sitting at a bridge table again, and after a practise on Saturday won handsomely on Monday. Their home club is Redlands, Brisbane.



Lynn Layton and George Gibson



The Members put on a magnificent lunch to farewell long time popular member, Judy Brown. Our loss will be Melville's Gain.



Barbara Allen, Judy Brown, Bryan Baldock (President)

A keen group meet for the supervised session on Thursdays.



Players can come assured that a partner will be available, as a duty director is on hand to match up the players, and to play if needed.

## Kendenup and Denmark Bridge Club

From Ann Oldfield

The Kendenup/Denmark Bridge Challenge was played at Denmark on Sunday 27th October. Numbers were increased to eight pairs from each club. This enables more players to participate. The Fergie and Sandilands partnerships were held up by a flat tyre and arrived with very little time to spare (!) Another couple who shall remain nameless set out for Denmark and inadvertently arrived in Rocky Gully. It would be unfair to say they were lost. They knew exactly where they were. The place was labelled. They also knew that a simple U turn would take them back to their missed turn off. The third thing they knew was that they would be late. David Atkinson our director for the day made a small partner

shift and we started without the tardy pair. They arrived ten minutes late and immediately went into concentrated catch up mode. No cuppa on arrival for them. Having used up our entire disaster quota just getting there we had none to spoil our play. This meant that we managed to regain the trophy. Our President Bob Fergie was happy to accept the trophy and thanked Denmark for their hospitality. We had a very enjoyable afternoon of bridge enhanced by delicious food and a nice glass of wine.



Bob Fergie has suggested that we pass the hat around to buy a large map of the south west for our two Rocky Gully tourists.



## Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmueeller

Thank you to everyone who attended the Undercroft Congress in October. We had a fantastic two days of competition, surrounded by Terry Farrell's magnificent flowers and glorious food supplied by our generous members.

The Saturday pairs were won by **Brian Fensome** and **John Beyfus**. Tad and Beata Bieganski were second with Nigel Dutton and Marie Merven third. **Congratulations!**





Brian Fensome and John Beyfus



Catherine Hood and Doreen Jones



Beata Bieganski and Tad Bieganski

On Sunday, the team of **Fiske Warren, Maura Rhodes, David Schokman** and **Pauline Hammond** were the victors with Phil and Kathy Power, Jan Blight and Ravi Soin coming second. In third place were Catherine Hood, Doreen Jones, Nick Cantatore and Marnie Leybourne. **Congratulations!**



Phil and Kathy Power, Jan Blight and Ravi Soin

Melbourne Cup Day, organised by Helen Larsen, was great fun with sweeps, champagne, a quiz, prizes and delicious food. The most elegant hat was worn by **Joan Nice** and the most creative by **Carola Neutgens**. Our ladies went to lots of effort and looked gorgeous. The quiz winners were **Margaret Britten, Jan Szymakowski, Bob** and **Iris Phillpot. Well done everyone!**



The latest Red Point event at Undercroft was the Gwen Johnson Teams of Four. This was won by the Fensome team made up of **Carol Fensome, Beata Bieganski, Chris Jenkins** and **Marie Sheridan. Congratulations ladies!**







The second placed team was Peter McCann, Margaret Britten, Satish Bedekar and Tony Eardley



In third place were John Beyfus, Tony Martin, Jenny Bandy and Joanna Tennyson.



In November the latest group graduated from Leslie Routledge's beginner's class. We welcome these members to the wide world of bridge.

The **Christmas parties** are fast approaching and everyone is looking forward to these popular events. This year the entertainment will have a "**Sixties, Rock & Roll**" theme.



The **Undercroft Management Committee** would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy bridging in 2014!



## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Vale **Rudy Woss**

4.09.1910 – 1.11.2013



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our oldest member, Rudy Woss, on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the age of 103.

Rudy left Austria in 1938 because, as he explained, 'I didn't like Hitler and Hitler didn't like me!' As a Jewish Austrian, life in Vienna became very difficult. He was arrested twice by the Gestapo before deciding to flee the Country.



He was granted a permit to come to Perth because watchmakers were needed at that time. As watches became digitalised, Rudy saw that his profession was on the decline and turned his attention to Real Estate.

He was an accomplished tennis player and golfer in his youth but turned to bridge as he got older. He was already a champion bridge player when he joined West coast Bridge Club in 2002.

Until this year he drove himself to bridge in a Jaguar which he treated himself to on his 90th birthday. He was one of WA's oldest drivers but this year succumbed to family pressure and employed a chauffeur to drive him to bridge each day in his Jaguar.

Since he joined our Club, he rarely missed a session. He invariably won our annual award for the player who had earned most Green Points in the year and was very excited to gain his Silver Life Certificate earlier this year.

It is sad that he was not able to play in the SuperVets competition last weekend. He had hoped to again win the certificate for the best player over 100 years old!

West Coast Bridge Club will not be the same without Rudy's presence and he will be greatly missed by all of us.

We send our condolences and best wishes to Ron and to all Rudy's family.

## Competition Results

The results of our Swiss Pairs Competition were

1st	Verna Holman and Nerilyn Mack
2nd	Leonie Lorian and Richard Pianta
3rd	Peach Partis and Peter Garcia Webb



Verna Holman and Nerilyn Mack

The results of our Saturday Pairs Competition were

1st	Helen Baker and Jean Calder
2nd	Janet Fisher and Annette Newton
3rd	Chootoo Bhagat and Naidoo Rama



Helen Baker and Jean Calder

## Melbourne Cup lunch

Our Melbourne Cup lunch was a very successful and enjoyable occasion. Everyone had a lovely day, with lots of yummy food, raffles and prizes!



Betty Anderson in festive attire!

## Busselton Bridge Club

From Margaret Nixon  
Busselton becomes full of visitors over the summer months, and our club looks forward to welcoming players to our sessions, which now happen on Monday afternoon at Dunsborough Country Club, starting at 1.00 pm, and

Wednesday afternoons at the Busselton Tennis Club starting at 12.45.

On October 26 we held our South West Friendly Teams event. Peter Holloway directed in his usual efficient and friendly manner, and for those who participated a pleasant day of bridge was enjoyed by all. Winners for the day were the team of Glenda Barter, Bernadette Campbell, Lloyd and Margaret Nixon.

Next year we are scheduled to hold our Congress in the weekend of 17th to 19th October, and our one day teams event will probably revert to August at the Busselton Tennis Club.

## Rockingham Bridge Club

From Ian Oldham



Congratulations to Scorpio Pairs winners **Anna-Maria de LaCarrera** and **Nunzio Castiglione**



Scorpio Pairs 2nd and best under State Masters **Mitch Loly** and **Rita Hood**

90th Birthday Congratulations to Mona Walker and Colin Wells

The annual November teams match with Mandurah was very successful. Mandurah went home with the trophy so we will have to try and bring it back in 2014.

Boxes were put out early December and members donated tinned food etc to go to Rockingham Salvation Army for their hampers. The annual Christmas lunch was a great success. The spread was excellent.

It gave me great pleasure on that occasion to present Ian Oldham with Life Membership. It was a unanimous decision by all, for the tireless work he has put into the club over the years, taking on many positions on the Committee and always being there for us whenever he was needed.

Events:

Wed 4 Dec	Christmas Pairs
Mon 9 Dec	Christmas Pairs
Tue 24 Dec Wed 25Dec	<b>no play</b>
Fri 27 Sat 28 Mon 30	Regular play
Tues 31 Dec Wed 1 Jan	<b>no play</b>

## Broome Bridge Club

From Pam Wadsworth

The Broome Bridge Club, our social gathering of like-minded bridge players, had another successful year during the winter months in lovely, warm Broome. As well as our regular players who turn up year after year for our friendly sessions, we also get people passing through, mostly from Western Australia, but some travelers from other states have heard our announcements on the ABC Community Radio or seen a notice on the board at the local library or the information centre and so come along to join us on Tuesdays at Lotteries House.





Though our little club only holds nine sessions during the winter months and we have to pack up all of our boards and other bits and pieces at the end of August, we manage to get a minimum of five tables and sometimes as many as nine for our weekly bridge sessions. Of course there are also social games arranged for the other days of the week which adds to our enjoyment of Broome time.



Broome Lotteries House provides us with a wonderful facility which is air-conditioned and the rental includes the use of the kitchen for our afternoon tea. The management of Lotteries House also very kindly allows us to store not only our two boxes of bits and pieces but our ten card tables in one of their locked storage rooms for the months when the club is not operational. As we have been unable to find any local Broome people with an interest in bridge to join us, this kindness is very much appreciated by our itinerant membership.

So, if any of your readers are planning on coming to Broome during the southern colder months in 2014 please come along and join us for a session or two on a Tuesday afternoon at Broome Lotteries House, on Cable Beach Road East, with sessions commencing at 12.30pm. The first session of the season will be on the last Tuesday in June 2014 and table fees are kept to a minimum, sufficient to cover our room rental and afternoon tea.

Obviously there are no master points awarded – we just play for the love of the game and to keep our hands in.

If any further information about our little club is required please do not hesitate to call me, Pam Wadsworth, on 9581 3265 up until mid May when we will be heading east before going north in our caravan, after which I can be contacted on 0412 019 775 or 0439 921 045.



## Melville Bridge Club

From Lyndie Trevean

### Mentoring Programme

The skills need to master the game of bridge can often be difficult to apprehend.

Our club's new mentoring programme links novice bridge players wishing to improve their game with our more experienced players willing to share their knowledge. Mentor and mentees play once a week, at our supervised session, over a period of two to four weeks.

The feedback we have received has been all positive, as one mentee put it: "We were all hunched over the table listening to the advice after the board was played."



Our mentors having just received certificates of appreciation

### Melville Mayor's Trophy



Presentation of the Mayor's Trophy above, left to right: Dorothy Stevenson 2nd place, Mayor Russell Aubrey, Manuel Campillos and Joan Barnett - 1st place, Jill Byrne and Mary Johnston (absent) 3rd place, and Des Platell 2nd place.

## Novice Pairs Championship

1st Nicole Bertinshaw and Peta Ellis; 2nd Bill Douglas and Marguerita Douglas; 3rd Chris Gooch and Ellie Pomykaj .



Margueria Douglas, Bill Douglas, President Dorothy Stevenson, Nicole Bertinshaw, Chris Gooch, and Ellie Pomykaj. Inset Peta Ellis.

## Melbourne Cup



Winner of the Melbourne Cup Day Bridge (left to right) Laurel Lander, President Dorothy Stevenson, Se-moi Loh, and Mrs Colette Nalder.

With over \$6m in prize money, the Melbourne Cup was the world's richest turf race in 2013.

Here at MBC our sweep prize money wasn't quite as specular but we still had a great day!

We kicked it off with members enjoying a glass of complimentary champagne to get us all in the mood.

Congratulations to the 'best hat' winners: Alex De Heer, Jeanie Ravn, and Lyn Toft.

Mrs Colette Nalder, presented her husband's Melbourne Cup Bridge Play trophy and two bottles of Parliament House wine to the deserving winners, Laurel Landers and Se-moi Loh.

As always our self-catered lunch was a real treat. Of course, most of us ate too much, but it's only Melbourne Cup once a year!



President Dorothy Stevenson and "best hat" winner Lyn Toft.



"Best hat" winner Jeanie Ravn and President Dorothy Stevenson.



Carole Murphy and her special contribution to our Melbourne Cup Day.



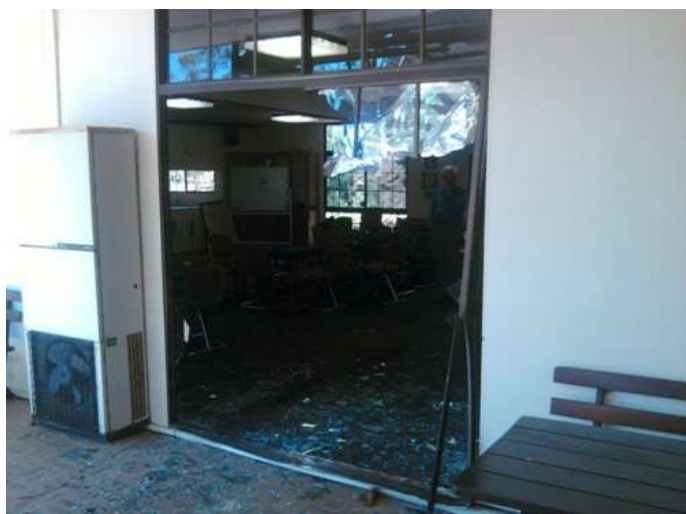
## Kalamunda Bridge Club

From by Garth Scotford

It has been an "interesting" time for us. 15 minutes before one of our regular Monday daytime sessions was due to start, there was much squealing of tyres in the car park outside, the sound of two collisions, and then a car breached our patio surround trellising, entered the clubroom through a floor to ceiling window, took out a row of tables and chairs and neatly exited through the window directly opposite. It came to a halt with its nose buried in a bank at the rear of the premises.



We extricated the driver whose pride was the only thing that was hurt, although she was very shaken. Thankfully and amazingly no one else was hurt either despite there being ten or so members in the room. The photograph shows the point of entry. 3 people were sitting at the table visible in the photograph.



The session that morning was cancelled but, thanks to the hard work of a number of members and the builders contracted by our insurance company, we were up and running for beginners'

lessons that night. The main structure of the building was fortunately not damaged, the windows taking the total impact. We are now trying to source replacement solid card tables and you would not believe how difficult that is. If anyone has any suggestions please contact me on 9296 1497. By the way, all the jokes about drive through bridge clubs have been made thank you!



Apart from that diversion, our competitions have proceeded apace, with Peter Clarke and Ruth Ledger winning the Daytime Championships, Wendy Harman and Mel Foster the Mixed Pairs, and Marlene Robertson and Lyn Shinnick the Novices Plate.



## West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George



President Gwen Wiles and Life Member **Derek Pocock**

WABC was delighted to award Life Membership status this year to Dr Derek Pocock – a most well

deserved tribute. Derek has given such a lot to bridge both at State and Club level. He is always available to support all our club activities and has proved a wise and supportive mentor to emerging players. Thank you Derek.

As the bridge year winds down, the club has been abuzz with Championship sessions.

Evening pairs: **Clive and Inga Hunt**

Novice pairs: **Deborah Greenway and Kevin Benson-Brown**

Jackpots:



Monday am: Jude Casey, Julie Short



Monday pm: David Burn, Lynne Milne

Tuesday: Derek and Carole Pocock

Wednesday: June Browne, Lyn Robson



Wed pm: Dominique Rallier, Bea McCarthy



Thursday: Ann Youngs, Dave Parham

Friday am: Diana Wellby, Janine Hughes

Friday pm: Jan Blight, Heather Williams



Saturday: Linda Wilde, Bea McCarthy

We at WABC wish you all a happy festive season spent with your favourite people and an equally enjoyable 2014.

## Bayswater Bridge Club

From Sandy Sutton-Mattocks



The work and commitment of all the members of the Bayswater Bridge Club really paid off with a very enjoyable and successful Bendigo Bank Seniors Week event. The Free Luncheon and Five Free Lessons sparked a lot of interest with 14



keen beginners at the lessons with others coming for the follow up lessons.



It was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Another inspiring event was our wonderful multi club sea change when six members from Bayswater, South Perth, Armadale, Gosnells and Undercroft Bridge Clubs rented out a new house at Avalon Beach so they could enter the recent BAWA Swiss Pairs in Mandurah and enjoy a lovely holiday as well-a memorable weekend and definitely one which will be repeated. Not only is Bridge an enthralling game but the friendships formed around the table are priceless.



Bayswater Bridge Club President:  
**Leslie Hardingham.**



## South Perth Bridge Club

From Cassie Morin

### Recent Club Result

#### Restricted Pairs 14th September

1st	Bill Bradshaw and Geoff Dullard
2nd	Grace McQuade and Rose Symonds
3rd	Paulette Johnston and Jan Taylor



Photo Vice President Bob Mitchell presents Bill & Geoff with the shield donated by Life Member Pat Boys

#### Pharmacy 777 Pairs 25th September



1st Beata Bieganski and Linda Ingham with Nigel Krummel Pharmacy 777

Joint runners up:

Wendy Driscoll and Eddy Mandavy (no Photo)



Bill Symons and Peter Gill



Robert and Merle Wylie

### Spring Open Pairs 18th October

1st	Liz McNeil and Noriko Sakashita
2nd	Dave Munro and Jan Hey
3rd	Helen and Bill Kemp



### John Coleman Trophy On Melbourne Cup Day

1st	Don and Sandy Sutton Mattocks
2nd	Judith Ternahan and Wendy Kappelle
3rd	Fred Barnes and Valerie Isle



### Car Park Fundraiser 3rd Nov



Foundation and Life Member **Jo Young** Celebrated her **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** with members at a special afternoon tea on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Birthday Cake for afternoon tea

### FUTURE EVENTS

- ✓ Festive Open Pairs Friday 20th December @ 12.30
- ✓ SWISS Open Pairs Monday 6th, 13th and 20th January at 7.30 pm
- ✓ Please enter through the BAWA web site
- ✓ Australia Day Open Pairs Sunday 26th January at 1.30 pm





## Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Fiske Warren shall commence his beginners 8 week course starting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon - Cost \$100

Enquiries and enrolment: Contact Robin Burton (Tel:9386-6968)

The popular **Friday Morning Bridge** starts at 10.30am with a short break for lunch (BYO) and finishes at 2.00pm. For members and non members the cost is \$5. Pop along and have a relaxing game.

Our members excelled themselves at the Golden West – we congratulate winners **Dave Munro and Pim Birss**, also **John Beddow, Viv Wood, Wendy Driscoll, Shizue Futaesaku, Nigel Dutton, Marie France Merven, Ian Bailey, Fiske Warren, Renee Cooper, Anne Ohlsen and Pauline Hammond.**



We have in stock card holders for \$12 which can have your name on and for the followers of our jams and marmalades:



They are ready!

Join us for our last **Open Red Point** session of 2013 Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm start.



### Winning the club **Open Pairs**:



1<sup>st</sup> Jan Blight (pictured) and Deb Frankel

2<sup>nd</sup> Leona Leedman and Deb Majteles

3<sup>rd</sup> Doreen Jones and David Schokman



Winning the **Monday** Jackpot – President Linda Bedford-Brown and Sally-Ann George

Tuesday – Richard Elliott and Barry Nazer



**Thursday** Jackpot Winners Tom Wheatley and Elizabeth Ross



**Friday** Jackpot Winners Robin Burton and May Schonwolf



**Saturday** Jackpot Winners Jan Blight and May Schonwolf

# Inaugural Kendenup Bridge Congress

From Heather Fergie



On the 9th of November Kendenup Bridge Club held its first congress. 60 players descended on Kendenup (which is 80kms north of Albany) to play in a two session Red Point event. Entries were limited to players with fewer than 300 points and to 15 tables which filled up via the BAWA web-site well before the big day. Players came from far and wide including Perth, Mandurah, Busselton, Bunbury, Albany, Mount Barker and Collie.

After an initial hiccup with two sets of bridge mates which each spoke a different language, the day was a wonderful success. The competition was fierce but friendly, the food was outstanding, and the day progressed smoothly with a very jovial atmosphere all round.

Many people expressed interest in returning for next year's event and I am sure that this Congress will grow from strength to strength.



Winners **Ester** and **Colin Saunders**



2<sup>nd</sup> Heather and Bob Fergie



3<sup>rd</sup> Tracey and David Atkinson



**Jill Courtney**



*Focus* has the most amazing amount of talent that comes into the monthly pages constantly or as guest columnists. They write articles to educate, advise, to share anecdotes that amuse and entertain the WA Bridge player; freely

**Jill Courtney** was part of these wonderful people. Yes, her bridge prowess can be seen on the BAWA Honour Boards. *Focus* readers will have missed her witty political stories that accompanied her great bridge articles. Jill's' contributions were marvellous and *Focus* was all the better for them.

**Vale Jill**





## George Greep



Sadly **George Greep** passed away in September.

George was born on 18th September 1921 in Plymouth, England, and was the youngest of 3 children. George migrated with his family to WA through the Group Settlement Scheme in 1927 aboard the *Thermostodiles*, primarily because his sister's health necessitated a warmer climate. They arrived in Albany to be met by cold and wet conditions and were immediately trucked to the Karri Forests where their allotment included a tin shack complete with a Metters Stove and no doors or windows. While on board ship his father made his sister a dress from fabric purchased in Colombo. The trip through the Karri Forest was eventful with rain and the truck being frequently bogged. Life was hard with kerosene tins used for bed frames and little or no privacy. His mother purchased a cow for fresh milk which was provided for the community. George's family were the first to make the break and moved to Denmark where they lived in a tent. During this time he broke his arm and if not for the insistence of his mother, his arm would have been crippled as the Albany "refugee" doctor wanted to set it across his chest. She insisted it be straight so that he would be capable of chopping wood and other activities. His father worked for the railways and before the war the family lived in Williams and Boyanup, where George's early education was by correspondence.

George was a mechanic by profession and he enlisted in the RAAF in 1941, training as an aircraft mechanic. He served in the workshops in Darwin and was discharged in 1945 as a Leading Airman. His career included working for MacRobertson Miller Airlines, Gilbarco, James Hardie and Kevinator. In 1947 he married Natalie McLeish and the couple had four children. It was when he moved to Perth that he decided to learn to play bridge. He started playing friendly bridge at his kitchen table with Dorothy Snow and Helen Priestly, who had been Wireless Operators in the

Airforce during the war. He spent seven years in the Rosendorff School in Nedlands, and while living in Belmont he and others replied to an advertisement from the Mayor to form the South Perth Bridge Club. This was duly organised with the help of the Council and Incorporated with members' debentures. They were able to secure a loan and after four years moved into their own premises and their commitment was paid off in eight years. He was Secretary of the SPBC for four years.

In 1984 he retired and moved to Mandurah to enjoy the good life - fishing, crabbing, gardening and bowling. He was an avid reader and loved bridge. He started playing bridge with a small group using rooms hired out in the old Brighton Hotel. A succession of other venues, including the Recreation Centre, Leslie Street Senior Citizens and George's house, were utilised for their one night a week sessions. Over this period the tables increased from three to seven, but they decided to limit the playing group to the over 55's. While in the Leslie Street Centre it was necessary for him to carry the playing material and tables in his car over a three year period. Helen Priestly and Dorothy Snow were active in helping George run the bridge sessions, and George was Secretary at the Leslie Street Centre for 2 years. There followed stints at Halls Head Bowling Club and the Mewburn Centre, and the Club eventually moved to Gordon Road. During most of this period George taught the ACOL system to newcomers. The Club became incorporated prior to the move to Gordon Road and George became the inaugural President. His one disappointment was not being able to convince the members to take out a loan to purchase or secure their own premises.

George had a large family - four daughters, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. George was a Life Member and a wonderful servant of the Mandurah Bridge Club. The Club is deeply indebted to George for the major contribution he made in its early development.

Thanks to two members of the Mandurah Bridge Club who helped me prepare this article, Ross Proudfoot who interviewed George in 2010 for a feature article in the Club's newsletter, and to Val Bell who spoke to his friends from the early days.

*Ian Jones*



# Ethical Dilemmas (Part 3)

## The Nasty Director

From Matt McManus

To wrap up “Ethical Dilemmas”, I will look at a hand from a recent Congress, where the various aspects I previously mentioned in the first two articles all came into play. But first a bidding problem.... You are West, the dealer, and open 1H with

♠ 952  
♥ KQJ985  
♦ Q8  
♣ K2

NS are silent, and the auction goes:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1H	Pass	2S	Pass
3S	Pass	4H	Pass
?			

You have agreed with your partner that 2S is natural and strong (slam-going) and that 4H is a cue bid, showing first round heart control, but denying first round control in clubs and diamonds. What do you bid now?

Unlike in magazine bidding forums where panels of experts give their views on the best call, there is a definite right decision on this hand. It is to bid 4S. Even though your hand will probably produce lots of side suit tricks in hearts and slam looks a real possibility, your partner’s 4H bid is very telling. You are missing the aces in both clubs and diamonds, so there is no point in going past the safe contract of 4S.

When this hand came up at the table the auction was as above. After East bid 2S, South asked West what it meant and was given the answer, “natural, strong – looking for slam”. South passed, West raised to 3S, North passed. Now, before bidding 4H, without anyone asking East said, “My partner told you the wrong thing. 2S was a Bergen raise, showing a limit raise with 3 hearts.” West said, “Oh, that’s right.” NS called the director. Those of you who remember Part 1 will realise that East has done the wrong thing. When partner has given a wrong explanation, the correct time to inform the opponents is at the end

of the auction if you are going to be declarer or dummy, or at the end of the play if you are a defender. So, my first job as Director was to remind East of when he should have mentioned partner’s wrong explanation.

Those of you who remember Part 2 will realise that there is another problem with East’s comment. It passed information to West which West was not entitled to use in coming to a decision on what to bid next. A little confused, West asked me what she had to do. I told her that she had to continue as if her partner had a good hand with spades – at the very least bid 4S if she had any support, which must be the case since she had raised to 3S. This did not go down well.

West: “But he’s got hearts and he might not have any spades. Anyway I had worked out that it was a Bergen raise.”

Me: “Under the Laws it is assumed that you were woken up by your partner’s comment and so you must continue to bid as if he has got a good hand with spades.”

West: “That’s just not fair”, followed by a very reluctant and disgruntled 4S on the bidding pad and a disgusted look in my direction.

4S became the final contract. It wasn’t such a disaster – East just happened to have four spades in his hand. So, instead of playing in a 6-3 heart fit, they played in a more challenging 4-3 fit. Here is the hand:

Brd	♠ Q743	
Dlr	♥ 76	
Vul	♦ 10432	
	♣ Q743	
	♠ 952	
	♥ KQJ985	
	♦ Q8	
	♣ K2	
		♠ KJ108
		♥ 1043
		♦ KJ6
		♣ AJ3
		♠ A6
		♥ A2
		♦ A975
		♣ 98654

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11		13
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You can play out the hand in both 4H and 4S, and Deep Finesse will confirm it. In hearts, EW make 10 tricks. In spades, EW also make 10 tricks! Apart from possibly imposing a penalty on East for his unwarranted and untimely comment, there was no further appropriate director's adjustment to be made. Normally, the cards will be enough to penalise infractions such as this, but on this particular day, justice was out to lunch.



## Related Bridge

### Mike and Helen George



From a household that never played cards except for a 'wild' game of

'Sevens' on New Year's Eve, Michael and his two brothers taught themselves bridge from the Pears Cyclopedia in the 1940's. Perhaps playing 3-handed bridge instilled in Michael the element of 'what is in dummy?' To gamble or not to gamble? (A double major in bridge and darts at U.W.A. followed many years later)

Helen and Michael met at Graylands Teachers' College in 1958 and for a short time Helen was happy to make the tea and coffee for Michael and his buddies while they played bridge. But that didn't last for long – Helen soon joined in with great bridge evenings with six friends over many years. For several years with teaching appointments to outback Cundeelee and Mogumber mission schools, bridge was often replaced with Scrabble evenings – quite serious at times with the 50-year old scorebook showing

names from America, India, U.W.A. and W.A. Museum people and Transline gangsters.

Coming home from England on The Iberia in 1970 Helen and Michael put their names up for bridge: only to find it was 'contract'. Two South African ladies took them under their wing and contract Goren Bridge had them hooked. Back in Perth they joined the W.A. Bridge Club, becoming involved in many aspects of the Club's organization and its activities with Helen being secretary for many years.

Helen and Michael have formed many long-standing friendships through bridge – including 35 years of Teams Bridge with Carol and Derek Pocock – from State League to W.A.B.C. championships and many congresses. They have been involved with duties with national and international events over the years – The Venice Cup, Far East Championships (hosting the team from Macau) and the A.N.C. when in Perth.

For over fifty years they have travelled widely from Spitzbergen to Easter Island – from Burma to Bolivia – and widely across Australia from Cape Leeuwin to Cape York. They rarely play bridge on holiday – except for the 6-week Sitmar cruise Michael and Derek won in 1978 and a Pacific cruise with John Newman.

Their success in happy bridging over the decades results from no recriminations or discussions at the table, from a simple basic Acol system and an ever-friendly demeanour. They have deservedly become Life Members of W.A.B.C. and Helen the joint Club patronage with John Ashworth.



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# Just Hope

From John Beddow

Playing at a club session at Nedlands, I picked up this 'Rock Crusher':

♠ AKQ64  
♥ -  
♦ AKQ862  
♣ AQ

After two passes (why am I not surprised) I opened 2C (Game Force) My left hand opponent bid 3H (Ratbag!) and my partner bid 3C! Naturally this insufficient bid was not accepted and so Partner converted to 4C. What to do, what to do? Ace asking could be futile for two reasons; firstly if Partner does happen to have the AH, I may not be able to get there, or I would be committed to playing in NTs hoping that a) a heart is led, and b) BOTH my suits break favourably. Secondly although denying an Ace gives me more hope that he has the KC (he did make a free bid over the 3H) it is possible that he has the KH (useless) rather than the KC (Gold) But wait a minute, he did bid Clubs did he not. With an expected 5 + suit surely the King is there. OK, 7 Diamonds.

AH led and Dummy tracks with:

♠ 85  
♥ J52  
♦ 93  
♣ J108753

OK, no KC and at first glance, no entry to Dummy to finesse the Clubs, actually not much in the way of points either. Surely I can't reasonably expect the Spades to break three - three with my huge two suiter and LHO's seven card heart suit. But there is no other choice. Playing against two very experienced State Bridge players, which they were, I had little hope that a squeeze in Diamonds and Spades would persuade either of them to dump the KC, especially as after showing out in Hearts at trick one, they can dump Hearts until the cows come home. Oh well, when all else fails 'Just Hope'

Ace of Spades, King of Spades, fingers crossed, 4 of Spades. My LHO discards a Club! Ruff the Spade, play a club. The Queen wins! Pull trumps and claim.

The full deal:

Brd  
Dlr  
Vul

♠ AKQ64  
♥ -  
♦ AKQ862  
♣ AQ

♠ T7  
♥ AKT9876  
♦ 75  
♣ 42

♠ 85  
♥ J52  
♦ 93  
♣ J108753

♠ J932  
♥ Q43  
♦ JT4  
♣ K96

	24	
7		7
	2	

So although Spades didn't break three - three, my LHO couldn't beat the **Nine of Diamonds**. Milton Miller would have been proud.

My Partner apologised profusely for his 'Overbid'. Naturally, I magnanimously forgave him.

*Note: Milton Miller used to set the hands for the Simultaneous Pairs and always included a hand where the Nine of Diamonds played a key role. The Nine of Diamonds is referred to as 'The Curse of Scotland'. There are a number of different versions as to why it was so called, but one of the most popular explanations is that the British Commander William Augustus, the "Butcher Duke of Cumberland" was a lover of card games and always carried two packs on his person. After his decisive victory in the Battle of Culloden, he quickly scribbled an execution order for his Scottish prisoners on the closest paper he had at hand. The paper turned out to be—you guessed it—the Nine of Diamonds, a card that haunts the Scots to this day.*



## EDITING OF MATERIAL

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# Open Teams Final

## Winners



Peter Rogers, Chris Mulley, Karol Miller, Alida Clark, Rhys Cooper and Gerry Daly

## Runners UP



Ron Cooper, Trevor Fuller, Don Allen, Michael Bausor and Henry Christie

# Handicap Teams Final

## Winners



Douglas Hardman, Vera Hardman, Phil Power and Kathy Power (Jan Blight and Florence Maltby)

## Runners UP



(Pim Birss, Beverley Lurie,) David Burn, Lynne Milne, Chris Bagley and Bruce Fraser

## Tweed Heads 2013

Wishing everyone the very best of cards in the Grand National Open Teams

Perth 1	<b>Michael Bausor, Rhys Cooper, Gerry Daly, Viv Wood</b>
Perth 2	<b>Wendy Driscoll, Shizue Futaesaku, Pauline Hammond, Shira Shilbury</b>
Perth 3	<b>Susan Collinson, Jonathan Free, Mimi Packer, Virginia Seward, Phil Tearne</b>
WA Country	<b>David Atkinson, Di Brooks, Jean McLarty, Mike Trafalski</b>
WA Provincial	<b>David Coulter, Pauline Coulter, John Reid, Ian Rowlands</b>



# Capel Life

Capel Celebrations



By Di Brooks

Well, the past year has flown by.



We have just celebrated our **50th Wedding Anniversary**. Alan and I decided we would not want presents. After all, what can you give people who have everything! We organised luncheons, one in Capel on Saturday, 2nd November and the second celebration in Rockingham, on the Sunday, at our favourite Chinese restaurant. I sent out the invitations, requesting an R.S.V.P., A.S.A.P. obviously for some folks, the abbreviations were obscure. We had thirteen confirming for Saturday, ten turned up. On the Sunday, we planned for the thirty guests and thirty four turned up. Luckily for us, the restaurant was able to add another table onto an already full complement.

On a more serious note, Alan and I received letters and cards from Australian officials, the Governor General, The Prime Minister, the Premier, Leader of the Opposition, to name but a few. We felt very honoured. Not just of the acknowledgements from politicians, but of the presence of our friends and family. Our journey through life hasn't always been easy. Sometimes

it was such a struggle, I couldn't see the light at the end of the tunnel, but we were given the support and love to see it through. We feel very blessed.

The secret to a happy life: Being there for each other. Happiness, like good health, cannot be bought. Enjoy your day.

As usual our daily life coasts happily along. Although we are retired and creatures of habit, we might get "The Phone Call". ..... "Please can you help us?" and then everything changes. Our Bernese Mountain dog breeder friends needed someone to doggy sit for the Monday. They were off to enrol their dogs in the Royal Show Canine events. We could work out our routine, shuffling between Al's appointments and me playing bridge. No problems! It's never a chore working with the animals.... always a pleasure. So we enjoyed our day. Relaxing after dinner, another call came. "PLEASE can you do Thursday, too?" No worries. Another happy day came and went. The evening closed without another request.... We got that one on Friday morning. Of their three entries, two were Champions of their Class and the third dog was now entered for the Champion of Champions-excitement was all around. The phone call on Sunday morning confirmed everyone's hopes. They did it! All their preparations and 3.30am starts paid off. The Bernese Mountain dog was Top Dog, Top Breed, and Champion of State Bred Champions. Congratulations were in order as were the invitations to celebratory meals in Bunbury. (You would have thought we had owned the winner of the Melbourne Cup) This Dog's Tale improves with every telling and if you aren't a dog lover, sorry but you'll find this story ruffffffff!





# Masters in Teams of 3

The Masters in Teams of 3 is an annual event, and every year is 'masterfully' coordinated by Nigel Dutton. Three players draw a master to play with them for the day - a great way to learn team tactics.

## Masters for 2013

Nigel Dutton ♠ Viv Wood ♠ John Ashworth ♠ Linda Bedford-Brown ♠ John Beddow ♠ Joan Prince ♠ Cynthia Belonogoff ♠ John Ashworth ♠ Jonathan Free ♠ Doreen Jones ♠ Ann Ohlsen ♠ Nick Cantatore ♠ David Matthews ♠ Terry Piper ♠ Stella Steer ♠ Phil Tearne ♠ Jan Blight ♠ Gerry Daly ♠ Heather Williams ♠ Noelene Law



Winners:

Ron Grogan, Catherine Grogan and Sue Ward  
**MASTER Jonathan Free**



2<sup>nd</sup>

John Penman, Laurel Lander, Se-Moi Loh  
**MASTER John Ashworth**



3<sup>rd</sup>

Deana Wilson, Jo Sklarz and Jane Henderson  
**MASTER Doreen Jones**



The only 3 bidding the slam in Diamonds:  
Ron Grogan, Jane Henderson and Sam Craig



More Photos on Focus Online <http://www.bawa.asn.au/>



## Riddle Time

By Bill Jacobs



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Consider a game show in which a contestant is shown three doors. Behind one of the doors is a fabulous lounge suite, behind the others a booby prize. "Choose a door!" says the compere, and the contestant selects Door A. Now, to heighten the drama, the compere, who knows where the lounge suite is, says: "OK, you have chosen Door A. Let's look at what is behind Door B". Door B is opened and reveals a booby prize. The studio audience gasps.

"OK", says the compere, "you're looking good, but I will give you a chance to change your mind. Would you like to switch to Door C?"

Should the contestant accept the offer? Decide for yourself, and then read on.

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Usually contestants stick with their original selection: psychologically, they are terrified of the humiliation of switching away from the winning choice. Nevertheless, the correct decision is to switch to Door C. This will double their chance of winning from one-third to two-thirds, assuming that the compere has deliberately chosen to show Door B, knowing that it contained a booby prize.

This is non-intuitive, but consider this: when you select Door A, you had a one in three chance of winning. What more have you learned from being shown Door B? Nothing really, because you knew the compere was always going to choose to reveal a door with a booby prize (it's his job to heighten the tension and string things out to the next ad break). If that is the case, your odds on Door A must remain the same – one in three – and ipso facto, the odds on Door C become two in three.

If the compere didn't know where the lounge suite was, then this argument wouldn't apply. If he opened Door B and it contained a booby prize, then the odds on both Doors A and C would go up to one-half. But of course, Door B might have revealed the lounge suite, which would send the

chances of Door A or C containing the suite sharply down.

Next question: what has this chestnut, known as the Monty Hall problem, got to do with bridge?

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The riddle of the lounge suite is an example of the Restricted Choice principle at bridge. In its purest form, Restricted Choice revolves around the play of this suit:

AK1098  
7654

You cash the ace and next hand follows with an honour, say the jack. Before the play started, there were three possible relevant holdings: singleton jack, singleton queen and doubleton QJ sitting over the AK. With two of these three holdings (each of which was approximately equally likely at the start of the play), it is right to finesse on the second round, and nothing that has happened so far has changed those odds. Sure, you have discovered that the key defender doesn't have singleton queen, just as Door B was revealed to not have the lounge suite. But this doesn't alter the fact that doubleton QJ (Door A) was only a 1 in 3 chance. So you should finesse on the second round, picking up in the cases of the singleton honours, and losing only to QJ doubleton.

This is the best way to get restricted choice arguments right. Before the suit is played, which layouts are more numerous? Then play according to those odds, and don't get swayed by what actual card is played by a defender.

One final point: if you are depressed that you find it difficult to get your head around Restricted Choice, perhaps this will cheer you up. The riddle of the lounge suite was published in 1975 in the American Statistician magazine, where it caused a flood of correspondence incorrectly disputing the solution. If the statisticians and mathematicians can't get it right, what hope is there for the rest of us?



# NEDLANDS

## BIRTHDAY CONGRESS

Sunday, February 9th, 2014 at 10am



### GENEROUS PRIZE MONEY

Sunday: 10.00 am and 2 pm.

Open to ALL players

Red Master Points

Directed: Peter Holloway

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Monday 6th, 13th and 20th January

Entry fee \$45 per player

for the 3 sessions

Entries: through the BAWA web site please

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Sat 1<sup>st</sup> and Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> of February

To be held at our premises on the corner of

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Greenfields, Mandurah

### PROGRAM

#### Saturday Pairs - 2 Sessions

10.00 am Qualifying Round

TBA Final, Consolation & Plate

\$30 per player – includes lunch

#### Sunday 9.30 am Swiss Teams

\$30 per player – includes lunch

*Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of Entry Fees*

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# ROVING RHODES

Decisions at the Golden West



By Maura Rhodes  
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The annual Golden West Gold Point Congress took place at the excellent premises of Mandurah Bridge Club in the middle of November and it was a wonderful event.

Here is an interesting hand from the last round, which tests the decision-making powers of Bridge players.

Brd 6	♠ 7	♠ AK3
Dlr E	♥ J93	♥ Q764
Vul EW	♦ 95	♦ T863
	♣ AKQ9742	♣ 53
♠ QJT2		
♥ KT5		
♦ KQJ4		
♣ T6		
	♠ 98654	
	♥ A82	
	♦ A72	
	♣ J8	

The winners of the event, Dave Munro and Pim Birs were playing against a pair who played Acoll, so after two passes, West opened 1NT. What would you bid as North? I will let you think about that for a minute.

At our table, Fiske and I were playing against a pair who played Standard American. After two passes, West opened 1D-again, what would you bid as North?

In the first scenario, Dave Munro doubled the weak 1NT. I think that is an excellent double and here is his reasoning, "Part of my thinking process when I doubled was that after the initial 2 passes and the weak NT it was likely that both East and South would leave the double in. And they did." East has no reason to remove the double, having a balanced 9 HCP and couldn't possibly be expected to predict the calamitous outcome. Dave and Pim took the first nine tricks for a score of +800, which yielded them 12 Imps and contributed to their overall win. Surprisingly, that was the only table where 1NT X was the contract.

At our table, Fiske overcalled 4C, which put the opponents to a guess. East made a take-out double and they played in a not very pleasant spot of 4S. Two N/S Pairs were lucky enough to be doubled in 3C, which of course made easily. Two others were doubled in 5C. Four N/S Pairs played 3NT, making contract. I wonder how they got there? Maybe North bid 3D over a 1D opening, asking for a stopper?

I must conclude by thanking Bill Kemp and Neville Walker for their efficient, pleasant directing and thank-you to the contingent of Eastern States players who came to enjoy us. Last, but not least, a very big thank-you to Mandurah Bridge Club for making its premises available for this competition.



Rick and I would like to wish everyone **Happy Christmas** and all the best for **2014**. We are looking forward to enjoying Christmas with our first grandchild, Sebastian





# Results

## November Pennants

ALBANY	64.2	46	53.8	57.1				221.1	<b>55.28</b>	
BRIDGETOWN	58.2	60	50.4					168.6	<b>56.2</b>	4 PTS
BUNBURY	60.6	54.2	58.1	53.8	41.6			268.3	<b>53.66</b>	
BUSSELTON	54.9	51	56.2	56.1				218.2	<b>54.55</b>	
ESPERENCE	50							50	<b>50</b>	
GERALDTON	57.3	66.7	58.7	52.8	42.4			277.9	<b>55.58</b>	2 PTS
KALGOORLIE	50							50	<b>50</b>	
MELVILLE	50							50	<b>50</b>	
NEDLANDS	57.9	45.3	51.8	55.3				210.3	<b>52.58</b>	
ROCKINGHAM	69.8	56.3	48.6	56.9	51.3	44.6		327.5	<b>54.58</b>	
UNDERCROFT	50.1	59.7	56.7	65.2	52.2	53.7		337.6	<b>56.27</b>	6 PTS

## 2013 Pennants

		FEB	MAR	APL	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
ALBANY							6				
BRIDGETOWN			6	2							4
BUNBURY				6	6						
BUSSELTON					2	6	2		6	2	
ESPERENCE			2	4			4				
GERALDTON		6			4	4				4	2
KALGOORLIE			4					2			
MELVILLE		2						4			
NEDLANDS											
ROCKINGHAM									2		
UNDERCROFT		4				2		6	4	6	6

## Teams of Four Qualifying Finals

### Open

WABC + 4 imps defeated Melville - 4 imps

Nedlands +83 imps defeated South Perth Red -83 imps

**1st: Nedlands**

**2nd: WABC**

*Melville is home to South Perth Red in the play off for 3rd and 4th place.*

### Intermediate

Maccabi +17 imps defeated WABC Green -17 imps

WABC finesse +81 imps defeated West Coast -81 imps

*WABC Finesse is home to Maccabi in the Grand Final*

**3rd: West Coast**

**4th: WABC**

### Restricted

WABC Green +57 imps defeated South Perth Red -57 imps

South Perth Green +54 imps defeated Undercroft -54 imps.

*WABC Green is home to South Perth Green in the Grand Final*

**3rd: South Perth.**

**4th: Undercroft**

# Diarize Now



## Upcoming BAWA & Club Events 2013/2014

	<b>Dec</b>	Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA AWARD NIGHT Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club
<b>2014</b>	<b>Jan</b>	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BAWA New Year Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Perth Bridge Club Swiss Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> of 3</b>
		Thur 16 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Warm Up Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	Interstate Open Selection Butler Qual Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30 pm
	<b>Feb</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Mandurah Bridge Club Summer Congress</b>
		Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BAWA Summer Swiss Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nedlands Bridge Club Birthday Congress</b>
		Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rockingham Bridge Club Congress</b>
		Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	Interstate Open Selection Final 1 <sup>st</sup> of 6
	<b>Mar</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> – Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Albany Congress</b>
		Thur 6 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Mad March Open Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30 pm
		Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Melville Congress</b>
		Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA Welcome Pairs (<300MP at 1/1/14) Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kalamunda Congress</b>
		Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Interstate Women's Selection Butler Pairs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	WA Country Championships
		Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mad Hatter Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
<b>**NOTE**</b>	<b>Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.</b>		
<b>**NOTE**</b>	<b>BAWA/Congress Events</b>		Entries <a href="http://www.bawa.asn.au">www.bawa.asn.au</a> unless other specified.

## Rockingham Bridge Club Inc

### CONGRESS 2014

**Saturday 15th February**  
**Sunday 16th February**

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### PROGRAM

Saturday 15th Congress Pairs 10.00am  
\$30.00 per player pay at the table

Sunday 16th Congress Teams 10.00am  
\$30.00 per player pay at the table

Lunch Provided – Maximum 20 Tables

### \*Raffle\*

Convenor: Janice Hawker 95287703  
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Tournament Director: Bill Kemp



# Golden West Winners

**1st**



**Dave Munro and Pim Birss**  
with Convenor Allison Stralow

**2nd**



**Paul Hookyaas and Pele Rankin**  
with BAWA President Nigel Dutton

**3rd**



**John Beddow and Egmont Melton**

**4th**



**Suzanne Goodall and Marty Goodall**

**5th**



**Gerry Daly and Viv Wood**

**Best Women's Pair**



**Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll**



### **Best Men's Pair**



Dave Parham and Ian Bailey

### **Best Senior Pair**



Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes

### **Best Mixed Pair**



Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton

### **Best Country Pair**



Doug Hardman and Vera Hardman

### **Best Youth**



Renee Cooper

### **Best Veteran Pair**



Anne Ohlsen and Pauline Hammond