



Grand National Open Teams Heats

Metro Final (18 Teams)



1st Vinod Nasta, Sue Gammon, Deana Wilson,
Fiske Warren and Dave Munro

2nd Wendy Driscoll, Shizue Futaesaku,
Dadie Greenfeld and Deb Frankel

3rd John Aquino, John McMullan, Mark Doust and
Belinda Taranto

Provincial (8 Teams)



1st Catherine Grogan, Ron Grogan,
Annelouise Dubrawski and Andy Cayley

2nd Sarita Singh, Do Dean, Tomoko Nakamtsu and
Rohan Bandarage

3rd Peter Malan, Katrina Will, Rina Shah and
Divyesh Shah



Country (8 Pairs)

- 1st Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao
2nd Patricia Anderson and Gerald Merven
3rd Jan Burgess and Jana Mayhew

Congratulations!

President's Report

Happy New Bridge Year to you all. I hope that 2021 will allow us to continue to enjoy living and playing bridge in the best state in Australia.

Late last year the NSWBA realized that the ANC, due to be held in Orange NSW in July, was going to be problematic. Venues simply refuse to commit to numbers above what may be lingering social distancing requirements. Consequently, the NSWBA and the ABF approached BAWA and asked us to consider swapping the 2021 and 2023 ANC events. We agreed with pleasure; due to the cancellation of the APBF international event last April, the ABF still had a deposit in credit at the Perth Convention Centre. We have utilized that deposit and the APBF organising committee, headed by Robina McConnell, was ready to reform and take up the reins. Consequently, the 2021 ANC will be held at the Convention Centre between July 12 and 22. The Gold Point Swan River Swiss Pairs will be held as immediately before the ANC teams on the weekend of July 10-11.

We hope that COVID climate in Australia by late July will be conducive for interstate travel and that we have a successful 2021 ANC. The West Australia bridge community can rest assured that if health regulations cause a cancellation BAWA has no financial liability. Should that occur the Swan River Swiss will still occur but be relocated to Melville.

Clubs and players who offered assistance for the APBF Congress are urged to consider a similar contribution; Robina will be contacting you shortly.

We have all played in Swiss Pairs event where, in any one round, or more, the hands seem to favour one side or the other. Not having any cards of substance does make it harder to win the round; this can be frustrating particularly if this occurs in the final round. This has led to a few calls for the values to be more equally distributed either by re-dealing or manually. Let me be quite clear – it is against International, National and State regulations to in any way modify or re-deal computer-generated hands that are to be used in ANY Green, Red or Gold point event. Should this occur then the immediate penalty would be the cancellation of masterpoints, further sanctions may be considered. The only time that boards may

be manipulated is for teaching purposes. This includes supervised sessions provided that they are not awarding masterpoints.

Nigel Dutton

SWAN RIVER SWISS



ANC 2021

PERTH CONVENTION CENTRE

10TH - 22ND JULY 2021

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The Summer Pairs Red Point was held on Monday 18 January 2021, directed by Peter Wilson.



Congratulations to the winners Barbara Hendrie and Wendy Baillie with 65.05% and Sue and Ken Green with 58.33%. All pictured here with the Club President, Graham Woodard (Centre)

Our Christmas Lunch, at the Hillarys Yacht Club, on Tuesday 15 December 2020 was a most enjoyable afternoon with good company, food and wine.

VALE Neale Consigliere

Sadly, one of our long-time members, Neale Consigliere, passed away on 27/12/20 after a long battle with ill health. Neale was a Silver Life Member of the ABF and well known around the bridge tables of Western Australia. He lived for bridge, the Eagles, his latest joke and his family. He will be missed.

Our next members only Red Point will be on 11/2/21 and the AGM is scheduled for 15/2/21 at noon.

Please check our website www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org if you require further information.

Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

The Club held a wonderful lunch and Prize giving party at the Club rooms. Retired Members attended, and really enjoyed chatting to their bridge friends.

The Prizes were presented by the President Jeanette Day.

The Monday and Saturday Aggregate prizes were won by Heather and Wayne Cupitt, with Bryan Baldock the runner up for both days.



Heather Cupitt, Jeanette Day (Pres), Wayne Cupitt, Bryan Baldock

The Thursday Aggregate was a tie for first place between Bryan Baldock and Joyce Stribley, with Maureen Knight next.



Maureen Knight, Jeanette Day (Pres), Joyce Stribley, Bryan Baldock



2020 PRIZE WINNERS

Like everything this year, COVID-19 saw the cancellation of many of the competitions this year. However, the Club awarded prizes based on results achieved during the playing period.

Individual – Frank Parker Plate

John Ewing – 2nd Stephen Thyer

Daytime Pairs (less than 300 Masterpoints) - DVG Cup

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party was very well attended with tables limited to 14. As usual the food was amazing and the President would like to thank all members for their contribution.

Winners

N/S Carole and Brian Daxter

E/W Kit Lemann and Tom Lemann



Joanne Payne/Dianne Dwyer

2nd Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel

Most Improved Pair - Mercia O'Meara Trophy



Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel

Monday Morning Champion Pair - Vera Kenworthy Memorial Trophy

Stephen Thyer/Guy Gaudet

2nd Carmen Jackson/Nic Moniodis

Wednesday Afternoon Champion Pair - Doris Broad Plate

Sandra Hoffman/Carole Sexton

2nd Guy Gaudet/Joe Louis

Friday Afternoon Champion Pair - Venture Cup (Betty & Stan Brooks-Daw)



Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown

2nd Alan Harper/Stephen Thyer

Saturday Afternoon Champion Pair - Mike Nestor Cup



Stephen Thyer/Joanne Payne

2nd Elizabeth Bazen/Denise Borger

Most Masterpoints - Helen Wolyniec Trophy

Stephen Thyer—R/up Sheila Pryce

Monday Morning Champion Pair - COVID-19 Bonanza

Sandra Hoffman/Brian Davidson

Wednesday Afternoon Champion Pair - COVID-19 Bonanza



Dianne Dwyer/Gerry Daly

2nd Sandra Hoffman/Cherry Zamudio

Friday Afternoon Champion Pair - COVID-19 Bonanza



Bente Hansen/Madge Myburgh

2nd Sandra Hoffman/Cherry Zamudio

Saturday Afternoon Champion Pair - COVID-19 Bonanza

1st Kit Lemann/Tom Lemann

2nd Robert Willemsen/David Kininmonth

Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

CONGRATULATIONS

Our hearty congratulations go to Bill Symons who won the Bob Simpson award for outstanding service to the Club during 2020. Bill is a tireless worker for the Club as Tournament Manager,

director, teacher and BAWA representative, as well as being one of our most enthusiastic Club members. We're sad to say that he is giving up part of his teaching role and has handed over the beginners' lessons to Ian Wake. However, he continues his Wednesday morning workshops, which is good news for the Wednesday group.



Jeannie Ravn, daughter of trophy donor Bob Simpson, presents the trophy to Bill Symons.

RECENT EVENTS

Since our last newsletter we have played several major events. During the latter part of 2020 we played the Dorothy Kitching Handicap Pairs which attracted thirty-two pairs and was won by Tom Lund and Beryl Gautier. Dorothy Kitching was a very generous supporter of our club in years gone by.



Winners of Dorothy Kitching Handicap Pairs: Beryl Gautier and Tom Lund.

The Gerald Burns Pharmacy Red Point event was played by thirty pairs, with Bhavna and Nilesh Patel emerging as winners.



Winners of Gerald Burns Pharmacy Red Point event: Nilesh and Bhavna Patel

Our Club Open Pairs Championship attracted a field of twenty-six pairs and was won by Suzanne and Marty Goodall.



Winners of Our Open Pairs Championship: Suzanne and Marty Goodall.



Club Open Pairs Championship second place: Valerie Isle and Ros Warnock.



Club Open Pairs Championship third place: Helen Arendts and Se-Moi Loh.

The Total Denture Care Open Red Point event was played by a large field of thirty-two pairs and was won by Valerie Isle and Cassie Morin.

Christmas and 50th Anniversary Celebration

We held a combined Christmas and 50th Anniversary lunch party on 6th December, followed by an unscheduled and impromptu game of bridge for some hardy stayers. A very enjoyable and successful event.



PanCare

Our PanCare charity event on 12th December raised \$2300 to support research into pancreatic cancer. This event was initiated by our late member Ajay Tandon who suffered from the condition. We thank all players, both members and visitors, for their generous contribution to this worthy cause.

COMING EVENTS

We invite you to the following open events that will be held soon:

First Sunday of the month open walk-in pairs: 7th February at 1.00pm

Oakwood Melville BC Congress on 6th – 8th March 2020. Friday 5th March is a Welcome Pairs event, Saturday 6th March is Swiss Pairs, and Sunday 7th March is Teams. This congress is very popular so book early through the BAWA website to make sure that you get a place.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

After a great afternoon of bridge, the club held its annual Christmas Party and awards function.

None of this happens without the support of our members who go about – cheerful and quietly busy.

Most pleasing was that many of the supervised players took the plunge and came to play. So well done to you all – we can all remember the first time out of our comfort zone and into the “main arena!”



Well into the spirit – Ken Todd, Frances Hammond, Robyn Todd and Ian Hammond.



Ann Ohlsen and Sue Bolto.



Penny Styles and Ann Ohlsen.



Faye Wilner and Anne Lowe.



Christine Bradley



Frank O'Connor



Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes



Gill Dolling and Chris Cullen



Wendy Driscoll and Jan Blight



Rose Moore



Suzanne Welborn and Caroline Gardiner



Vinod Nasta and Cynthia Belonogoff



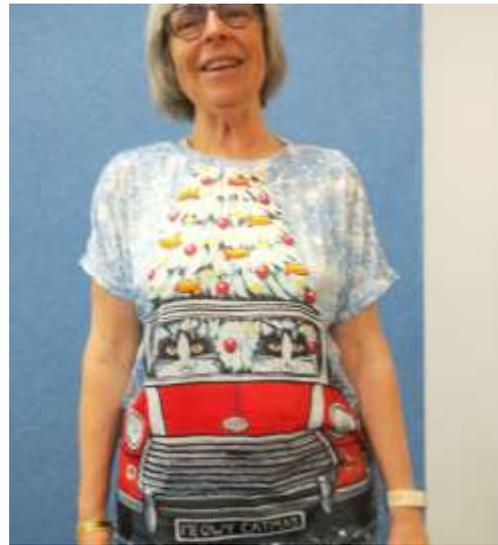
Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku



Sally Leonhardt and Cheryl Barker – winners of the Gay Jones award for most Master Points



Gill Dolling and Viv Zotti



Treasurer Ann Goode feeling catty!



Ken Todd, Robyn Todd, President Ian Bailey, Alan Harrop and Richard Cullen

We Congratulate our members on their wins in the recently held GNOT.

Winning the Metro – Sue Gammon, Vinod Nasta, Fiske Warren, Deana Wilson and Dave Munro

2nd in the Metro – Deb Frankel, Dadie Greenfeld, Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll.

Winning the Provincial – Ron Grogan and Catherine Grogan.

Well done to everyone

Annual Meeting March 27th 1pm

The club annual general meeting commences at 1.00 pm immediately prior to the normal Saturday afternoon game. Come along to hear the reports and the plans for the next 12 months. Don't forget, it takes a lot of background work to keep the club running, so extra helpers are always needed to ease the load. Give a thought as to how you could contribute.



A big thank you to the Directors – Peter Hicks, Peter Holloway, Mary Jane Whitehead, President Ian Bailey and Robin Burton

Mandurah Bridge Club

from Ian Jones

The Alan Crevald award for the most improved player in 2020 was awarded to Mei Zhao.



The Alan Mason trophy for the most Masterpoints achieved in 2020 was awarded to Doug Hardman.



The Club's 2020 Jackpot winners were:
Monday - Carole Hazelden and Jean Field.



Tuesday - Jenny Maley and Bill Maley.

Wednesday - Kimberley Zhao and Sheryl Coates.



Thursday - June Mulholland and Pam Cooper



Friday - Doug Hardman and Bill Maley



Saturday - Sheryl Coates and Kimberley Zhao

The Christmas party was very well attended and everyone enjoyed a delicious feast.



Foreground right, President Vera Hardman and Lyn Waters





The three wise men, Doug Hardman, Mike Mulholland and Ross Proudfoot

South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker

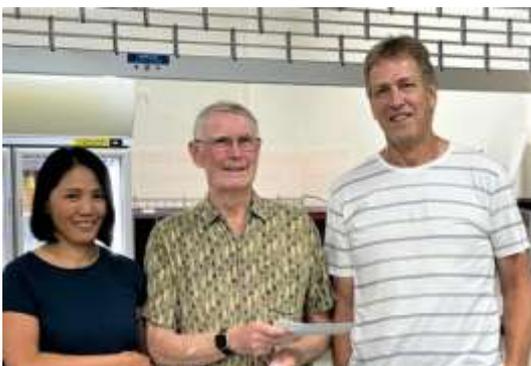
The 2021 South Perth Swiss Pairs Championship was the first major bridge event in WA of this new year. Thanks to the efficient directorship of Neville Walker, the 40 pairs entered for the three weeks event enjoyed a friendly but fiercely competitive event which ended up with a lovely supper at the presentation at end of the third week of competition. Enthusiastic bridge players from many other clubs participated in this event alongside a number of entries from the Home Club.

All pictured with President Danny Ravn

The prize winners are:



1st - Tad Bieganski/Andrew Swider



2nd- Alan Cransberg/Kimberley Zhao



3rd - Stella Steer/James Steer



4th - Beata Bieganski/Peter McCann



5th - Leone Fuller/Trevor Fuller



6th - David Matthews/Chris Ingham

Best South Perth Pair



David Schokman/Dave Munro

Best Men's Pair



Gerry Daly/Tim Munro

Best Women's Pair

Jan Blight/Kali Crosbie

Best Pair under 300 MP

Debbie Chappell/Julie Short

Undercroft Bridge Club

From Connie Coltrona

The November Swiss Pairs Was held on the 22nd November 2020 directed by David Burn and convened by Peter Stephenson.

Results



1st Gill Dolling and Chris Cullen with President Connie Coltrona



2nd Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton



3rd Sue Grenside and Richard Grenside



Best Undercroft Pair Tad Bieganski (and Andrew Swider)



Best UBC under 300 Masterpoints
1st Sue Robertson and Robin Dawson



2nd Ky Khan and David Chatman

The inaugural Tony Martin Masters and Teams of 3 was held on Sunday 13th December 2020.

Directed by Peter Stephenson. A wonderful day was had by all.

Grateful thanks to the Masters who volunteered, Tad Bieganski, Beata Bieganski, David Burn, Lynne Milne, Judy Clear, Margaret Melsom, Jenny Skinner, Chris Jenkins, Stella Steer and Connie Coltrona.



2nd Melissa Underwood, Sharon Dyball, Bernie Plath and Connie Coltrona (Master)



3rd Merilyn Letts, Jeanetta Fink, David Burn (Master) – (and Avril Atkin)

The Festive Season was celebrated at The Club with drinks and nibbles, Music, Christmas Carols and much laughter was enjoyed by all.



The Masters Results



1st Nesha Shah, Jenny Skinner (Master), Peter Malan, Katrina Will with President Connie Coltrona.



West Australian Bridge Club

From Sheenagh Young

WABC CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

Thankfully our 3-day Christmas Congress could be held over the first weekend in December. Players were obviously missing their competition Bridge as we had a wonderful turnout.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to players who supported each event. Thanks also to our CTD David Burn, assisted by Peter Hicks and Gwen Kremer and our Tournament Organiser, Sheenagh Young.

Friday morning Restricted Pairs (27 Tables)

North/South

Winners: John Ewing and Robert Steer

Second: Marilyn and Ted Van Heemst

East/West

Winners: Patrick Cooney and Liz Kaye-Eddie

Second: Brian Embleton and Julie Coates

Friday afternoon Pairs (37 Tables)

North/South



Winners: Deana Wilson and Dave Munro



Second: Egmont Melton and John Beddow

East/West



First: Ravi Soin and Geoff Yeo

Second: Geoff and Fran Homan

Saturday President's Pairs (20 Tables)

North/South



Winners: Jocelyn Parry and Faye

Second: Sue Broad and Susan Clements

East/West

Winners: Rick and Maura Rhodes

Second: Dave Sloan and Tomoko Nakamatsu

Saturday Swiss Pairs



60 pairs competed and in 1st place, with 5 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss were with Cathy Hood and David Schokman



In 2nd place and winning all 7 matches was Viv Wood and Marnie Leybourne

Third was Tad Bieganski and Andrew Swider



Sunday Teams

It was gratifying to see 30 teams turn out to compete this year. The winning team did not drop a match and won by a clear 30 Imps.



Winners: Virginia Seward, Linda Coli, Jonathan Free and Mimi Packer



Second: Judy Havas and Ken Smith, (Anthony Eardley and Joe Peci)



Third: Tad Bieganski, John Beddow, Egmont Melton (and Andrew Swider)

WABC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PRIZE GIVING 2020

Red Point Duplicate session followed by the Christmas Party and Prize Giving was a great success, with over 150 in attendance.



This year there was also a presentation to John Beddow as he decided, after over 20 years, to retire from directing. Christmas fare including a delicious range of pizzas which were cooked on site, chocolates and fruit. As we do every year, a full range of drinks were available and free of charge.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WABC

WABC Novice/Super Novice Congress takes place at 10am on Sunday 14 February at WABC.

Novice: less than 150 Masterpoints as at 1 January, 2021.

Super Novice: less than 50 Masterpoints as at 1 January, 2021.

If you have never played in a Congress before, this an excellent starting point. An enjoyable way to spend a day.

Labour Day on Monday 1 March will be our regular sessions with Red Points awarded. The morning session starts at 9:00am and the afternoon session at 1.15pm.

As with all Red Point sessions, System Cards are mandatory.

WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress is a Red Point all-day event with cash prizes, commencing at 10am on Sunday, 21 March. Players must have less than 300 Master Points as at 1 January, 2021. Prize giving will be at completion of play and accompanied by drinks and nibbles.

EASTER BRIDGE AT WABC - The Club will be open for all the regular green point sessions over the Easter period. However, the Bar will not be open on Good Friday.

LESSONS for Term 1 with Andy Hung commence on Monday 8th February. Lessons are presented using the Standard American System, offering a wide range from Beginners to more Advanced levels.

For further information regarding Lessons and Upcoming Events (including booking), consult the WABC website.

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

Swiss Pairs Competition Results



1st Cathy Slaughter and Maureen Phillips

2nd David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller

3rd Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood

The Wilma Piller/Jim O'Brien Trophy for the player who earned most Green Master Points at West Coast Bridge Club during the year was once again awarded to Marlene Medhat.

Christmas Party and Awards Presentation

There was a good turnout for our Christmas Party on the afternoon of Saturday December 5th. At the conclusion of an afternoon of bridge, Club President, Geoff Friebe, presented awards to the winners of our 2020 Club competitions. Following the presentations, we enjoyed a glass of wine or

two but were not able to partake of our usual delicious refreshments due to Covid restrictions.



Ray Wood and Marlene Medhat receiving one of their many awards from Geoff Friebe.



Club championship Teams Winners: Peach Partis, Patrick Garnett, Christina Wu, Sally Brittliffe.



Pairs winners: Shirley Drage, (Graeme Hillier)



Elizabeth Bennett, Peach Partis



Spring Teams winners: Wence Vahala, Shirley Bloch, Marlene Medhat, Ray Wood.

West Coast Bridge Lessons and Supervised Play for 2021

We have made changes to our bridge lessons for 2021.

You may come without a partner to all sessions.

Lessons start in the week of January 21 and are held at Club Room at 33 Templetonia Avenue, City Beach.

email : wcbc@iinet.net.au

Beginners Lessons:

- Monday 10–12 noon
☎ Patsy Davey – 0414 324 558
(\$8 per session)

Supervised Play

- Monday 10–12 noon
☎ Harold McKnight - 9447 4610
(\$6 per session)
- Wednesday 10–12 noon
☎ Betty Anderson- 0402 814 175
(\$6 per session)



March Deadline

Feb 20th is the deadline for inclusion in the March Focus.

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Maylands Bridge Club Inc

No Partner? No Worries

Just turn up, we promise you a game

All Green Point events

(Visitors \$6, members \$5)

We play at 55 Gummery St, Bedford

(see the map on our website maylandsbridge.org)

Sessions:

- Monday – be seated by 12:50pm
- Wednesday – be seated by 10:05am
- Thursday – be seated by 12:50pm
- Thursday supervised session – 9:15am

(Please check on the club website for dates of Red Point Events. To play in Red Point Events a partner is a must.)

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OAKWOOD MELVILLE BC CONGRESS MARCH 5, 6 & 7

Friday 5 Welcome Match Point Scored Pairs **12:30pm**
\$15.00 per player - please bring correct table money

Saturday 6 March Open Swiss Pairs **9:30am**
\$35.00 per player - please bring correct table money

Sunday 7 March Open Teams **9:30am**
\$35.00 per player - please bring correct table money

ENTRIES: Via BAWA Website – www.bawa.asn.au

Maximum Capacity 36 Tables

Enter early to avoid disappointment!

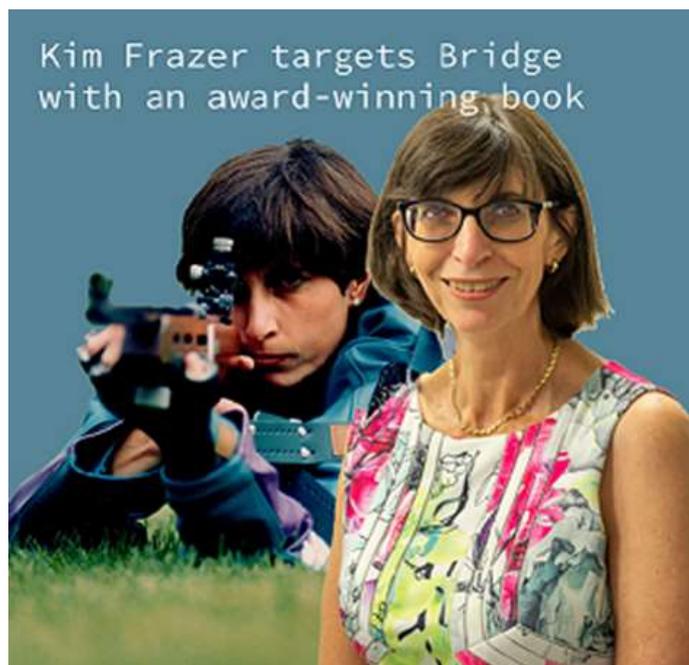
Convenor: - Salim Songerwala - 0421 595 541 mbcconvener@gmail.com

Tournament Director: - David Parham ... 0409 111 081

BYO Lunch, light refreshments will be provided

Prizes will be approximately 45% of entry fees

Kim Frazer wins International Bridge Press Association Master Point Press 2020 Book of the Year Award



Kim Frazer, an Olympian in Athens 2004 and winner of three gold medals in four Commonwealth games for shooting, has won a prestigious international award for writing a bridge book “Gaining the Mental Edge at Bridge.”

The International Bridge Press Association has 300 journalists as members around the world. The award is sponsored by Master Point Press and normally presented at the Hainan Bridge Festival in China. Hopefully when travel restrictions are lifted Kim will be travelling to Hainan to accept the award in person.

The award was announced at the IBPA AGM by the President, Barry Rigal, who visits Australia often to edit the Daily Bulletin at the Gold Coast Congress.

In shooting Kim was National Women’s Champion on seven occasions and National Open champion twice.

In bridge Kim has represented Victoria in Women’s and Open teams and has won selection for the Australian Women’s Team.

It was in shooting that Kim became interested in the mental side of sport. When she took up Bridge she started writing articles for Australian bridge magazines and the French bridge magazine *Le Grigeur* on the application of sports psychology in bridge. In this book she has adapted the mental

techniques that brought her success in shooting and how to use these at the bridge table.

The foreword of her book was written by Ron Klinger, champion Australian bridge player, Bridge author of over 70 books and bridge columnist for the SMH for 18 years. Ron wrote “I am anxious to try out these new ideas and incorporate them as part of my regular regime. I can’t wait for my next bridge game! I would just like to bar all of my regular opponents from reading this book.”

Kim is still heavily involved in the administration of shooting and bridge and is Secretary of the Australian Bridge Federation.

The President of the ABF, Allison Stralow, says “It is a great honour for Australian bridge that Kim has won such a prestigious award against international competition.”

Kim won the award from a shortlist of international bridge writers including David Bird author of 130 books, Larry Cohen best known for “The Law of Total Tricks”, Mike Lawrence who has won three Bermuda Bowls and Nicolas Hammond who was also famous for solving the Rubik’s Cube in 37 seconds.

Kim is the fifth Australian to have won this award and only the second woman following champion Sabine Auken from Germany in 2006 with “I Love This Game”.

Australian winners IBPA Book of the Year:

- 2009 Ron Klinger (Right Though the Pack Again)
- 2013 Bill Jacobs (Fantunes Revealed)
- 2014 Tim Bourke and Justin Corfield (The Art of Director Play)
- 2017 Sartaj Hans (Bidding the Best)
- 2020 Kim Frazer (Gaining the Mental Edge at Bridge)

These winners demonstrate the exceptional standard of bridge writing in Australia.

Kim’s book “Gaining the Mental Edge at Bridge” can be bought in paperback or as a digital download from The Bridge [Shop or from Paul Lavings Bridge Books](#).

DEEP-AND-MEANINGFULS #14

Paul Brayshaw taps into the innermost thoughts of Deep Finesse®...

“... and the chances of getting three tricks are exactly 13.6%, to one decimal place. Much better than the 12.4% by playing the ace first,” she says, with a contented glance at you over her left shoulder. You and DF are lying side-by-side in her odd little world, gazing up lazily at a suit combination that her playing-card troupe has formed over your heads:

(C) J987 (C) A543

Your friendship with DF has really developed in the last few months. Having discovered in each other the company you have both so keenly desired but found so sorely lacking in others, she has more regularly brought the two of you together in your dreams for meaningful discussions about the things that really matter, such as the *intra-finesse* in question hovering above you. Of course, you both know well that the best chance for three tricks here is to play a small one towards the J987, putting in the nine if the second hand plays a low card (the *intra-finesse*). Then, if that loses to an honour, you run the jack on the next round, hoping to pin the ten. Unlike DF, however, you are unable to calculate the chances of success in your head in a fraction of a second.

“That’s interesting,” you comment, “I calculated it to be 16.4% the other day. I expect we are thinking differently about what the opponent playing in second seat will do with KT or QT doubleton.”

“What do you mean?” she responds, quizzically. “They will play a random one.”

Aaaah, yes, the mind of your peculiar friend. You will have no hope of convincing her that no-one in the real world would play the ten in that situation, just as no-one would play the ten from Tx, either, in the hope of misleading you. That’s not how she thinks about the world and is the reason why she is so good at the service she provides to the game. The friendship is far more valuable to you than winning such a petty squabble, so you remain silent, nod, and gaze at those beguiling fingers of hers and their ever-changing arrangements of bling. Your eyes then wander over to that unusual crown of cards on her head – as neat and immaculately seated now, when she is in repose,

as it usually is when she sits or stands. For the thousandth time, you wonder how to goodness this has all come about, and why you have been so fortunate to have such a unique situation. It has made you happy. You are sure that DF feels likewise, given that she has become less guarded with you and has shown behaviours that reflect true emotions. You catch her eye, and a big smile confirms your thoughts.

“There was a hand the other day,” you suddenly recall. “I was at a soiree with some friends who had played in the Swiss Pairs of the WABC Congress that day, where Board 4 had caused a lot of discussion. No-one could work out how to make 6C, not even the experienced player leading the discussion, by all accounts.”

“Yes, I know the one you mean,” she replies in that subtle voice of hers, and a quick gesture of her hands sends the band of playing cards into a frenzy, reconstructing the deal above the two of you. “East and West can both make 6C.”

Brd 4	♠ J62		
Dlr W	♥ AJ642		
Vul All	♦ 95		
	♣ 542		
	♠ AK	N	♠ Q94
	♥ Q73	W	♥ K5
	♦ 82	E	♦ AQT764
	♣ KQJT76	S	♣ A9
			♠ T8753
			♥ T98
			♦ KJ3
			♣ 83

You considered, at the time the hand record was shoved under your nose, that in 6C a heart could be ruffed in the short hand and the diamond loser parked on the SQ. However, a trump or diamond lead from North would put paid to that, and that was obviously what the discussion had been about. Then, some juicy gossip had distracted you from any further analysis, and you hadn’t thought about it since.

“Well?” your companion asks, playfully. “Do you agree? Or perhaps I should leave you to it for an hour or two?”

“All right, microchip-brain. Let’s see... a trump lead from either hand prevents the ruff and removes an entry to East, but luckily the HA is with North, so it may not matter. You win the club with the ace, unblock in spades...”

“Unblock?”, she queries, with one of her pretty laughs. “Is that something to do with sewerage pipes?”

Goodness, you keep forgetting. “No, it means to play high cards from the short side first in order to allow the suit to be run from the other side.”

“Oh, so you mean to play the SA and SK? Yes, that’s right,” she says.

“So, after unblocking in spades, you play... hmmm... yes, a diamond to the ace, followed by the SQ, discarding a diamond. Now, ruff a diamond to hand, play a club to the nine, ruff another diamond high, draw trumps, and lead a heart towards the king. North cannot stop you from reaching the diamonds, but must rise HA now to prevent you from taking 13 tricks.”

“Correct! And in less than one minute – very impressive for a mortal.” The twinkle in her eye shows she is starting to master the art of playful banter; a little of your influence there, perhaps. “But,” she continues, “what about a diamond lead from North? That also prevents the heart ruff.”

“Indeed. However, I think you can take a similar line, just swapping the club and diamond tricks around. You win the diamond in dummy, unblock in spades...”

Giggles again.

“... and this time play a club to the ace. Now you play the SQ to discard a diamond and the rest of the play is identical to the previous line.”

She turns towards you and pokes you gently in the side. “I think you’re getting too good at this. I’m obviously going to have to make the deals harder. Try this one! You need to make 7H...”

The cards once more madly scramble into a complicated hand, and you sigh with a mixture of pleasure and pain. It’s looking like another long sleep-in.

Found an intriguing analysis? Unsure of how DF got to a particular number of tricks? Or, <gasp, cough>, do you think DF is wrong on a hand? Please send it to me at thepabray@hotmail.com and I’ll do my best to tune in to DF’s special vibrations. Paul ☺

ON-LINE PAYMENT

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Taking the Lead - Again



By Ron Klinger
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NORTH Dealer | EW Vulnerable

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1NT (1)	Pass	2 ♣ (2)
X	XX (3)	All Pass	

- (1) 15-17
- (2) Stayman
- (3) Offer to play

What do you lead as West from:

Dlr N ♠
 Vul EW ♥

♦
 ♣

♠ A5
 ♥ 108
 ♦ K84
 ♣ KQ10843

		♠	
		♥	
		♦	
		♣	
		♠	
		♥	
		♦	
		♣	

SOLUTION on page 25



B

East: 2H, showing 5 hearts and a 5-card other suit.

South: 2NT, balanced, good cover in hearts and 15-18 points.

West: Pass. North knows their side has Game On. Either 4 S or 3NT.

Dlr		♠ AQ1064			
Vul		♥ 653			
		♦ Q6			
		♣ A82			
	♠ J732		♠ 5		
	♥ A		♥ Q10942		
	♦ J108743	W	E	♦ 52	
	♣ Q5			♣ K9764	
		♠ K98			
	12	♥ KJ87			
8	5	♦ AK9			
	15	♣ J103			

C

West; 2S, North: 3H, (Own suit and 15+ pts,)

East knows their side does not have the points for game. At this moment, N/S are not in game. If East pushes to 3S, South will definitely go to game.

Dlr	W	♠ J3			
Vul	All	♥ AK10943			
		♦ K864			
		♣ A			
	♠ K107652		♠ Q4		
	♥ 2		♥ 76		
	♦ 2	W	E	♦ AQJ109	
	♣ Q10832			♣ J965	
		♠ A98			
	15	♥ QJ85			
5	10	♦ 753			
	10	♣ K74			

I have taken these hands as an example, taking poetic license with shifting the dealer! Just for practice.

Have a go, but most of all, Enjoy the experience.

Happy Bridging 😊

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WABC

**Restricted Swiss Pairs
Congress 2021**

Sunday 21 March at 10:00am

Director: David Burn 0409 651 010
Tournament Organiser: Kitty George 0408 097 881
Enter via www.bawa.asn.au or phone 9284 4144



Venue: WABC Clubrooms 7 Odern Crescent,
Swanbourne

PLAYERS MUST HAVE LESS THAN 300 MASTERPOINTS
as at 1st January 2021
ENTRY FEE \$35 per player
Players may order lunch before start of play
Prize-giving at completion of play



**Bunbury Bridge Club
Annual Congress (38th)**

Saturday 24 to Monday 26 April 2021
Venue: South West Italian Club
13-19 White St, East Bunbury

Saturday 24	Duplicate Pairs (Matchpoints) Two sessions – Qualifying & Finals Seated by 9:15 for 9:30 start	\$35 per player
Sunday 25 (AM)	No play (Anzac Day ceremonies)	
Sunday 25 (PM)	Swiss Teams (first session) 3 x 9 board matches Seated by 12:45 for 13:00 start	\$35 per player
Monday 26 (AM)	Swiss Teams (second session) 3 x 9 board matches Seated by 08:45 for 09:00 start	

Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of Entry Fees

NO lunch provided on Saturday 24 but can be ordered on arrival.
A light lunch will be provided on Monday 26.
Refreshments will be provided on all days.

Director & Convenor:	Brian Wade	0427 133 747 hwade@bigpond.com
Entries:	BAWA website	www.bawa.asn.au

72.0 Trevor Fuller and Darren Brake
Joondalup
 76.8 Carol Thomas and Eddie Pozarowszczyk
 70.0 Carol O'Grady and Lyn Fakira
Willetton
 85.0 Narinder Elhence and Vijay Ahooja
 72.0 Patricia Martell and Richard Harris
Fremantle
 70.0 Neville Stafford and Maureen Bellett
 70.0 Jean Dance and Judy Toey
 72.9 Marion Jefferson and Thomas Wheatley
 70.8 Sue Moonen and Judy Toey
 70.0 Chris Wells and Janet Signer
 70.0 Peta Kiernan and Malcolm Dick
 70.0 Martin Jones and Alexis Keynes
 71.0 Judy Toey and Sue Moonen
 75.0 Florence Slater and Malcolm Dick
 70.8 Sam Zurub and Alexis Keynes
 75.0 Cliff Collinson and Angela Van Beem
Mandurah
 76.0 Vera Hardman and Douglas Hardman
 72.0 Pamela Carver and Ann Kelley
 76.5 Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao
Maylands
 71.8 Richard Maker and James Sheng
Swan Districts
 70.0 Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown
Busselton
 72.6 John Whiting and Jackin Clare
West Coast
 72.9 Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood
 70.8 Ted Brereton and David Malkin
 70.6 Robert Cappellin and Denise Davies
Melville
 74.5 Tom Stacy and Peggy Stacy
 72.0 Merwyn Menezes and Salim Songerwala
 70.8 Fay McDermott and Lyn Toft
WABC
 70.3 Corine Monteath and Patricia Rosse
 71.5 Dee Sinton and Gloria Carlson
 71.1 Ann Youngs and Vinod Nasta



2021 GNOT HEATS

DATES

TUESDAY 9th, 16th & 23rd FEBRUARY 2021
 at 7.00pm

VENUE

Cnr Barker Ave & Brittain St COMO
 Entrance from Barker Ave
 Phone 9450 1077

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all ABF registered players. One team member must be a financial member of SPBC

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

David Burn - Phone 0409 661 010

CONVENOR

Jan Howell - janhowell53@gmail.com

COST

\$120 per team payable at the first session

ENTRIES

To Jan Howell or via the Red Book at the Club
 Entry to include name of Team Captain

Entries close 5.00pm Friday 5th February or earlier at the discretion of the TD.

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		Thu 4 th	Interstate Open Selection Butler Qual. Pairs 1 of 4 Provisional - on the ANC going ahead
		Sat 6 th - Sun 7 th	Rockingham Congress- cancelled
		Sat 13 th	WABC Open Red Point Anniversary Pairs
		Sun 14 th	WABC Novice/Super Novice Congress
		Sat 20 th	Joondalup Congress
		Fri 26 th - Mon 1 st	Albany Congress
		Sat 27 th - Sun 28 th	Open Selection - Final Provisional - on the ANC going ahead
	Mar	Wed 3 rd	WABC Open Red Point Pivot Teams
		Thu 4 th	Autumn Swiss Pairs
		Fri 5 th - Sun 7 th	Melville Congress
		Sat 13 th - Sun 14 th	Kalamunda Congress
		Sat 20 th - Sun 21 st	Interstate Women's Selection Provisional - on the ANC going ahead
		Tues 22 nd	BAWA AGM 7.00 pm
	Apr	Fri 2 nd - Mon 5 th	South Perth Easter Congress
		Sat 10 th - Sun 11 th	WA Country Championships
		Thu 15 th	Interstate Seniors' Selection 1 of 5 Provisional - on the ANC going ahead
		Sat 24 th - Sun 25 th	Bunbury Congress
	May	Sat 1 st - Sun 2 nd	Undercroft May Congress
		Sat 8 th	Kendenup Congress
		Fri 14 th	WABC Open Red point Event
		Sat 15 th - Sun 16 th	Western Seniors Pairs Championship (PQP & Gold Points)
		Tue 18 th	BAWA State Daytime Open IMP (Swiss) Pairs 1 of 3
		Sat 22 nd - Sun 23 rd	Kalamunda Restricted Congress
		Sun 30 th	Fremantle Congress
NOTE	Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.		
NOTE	BAWA/Congress Events	Entries www.bawa.asn.au unless other specified.	

Albany Bridge Club Congress 2021

26 February to 1 March 2021

Address: Mill Street, Albany

Convenor: Carole Munro

(0417 897 659 / carole.munro@bigpond.com)

Director: Brian Wade

Cost: \$100 all-inclusive or pay per session

Enter via the BAWA website or contact the convenor. Limited to 27 tables.

Cash prizes (minimum 55% of entry fees)

Welcome Pairs - \$20

Friday evening 6:30 pm for bridge at 7pm

Finger food provided

Duplicate Pairs - \$45

Saturday 9:30 am - please be seated by 9:15

(two sessions)

Swiss teams - \$45

Sunday 9:30 am - please be seated by 9:15 am

(two sessions)

Monday 9:00 am - please be seated by 8:45 am

(one session)

Arrangements are subject to change according to the prevailing government requirements.

South Perth Bridge Club
2021 EASTER CONGRESS

♠♥♦♣ **RED POINT EVENTS** ♠♥♦♣

Welcome pairs:

Friday, 2 April, 1:30pm \$15

Open Pairs:

Saturday, 3 April, 10:00am \$35

Swiss Pairs:

Sunday, 4 April, 10:00am \$35

Swiss Teams:

Monday, 5 April, 10:00am \$35

Welcome Pairs and Open Pairs will be matchpointed
Swiss Pairs will be XIMPs converted to VP

\$\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$\$
presented after each event
(approximately 45% entry fees)

Director: Neville Walker 0418 944 077
Convenor: Cassie Morin 0402 209 289

Enter via the BAWA website



Maylands Bridge Club Inc.

Open Red Point Event

Join us on Wednesday 17th March
and compete for Red Points
Director: David Burn

Members \$7.50, Visitors \$10

Prize Money

55 Gummery St, Bedford
(see the map on our website maylandsbridge.org)

Be seated by 12:50pm

Afternoon tea provided

Register by email maylandsbridge@gmail.com or at the club

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CONGRESS 2021

To be held at the
WABC CLUB ROOMS 7 ODERN CRESCENT SWANBOURNE

Sunday 14 February Commencing 10.00am

A short explanation of the format will be given prior to play

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER: Kitty George 0408 097 881
DIRECTOR: David Burn 0409 463 010

ENTRIES VIA
BAWA Website www.bawa.asn.au
or telephone 9284 4144

IF YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED IN A CONGRESS BEFORE
THEN THIS IS THE EVENT FOR YOU

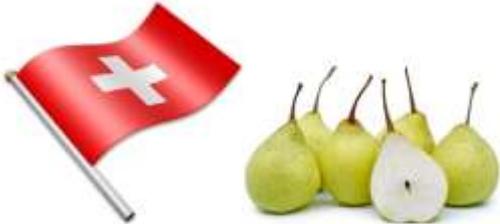
Novice: less than 150 Masterpoints as at 1 Jan 2021
Super Novice: less than 50 Masterpoints as at 1 Jan 2021
****PLEASE NOTE: PLAYERS NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH****

RED POINTS and PRIZES ENTRY FEE \$35 per player

ALL PAIRS MUST HAVE 2 IDENTICAL COMPLETED SYSTEM CARDS
(arrive early and we will supply the cards and help you fill them in)

PRIZE GIVING, DRINKS & NIBBLES AT COMPLETION OF PLAY approx. 5.00pm

SWISS PAIRS



KENDENUP OPEN SWISS PAIRS

SATURDAY 6th MAY 2021

OPEN RED POINT EVENT WITH CASH PRIZES, LIGHT LUNCH AND
MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED. \$45

OVERNIGHT POWERED SITES FOR VANS.

DIRECTOR - BRIAN WADE - IMP SCORING

PRIZE-MONEY AWARDED IN FOUR SECTIONS: COMBINED POINTS
PER PAIR: >600PTS, 300 TO 600PTS, 100 - 300PTS AND LESS
THAN 100PTS.

ENTRY VIA THE BAWA - WWW.BAWA.ASN.AU

START PLAY AT 9.30AM

CONVENER: HEATHER FERGIE 98514168/hjfergie@hotmail.com