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**Christmas Party and Award Presentation Around the Clubs**





# President's Report

From Nigel Dutton

Wishing you all a Happy New Year; hopefully with face-to-face bridge making a strong comeback very soon; naturally without masks. This brings me to the question that I have been unable to obtain an answer from any government department or agency. Masks are now mandatory for indoor public venues; I have tried to ascertain whether or not a private bridge club with NO public access is subject to the same mandatory mask regulation. I was playing last week at a small club session with just five tables. I noted that I could have hosted the five tables at home and no masks would have been required. I wonder why it's different. If the door is locked there is no public access.

There are privacy and legal considerations regarding the web-based publication of vaccine status so BAWA has decided not to publish a list of players who have had their vaccine sighted. However, if it is of assistance to congress convenors I can email the list to them. This may reduce the workload concerning checking compliance. Alternatively, you can simply go to the results page of any Open Red Point or BAWA event

and be assured that the players listed will have had their certificate viewed and noted. The South Perth Swiss Pairs and the Mandurah Summer Congress are two recent events with large fields with all players checked.

If the ABF decides, as the government has done for selected occupations, that Fully Vaccinated means three doses then it is highly likely that BAWA will do the same. I must note, however, that it appears that around 99.99% of bridge players are rational and intelligent people who listen to the scientific advice recommending a booster shot. ●

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### West Australian Newspaper

BAWA President Nigel Dutton is writing a weekly column – it doesn't matter what level your game is this will be informative, educational and instructive - and at times tongue in cheek!

### ABF Daily Bridge Column

Courtesy of Ron Klinger [www.abfevents.com.au](http://www.abfevents.com.au)

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# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

## Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

Our major event of the year is the Mary Wheatley Trophy, named after the lady, who with her husband, Tom, founded our Club 30 years ago. Mary and Tom taught bridge and introduced many novice players into the Club. In recognition of this, the Trophy, which is played for at the end of November each year, is awarded on a handicap basis with members receiving a handicap based on performances throughout the previous 11 months.

The Trophy was won this year by Fiona Holroyd and John Nicholas and we offer warm congratulations to them on this achievement. Fiona and John were taught to play by two Club members and they then graduated into our Club sessions where they have been playing with a fair degree of success for the last two years. In second place were Eris and Peter, who drive the 70 kms from and to Manjimup to play each week and are always a pair to be reckoned with! They were followed closely by Jacquie and Mandy, last year's winners of the Trophy. The "open" scoring saw Heide and Jan in first place, followed by Eris and Peter, Bronwyn and Jana and Jacquie and Mandy.

Our Christmas Party in mid December was its usual convivial and entertaining occasion; our 16 members enjoyed a very nice meal, together with our traditional present giving (and swapping!). Then it was down to some "fun" bridge with a partner we had drawn for the evening from a pack of cards - which sometimes necessitated a quick tete-a-tete before play! The whole evening was organized and planned with great attention to detail by our Social "Guru", Gillian Wheatley, and warm thanks to her and our President, Patricia Rodgers, for their efforts.

We have been so fortunate in W.A. to have been able to have our bridge clubs open throughout most of the past two years; fingers crossed we can continue to enjoy our bridge together into the future as well.

## Geraldton Bridge Club

From Heather Cupitt

The annual prize giving was conducted by our President, Jeanette Day, at a well attended and enjoyable Xmas party. Thank you to Suzanne Day for taking the photos.



*Suzanne Day was awarded the Norma Lodge trophy for the Most Improved Novice Player.*



*The Most Improved Player was won by Paul Sheriff, who plays by his motto "PLAY HARD"*



*Richard Bailey, who celebrated his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday in January, won the Bryan Baldock trophy for the Thursday Aggregate Champion.*



*Wayne and Heather Cupitt had a good year, taking out the Aggregate Championship prizes for Monday and Saturday.*



*Wayne Cupitt also won the Individual Championship.*



The Saturday Championship was a very tight competition, with Wayne and Heather squeaking home from Bryan Baldock and Paul Sheriff, with Elise Criddle and Leslie Watson in third place.

The Club has decided to play in the Nationwide Pairs once a month, and in our first competition Paul Sheriff played "HARD" again, and with his partner Norma Lodge, achieved third place.

## **Kalamunda Bridge Club**

From Betty Roberts

The Christmas party was very well attended with 17 tables, split into two sections.

Results for the day:

### **Section A Winners.**



N/S Bente Hansen/Madge Myburg



R/up Michael Barker/David Harris



E/W Carole McMahon and Rob McMahon



R/up Sandra Hoffman and Joscelyn Charters

### **Section B Winners**



N/S Tom Lemann and Kit Lemann



R/up Stephen Thyer and Carmen Jackson  
E/W Elizabeth McMillen and Bernard Szalkowski



R/up Jim Steel and Jacqueline Keir



## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS - COMPETITION WINNERS

### Individual - Frank Parker Plate

Guy Gaudet - R/up Stephen Thyer

### Men's Pairs - Rex Mizen Cup

Tom Lemann/Stephen Thyer

R/up Brian Davison/Gordon Brown

### Women's Pairs - Constance McCullough Cup

Joscelyn Charters/Sheila Pryce

R/up Elizabeth McMillen/Jane Pike

### Mixed Pairs - Elfrieda MacLean Trophy

Kit & Tom Lemann

R/up Madge Myburg/Stephen Thyer

### Daytime Pairs - (<300 M/points)

*Sponsor - DVG Cup*

Elizabeth Bazen/Denise Borger

R/up Judith Poole/Lynne Roberts

### Daytime Teams

Kit & Tom Lemann, Stephen Thyer, Peter Clarke  
Joanne Payne

R/up Alan Puckey, Denise Borger, David  
Kininmonth, Robert Willemsen, John Ewing

### Open Pairs - Mike Hopper Shield

Kit & Tom Lemann

R/up Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce

### Open Pairs - Consolation Winners

Joscelyn Charters/Jill Jenkins

R/up Peter Clarke/Joe Louis

### Open Teams - Sylvia Parker Plate

Joe Louis, Nic Moniodis, Kit & Tom Lemann

R/up Ann Todd, Carmen Jackson, Stephen Thyer,  
Peter Clarke

### Restricted Pairs - (<50 m/points) - Gerry Riley Vase Trophy

Lynne Roberts/Judith Poole

R/up Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel

### Novice Pairs (<15 m/points) - Susan Collinson Plate

Helen Ottosson/Bernard Szalkowski

R/up Jenny Pitney/Kate Sayer

### Knockout Pairs

Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce

R/up Ross Pringle/Alan Puckey

### Most Improved Pair - Mercia O'Meara Trophy

Mary & Mike Pepper

R/up Bente Hansen/Madge Myburgh

### Champion Pair (Monday Morning) - Vera Kenworthy Memorial Trophy

Carmen Jackson/Nic Moniodis  
 R/up Guy Gaudet/Stephen Thyer  
**Champion Pair (Wednesday Afternoon) - Doris Broad Plate**

Anne Todd/Carmen Jackson  
 R/up Peter Clarke/Stephen Thyer  
**Champion Pair (Friday Afternoon) - Venture Cup**

Bente Hansen/Madge Myburgh  
 R/up Alan Harper/Stephen Thyer  
**Champion Pair (Saturday Afternoon) - Mike Nestor Cup**

Elizabeth Bazen/Denise Borger  
 R/up Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce  
**Most Masterpoints - Helen Wolyniec Trophy**  
 Stephen Thyer  
 R/up Sheila Pryce

**AWARD RECIPIENTS**



*Carmen Jackson*



*Gordon Brown and Sheila Price*



*Elizabeth Bazen and Denise Borger*



*Tom and Kit Lemann*



*Carole Littlechild and Guy Gaudet*



*Lynne Roberts and Judith Poole*



*Peter Clarke, Kit Lemann, Tom Lemann and Stephen Thyer*



*Sheila Pryce and Joscelyn Charters*



*Stephen Thyer*



*Michael & Mary Pepper*



*Bernard Zsalkowski and Helen Ottosson*



*Madge Myburgh and Bente Hansen*

**South Perth Bridge Club**

From Marnie Leybourne

South Perth Bridge Club will require all players to provide evidence that they have received at least two Covid vaccinations by 5 February. It would be greatly appreciated if members (and visitors) could do this as soon as possible, so that Directors don't get too frazzled once we hit that date.

**Upgrades**

Work will begin very soon on toilet upgrades for the club. This will cause some disruption and all players and visitors to the club will need to enter and exit the club from the back door during the period that the renovations are in progress. Work is expected to start close to 14 February and finish sometime mid-May. It will involve extensive work on the club, and while we have contributed a large

sum to the works, the bulk of the cost (\$196,443) has come from a promise made by the Club's local Member of Parliament, Geoff Baker, and the South Perth City Council.

The Council has made this contribution in recognition that it is likely to be at least 10 years before SPBC will need to move into new premises, which is good news for those that find our current location to be ideally situated!

### **Online bridge**

From a playing perspective and in good news to counter the %\$#@\* requirement to wear masks, club membership continues to increase. In addition, SPBC has now started to offer evening sessions of online bridge through the RealBridge platform (details on how to join a session are available on the club's website). Please note, at least one person in any pair wishing to play in a club session must be a member of SPBC (for invoicing purposes).

At present sessions are being held on Thursday evenings, however other possibilities are also being considered, including Monday evening. Most of the club directors have, or are being, trained in directing on this platform and it will provide members with a chance to continue to play with and against each other should the club have to close down again due to Covid restrictions. However, the Club's primary objective is to ensure that members can continue to play face-to-face, so no current sessions will be moved online (other than in response to a Covid-based lockdown, and to only last for as long as the lockdown remains in place).

### **Novice events**

There are two upcoming events that all newish members should stick into their calendars. First, on 5 February the club's novice pairs championship is being held, entries into the red book. This is for all players with fewer than 50 masterpoints as of 1 January this year.

Then on Sunday 27 February, SPBC is holding a Masters in Teams of 3 event. You just need to form a team of three and then find a Master that you'd like to play with. Almost all experienced members of the club would welcome an approach to play in this event, even though it is well known to be a very stressful day – for the Masters! Hint, buy them a drink at the end of the day – they will welcome its calming effects.

All joking aside, this is a must play event, because it will greatly improve your bridge, and being a teams event you will always be playing against teams that are doing just as well (or as badly....) as you. And if you are unsure of team tactics, Marnie Leybourne will run a team tactics seminar at 12.30pm on Saturday, 26 February. This will be a repeat of a seminar given last year.

The Annual three-week South Perth Swiss Pairs event concluded on Monday, 24 January. Forty pairs played nine rounds, with Karol Miller and Jan Kochmanski winning overall. Florence Maltby and Alan Dundas came second, with Cathy Hood and David Schokman third.

### **Beginners' lessons**

Hopefully no-one reading this needs these lessons! However, what about your friends and family? We shouldn't be keeping our game a secret, so perhaps work on your loved ones to dive in and find out why you call out "7NT doubled minus 13" in your sleep (when you manage to get to sleep, that is...).

The first set of beginner classes for 2022 start on Monday 7 (day) and Wednesday 9 (evening), please contact Fiske Warren

(fiskebridge@bigpond.com) to register.

## **Northern Districts Bridge Club**

From Anne Hooper

The Club Pairs Red Point, was held on Monday 13 December 2021. We had a full house of 13 tables and an enjoyable afternoon tea.



The winners were Gill Blakey and Ross Blakey N/S with 62.66% and Eddie Pozarowszczyk and Carol Thomas E/W with 60.90%.



Congratulations to Susan Sharland who turned 80 in December and we were delighted to share a cake to celebrate with her.

The Summer Pairs Red Point was held on Monday 17th January 2022 with 10.5 tables. Ross Blakey and Gill Blakey came first again N/S with 62% and first E/W were Carol Cornwell and Tim Cornwell with 61.73%. Well done all.

Our New Years lunch at the Atrium, Crown Hotel was held on Tuesday 18th January 2022. This was a most enjoyable event even though we had to wear masks unless we were eating or drinking. We were grateful that the current Covid restrictions did not mean cancellation of our lunch as everyone was looking forward to it.

Our website is [www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org](http://www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org) and we advise you to check it before visiting the Club so that you have the latest information.

## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones



The Alan Crevald award for the most improved player in 2021 was awarded to Mei Zhao.



The Alan Mason trophy for the most Masterpoints achieved in 2021 was awarded to June Mulholland

The Jackpot winners in December were:



Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao



Wednesday - Graeme Perry and Carole Hazelden



Friday – Di Brooks and Florence Maltby



Saturday - Carole Hazelden and Merle Proudfoot

## Maccabi Bridge Club

From Luba Klein

Our AGM held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January was well attended – Luba Klein who was President for six years stood down and was thanked for her diligence and hard work for the Club. We welcome our newly elected President and the 6 new committee members –



Secretary Leah Gunsberg, Past President Luba Klein and President Denise Sharbanee.



Past President Luba Klein with Terri Same, Treasurer – a position that Terri has held for 20 years.

President - Denise Sharbanee

Secretary - Leah Gunzburg

Treasurer - Terri Same

Partner assistance and articles to Focus (0450664133) Luba Klein

Catering Cynthia Adler and Esther Finkelstein

Committee Marilyn Atkins, Chris Ross, Tony Sander, Marlene Robinson

Barbara Gold assists with checking the Vaccination App and we are following the rules put down by BAWA.



Cynthia Adler and Ilana Meyer



Geoffrey Kaye with Richard van Proctor

Our first red point event will be held Monday, 21st February at 11.30am – We welcome visitors from other clubs to attend.

Happy New Year to all WA Bridge Clubs. Happy bridging for 2022.

## Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance



Winners of the Christmas Pairs - Roz Davey and Di Brooks with President, Wendy Pollock.



Under State Masters and Under Club Masters - Joyce Lyon and Sue Cook.



Di Brooks accepting the Individual Championship Pairs trophy won by Di Brooks and Egmont Melton.



The Mayor of Rockingham, Ms. Deb Hamblin at the Christmas Party.



Nia Parker, winner of the Mona Walker Under Club Master Award.



Our Directors and Bridge teachers.



Mike Fulwood winner of the Under State Master Achievement Award.



Yvonne Hoops winner of the Bill Chalmers Student Award

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Nicky O'Connell winner of the Brady Merit Award.



Bayswater Deputy Mayor Catherine Ehrhardt presents the Stephen Orner trophy to Bernie Smith

## Maylands Bridge Club

From Rosemary Fautleroy  
Maylands 40th Anniversary



Our wonderful life members - Murray Gatti, Bill Pabst, Alan Baldock, Robert Oakes, Colleen Prosser, Jean Martin and Fran Carter.



President Linley Le Page.



Colleen Prosser, Jean Martin, Barbara Lynch, President Linley Le Page, Fran Carter.



## West Australian Bridge Club

From Carla Sullivan  
Photos courtesy of Sheenagh Young  
CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

Once again, the club enjoyed an extremely successful Christmas Congress held from Friday 5 December to Sunday 7 December. The 5 events attracted a total attendance of 572 players. All the events ran smoothly thanks to or directing team of David Burn, Gwen Kramer and Peter Hicks

The results were as follows

**Restricted Pairs**

North/South

1st Geoff Friebe and Daniel Cronin



2nd John Finlay-Jones and Hamish McCracken

3rd Tessa Mayall and Kate Gould

East/West



1st Jennifer Andrews and Meredith Goodlet

2nd Barbara Ekdahl and Will Nunn

3rd Kali Crosbie and Simone Pettorino

**Friday Pairs**

North/South



1st Jonathon Free and Mimi Packer

**EDITING OF MATERIAL**

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2nd Yvonne Burns and Julie Short

3rd Peter Holloway and Ross Harper

East/West

1st Geoff Yeo and John McMullan



2nd Egmont Melton and John Beddow

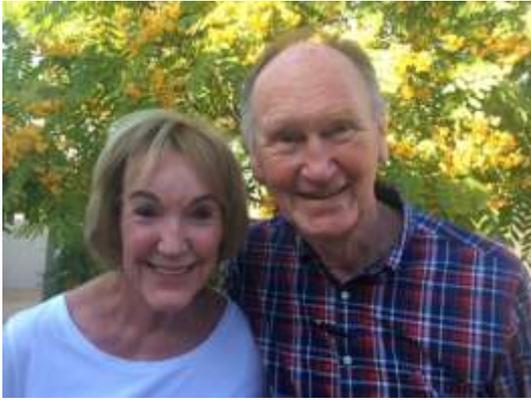


3rd Jane Henderson and Lisa Cusack

**Swiss Pairs**



1st David Schokman and Nick Cantatore



2nd Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes  
3rd Tim Munro and Chris Mulley

**President's Pairs**

North/South



1st Patricia Rosser and Corinne Monteath  
2nd Judy Crooke and Trish Smith  
3rd Kath Negus and John Nelson  
East/West



1st Robyn Howe and Linda Wild  
2nd Andrea Peretti and Jonathon Pynt  
3rd Jan Blight and Jeff Veling

**Teams**



1st Alan Cransberg, Di Brooks, Kimberley Zhao  
and Florence Maltby



2nd Vinod Nasta, Cynthia Belonogoff, David  
Schokman and Nick Cantatore



3rd Kaiping Chen, Fiske Warren, Val Biltoft and  
Karol Miller

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Congratulations to all placegetters. A special thanks to Kerry Barns and her wonderful team of volunteers who co-ordinated and served the delicious food provided by our members as well as Prue Hart and Jacqui Ecclestone who provided the catering on Sunday.

### **Christmas Party & Prize-Giving**

This popular annual Red Point event was held on Tuesday 14 December and attracted around 190 players.

Sheenagh Young presented the myriad of prizes to the deserving winners, including:



Player of the Year - Vinod Nasta



Stratified Players of the Year

Our Directors and the many members who volunteer throughout the year were thanked for their contributions.

Post play and prize-giving, members once again enjoyed a generous, and free, spread of sushi, pizza made onsite, chocolates and cakes and the open bar.

### **Buddy Programme**

WABC has run a highly successful Mentoring Programme for many years. A new initiative to compliment the Mentoring Programme will be our

Buddy Programme. The Buddy Programme is designed to assist you as you transition into duplicate bridge. To commence in February, newer members to the club, or those members from our supervised sessions, may book a Buddy for two games in any of our regular playing sessions.

Your Buddy will:

- Introduce you to the players at each table
- reinforce table etiquette
- guide you through player and board movement
- demonstrate scoring and score checking on the Bridgemate
- play your system

To book, contact Eve Clarkson at [evestav@gmail.com](mailto:evestav@gmail.com)

**Forthcoming Events** - You must be fully vaccinated against Covid and able to confirm your status.

- Novice and Super Novice Congress - Sunday 20 February Start Time 9.30am
- Restricted Swiss Pairs - Sunday 20 March Start Time 9.30am

For those with less than 300 Master Points as at 1 January 2022

### **Lessons for Term 1**

As our Club Professional, Andy Hung, is unable to return to Perth due to Covid restrictions, only the Beginners Classes will be held this term.

Two time slots are available:

- Tuesday Evenings 1 February from 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- Thursday Mornings 3rd February from 10am – 12pm

In Andy's absence, the classes will be run by Carla Sullivan.

Contact: Andy Hung 0425 101 094 / [lessons@wabridgeclub.com.au](mailto:lessons@wabridgeclub.com.au) (preferred)

### **Covid**

**All members and visitors to the Club must be fully vaccinated by 5 February. Anyone who cannot prove their vaccination status on request will not be permitted to enter the Club.**

## Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

Winning the Blennerhassett Pairs:

N/S 1st Lynne Errington and Alison Orr

2nd Robyn Todd and Ken Todd

3rd David Schokman and Geoff Yeo

E/W 1st Rick Rhodes and Maura Rhodes

2nd Steele Bishop and Craig Bradley

3rd Chris Ingham and Vinod Nasta

It was a full house for the Christmas Party and Awards on Saturday December 11th.

Awards Club Champions –



Mixed Pairs -

Jonathan Pynt and Terri Garbutt



Saturday Open Pairs:

Ann Youngs and Sue Gammon



Wednesday Open Pairs

Wendy Driscoll and Jan Blight



Open Teams

Deana Wilson, Gwyneira Brahma (James Steer and Stella Steer)

Jackpot winners -



Penny Styles and Christa Mazzuchelli



Linda Bedford-Brown, Phil Power, Judith Wilson and Margaret Martin

Wendy Driscoll and Jan Blight



Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll



Lily Lim and Charlie Lim



Club "Treasure" Tom Wheatley – overall Club Masterpoint Winner



Linda Bedford-Brown and Caroline Gardiner



Monday Matchpoint Winners  
Frank O'Connor and Penny Styles

Tuesday Elizabeth Ross and Chris Cullen



Wednesday (Jan Blight,) Chris Ingham

Saturday Shizue Futaesaku, Wendy Driscoll



Club Maintenance Officer Richard Cullen



Thursday Ken Todd (Tom Wheatley)



ABF President Allison Stralow



Friday Maddie Nichols and Mario Rossi

Coming Up -

**CLUB DAYTIME PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP** Two Wednesday afternoons 9th and 16th March 12.30pm Members Only. Red Master Points. 2021 WINNERS Wendy Driscoll and Jan Blight

**GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS** Saturday 19 March and Sunday 20 March Saturday sessions at 10.00am & 2.00pm, 10am Sunday At Least One Member of The Team Must Be a Club Member. Gold Master Points. This is a prestige team event with the opportunity to earn gold points in the comfort of your own Club. Only one of the players in the team must be a member of the Club for a team to be eligible. The more entries we have the

more teams get a place in the final. This is a DO NOT MISS event.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Saturday 26th March at 1.00pm All members are requested to attend, to give their views on how the club is to be run for the next 12 months. Make your vote count in the appointment of a committee. It is a short meeting followed by a bridge session.

**NEDLANDS BEST TWO OF THREE PAIRS** Three Wednesday afternoons 13, 20 and 27 April, 12.30pm. Red Master Points Open to all players. Held over three sessions, your two best scores count towards overall winner. Play all three or only two. Normal table monies. Red master points. Prizes for first and second placegetters.

**THE RANJIT GAUBA MEMORIAL SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP** All day Saturday, 25th June. 2 sessions 10.00 am and 2.00 pm Open to all players. Red Master Points. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. BYO lunch. Drinks and nibbles afterwards with prize presentation. 2021 WINNERS: Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller.

### Fiske Warren Lectures

#### WEDNESDAY ADVANCED LESSONS

These stand-alone lessons are on the last Wednesday of each month. Topics are advertised on flyers and the noticeboard at the club as well as under 'Upcoming Events' on the website. Each session runs from 10am to noon. The cost is \$15 per session, and notes are provided. Registration is necessary as the session will only run if sufficient players enrol.

Email [officenbc@westnet.com.au](mailto:officenbc@westnet.com.au) to register, pay on the day. The lesson schedule for 2022 is as follows –

24<sup>th</sup> February – Finesse or Not? Do I need to take that finesse? Is it an unnecessary risk? Is there a better chance?

31<sup>st</sup> March – Ducking and Avoidance Plays. Keeping dangerous defenders off lead.

28<sup>th</sup> April – Standard American. Ideal for Acol players who are thinking of converting.

26<sup>th</sup> May – Test Your Declarer Play – 10 Hands. See how well you do and learn some important techniques.

More dates and info on the club website.



## Undercroft Bridge Club

From Connie Coltrona

The Xmas Festivities were held over a week, giving all members an opportunity to join in the fun on any day or on all the days!

Many thanks go to Margaret Greville and Jill Lyon for organising the Xmas Lunch at the Marmion Aquatic and Angling Club. 100 members enjoyed a Xmas Lunch and entertainment with vocalists, quizzes, band and many jokes. A great time was had by all.





## Denmark Bridge Club

Denmark Committee update

President	Philip Powell
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Treasurer	John Sampson
Committee Members	Alan Peerless Annette Ruvadini Jean Fick
Secretary	Jo White jo124@bigpond.com

## Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

### COVID NEWS

The Club has ruled that from 31st January everyone entering the premises must be able to show that they are double-dose vaccinated against COVID. Please show your vaccination certificate to one of our directors so that we can add you to our list of approved players. We have also ruled that when masks are required everyone playing bridge must wear a mask – even those who claim a mask exemption. We have made these decisions to protect the health of our players as best we can.

### TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club Open Teams Championship was won by Gwyneira Brahma, Doreen Jones, Phil Bapty and Rez Karim, while the Restricted Teams was won by Sheila Cooksey, Kevin Wellisch, Joan Peters, Bob Peters and Gerry Sagaram.



Winners of the Open Teams Championship: Gwyneira Brahma, Doreen Jones, Rez Karim and Phil Bapty



Restricted Teams Championship Winners Bob Peters, Joan Peters, Gerry Sagaram, Kevin Wellisch and Sheila Cooksey. 2<sup>nd</sup> Evelyn Paynton, Norm Paynton, Andrew Allin and Vicki Brown

### SONGERWALA SWISS PAIRS

This very popular event attracted 24 pairs.



Salim Songerwala presents the trophy to Margaret Barr (Abe Rosenstreich)



2nd Songerwala Swiss Pairs: Robert Kirberger and Ian Clark.



3rd Songerwala Swiss Pairs: Valma Stewart and Maree Miliauskas.

### CHARITY DAY IN SUPPORT OF PALLISTER-KILLIAN SYNDROME FOUNDATION

In December each year we run a charity event to raise funds for a worthwhile cause. This year we supported the Pallister-Killian Syndrome Foundation. PKS is a rare chromosomal disorder that severely affects the development of afflicted children. There are only about 15-20 known cases in Australia, so the Foundation is not a well-known charity and receives little support from donors. Thanks to the generous support provided by our members and visitors we were able to raise \$1,500 for this worthy cause.

### COMING EVENTS

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

First Sunday of the Month Walk-in Pairs: Sunday 6th February and Sunday 6th March at 1.00pm.

National Pizza Day: Wednesday 9th February. Pizza will be served at 11.45am and bridge starts at 12.30pm. If you wish to have a pizza lunch you must buy a ticket in advance from the director.

Pizza and bridge costs \$12, bridge only costs \$6 for members and \$8 for visitors.

Saint Patrick's Day 30% more green points: Walk-in Thursday 17th March 12.30pm. Enjoy a Guinness!

Oakwood Congress Friday 25th March – Sunday 27th March. Entry via MyABF.

More information about these events is on our website.

*All players must be double-dose vaccinated against COVID and must wear a mask if government rules require them, even if the player holds a mask exemption.*



## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

### Christmas Party and Awards Presentation

There was a good turnout for our Christmas Party on the afternoon of Wednesday December 8. At the conclusion of an afternoon of bridge, Club President Geoff Friebe presented awards to the winners of our 2021 Club competitions.

Thank you to Sarah Westergren and her team for organising and serving the delicious refreshments which were contributed by members. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

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.



Club Championship Teams Winners Sally Brittliffe, Christina Wu, Patrick Garnett, (Robin Cordin) with Geoff Freibe



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



Sally Britliffe and Peach Partis



Pairs winners Graeme Hillier Shirley Drage



Wence Vahala and Shirley Bloch



Ray Wood, Marlene Medhat



Ray Wood and Wence Vahala



Maura and Rick Rhodes

West Coast Bridge Club Lessons and supervised play for 2022

You may come without a partner to all sessions.

Lessons are held at the Club Room at 33 Templetonia Avenue, City Beach.  
email: [wcbc@inet.net.au](mailto:wcbc@inet.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)

Proof of Covid vaccination will be required for attendance at all West Coast Bridge Club sessions this year. ●



## Club Directors' Course

Four Tuesday evenings:

29 Mar & 5,12,19 April from 19.30

Venue: West Australian Bridge Club

Presenters: Dave Parham and Neville Walker

Cost \$50

This is an introductory course aimed at those interested in learning to become a Director at Club Level, so it is suited to players who have never directed before or have 'walked through' with a club director but have had no official training.

Topics covered:

The Laws – 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge

Movements – specifically those necessary to run a club duplicate session

Scoring – Matchpoint and IMPs

Software – Bridgemates and CompscoreII

It is recommended that participants should have a copy of the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

Further information and registration

Dave Parham 0409111081

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Numbers are Limited to a maximum of 20 participants

**THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB**

# THE VERY EASY

## NOVICE & SUPER NOVICE CONGRESS 2022

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February Commencing 9:30am**

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

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER: Kitty George 0408 097 881  
 DIRECTOR: David Burn 0409 661 010

ENTRIES VIA  
 BAWA Website [www.bawa.asn.au](http://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<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022  
 Super Novice: less than 50 Masterpoints as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022

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

## Shipper Comes In



By Ron Klinger  
<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>  
 Improve Your Bridge Online

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

What should West lead from:

- ♠ Q J 4 2
- ♥ Q
- ♦ K Q 10 6 2
- ♣ J 8 3

**SOLUTION on page 28**

# Lead Directing Double

By David Schokman

Much has been written and discussed about the different type of doubles and there does not seem to be much more that can be added. However, what I do see is the abuse of lead directing doubles, where they are made without sufficient strength in the suit, and often gives away more information to the opposition rather than be of any benefit to your partner. There is no doubt that lead directing doubles can be of enormous assistance to a partnership, but if used carelessly can rebound disastrously leaving you with more than egg on your face, and then having to explain to your team mates that you made a lead directing double, with assets totally different to what is recommended by the experts. This deal was from a team's event at a congress played at the highest level possible that you would find in WA.

Dir	E								
Vul	EW		♠	Q5					
			♥	A85					
			♦	9543					
			♣	AKJ6					
		♠	964		N		♠	KT73	
		♥	T9		W	E	♥	Q763	
		♦	AKJ		S		♦	QT76	
		♣	QT972				♣	3	
				♠				AJ82	
	14			♥				KJ42	
10		7		♦				82	
	9			♣				854	

After three passes, north, playing Standard, opened 1NT, showing 15-17 points. Would you criticize north for making this bid? Certainly not. It is certainly a point short, but there is little doubt that this opening will be acceptable to almost everyone, except the most rigid players who will never step out of line. To me it is a great bid, and pre-emptive. With three passes north would have been very unlucky not to find south without any strength at all. South was delighted with the bid, and the only question was they would be playing in 3NT, or in four of a major suit. A bid of 2C, was the Lavings convention, which asked north whether he had a five card major suit? Not an unlikely possibility. West now decided to join the party with a double, which clearly told his partner,

feel free to lead this suit when the opponents decide on their final contract. Now if west's king of diamonds (or even the ace) had been a club we could forgive her/him, though the strongly recommended advice is that you should hold at least three of the top five honours to make a lead directing double. North passed. What would your understanding be of this bid? Obviously showing a minimum hand, with not more than 15 points. Definitely without a five card major, or any five card suit, so very likely holding some values in clubs. Back to south, who now has a problem, though not a serious one. At first sight a bid of 3D – asking “have you got a four card major”, and seems a reasonable and rational one. However, holding three little clubs south felt that if north held a minimum hand with a 3 -2 -4 -4 hand, that a forcing bid of 3D could find north being forced to play in an un-makeable 3NT contract, or an equally impossible four in a major. So after much thought south decided to redouble, with the intention of passing bids of 2D;2H;2S or 2NT, but had planning on raising the level, if north had shown a four card major. To everyone's surprise, and amazement, north passed the re-doubled contract. East gave this bid a lot of thought, but after the double of 2C, the seven points that east held were gold in defence. So east passed too and a bemused south was left to play in a contract of 2C, Doubled and Re-doubled. Apparently his first thought was, “Not happy Jan”!

A club lead would have kept the contract to eight tricks but quite reasonably the king of diamonds was led, followed by the 10 of hearts, making it all too easy. -760 on the score sheet against them with a score of +120 at the other table, for a 12 imp loss.

Now you might think that these lead directing doubles are just for low level contracts, but they are also used over responses to key card asking bids. You have to be just as cautious at this level. True, you are trying to make it easy for partner to lead, but make sure that it is not of more assistance to the opposition. Assuming that you double a bid, showing your ace, and declarer holds the king. He can now safely bid the slam knowing that the king of his suit is safe.

So never make a fatuous double, as it so often rebounds on to your team. If you read about lead directing doubles (LDD) you will find that their strictest warning is where you double a Transfer bid; Lavings or Stayman, is that you are told that your double of the level of two has to be sound, or a redouble could bounce back to bite. This advice is made to help players at any level, so that means YOU, and me too, as I have been guilty of making stupid and fatuous doubles.●



## Test Your Bidding



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

### Dealing with the 1♠ overcall

Partner	RHO	You
1♦	1♠	?

After partner's opening bid of 1♣ or 1♦ is overcalled with 1♠, special attention needs to be paid to the heart suit, which you have been pre-empted out of showing at the 1-level.

An important tool is the negative double. Negative doubles apply after a suit overcall of partner's opening bid. It's a bit like a takeout double, but with the emphasis on unbid majors.

In the explicit case of a 1♠ overcall of 1♣ or 1♦, it tends to act as a surrogate 1♥ response, saying, "partner, I would have responded 1♥ if I had the chance." This is useful when your hearts are either not long enough, or your hand is not strong enough, to bid 2♥ over the 1♠ overcall.

The implication of this is that a double in this auction shows any responding hand with exactly 4 hearts, or a hand with 5+ hearts but fewer than 10 HCP.

The follow up auction is then similar to what would have happened after a 1♥ response.

What is your response on each of the following?

- J42 ♥ Q643 ♦ J92 ♣ A95
- J42 ♥ KQ1075 ♦ A4 ♣ A32
- J42 ♥ K10972 ♦ 43 ♣ A32
- J42 ♥ QJ10872 ♦ 43 ♣ 32
- A42 ♥ KQ107 ♦ AJ3 ♣ AQ3
- 4 ♥ KQJ9872 ♦ 43 ♣ Q32

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### Bunbury Bridge Club

#### Annual Congress (38th)

Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th April 2022

Venue: South West Italian Club

13-19 White St, East Bunbury

Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of Entry Fees

Saturday 23rd Duplicate Pairs (Matchpoints)

\$40 per player

Sunday 24th Swiss Teams (IMPs to VPs)

\$40 per player

*Lunches may be ordered on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th. Refreshments will be provided on both days.*

*For accommodation assistance phone the convenor.*

#### Director:

Brian Wade 0427 133 747

#### Convenor:

Esther Saunders 0400 343 460

#### Entries: My ABF website

*In accordance with BAWA policy for Open Events, all players will be required to provide either proof of vaccination or medical exemption. You should also update your status at*

<https://www.myabf.com.au/accounts/profile>

*Congress will be provisional on WA Covid regulations.*



**Bridge: A MindSport For All**  
*Connects People, Challenges Minds*

## **Leisure and Work: Professionals in Bridge**

*Russell, Z., Punch, S. and McIntosh, I. (2022) 'Blurring the Boundaries Between Leisure and Work: Professionals as Devotees in the Mind-Sport Bridge,' International Journal of the Sociology of Leisure.*

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41978-021-00099-y>

### **Summary**

Bridge has become increasingly professionalised in recent years, particularly at 'elite' level. Bridge has hitherto been understood in sociological research as a form of serious leisure. However, professionalisation has blurred the boundaries between leisure and work. The paper explores how professional bridge players understand the transition from playing bridge as a hobby to playing bridge for a job. Being a professional bridge player raises issues about moral evaluations of work, a work ethic and concerns over what a 'proper job' is. The paper views this through the perspective of 52 elite bridge players.

Playing bridge professionally is often experienced as being hugely positive, because of being paid to do something one is devoted to, but ambivalences and anxieties also emerge. There are positive and negative perceptions of the blurring of work-leisure boundaries.

### **Findings**

The elite level of bridge is unique in comprising players who are full-time and part-time professionals, amateurs who are not paid to play, and sponsors who participate as players. Thus far, elite bridge has been explored as a form of serious leisure. The paper considers elite bridge as a form of 'devotee work'. The main difference between serious leisure and devotee work is that the latter

is so attractive to those who engage in it, that work is essentially leisure and, unlike the former, workers are paid for their efforts.

The paper contains many quotes from professionals, amateurs and sponsors on various aspects of professionalism within bridge.

- **Bridge as work:** For many professional bridge players there is some ambivalence about whether they have a 'proper' job, in the traditional sense. The extent to which elite players are 'professional' is complex. One sponsor suggested that 'paid bridge' would be a better term, as there is no professional body to monitor professionals. When a paid bridge player does not perform as well as that person should, there is very little recourse.

Also, it is generally thought that bridge professionals have an additional responsibility to properly represent the game and set a high ethical example, and to present themselves well. Negative perceptions of bridge as a form of work relate partly to its unusual working patterns and it being a card game. Some may consider professional players as undisciplined, wasting their intelligence, and not making a useful contribution to society.

- **Earning a living doing something you love:** Only a few professionals mentioned earning a living as a reason why they play bridge. Instead, they talked about taking up bridge as a leisure pursuit and falling in love with the game. The blurring of leisure into work has allowed them to reject a 9-5 work routine and have opportunities to travel the world as part of the job. Many professionals felt that they would still play bridge regardless of being paid.

- **'It's difficult when your hobby becomes your work':** There were some negative perceptions from players. Professionals described how it is difficult to cope with potential overload and staleness when something that is your hobby becomes your work as well, and how a certain amount of enjoyment of the game gets lost. Other negative aspects include the 'away from the table' activities required of a professional and the insecurity and precarious nature of employment.

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# Discards and Attitudes

By Di Brooks

I know I sound like an old record ..... but when it comes to defending, new players need to get a good grounding on Defence, which includes Attitude and Discards! I also recommend the K.I.S.S.System. (Keep It Simple, Sweetie!) Students of this great game are working hard to get to grips on bidding, let alone playing as Declarer and then we have to work, yes, work, at defending. So, let's look at the options for Newbies: -

**Discards:** the term used when you cannot follow suit and you need to play a card from another suit.

1. Throw a card from a suit that you want partner to return to you, when they have the chance....

or

2. Throw a card from a suit of which you have no interest. This tells partner NOT to return this suit.

There you go, a choice of two options. Now discuss these choices with your partner. Add it to your system card. This acts as a reminder for you, when you look over your system card at Brekkie or before the session starts, but NEVER during play of the hand! Partner can read their card too. Makes it a great start of a session when you are both on the same page!

Once you are more comfortable with your bridge, you might like to add another aspect of defence, **Attitude!** Again, a K.I.S.S. suggestion: -

a/ High card played; I hate this suit.

Therefore, a Low card played. = I Love this suit.

Opposite to this; -

b/ Hi, I Like, with Low, I Hate may cost you an extra trick.

When a suit is played by Declarer or your partner, you can show whether you Love or Hate that suit, depending on your choice of the above two options.

I believe, Low, I Like, gives you more chances of making extra tricks. After all, if you hold K, 10, 3,2 and you are playing Hi, I Like, and you play the 10

as encouraging, you may have lost a trick, whereas a low card could give you one more trick.

I love the Mnemonics: Hi, I Hate. Low, I Like. This attitude makes it easier to remember and I believe great defence is rewarded with K.I.S.S.



Playing in a Pairs session, we know the best score made will get the top score on THAT particular board, totally different in a Teams event. When you make a bad decision in Pairs and you cop a huge minus, (probably doubled and going for -800), this equates to a ZERO, on that board alone, you can regroup and with steady play, you can erase that Zero, if you achieve another Top, whereas Two Top boards sets you up for a higher percentage. So don't stress, concentrate on the job in hand.

Teams play has its own set of tactics. These are as follows: -

1. Bid game if you are borderline. If you don't bid game and the other team does, you can record a -6 when not vulnerable but a -10 if vulnerable.

2. Make your contract.....Don't try for an extra trick if it puts your contract at risk.

Making 3NT N.V. = 400. If the opponents make plus one, it's recorded as -1, a score which can be picked up on another board.

3. Don't panic if you are in the wrong contract. If the board is very difficult, the opponents might have the same result. If you panic and go down one more trick than necessary, that may result in disaster.

4. Watch the vulnerability when overcalling. Ensure you have a good holding in your suit. (Remember, those who say Nowt, Get Nowt).

Recently our team of Alan Cransberg, Kimberley Zhao, Florence Maltby and myself had several rounds where Florence and I had few plus scores and quite a few small minuses. If we had a poor

score, this was in the past and we didn't let it affect our play for the boards in hand.

The first round at the W.A.B.C. Christmas Congress Teams didn't look too healthy, by our score sheet!

Bd 1: -130  
Bd 2:+300  
Bd3: -100  
Bd4: -110  
Bd5: -100  
Bd6: +100  
Bd7: -110  
Bd 8: -480

Having two plus scores against 6 minuses, the match looked disheartening. Back came our partners and the results for the above 8 boards read:-

Bd1: +420 (Bid Game and made)  
Bd2: -50 (Kept out of trouble)  
Bd3: -140 (We tried for game, not there!)  
Bd4: -100 (We misdefended and let them make their contract)  
Bd5: +200 (Two down in our favour)  
Bd6: +200 (Both sides brought in a plus)  
Bd7: +140 (Made an over trick)  
Bd8: +990 (Bid Slam and made)  
We scored overall: 35: Opponents: 11

So my tip to all up and coming Bridge players, Never Give Up, Never Surrender!

Happy Bridging ☺



## BAMSA The Rewards and Costs of Bridge

*Focus thanks BAMSA for this article*

BAMSA's third academic paper has recently been published about some of the rewards and costs of playing the mindsport bridge. The paper presents findings from in-depth interviews with top players from the USA and Europe.

The findings illustrate players' motivations and the opportunities and barriers associated with playing, particularly in relation to partnership dynamics. For example, the social aspects and connection with partners are a benefit, but the partnership can also be a source of tension and difficulty.

The early part of the paper discusses the ways that the academic field of Leisure Studies conceptualises 'serious leisure' and where tournament bridge fits in those debates. It suggests that we need to understand elite bridge as a distinct 'social world'. Within this social world there are two sub worlds: one of amateurs and the other professionals. The paper talks about the choices and constraints facing top players in terms of their commitment to playing and their careers over time.

We show that some players who want to play professionally, may have to take a step of moving to a new country to pursue the elite levels of bridge that are not geographically available to all. The paper demonstrates that for some elite-level female players there are barriers to increasing commitment, both financial and related to childcare responsibilities.

We argue that elite bridge is a good case for exploring ideas of 'complex leisure experience'. The paper suggests that leisure experiences of winning, competition, thrill and flow should be recognised as key rewards for those who engage in serious leisure pursuit.

Whilst much of this may not be surprising to players, the aim of the publications of *Bridge: A MindSport for All* (BAMSA) is to contribute to an evidence base about the social world of bridge. Chess has decades of such research, and bridge still has much catching up to do. BAMSA hopes that such publications will raise awareness about bridge as a mindsport and contribute to it being taken more seriously in wider society.

The full paper can be read here: [Serious Leisure Experience in a Dyadic Pursuit: Elite Player Motivations and Participation in Tournament Bridge](#) published in the journal, *Leisure Studies*.

A summary of the paper is also available.





# Results

*Thanks to the keen eye of Jonathan Free I will now correct the results for the Grand Master and Restricted Pairs listed in the December/January Focus!*

## BAWA Grand Master Restricted (22)

1	Jonathan Free and Chris Bacon
2	Jan Blight and Meredith Goodlet
3	Stella Steer and Atsuko Takeuchi

## 70% Results (Random search)

### Armadale

70.0 Anne Carswell and Roger Marchant

### Kalamunda

70.0 Peter Clarke and Stephen Thyer

### Melville

72 David Matthews and Jessica Chew

### Rockingham

70.5 Rita Hood and Janice Hawker

71.5 Andrew Marsh and Di Brooks

### Undercroft

71.9 Diane Tilvern and Peter Stephenson

72.6 Margaret Szymakowski and Brian Fensome

70.9 Robyn Giraldo and Jairo Giraldo

70.7 Sue Grenside and Richard Grenside

70.9 John Beddow and Chris Bagley

71.0 Louise Collins and Terry Collins

72.9 Soussan Abouzari and Peter Wilson

73.6 Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside

### West Coast

72.0 Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat

72.7 Marleen Medhat and Wence Vahala

74.0 Betty Anderson and David St. George

73.0 Ann Hopfmüller and David Cowell

70.5 Annette Newton and Ris Dick

70.5 Wence Vahala and Marleen Medhat

70.0 Joy Jones and Pat Scotford

### South Perth

72.0 Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma

70.0 Marnie Leybourne and Trevor Fuller

70.7 David Schokman and Catherine Hood

75.0 Robert Wylie and Merleine Wylie

### Joondalup

72.9 Mofeida Murad and Dirk Lapere

### Bayswater

70.0 Ivan Johnson and Cathy Simmonds

77.0 Sandy Sutton-Mattocks and Laura Breen

70.0 Manoj Garg and Don Sutton-Mattocks

### Bunbury

70.0 Brian Wade and Colleen Skipsey

72.5 Margie Mullen and Jock Mullen

70.0 Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders

71.7 Esther Saunders and Colin Saunders

### Denmark

70.0 Robert Stick and Colin Payne

70.0 Suzanne Yates and Peter Hebson

72.0 Colin Payne and Robert Stick

### Geraldton

74.5 Heather Cupitt and Wayne Cupitt

70.8 Bryan Baldock and Jeanette Day

70.0 Lesley Watson and Julie Martin-Carabes

75.6 Maxine Bohan and Paul Sheriff

73.0 Wayne Cupitt and Heather Cupitt

73.0 Joyce Stribley and Bryan Baldock

### Fremantle

73.0 Martin Jones and Alexis Keynes

### Mandurah

74.0 Kimberley Zhao and Alan Cransberg

77.5 Florence Maltby and Di Brooks

73.0 Alan Dundas and Jo Dundas

70.9 Florence Maltby and Alan Dundas

75.0 Kathy Power and June Mulholland

### Nedlands

71.5 Tom Wheatley and Frank O'Connor

70.0 Elizabeth Ross and Tom Wheatley

70.0 Richard Cullen and Chris Cullen

70.0 Guy Head and Sarah Head.

### Swan Districts

71.0 Pamela Forsyth and Shirley Weaver

71.7 Bob Steer and Sue Hillan

## GNOT RealBridge

26-28 November 2021

1	<b>Sydney 7</b> Peter Jeffery - Wayne Zhu - Yumin Li - Wei Zhang - Simon Zhang
2	<b>Sydney 1</b> Maurits Van Der Vlugt - Andre Korenhof - Liam Milne - Nabil Edgton - Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley

### Swiss Pairs Consolations

Saturday	<b>Rez Karim - Kaiping Chen</b>
Sunday	Terry Strong - Jill Magee

## RealBridge Tri – Nation Teams

11-12 December 2021

Two teams from Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia in each of the Open, Women's, Mixed, Seniors and Youth categories competed in the Tri-Nations Teams.

### Open

1	<b>Australia 1</b> Sartaj Hans, Peter Gill, Andy Hung, Nabil Edgton, James Coutts and Liam Milne
2	New Zealand 1

### Women's

1	Indonesia 1
2	Indonesia 2

### Seniors'

1	<b>Australia 1</b> Robert Krochmalik, Paul Lavings, Stephen Burgess, George Kozakos and George Smolanko
2	<b>Australia 2</b> Peter Buchen, Terry Brown, Ron Klinger, Ian Thompson, Andy Braithwaite and Arjuna De Livera

### Mixed

1	Indonesia 1
2	Indonesia 2

### Youth

1	New Zealand 1
2	Indonesia 1

## Leisure and Work: Professionals in Bridge

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Professional players feel pressure to manage and suppress emotions in order to obtain and retain their positions, and also to manage relationships with clients or prospective clients. Some elite amateur players prefer a more structured work life that provides security and routine, regardless of performance. Also, the lifestyle of full-time travelling professionals can affect outside responsibilities, e.g. having a family and a healthy marriage.

- Blurring the boundaries between leisure and work: There are few other settings in which the lines between leisure and work are so blurred in terms of the amateur/professional constitution of the elite playing community, with some adhering to ideas of professionalism and others engaging in an activity that is purely a hobby.

For some players, if bridge became a form of paid labour, this changes a player's relationship to the game. Despite mostly positive feelings from those paid to play, others referred to the work as 'prostituting' one's ability. Depending on the individual player, blurring the boundaries between work and leisure can make it easier or harder to find a work-life balance.

- Liminality: The paper provides an academic discussion of professional bridge as a liminal space that blends labour and leisure. When crossing the boundary from leisure to work, professional players can find themselves in an ambiguous 'liminal' position where they experience upsides and downsides of combining work and leisure.

The paper concludes that by engaging in devotee work, people can experience both positive and negative effects of the blurring of boundaries between work and play.

### Further research

*Whilst the paper does not specifically recommend avenues for future research in this area, it would be interesting to explore further the perspectives of bridge-playing sponsors (the professionals' employers).*

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# Diarize Now

## Upcoming BAWA & Club Events

	<b>Feb</b>	Sat 12th – Sun 13th	<b>Rockingham Congress</b>
<b>Gold Coast</b>		Sat 19th	<b>Joondalup Congress</b>
18th – 26th		Sun 20th	<b>WABC Novice/Super Novice Congress</b>
	<b>Mar</b>	Fri 4th – Mon 7th	<b>Albany Congress (7th is a public Holiday)</b>
		Sat 12th – Sun 13th	<b>Kalamunda Congress</b>
		Mon 14th	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Butler Qual. Pairs 1 of 4
		Sun 20th	<b>WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs</b>
<b>BAWA AGM</b>		Mon 21st	BAWA Annual General Meeting 6.00 pm
		Fri 25th – Sun 27th	<b>Melville Congress</b>
	<b>Apr</b>	Sat 2nd – Sun 3rd	BAWA Interstate Open Selection Final
		Thu 7th	BAWA Interstate Women's Selection
		Sat 9th – Sun 10th	BAWA Interstate Women's Selection
		Fri 15th – Mon 18th	<b>South Perth Easter Congress</b>
		Wed 20th	BAWA Evening State Swiss Teams 1/3
		Sat 23rd – Sun 24th	<b>Bunbury Congress</b>
		Sat 30th – Sun 1st May	<b>Undercroft Congress</b>
	<b>May</b>	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kendenup Congress</b>
		Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> -Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Western Seniors – Gold Point Event
		Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	BAWA State Daytime Open IMP (Swiss) Pairs 1 of 3 10.00am Start
		Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Fremantle Congress</b>
		Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Interstate Seniors' Selection
		Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Interstate Seniors' Selection
		Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kalamunda Restricted Congress</b>
<b>**NOTE**</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>**NOTE**</b>	<b>BAWA/Congress Events</b>	Entries <a href="http://www.bawa.asn.au">www.bawa.asn.au</a> unless other specified.	

### Summer Festival of Bridge

- TBIB Open Swiss Pairs (146)

Congratulations to **Jonathan Free** and **Mimi Packer** 3rd

- South West Pacific Teams (90)

Congratulations to **Mimi Packer, Deana Wilson, Gwyneira Brahma, Jane Reynolds (subs Peter Reynolds and Viv Wood)** 13th

Congratulations to **Viv Wood** and her team Winning the National Women's Teams (16) (Pele Rankin, Sue Lusk and Paula McLeish)

Recognition for Veteran players and datum winners A benefactor has kindly arranged for a cup to be donated for the highest placed Veterans' pair in the Summer Festival Open Swiss Pairs (the TBIB Open Swiss Pairs). The trophy is designated the Canberra Bridge Club Cup.

**In 2022, the winners are Alexander Long - Tony Lusk.** In addition, gold medals are to be awarded to those pairs having the highest datums in the qualifying rounds for various elite events (currently the Victor Champion Cup, the Gold Coast Congress and the South West Pacific Teams. Winning pairs need to have played all matches, so pairs in five- and six person teams are not eligible. We will announce the datum winners for the SWPT, after careful tabulation has been completed.



WABC

**Restricted Swiss Pairs  
Congress 2022**

**Sunday 20 March at 9:30am**

Director: David Burn 0409 661 010  
Tournament Organiser: Kitty George 0408 097 881  
Enter via [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au) or phone 9284 4144



Venue: WABC Clubrooms 7 Odern Crescent,  
Swanbourne

PLAYERS MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED AND HAVE LESS  
THAN 300 MASTERPOINTS  
as at 1st January 2022  
ENTRY FEE \$35 per player  
Players may order lunch before start of play  
Prize-giving at completion of play

**ALBANY BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS  
4 - 7 MARCH, 2022  
DIRECTOR BRIAN WADE**



**WELCOME PAIRS FRIDAY \$20**  
\$20 6:30 pm for 7 pm start, finger food provided.

**DUPLICATE PAIRS, SATURDAY \$40**  
9:30 start - please be seated by 9:15 (2 sessions)  
Morning & afternoon teas provided, bring your own lunch.

**SWISS TEAMS SUNDAY AND MONDAY \$40**  
Sunday - 9:30 am start - please be seated by 9:15 (2 sessions)  
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Monday - 9am start - please be seated by 8:45 am  
Light lunch provided.

Prize monies will be at least 50% of entry fees.

In accordance with BAWA policy for open events, all players will be required to provide either proof of COVID-19 vaccination or medical exemption. Arrangements are subject to change according to the prevailing government requirements.

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