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Fostering Bridge in Western Australia

Geraldton Bridge Club Congress



Geraldton Congress Winners

Teams



1st Linda Bedford-Brown, Martin Cleeve,
Robin Paterson and Carol Cleeve



2nd Carol Pocock, Helen Kemp,
Derek Pocock and Bill Kemp



3rd Jane Henderson, Kate Pinniger,
Karen Wallwork and Jo Sklarz

Saturday Open Pairs



1st Linda Bedford-Brown and
Robin Paterson

Friday Welcome Pairs



1st Chris Knight and Piri Kaeo



2nd Sue Broad and Ursula Harper



2nd John Rigg and Alison Rigg



3rd Carol Pocock and Derek Pocock



President's Report

By Nigel Dutton

It would have been great to get away from the Perth winter for a while this month and be playing at the ANC in Darwin. However, it was not to be and so I will wish all of our teams the best of luck knowing they will be doing their best to represent WA. During the ANC, and when lots of our top players are away, BAWA conducts the State Handicap Pairs; 3 Monday evening beginning July 9 at the Nedlands Bridge Club. The director has been instructed to be generous with the handicaps and ensure that everybody has a good chance of winning. Why not come along and have a go, if you have never played in a BAWA State Event before you can play for free. Enter via the BAWA web site.

Congratulations to John Aquino and his team for a superbly organised Western Senior Pairs which was held recently at the WABC. Once again the whole weekend ran smoothly and by all accounts was enjoyed by all the players. Unfortunately for BAWA John had agreed to organise the event prior to his successful application for the position of BAWA Executive Officer. The workload of the EO is quite substantial so John has, reluctantly, relinquished the role of Tournament Organiser for the Western Seniors. If you are interested in picking up the reins of this event I, or John would be delighted to hear from you.

Have a look at our BAWA web site, or even in this Focus, at the great new prize structure for the Bunbury congress. The Bunbury organising

committee have come up with some innovative ideas to give more players the opportunity to win prizes. The best idea, I thought, was to have prizes for players with less than 100 masterpoints and for players with less than 300 masterpoints. It seems to have worked – there is only about 6 tables left in the pairs.



ANC Darwin

The Bridge players of Western Australia Congratulate the Open, Women's, Seniors and Youth teams representing WA at the Australian National Bridge Championships being held this month in Darwin.

We wish you every success

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Articles always welcome



Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown



South Perth Bridge Club

By Darrell Williams

Club Teams Championship

Eleven teams competed in the two session event on Sunday 27th May directed by Peter Holloway.



The **winners** were: Joan Valentine, Wendy Harman, Jan Hey and Barbara Frost.



Second: Leon Randolph, Alexandra Russell Sandy Sutton-Maddox and Walter Martins.



Third: Anne Mitchell, Lisa Wylie, Val Isles and Salim Songerwala

Tenderfoot Day

Tenderfoot Day on Sunday 17 June was another "magic" event directed by Graeme Cronin. Everyone said they enjoyed themselves. Sixteen players with less than 5 master points paired up with mentors for the event. Grace McQuade was 1st with Richard Donley 2nd in the NS field. Dorothy Washer was 1st and Nicole Bertinshaw 2nd in the EW field.



Dorothy Washer 1st EW
with partner Bob Mitchell



Grace McQuade 1st NS
with partner Daniele Hansen

Winter Open Pairs

Thirty one pairs competed in the red point event on Tuesday 19th June which was ably directed by Denis Lawrence. Bottles of wine were presented to the NS winners Sandy Sutton-Maddox and Alexandra Russell and also to the EW winners John Clarke and Gordon Dunlop

Future Events at the Club

- **South Perth Winter Open Swiss Teams:** - Sunday 24th and July 1st

(Two sessions each Sunday starting at 10am)
flyer on BAWA web site

- **City of South Perth Congress:** - August 4th and 5th see flyer.



Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following winners:

Grand National Restricted Pairs

Qualifying Sessions



Winners:

Bill and Jenny Maley

Runners Up:

Roman Gdowski and Andrew Marsh

Handicap Pairs Championship

Winners: Ross Proudfoot and Larriane Jacobson

Runners Up: Bill Webb & Jo Evans

Upcoming Events

- Winter Swiss Pairs Congress - Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th July. Entries via the BAWA website.
- Special Teams event - Wednesday 18th July.
- Special Teams Event - Wednesday 19th September.
- Jack Rowse Novice Pairs - Thursday 20th September.
- Open Pairs Championship - Saturday 6th October (all day).

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Margarete Scouse

The Club is progressing well with new students from our classes becoming members and participating in our bridge sessions.

We are currently in the midst of building extensions with the construction of a new office and entrance which will be newly furnished once completed. New top of the range Bridgemates have also been purchased.

Profits from our trading table go towards the Silver Chain Charity Gala Day which will be held on Wednesday 5th September, make a note of the date and join us for a fun bridge day.

Our next event is Anniversary Pairs to be held on Friday 13th July.



Our Club held its Winter Pairs competition in June.

Congratulations to overall winners:

Val and Ian Oldham



Winter Pairs Best Under State Masters:
Eunice Howard (President Joan Rickers) and
Rita Hood.



2012
Individual Champion

Carol Emmerson

Upcoming Events

- Fri 13th July -Anniversary Pairs
- Mon 30th July -Teams Event; Mon 20th August -Simultaneous Pairs
- Wed 5th September- Silver Chain Charity Gala Day
- Wed 12th - September Spring Pairs



West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The winners of our Graded Pairs: Below State Master Competition was Denise Davies and Robert Cappellin. Second were Karel Vahala and Betty Anderson, third Jane Grove and Leith Fenbury.



Denise Davies and Robert Cappellin

Our next competition is our Saturday GNRP gold point event to be held on Saturday 7, 14 and 21 July.

The AGM will be held on Sunday July 29 at 1.00 pm followed by a bridge session for which the table money will be waived as a reward for attendance!

Our annual 'West Coast Congress' will be held on Sunday September 23 at 10.00am. Please see the flyer in this magazine for details.

Bunbury Bridge Club

Editors are terribly sorry for a mistake in last issue of Focus.



Phyl Barnes and **Maureen Trinder** (NOT Joy Gibson)



West Australian Bridge Club

From Kitty George

WABC held the annual **Foundation Day** (or should we now call it West Australia Day) Congress over the long weekend in June. The event was well supported and, as usual capably directed by Bill Kemp.

Congratulations to the winners who included:

Friday Pairs:

1st: N/S



Doreen Jones and Viv Wood

2nd: N/S



Alexandra Russell and Leon Randolph

3rd:N/S



Andre McGeorge and Jill Mowson

1st: E/W



Maura Rhodes and Fiske Warren

3rd:E/W



Marjorie Hamersley and Elizabeth Benda

2nd:E/W Jonathan Free and Ravi Soin

3rd:E/W David Schokman and Dave Munro

Best Unplaced WABC Pair:

Vivian Goldberg and Ursula Harper

Best Under Regional Pair:

Gillian Tuckey and Fran Brennan

S a t u r d a y P a i r s :

1st: N/S Doreen Jones and Jan Blight

2nd:N/S Christine Jenkins and Marie Sheridan

3rd:N/S



Noel Daniels and Tony Stevens

1st:E/W



Margarita Hughes and Fiske Warren

2nd:E/W Michael Turner and Don Sutton-Mattocks

S u n d a y T e a m s

1st



(Wendy Driscoll) Shira Shilbury Shizue Futaesaku and Pauline Hammond.

2nd



Leon Randolph, Dave Parham, Walter Martins and Alexandra Russell

3rd



Marie Merven and Nigel Dutton

3rd



Heather Williams, Jan Blight, Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood

4th



Peter Hicks and Pepe Schwegler

5th



Ursula and Ross Harper

M o n d a y S w i s s P a i r s :

1st



Annabel Booth and Noelene Law

2nd



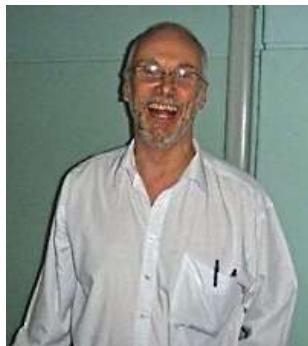
Marion Jefferson and Thomas Wheatley

Fremantle Bridge Club Inc.

From John Penman

Since the last edition of Bridge Focus I am happy to report that Fremantle has held its first Congress for a number of years. As John Beddows, wearing his BAWA hat, stated at the prize giving, Fremantle Bridge Club is back in the bridge community of Western Australia. It was a

full day with the bridge complemented by some excellent food and continuous teas provided by some of our hard working ladies.



The Convenor for the event was **Dave Parham** and the Director was Peter Holloway and it was through their organisation and directing that the event was the success we believe it was.

Results:

Congress Qualifying:

North/South First were **Doreen Jones** and **Linda Bedford-Brown**, Second were Valerie Isle and Salim Songerwala, and Third were Phillip Moog and Ameer Ali. **East/West**: **Christine Jenkins** and **Domenico de Gasparis**, Second were Jennifer Bandy and Joanna Tennyson, and third were John McDonald and Patsy McDonald



Linda Bedford-Brown and Doreen



Domenico de Gasparis and Christine Jenkins

Congress Final:

First were **Christine Jenkins** and **Domenico de Gasparis**, Second Fiske Warren and Maura Rhodes, and third Ron Philpot and Betty Philpot.

Congress Plate:

First were **Phyl Barnes** and **Joy Gibson**, Second John Beddow and Pam Beddow, and third Jonathan Free and Nick Cantatore.



Joy Gibson and Phyl Barnes

Congress Consolation:

First were **Frances Thompson** and **Ken Smith**, Second were Richard Cooke and David George, and third were Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel.



Melville Bridge Club



Paula Sanders (lower left); Danny Mistry, John Down and Viv Goldsmith (centre) and Dorothy Stevenson and Wendy Ryan (lower right).

Social interaction and meeting people is important after retirement- when the social contact that comes with being in the workforce is

gone. Bridge is surely one of the best ways of keeping on doing this.

Recently three of our more senior members - in order of age - John Down 97, Paula Sanders 90 and Dorothy Stevenson 80 celebrated their respective birthdays.

John, also a member of the Applecross RSL and a life member of the Australian Ballet Company and plays the piano beautifully. Dorothy, our much respected and hardworking Vice President, walks her dog each morning. While Paula, a retired bridge director and teacher and a past President of our club, is sprightlier than many others half her age.

As our President Danny Mistry said "We are indeed fortunate to be inspired by such remarkable people."

Congratulations to the winners of our annual Handicap Pairs – **Dorothy Kitching Trophy**.

First place: Kim Yap and Verona Sleeman.
Second Place: Suzanne Goodall and Marty Goodall. Third place: Noel Daniel and Merwyn Menezes.

Not only did our club receive a very generous grant for new air conditioning from Lotterywest recently, we also received publicity through this advertisement featuring our club.

The advertisement features four elderly bridge players (two men and two women) smiling at the camera. The text "You play You give." is prominently displayed in large white letters. Below it, the text "Lotterywest Grants at work in Your Community" is written. The "Members play in cool comfort" section includes a small circular graphic of a person playing cards. The "Spreading the buzz" section includes a small circular graphic of a person talking. The "Raise your voices" section includes a small circular graphic of a choir. At the bottom, there is fine print about the lottery grant and the "lotterywest" logo.



Undercroft Bridge Club

From Ann Hopfmueller

Our **OPEN PAIRS** event was held over three weeks in May.



Club champions for 2012 are husband and wife pair ANN BURR and TREVOR BURR.
Congratulations!



In second place were (JOHN BEYFUS) and JENNIFER BANDY, (Club President Ann Hopfmueller)



JACEK MAJEWSKI and CLIFFORD DeROSARIO
were third. Well done to you all!

It has been pleasing to see a large number of UNDERCROFT members taking part in outside events. At the Western Seniors our club was represented by sixteen pairs with two of these finishing in the top ten.

On June 10 Fremantle Club ran a fantastic one day Congress and nine Undercroft pairs attended. **Christine Jenkins** and **Domenico De Gasperis** won the final, with **Frances Thompson** and **Ken Smith** winning the Consolation. Everyone who attended had a most enjoyable day.

Thank you Fremantle!

Bridge education at Undercroft continues to grow and we are looking at expanding our program to cater for the large number of "intermediate players".



Recently another 20 participants graduated from Leslie Routledge's introductory class and are now continuing their bridge journey with Allan Doig.



Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The club held another successful **Mentor Day** in June.



Winners were Mentor Chris Wells and Elisa Fear.



Congratulations to Club Teams Champions **David Schokman, Pauline Hammond, Peter Gill and Dave Munro.**

2nd Linda Bedford-Brown, Heather Williams, Doreen Jones and Catherine Hood and

3rd Charlie Lim, Lily Lim, Inga Hunt and Stella Steer.

The Fiske Warren Lectures will be held July 11th and 25th 10 am til noon and August 8th and 22nd.

Saturday July 7th is the Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs, starting at 10.00am. There will be a side movement on the day starting at the regular time of 1.30pm.

Join us also for our Sunday Congress July 22nd starting at 10.00am-complimentary soup and sandwich for lunch.

BUNBURY BRIDGE CLUB

2012 ANNUAL CONGRESS

Weekend of

July 27th to July 29th

at two separate venues:

Friday:

Bunbury Bridge Club

*Meet at 6.15 pm, play commences 7 pm.
\$10 per player. Light snacks and drinks provided*

Saturday and Sunday:

Koombana Bay Sailing Club

10 am, \$30 per player. Lunch provided

Entries via BAWA web site
www.bawa.asn.au

Director: **Bill Kemp.**

Convenor: **Margaret Henderson**
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See full flyer for Extra Prices...



Geraldton Bridge Club Congress

From Linda Bedford-Brown

After a 20 year hiatus Geraldton Bridge Club members welcomed visitors to their Congress with all the resplendent hospitality that an event could offer. President and Tournament Organiser Maureen Knight, Vice President Bob Scolaro and Committee were well organised and the members provided delicious delicacies continuously. Even to the point that visitors leaving at Sunday lunch time for the trip home were afforded a complimentary roll of their choice to take with them on their journey. This was a very much appreciated gesture.

Director Peter Holloway, Floor helper Bryan Baldock and "caddy" Di Brooks were a great team without a glitch.

Many of the members played with partners and team mates that they had previously not played with before – a great rally of camaraderie for the weekend!

Di Brooks wrote about Billeting players (*Focus* May 2012) and Robin and I were most fortunate to have the hospitality of Past President Jean Culloton. A most gracious lady, Jean supports and assists many Geraldton organisations and is a fountain of knowledge on Geraldton. We had a marvellous time Jean, thank you.



Norma Lodge must lay claim to organising what I believe is the only Bridge 'event' in the world. Every Saturday morning, live on the radio station, on the sports section Norma reads the weekly

bridge results of the Geraldton Bridge Club. What a coup!

Geraldton Bridge Club is to be congratulated on a fine Congress, fine food, fine fellowship and we will all be there next year.

Melville Spring Congress

Venue: Melville Bridge Club Inc

790 Canning Highway, Applecross

Two Session Pairs Event:

Thursday 4 October 10.00 am start

(all day)

Red point event

Two Session Teams Event:

Friday 5 October 10.00 am start

(all day)

Red point event

Director: Bill Kemp

**Convenor: Noel Daniel
(Telephone: 0418 910 255)**

Cost: \$25.00 per person per day

Novice Prizes included

**Registrations via BAWA website:
www.bawa.asn.au**



Capel:

Life in the Slow Lane



By Di Brooks

We've been in our new house nine months now. Our priority was to establish the garden, which we have done. The jarrah bird table, built by my friend, Colin, is the place of the early morning feeding frenzy of the parrots. Farmers and gardeners alike, loathe the appearance of these birds, whereas Alan and I can never get over the excitement of having these performers on our doorstep. Locals have warned us of the destruction that the fine feathered friends can wreak on fruit trees and rose bushes, but so far, so good. Touch Wood. Our two year old Staffy pup, Taffy, keeps any invaders from getting too near our flower beds.

As we sit and enjoy the peacefulness, Kookaburras resting in the gum trees, laugh at everybody. The Willy Wagtail has no fear of anyone. The occasional predator hovering over head, waiting to dive down and get it's feed for the day, is soon sent packing by two or three magpies that guard the estate.

On our morning walks, we often see the kangaroos nibbling at the fresh grass shoots. The alpha male keeps a watchful eye, especially on those out with their dogs. If the roos are startled, it doesn't take a second for them to hop off into the bush and vanish from our sight.

Grass parrots, just a tad bigger than a budgie, green in colour, forage through the long grasses. You can hear their gentle calling, but you have a job to actually focus on them. Their group increases each day. At last count, there are twenty of them.

Once the rains come in, certain fields become lakes. This attracts the wading birds. It is a regular occurrence to see flocks of Ibis, ducks, geese and black swans, circling overhead before landing so they can wade through the waters.

Butterflies have laid their eggs, as our broccoli will attest. They, like the native bee, leave a lacy pattern on the plants. The caterpillars are ignored. The Butcher birds seek out their prey and as long as the insects are well camouflaged,

they will hatch out to fly another season. One such creature was found lying under the Sweet Potatoes. A huge caterpillar by any standards, its outer covering was greyish brown, with white lines intermittently down it's sides. If it was resting on a tree trunk, you would never see it. How wonderful is Nature.

The winter rains bring the countryside to its best. Alan and I enjoy a game of "I Spy" as we walk or drive through the S.W. Life is not so hectic. At last, we have found our piece of Paradise. (Recently, in Perth for the Western Seniors, someone told me their place of heaven was two minutes from WABC. Whatever turns you on) But for us, we call Australia home and Capel is, for the want of too many words, "The Bees Knees".

.....Back to Bridge

Improving Your Partnership

How many of you actually sit down with your partner and discuss the previous sessions performance? Well, if you answer in the negative..... you are missing the opportunity to consolidate your system and delete habitual mistakes. So here's some good advice:-

At the end of the session, each of you will need a copy of the hand record. Next step is to ask the director to print out your personal record of the session. (This shouldn't be a hassle to the Director. Just smile sweetly. If all else fails... say... Di Brooks suggested this would help our bridge play techniques) ;o)

With this vital information at hand, you can see immediately where you scored a poor percentage. By comparing this against the hand record, you might be able to pinpoint the area which you need to work upon.

The final step would be to access the Website of your Club, click on the "Results", "Session", then go to "Full Results". On this page, you can see board by board what the rest of the field did. Now you can earmark whether the poor score came from play as Defence or Declarer, or actually in

the bidding. Quite often it could be that you were bamboozled by the opponents!

Have a go. Seek and ye shall find... and if you are still in the dark take the hand record to a more experienced player and pick their brains.



Country GNOT

From Di Brooks

Players from Albany, Bunbury, Kojonup, Kendenup, Mandurah, Dunsborough and Margaret River competed for the first two places in this Gold Point event. Everyone enjoyed the friendly atmosphere.

Well done to all participants and a big bouquet to Country Championships and Country GNOT Convenor Eugene Wichenms along with Robina McConnell and Director Peter Holloway for making the event memorable.

Small Fish are Very Sweet

The title reflects on bidding and making part scores. Playing in the Country G.N.O.T, six out of fourteen boards, Deep Finesse recorded part scores to be made, so those players that bid a 'bridge too far' lost Imps because of their aggressive bidding.

The GNOT played as Swiss Pairs is based on Teams scoring, so you need to bring in a plus score. If, by any chance, you are in the wrong contract, don't panic, minimise the loss. You may be pleasantly surprised to find that other pairs had got into the same trouble, but had poorer scores.

BAWA AFFILIATED BRIDGE CLUBS

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

Send to Linda Bedford-Brown

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Jean McLarty and I play Precision. This system brackets the point count to each opening bid. Opening 1H or 1S shows you have a 5 card major, and 11-15 points, whereas opening 1D promises 11-15 points, not holding 5 card majors. The 1C opening has 16+ points and can be equivalent to a Standard American 1NT or even a strong 2C opening. Over callers need to be wary of the Precision 1C.

Board 9, Jean, sitting South, had a strong hand and opened 1C, my reply of 1D warned partner that I held less than 8 points. Jean rebid 1NT which is equal to 16-18 points, (balanced.) I used Stayman, asking for a 4 card major and when Jean bid 2S, I passed with my 6 points and three spades. Declarer made 8 tricks. The best result for the board.

Brd	17	♠ K63	♠ 854
Dlr		♥ K652	♥ AJ974
Vul		♦ T9862	♦ A7
		♣ 8	♣ JT9
		♠ QT9	♠ AJ72
		♥ T	♥ Q83
		♦ KJ54	♦ Q3
		♣ 76432	♣ AKQ5
	6		
6	10		
	18		

Playing in a 7 card Moysian trump fit, achieved a better score than trying to play 1NT. Datum -40, resulted in us earning +4 Imps.

Board 6

The opponents freely bid to 4H. I had the opportunity to sacrifice in 5C and didn't. We lost 9 Imps, because I was too timid!!!! Hard to believe, but I was! And I tell my students that those that say Nowt, get Nowt!!!!

Round 2: Our opponents were Kay Thompson and Rite Leeming, winners of the Country GNOT 2011 and runners-up for 2012. The match was hard fought, defence had to be tight, as you couldn't afford to let the opponents make a skinny game.

Board 24 - South played 1NT and we were lucky enough to take the contract off by one trick, pulling us 4 vitally needed Imps.

The match ended up in our favour 16-14. Well done to Kay and Rita. It was a tight match but very enjoyable.

Round 3 - We faced Jo White and Neville Koenig. Hand 13 was our biggest score on the match as we bid and made 6H. Both N and S hands were massive. You couldn't help but bid the 6H. Those who bid 6NT were headed for disaster. Why people risk No Trumps, when you have a trump fit I find amazing.

Brd	17	♠ A
Dlr		♥ AKJ742
Vul		♦ 3
		♣ AQ963
♠ T874		♠ Q65
♥ 3		♥ Q96
♦ QT54		♦ J862
♣ JT75		♣ K42
		♠ KJ932
18		♥ T85
3	8	♦ AK97
11		♣ 8

As Declarer, you need to plan the play. Look to see what losers you have and then form a plan to deal with the losers. I took advantage of the singleton club in Dummy, after cashing the Club Ace, trumping 2 clubs, and then I could afford to cash the Ace of Spades and take out trumps. Nice to know the Heart Queen was on the wrong side and 12 tricks were brought in, giving us 14 Imps.

The moral to this story, if you have a trump fit, don't be greedy going to No Trumps, it could cost you big time.



CITY OF SOUTH PERTH CONGRESS

Sat 4th & Sun 5th August

Open Pairs

**Sat 4th August starting @10.00
(two sessions)
Entry fee \$25/player**

Open Teams

**Sun 5th August starting @10.00
(two sessions)
Entry fee \$25 /player**

Entries please: www.bawa.asn.au



Cash Prizes



A light supper
Sunday after play



Director:
Bill Kemp
Convenor:
Darrell Williams



Congress

CIVIC CENTRE
TEMPLETONIA CRESCENT
CITY BEACH

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 10.00AM

DIRECTOR – BILL KEMP

Arrive - 09:30

Qualifying round - 10:00

Lunch (bring your own) - 13:00 to 14:00

Final round - 14:15

Refreshments - 17:30

PRIZES:

FINAL:
1st - \$150 each
2nd - \$75 each
3rd - \$50 each

PLATE:
1st - \$75 each
2nd - \$50 ach
3rd - \$30 each

Prizes for Consolation Section and the Qualifying Round according to numbers

**ENTRY FEE \$30 PER PLAYER – RED MASTER POINTS
ENTRIES CLOSE 20 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Each player must have a system card

**ENTRIES via BAWA: www.bawa.asn.au
Or post to: The Congress Convenor WCBC
The Civic Centre, Templetonia Crescent
CITY BEACH WA 6015**



Slammed in the Seniors

By Fiske Warren

The Western Seniors has been a happy hunting ground for me and John Ashworth over the last few years. 2012 was to prove an exception. To do well, it is necessary to bid close games. When it comes to slams, you expect to gain IMPs if you make your contract but lose heavily if you go down. Of course it helps when one's opponents don't bid making slams against you. Things were proceeding fairly happily until we met Christine Jenkins and Carol Fensome in Round 4. It was obvious that they had not read my script and we lost heavily to them.

Brd	15	♠ 93
Dlr	S	♥ 643
Vul	NS	♦ Q932
		♣ J974
♠ QT	N	♠ AK8765
♥ AKJT95	W E	♥ -
♦ AT84	S	♦ K5
♣ A		♣ QT652
3		♠ J42
18	12	♥ Q872
7		♦ J76
		♣ K83

Sitting West, Christine Jenkins opened 1♥ and, after her partner's 1♠ response, chose the encouraging but not forcing rebid of 3♥. This is possibly an underbid but when her partner continued with 3♠ (best played as forcing with 6 spades), she wasted no time in catching up with 4NT before settling in 6♠. With trumps behaving, the play was not a problem. Well done and 10 IMPs out. A few boards later they heaped more damage on us.

Brd	20	♠ 964
Dlr	W	♥ 65
Vul	All	♦ 7642
		♣ QT63
♠ AQJ8	N	♠ K52
♥ KJ732	W E	♥ AT8
♦ J	S	♦ AKT93
♣ A84		♣ J5
2		♠ T73
16	15	♥ Q94
7		♦ Q85
		♣ K972

John and I again sat silent. After 1♥-2♦-2♠, Carol Fensome correctly judged her hand's value opposite a partner who had reversed and she chose 4NT, later followed by 6♥. John's lead of a club created some pressure and the need to get trumps right. The percentage play in trumps is to lead Ace and then run the 10. This succeeds whenever South has 4 trumps. Christine duly got this right and that was another 8 IMPs in our out column.

Falling down the field, in the next round we had a chance to bid a slam of our own against Kate Boston and Murray Webber.

Brd	2	♠ KQT6
Dlr	E	♥ AK854
Vul	NS	♦ T32
		♣ J
♠ J9732	N	♠ 854
♥ J962	W E	♥ Q
♦ 5	S	♦ QJ94
♣ Q43		♣ T9872
♠ A		
13		
4	5	
18		

Sitting South, I opened 1♦ and over John's 1♥ response, I decided to bid a game forcing 3♣ in view of my good controls and 3 card holding in hearts. There was now no stopping John who drove us into 6♦. The lead was ♠3 and I saw that the contract was a good one: I just needed to ruff one club in dummy and then all I would need was 3-2 trump break. Could I succeed if trumps were 4-1? After winning the spade lead I cashed ♣A and ruffed a club with ♦2. I then led ♦10 hoping to pin a singleton ♦9 with West. But when Kate Boston covered with ♦J, I won ♦A and crossed to dummy with ♥K, intending to lead ♦3 and play ♦6 from hand if East followed with ♦4. This would have worked.... But when East followed with ♥Q, I was rightly nervous that it was a singleton. If so, I could not risk losing a diamond to West and a heart return would see a ruff and I would go down with trumps 3-2 all along. When Kate followed with ♦4 without a flicker, I went up with ♦K. Aarrgggh! This can be a cruel game. Another 10 IMPs out and now we were in freefall.

In the final round, the following board appeared.

Brd	3	♦ 872
Dlr	S	♥ 54
Vul	EW	♦ KQT432
		♣ 53
		♠ AQJT
		♥ AKQ9
		♦ A
		♣ K987
		♠ 6
		♥ JT762
		♦ J98
		♣ AJ64
23	5	
	7	

Sitting East-West, we had a chance to shine by bidding 6♦. Playing Benjaminised Acol, I opened the East hand 2♦ and John responded 2♥ negative. Now what? I really detest 4-4-4-1 hands, especially the really strong ones. If one rebids 2♠, partner will place you with a 5 card suit. Had I rebid 2♠, I have little doubt we would have had a crack at slam. But I decided instead to rebid 2NT and to treat the hand as balanced. John now bid 3♥ (transfer) and despite my super-accepting with 4♠, he was not tempted to continue.... +680 and another failure in the slam zone although this one did not cost us IMPs as only two pairs bid slam (and both failed to make it). There was another consolation... if I had played in 6♦; I would no doubt have mucked up the play. It was that sort of weekend for us!

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Improving Your Defence

From Hugh Grosvenor

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On average you will defend about half of the hands of bridge that you play. Clearly improving your partnership's defensive performance is one of the keys to improving your results. Two recent books in the Master Bridge Series are invaluable tools for aspiring players and partnerships.

Deadly Defence and The Deadly Defence Quiz Book by Wladyslaw Izdebski, Roman Krzemien and Ron Klinger provide a clear and accessible guide to all facets of expert defence. The authors outline a comprehensive system of leads and signals and define the situations where different carding agreements apply. Both books approach the issues in a practical rather than a theoretical way.

In addition to covering many standard areas of defensive signalling the authors present a number of new ideas about signalling in specific circumstances. For example you open a weak 2 bid in hearts with a suit of KQT852 and the opponent's bid to 4S. Partner leads the HA and dummy has J63. You obviously have a wide choice of cards to play – what do they mean? Despite 30 years of concentrated bridge I must admit that this common situation had never been a subject of clear agreement with any of my partners. The books suggest:

The 2 (low card) is suit preference for the lower suit i.e. clubs.

The Q (high card) is suit preference for the higher suit i.e. diamonds.

The 8 (middle card) is encouraging a heart continuation.

In this case the K would show KQT and would also presumably encourage a heart continuation.

The books discuss and define various other

situations where suit preferences signals should apply such as when there is a singleton in dummy and following suit in trumps.

I particularly liked the chapter of obligatory false cards that shows more than 60 examples of false cards that you need to play to give declarer a losing option. For example:

AJ8x	T9x
Kx	Qxxx

South the declarer plays a small card to dummy's J. If you thoughtlessly play low declarer has no option but to play the A next dropping partner's K. If you play the T or 9 under the J declarer may think that you have T9 doubleton and cross back to hand and play the Q. Obviously this will not always work but it is the only hope.

There are lots of problems and examples – particularly in the quiz book logically enough. If you want to improve your defence these books are must-see. George Bilski the captain of last year's Australian Open Team was so impressed by these books that he organised a discount for all team members who wanted to buy one.

All I Ask (anon)

From Derek Pocock

I will go down to the Club again, to the Club where play runs high,
And all I ask is a pack of cards and a lamp to deal them by,
And three good fellows there with me, of temper stable,
And a stiff fight, and a keen fight, around the table.

I will go down to the Club again, for I hear the temptress call-
She whose lure is a wintry smile, that betrays us all ;
Who smites us hardest when hopes run high ; who derides or troubles ;
Who brings to naught the surest slams, and the safest doubles.

I will go down to the Club again, to the clash of tempered steel,
To the thrust and parry and counter-thrust of each hard contested deal ;
The beleaguered fortress, fiercely stormed, bravely defended-
And no *post-mortems*, and no regrets, when the rubber's ended.



The Common Thread

By Bill Jacobs
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The following two deals were played in a Butler event in Victoria in 2005. They involve a common thread – see if you can find it

Brd ♠ AT9432

Dlr N ♥ A95

Vul All ♦ AK

♣ J9

♠ KQ

♥ 2

♦ QT9876532

♣ 2

♠ 85

♥ KQT764

♦ -

♣ KQ754



♠ J76
♥ J83
♦ J4
♣ AT863

16	
7	7
10	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1D	1H	2C
Pass	2S	Pass	3H
Pass	4C	Pass	4H
Pass	4S	Pass	6C
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This time there was no excitement in the play. Declarer ruffed a heart for 12 tricks and a 10 imp gain - as no other pair had bid the slam.

At the end of the deal, West disgustedly said: "of all the pairs to play this hand against, we had to pick the one who was able to bid this slam!"

That is certainly a factor in Butler Pairs. To win such events, you usually need to play the right hands against the right pairs.

Anyway, look over the two deals again and tell me: what is the common thread?

The answer is this: whilst both East-West pairs were unfortunate to lose a slam swing, the two over callers brought misfortune upon themselves *by failing to pre-empt*.

On the first exhibit, a nine-card suit needs more than a simple overcall. West should have bid 4♦ at her first turn. Where would that have left North? With little alternative but to raise to 4♥, and East-West would have achieved an average board.

On the second exhibit, if East doesn't have a natural pre-emptive 2♥ available to him, then he should change his system. With a decent 6-card suit, he need look no further than 2♥. South would have bid 3♣, North given a 3♥ cue-raise, and now South is end played into 3NT, like the rest of the field.

Both overcalling hands conform to the rule of 2-and-3 for a pre-emptive bid. The first hand, vulnerable, has 5 losers, so 4♦ should be safe enough. The second hand, non-vulnerable, has about 7½ losers, ample for 2♥.

Australian bridge players (and I suspect players from around the world) don't pre-empt enough.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1S	Pass	2H
3D	4D	Pass	5C
Pass	5D	Pass	5H
Pass	6H	All Pass	

West, fooled by the 5♣ cue-bid, led a diamond. Declarer won that and sportingly played ♣J, offering the defence their club ruff. East didn't shoot the sitting duck, but found a duck of her own. The final outcome was 1430 to North-South, for 13 imps.

Second deal, with N/S the top seeded pair in the event:

Brd ♠ AK6

Dlr N ♥ 94

Vul Nil ♦ A10853

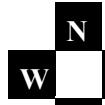
♣ KQ10

♠ 109532

♥ J3

♦ J62

♣ J65



♠ J7
♥ KQ10872
♦ Q94
♣ 32

16	
3	8
13	

♠ Q84
♥ A65
♦ K7
♣ A9764



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Bidding Boldly at the Western Seniors Pairs

from Noelene Law

Like me, I think my partner Annabel Booth must have been subjected to the study of Chaucer at school and taken on board his adage, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained".

I felt some sympathy for our opposition in round 7 of the WSP, as after a catastrophic

Round 6, Annabel was in the mood to be aggressive and take every opportunity to pick up as many imps as possible.

Brd 4 ♠ A104
Dlr W ♥ Q9853
Vul All ♦ 1087
 ♣ 102

♠ Q5
♥ AJ104
♦ Q9
♣ K8753

6 ♠ K
12 ♥ K762
 ♦ KJ543
 ♣ Q64

N ♠ J976432
W E ♥ -
S ♦ A62
 ♣ AJ9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C	Pass	1S	X
2C	2H	4S	All Pass

With no helpful bidding from me, apart from a club fit, Annabel sailed into 4♠ for 9 imps. Although deep finesse indicates East can make 5♠ I recall that she lost 2 top trumps and a club. Only 9 pairs made this contract, 9 went down in 4♠, 14

Congratulations to WA players

Victor Champion Bridge Festival

Regular Focus columnists Bill Jacobs and Ron Klinger were third in the Victor Champion Cup Teams

Alida Clark and Marnie Leybourne placed third in the Sarah Tishler Women's Pairs with Viv Wood and Helen Hellsten 8th

played in a spade part score while a couple of north south pairs played in heart contracts.

In the same set Board 6 also yielded 9 imps:

Brd 6	♠ K1032
Dlr E	♥ AJ104
Vul EW	♦ 87
	♣ A63
	♠ QJ97
	♥ KQ95
	♦ AK103
	♣ 10
	♠ -
	♥ 8732
	♦ Q6
	♣ KQ97542

N ♠ A8654
W E ♥ 6
 ♦ J9542
S ♣ J8

12	
15	6
7	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		2S (1)	P
4S	All Pass		

(1) 2♠ = 5♠ and 5 of another: less than opening hand

A very aggressive opening by Annabel considering the vulnerability - just as well she was sitting East! Naturally, I had no hesitation in jumping straight to game. The K♣ was led and the other losers were of course the A♥ and a trump.

12 pairs bid and made the game whilst 7 went down and 3 were pushed to 5♠x. 6 pairs sacrificed in 5♣ or 6♣ with only 3 of them doubled. If East doesn't open, South is likely to bid 3♣ NV followed by a double from West and then the bidding battle begins.

Board 10 saw Annabel make a very difficult 3NT for an 11 imp gain with only 9 pairs making.

Of course, after my partner's Herculean effort I felt obliged to buy the drinks!



A Tropical Paradise

Barrier Reef Congress

From The Senior Serpent

The West was represented with pride at the annual Barrier Reef Congress in Cairns 8th to 11th June. Richard Fox did consistently well with his scratch Partner and Teammates while Tirza Cohen, Florence Maltby, and Bruce Maguire had wins at Walk-Ins and a very creditable Teams performance.

It was at the penultimate round in the rarified atmosphere of Table 4 that Tirza rose to the occasion against regular members of Australian Teams. Despite clashing with the Victor Champion in Melbourne, there was a league of legends enjoying the tropics; dashing any brief hope of the big prize money.

West dealt and opened 1♥.

Brd		♠ AJ5
Dlr	W	♥ -
Vul	NS	♦ AQJ73
		♣ AQ853
♠	96	♠ 82
♥	AQ952	♥ KJT43
♦	86	♦ KT94
♣	KJ92	♣ 74
		♠ KQT743
		♥ 876
10	18	♦ 52
	7	♣ T6
	5	

At our Table, N doubled for T/O. After 4♥ from East, 4♠ by South closed the auction. West led ♦A, ruffed on Table with ♠5. Declarer then called ♦A followed by ♦Q taken by East's King.

With a view to killing one of North's Diamond winners, East returned the suit.

South now chose to dispose of a Club loser, discarding ♣6 from hand. The Senior Serpent struck venomously with the ruff and shot back the “top of nothing” ♣9. Declarer took the ♣A on Table, continued with the ♣3, ruffing low in hand. A Heart was ruffed on Table, followed by ♠A and a small ♣ ruffed in hand. South cleared trumps and conceded a Heart; 4♠ made;

"Phew!" exclaimed Declarer.

At the other Table Bruce Maguire was North, making a barrage bid to indicate the Minor Suits. After 4♥ from East Tirza Cohen in the South seat deduced that North probably had no Hearts at all. So; far from sacrificing 4♠ on her 5 points and 6-3-2-2 might have a good play. "So I put her into Slam", quoth the impish North in the score-up later.

The play proceeded as at the other Table up to trick 4. Instead of pitching the illusory Club loser, Tirza ruffed high in hand, Spade to the Ace, ♠J overtaken to clear trumps. Declarer took the marked ♣ finesse (East has shown♦K and probably a top Heart honour), cashed the ♣A and the remaining high Diamonds on Table discarding Hearts from hand.

A Pyrrhic victory but slam was made;

"Phew!" exclaimed Declarer.

Congratulations

to WA players

Barrier Reef Congress

Walk in event

1st North South

Tirza Cohen and Bruce McGuire

1st East West

Alexander (Senior Serpent) Long and Florence Maltby

2nd Richard Fox and partner

Teams (48)

13th Richard Fox team

=14th Tirza Cohen, Alexander Long,
Florence Maltby and Bruce McGuire

Open Pairs (76)

15th Richard Fox and partner



The Sabine Woman

By Ron Klinger



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PROBLEM

North dealer; Nil vulnerable

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

What should West lead from:

♦	AK654
♥	AQ64
♦	103
♣	74

HA and SK, crashing South's SQ, and played a third spade to East's jack. Now East led the H10 through South's HJ-8. East-West thus scored five spades and three hearts. Whereas 2NT had made with two overtricks at the other table, Auken's defence had defeated declarer by three tricks.

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Sabine Auken, Zia Mahmood, Catherine D'Ovidio and Paul Chemla won the final of the 2004 Transnational Mixed Teams easily by 173-82 against a Bulgarian team. On this deal Auken – Mahmood defended a hand five tricks better than their counterparts:

Brd ♠ 1087

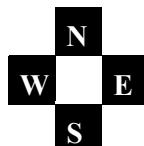
Dlr N ♥ K

Vul Nil ♦ A98654

♣ A65

Sabine Auken

♠ AK654
♥ AQ64
♦ 103
♣ 74



Zia Mahmood

♠ J32
♥ 1092
♦ J7
♣ Q10932

♠ Q9

♥ J8753
♦ KQ2
♣ KJ8

11	4
13	
12	

Both tables played in 2NT. At the other table West led a low spade and Chemla made ten tricks. Here Sabine Auken led the SA and Zia played S2, indicating an odd number. Auken next cashed the

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ROVING RHODES

Frolicking at Fremantle

By Maura Rhodes
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Sunday, June 10th was a historic day for the bridge community with the resurrection of the Fremantle Bridge Congress. This was always a popular Congress, but was temporarily suspended for a number of years. The delight which its revival was met with can be seen by the fact that it filled quickly, although it was a shame that some pairs failed to show up, when other potential players couldn't get in. It was held at the excellent venue of the Freemasons Hall and was expertly convened by Dave Parham.

Fiske Warren and I came second in the Final, but if I had played better, we could have won. Here is a hand where careless play cost tricks!

Brd	19	♠	64
Dlr	S	♥	KQ42
Vul	EW	♦	5
		♣	KJ9865
	♠ 952		N
	♥ A85		W
	♦ AQJ7		E
	♣ Q43		S
9		♠	AQJ83
13	8	♥	6
10		♦	KT862
		♣	T7

The Final was a Howell movement and in this hand we sat E/W and I was East. South declared in 2S after the auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1S
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	2S	All Pass	

Fiske led the 5S, as the trump lead is the recommended lead when Declarer has shown two suits and the person on lead has strength in the second suit. Declarer won and played the Ten of Clubs. What should East do? Hold up, of course, but this silly East took the Ace and

returned a trump. That was a seriously bad play. Why win the Club Ace? It is not going away and if Declarer has a 5/5 hand in the reds, with a singleton Heart, then he has no entries to dummy. Did I think that out? No, instead I won robotically. If I hold up, Declarer can never enter dummy to enjoy his clubs and must lose 5 tricks. Instead, thanks to me, he won ten tricks giving us a bottom board. That combined with several other errors, cost us the win. Congratulations to Christine Jenkins and Domenico de Gasperis who had a convincing win, both in the morning and in the Final. Congratulations too to the Fremantle Bridge Club for reinstating their Congress and I hope it will become an annual event again.



Western Seniors Pairs

By Anton Pol

This year, Western Seniors was once again held at WABC; thank you WABC for making your splendid premises available. The field was not as large as last year and there were few interstate pairs, but it was still respectable with 68 pairs and nine 12-board matches played over two days.

This means 108 boards with lots of interesting hands, but not many slams. Cynthia and I had only three opportunities to bid a slam. The first came in the very first match, board 5:

Brd	5	♠ A9762
Dlr	N	♥ -
Vul	NS	♦ KQJ864
		♣ AQ
		♠ 853
		♥ KT874
		♦ T2
		♣ 963
		♠ T
		♥ A95
		♦ 753
		♣ KT8752

N E
W S
 W E
 S

16	
3	14
7	

As North, with only four losers, I qualified this hand as a strong 2-suiter and opened 2NT, which in our system meant two non-touching suits, weak or strong, or a flat 27-28HCP monster. East doubled and Cynthia bid a pass or correct 3C. Pass from West and 3S from me showing strong D/S 2-suiter. Cynthia now liked her hand and bid 4D minor key-card ask; I showed three key cards and Cynthia ventured 6D.

The opening lead was KS. You need a bit of luck to make six. Clubs must be the solution. I played KD at trick two. AD from West and now was an interesting moment. If West plays another spade, dummy has to ruff and the communication with clubs is broken if either opponent holds three clubs to the Jack. Fortunately I was spared that anxiety as West led QH – not unreasonably attacking the AH entry to the dummy.

I was a bit surprised that only one other pair bid 6D. Whether it is a good slam or bad, that's

another question, but in order to get there South must be informed as early as possible that North has big playing strength, otherwise opponents' interventions will make it very difficult for S to push on.

The other two slams happened in Round 4. The one in Board 15 was more interesting:

Brd	15	♠ 93	♠ AK8765
Dlr	S	♥ 643	♥ -
Vul	NS	♦ Q932	♦ K5
		♣ J974	♣ QT652
		♠ QT	♠ J42
		♥ AKJT95	♥ Q872
		♦ AT84	♦ J76
		♣ A	♣ K83
		3	
	18	12	
		7	

Our somewhat weird bidding landed us in 6H (played by only one other pair), much less popular than 6S (played 8 times). As West I started with 2H, which included an Acol 2 option, Cynthia bid forcing 2NT, I confirmed strong hand by bidding 3H, she responded 3S, cue-bid 4C from me, 4D from Cynthia, 4NT key card ask (in H), 5C showing 1, and 6H from me. The play is easy as long as spades break 3-2.

Playing 6S required a little more attention. Indeed, out of 17 pairs in a spade contract (4S or 6S), 7 pairs made only 11 tricks. One way of making 6S safely after say the least friendly club lead, is to lead JH from dummy and give it away to the queen. The rest is yours.

Deep Finesse says you can make 13 tricks but it requires some rather extreme play: win the first lead in dummy, then ruff a small heart in your hand, enter the table finessing 10S, ruff another heart, cross to SQ, ruff another heart, draw the remaining spade and cross to dummy with a remaining entry. Could not see any other way, maybe you can...



Book Review

By Mike McGlone

The Times Bridge: Common Mistakes & How to Avoid them

**Bridge: What Should Have Happened
More Common Mistakes & how to avoid them**
Andrew Robson
Self published 2009

This is another book from the pen of The Times Bridge Columnist, Andrew Robson. Andrew writes a weekly Friday bridge column in the Times newspaper and this book follows on from an earlier book titled Bridge: Common Mistakes and How to Avoid them.

In this book Andrew devotes one page to a single Deal and the layout of the page is standard for all Deals.

Typically the introductory section to the Deal will give or reiterate some theory related which may help do the right things on the Deal.

The deal is then shown in the centre of the page.

On the left side of the Deal there is discussion how the deal was bid in play

Followed by What happened in play.

On the right side a section on How the Deal should have been bid.

And a section on What should have happened in play.

Then all of this is topped off with a handy nugget of bridge wisdom. For Deal 1 the nugget is: If you remember just one thing The Rule of 20.

The book has some 251 deals in total and covers a wide range of common mistakes. Any intermediate player would own many of these mistakes. What Robson does with amazing clarity of written expression is to pinpoint precisely the mistake being made and its remedy.

The book has four sections covering Bidding essentials, Declarer Plays, Defence and Progressing the Bidding.

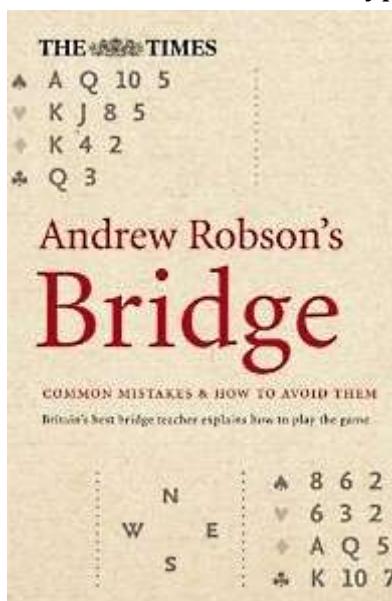
And perhaps unusual for such a book there are far more deals given in the Basic Bidding and Defence sections. Mistakes in Defence do not seem to attract the same degree of attention as is given to Declarer Play so I'm pleased the Defence section had over 80 deals covering Opening leads, Second and Third hand plays, Signals and Discards etc.

The diagrams are clear and there is judicious use of bold type to emphasise the cards in bidding and play.

Being English based the Acol system is used throughout but in one instance Robson advocates opening 1NT with a five card major. This conflicts with the way I play NT with 5 card majors. His argument for such is that when you open and repeat the suit you almost certainly have six cards. Is that enough justification for always opening the 1NT 5332 irrespective of majors. I don't know.

The book is suited for study by all Intermediate players and is highly recommended for its clarity of thought and readability.

It is a self-published book obtained from Andrew Robson's website. I was pleasantly surprised with the overall cost and delivery, being less than \$30AUD for this Hard Cover bound book.



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Results

State Open Pairs

1st	Michael Bausor and Jonathan Free
2nd	Heather Williams and Sue Pynt
3rd	Val Biltoft and Joan Touyz

State Swiss Teams

1st	Gerry Daly, Karol Miller, Matthew Raisin, Simon Brayshaw, Paul Brayshaw and Chris Mulley
2nd	Dave Munro, Pim Birss, Catherine Hood and Doreen Jones
3rd	Stella Steer, James Steer, Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt

Revised State Women's Teams

1st	Cynthia Belonogoff, Viv Wood, Jill Del Piccolo and Kate Smith
2nd	Rachael Krasenstein, Deb Frankel, Joan Prince and Pauline Collett
3rd	Marnie Leybourne, Alida Clark, Val Biltoft and Leone Fuller

Country GNOT

1st	Di Brooks and Jean McLarty
2nd	Kay Thompson and Rita Leeming
3rd	Kate Boston and Murray Webber

League Results

Newcomers	41	Spoilers	40
Spoilers	58	JCL	57
JCL	82	Spoilers	36

Current Standings:

JCL	13
Spoilers	10
Newcomers	7

TEAMS OF 4 – as at 20th June

OPEN

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
Undercroft Red	6	3	93
Maccabi	3	2	45
Melville	3	2	41
SPBC Taipans	2	2	31
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
Nedlands	4	2	71
Undercroft Green	3	1	50
SPBC Cobras	4	1	40
WABC	2	1	31
West Coast	1	1	16

INTERMEDIATE

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
Maccabi	6	3	88
WABC Red	6	2	72
Undercroft Gold	4	1	48
Undercroft Red	2	1	33
SPBC Copperheads	2	1	29
West Coast			
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
WABC Green	5	5	117
Melville	5	1	77
Nedlands	6	1	73
SPBC Bushmasters	4	3	61
Undercroft Green	4	2	56
Undercroft Blue	3	1	29

RESTRICTED

Club	Played	Won	VPs
RED TABLE POSITIONS			
South Perth 'Mulgas'	3	3	61
Nedlands	4	1	46
WABC Red	2	2	42
Kalamunda	3	0	17
GREEN TABLE POSITIONS			
Undercroft Green	7	4	120
WABC Green	7	2	93
South Perth Gwardars	3	3	67
Melville	4	1	40
Swan Dists	3	0	38

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	Jul	Wed 4 th	BAWA DAYTIME OPEN PAIRS 1st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
ANC Darwin 7th - 19th		Sat 7 th	Ranjit Gauba Memorial Swiss Pairs Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
		Mon 9 th	BAWA State Handicap Pairs 1st of 3 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th	Mandurah Swiss Pairs
		Sun 22 nd	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress
		Thu 26 th	Open Spring Pairs Championship 1st of 6 Women's Spring Pairs Championship 1st of 6 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 27 th – Sun 29 th	Bunbury Bridge Club Congress
	Aug	Sat 4 th – Sun 5 th	South Perth Bridge Club Congress-see flyer
		Mon 6 th	BAWA State Men's/Women's Pairs 1 of 4 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sat 11 th – Sun 12 th	Swan River Swiss Open Pairs (PQP & Gold Points)
		Sat 18 th – Sun 19 th	GNOT City Final and Restricted Heat
	Sep	Sat 8 th	Great Southern GNRP Regional Final
		Sat 15 th – Sun 16 th	HGR Memorial Congress Weekend
		Thu 20 th	BAWA State Open Teams 1 st of 8 Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Sun 23 rd	West Coast Bridge Club Sunday Congress
		Mon 24 th	BAWA State Mixed Pairs 1 st of 6 Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
		Fri 28 th – Sun 30 th	Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress
	Oct	Thu 4 th – Fri 5 th	Melville Bridge Club Spring Congress - see flyer
		Fri 12 th – Sun 14 th	Nedlands Bridge Club Congress - see flyer
		Fri 19 th – Sun 21 st	Busselton Bridge Club Congress - see flyer
		Sat 25 th – Sun 28 th	Undercroft Bridge Club 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.		
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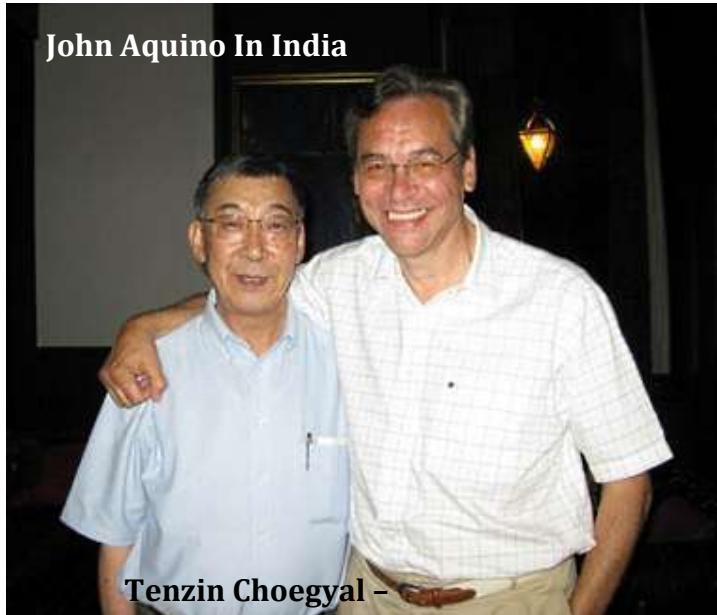
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Lii Soots and husband Lembit in Amsterdam
at the start of their River Cruise – Amsterdam
to Budapest



John Aquino In India



Tenzin Choegyal –

The Ngari Rinpoche with John Aquino



PS. In Australia -we also have Floriade Flower Festival in Canberra (also called Canberra's Spring Flower Festival) held for a month, usually from around the second weekend of September to the October. This is an annual event featuring vast expanses of flowering plants, floral art, horticultural displays and practical tips and advice on home gardening and outdoor living.

More about Floriade in Canberra on website:

<http://www.floriadeaustralia.com/home>

Floriade 2012 - Venlo, Holland

By Beata Bieganski

The Floriade is an amazing horticultural World Expo that occurs every ten years in the Netherlands. People arrive from all over the world to marvel at themed hectares of plant-life, garden art and horticultural innovation. It runs from April all the way through October. This year, the Floriade is being held in Venlo and the main theme is "be part of the theatre in nature; get closer to the quality of life.". It features 66 hectares (of which 40 hectares is actual exhibition site) on five sub-themes: Environment, Green Engine, Relax & Heal, Education & Innovation, and World Show Stage. Each world has its own decor, programme and activities.

But the most amazing walk that I've experienced was through the Villa Flora building: 'theatre of nature' also called 'the greenest office in the Netherlands'. Designed specially for Floriade 2012, the ultra-sustainable building is home to the biggest indoor flower show.

Being in the province of Limburg I've also visited Maastricht, widely known as a city of history and culture, and home of the most beautiful bookstore: Selexyz Dominicanen.

The bookstore is located in the ancient Dominican church believed to be already more than 800 year old. The beauty and the charm of the church created centuries ago are still in tact. In 2008, 'The Guardian' called it "the best bookstore in the world."

