

# wa bridge focus

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Congratulations to all WA representatives

for the 2011 Australian Bridge Championships (ANC) to be held in Melbourne

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Joan Touyz and Viv Wood

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Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku

## Congratulations

to Alida Clark (Women's ) and to Henry Christie (Seniors)

as OUR Australian representatives for

the 48<sup>th</sup> APBF Championships to be held in Kuala Lumpur and

the 40<sup>th</sup> World Team Championships to be held in Eindhoven, Netherlands

# Good luck all!!





# President's Report

by Nigel Dutton

BAWA table numbers, particularly Monday night, have been static for some time. Over the past few years I have received a number of anecdotal comments regarding the non desirability of playing Monday night especially after a busy weekend of bridge or a just a busy weekend. Some time ago the committee examined the possibility of moving Monday night events to Tuesday night, opinions were split and, at that stage, there seemed to be no compelling reasons to change. However, a recent report from BFACT (Bridge Federation of the ACT) has again placed the topic on the agenda. BFACT's have seen a significant increase in table numbers since switching from Monday night to Tuesday night. I am in the process of obtaining some figures and obviously we will be guided by them and, of course, by you the state event player. If you have not yet expressed an opinion and would like to please email me with your views. [bawa@westnet.com.au](mailto:bawa@westnet.com.au). I will forward all emails to the

committee so they have a good feel for what you think.

All experienced players will agree that the best form of bridge competition is Teams of 4. In a normal pairs session your result is often determined by what everybody else does and not what you do. However, in a team match your result is solely down to you and your team mates, nobody else in the room affects your result. Less experienced players are sometimes reluctant to have a go at a teams' event, although it was very pleasing to see a team of new faces at the recent State Women's Teams. Consequently BAWA runs and recommends the Masters in Teams of 3. Three players who are below state master ranking as of January 1 2011 form a team and enter, BAWA will, for the day, present you with a master player, usually a Grand or Silver Grand Master and very often a player with international experience. Over the course of the day each player will play two matches with their master. It is a great

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**"Articles always welcome"**

fun day enjoyed by all. Keep an eye in the Focus and on the BAWA web site for details. The event is held in August, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> so plan now and keep it in mind.

P.S. Normally masters are drawn at random on the day, but I do remember promising a team last year that I would play with them this year if they entered. I haven't forgotten and I do remember their names, I hope they are keen.

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## Clothes do not maketh the Man - but suit yourself when it comes to Bridge

by Jill Courtney

### Some finely coutured hands from outer Mongolia

One highlight of my diplomatic career was the period I spent in the Office of then Foreign Minister (and later Governor -General), Bill Hayden, as his deputy senior adviser on Foreign policy. Bill was fascinating to work with. Coming from an impoverished and broken childhood he became, first a Queensland copper, studying his economics degree at nights, while raising, with wife Dallas, a family of four young children. He then stood for and became a Member of Federal parliament.

Bill was not a product of the age of image or the shallowness of the throwaway soundbite. He was a hard-working, honest and highly intelligent politician. He was famous for many things in the parliament apart from these qualities, including his quirky sense of humour and his astuteness , when Minister, in dealing with the Sir Humphrey types that, though well disguised, lurk in the corridors of some Canberra Federal departments.

With such a background, however, it may come as no surprise that one of Bill's most endearing but sometimes frustrating attributes was his attitude towards clothes. I discovered from his many long-serving staff members that Bill, the ex-cop from Ipswich, had an entirely functional approach to clothing. Over the years Bill had always valued a bargain over style. When sworn in with the Whitlam Government in early '73 as a Minister of government he came dressed, apparently in an electric blue suit and white shoes. Bill's parsimonious attitude also stretched to the practical approach which was that if a suit still fit and hadn't frayed then it was still perfectly wearable and these twenty year-old delights still used to appear when I worked in his office (85-88).

I remember my first experience of it when, on one sitting day of parliament, one of the charming old-stagers that had been with Bill through the

good bad and bumpy for many years. "Oh no" shrieked Louise "he's wearing the ice-cream suit!". "Oh no" wailed Denise "He knows they film question time." The 'ice-cream' suit was a glorious white crimplene number adorned with pale blue stripes.

But Bill's favourite and the horror of them all, was his brown and orange check suit along with suitably matching shoes which still made an occasional appearance much to the hilarity of the members and the chagrin in the office. But that was Bill - he always believed that what you thought and did counted more than how you looked. (The same applies at bridge by the way.)

Anyway on this particular day, early in my stint in his office, the brown suit made its dreaded appearance. At the time, we were in the process of planning a quite important trip to Europe and the Soviet Union. As you can imagine there were major policy and trade issues to be raised, including, notably, human rights in the Warsaw bloc countries. But for some quirky reason onto this itinerary Bill had added a trip to Mongolia. Of course we had had few if any conceivable reasons for going to this small poverty stricken land-locked country in east and central Asia - but I did say that Bill was quirky.

Anyway, as now, all overseas Ministerial visits must be approved by the Prime Minister and Bob Hawke (then PM) had taken on the advice of his foreign policy staff adviser (a good friend of Hayden's as it happened) and vetoed Mongolia from the list of destinations. He sent his adviser down to sort it out with Bill. He entered the office and saw Bill, resplendent in his tan and orange pride and joy and said "everything's ok mate, except of course Mongolia. How on earth could we justify a foreign policy reason for going there?" He paused and then slowly continued, and with a huge smile on his face he leaned over

and massaged the lapels of said suit between thumb and forefinger then added, "Unless, of course, you want to visit your tailor!"

Hayden didn't go to outer Mongolia and no-one recalls seeing the suit since. But I bet it still lurks in a wardrobe in Ipswich awaiting some final snub of the image makers and spin merchants.

But let's play around with history a little shall we and assume that Bill finally got his way and headed off into the steppes of Asia to meet his counterpart, the little known but affable Foreign Minister, Fermen-Ted Maresmilk (FTM).

Arriving at the capital Ulan Bator Bill was escorted to the famous Yurt that houses the Mongolian Foreign Ministry and the two got down to foreign policy exchanges. Two minutes later, the Oxford-educated Fermen-Ted said, "Well, we seem to have covered those questions, now, how about a few hands of bridge old chap – you look like a man who knows one suit from another!" "Well: confessed Bill, I have played the odd game." "Super," responded FTM "We'll have a few deals with a couple of Mongolia's great luminaries and bridge aficionados the great, great, great – well you get the idea – the descendants of none other than Genghis and Kublai Khan.

The Ulan Bator Rubber Bridge club was the high stake game in town. FMT and Bill duly cut cards for partners and Bill scored Kublai Khan while FMT got Genghis. Bridge is not a sedate game in Mongolia, as a couple of choice deals will illustrate.

Here is the first:

#### Genghis may have over-stepped

Brd		♠ 109
Dlr	S	♥ QJ10765
Vul	Nil	♦ 5
		♣ 8763
		♠ KQJ872
		♥ K4
		♦ Q86
		♣ Q5
		♠ 643
		♥ 92
		♦ KJ972
		♣ AK4
3		
13	13	
11		



West	North	East	South
KK	GK	BH	FTM
			1D
1S	1NT(1)	X	2C(2)
2S	3D(3)	X	Pass
Pass	3H(4)	3S(5)	Pass
Pass	4C(6)	X	All Pass

Of course you can see that Genghis had just been reading a book, presumably entitled Zia's craziest coups. His 1NT prepared for a long campaign of deception; his partner desperately tried to find a landing spot after his rather soft opener. GK should have, of course, quietly passed 2 spades, secure in the knowledge that game was almost certainly on for the opponents but no, when you have a work of art planned, no matter how ill-conceived, you are not going to be thwarted by the bumbling hordes. Consequently you throw in a misleading diamond raise before triumphantly sneaking in your real suit. Saved again by 3S and after getting to show his six gems in hearts, unfortunately he still could not resist another bid. Four clubs did not just step over the fine line separating genius from madness, it trampled upon it, insulted its mother, and got the fate that also eventually befell his famous ancestor.

The play was accurate if slightly unusual. KK led a low club from his queen doubleton to Bill's 9 and FTM's Ace. FTM tried a low heart which KK won and continued with the queen of clubs, taken by declarer. FTM tried another heart but BH won the Ace, drew the outstanding trumps with his high JT as KK threw diamonds and east-west scored the rest (6 spades and Ace of diamonds) for eight off and what was then a 2000 points penalty.

In the post mortem GK nevertheless gave us a wonderful example of Mongolian chutzpah. He berated the Foreign Minister for opening his sorry hand; pointed out that he should have made another trick by playing for a diamond ruff in dummy and suggested he should read a few books on bidding.

#### Hand Two: Smothered with Kindness

West	North	East	South
FTM	KK	GK	BH
	1S	Pass	2H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Contract: 4H

Lead: C7

Brd                      ♠ K8432

Dlr N                      ♥ A875

Vul Nil                      ♦ 5

♣ AQ5

♠ Q1076

♥ K42

♦ Q104

♣ 873



♠ AJ9

♥ 6

♦ K876

♣ KJ1092

13                      12  
7                              8

On the opening club lead BH tried the queen which GK won with the King and returned the jack to the Ace. BH came to hand with the Ace of diamonds to play a spade to dummy's king and the ace. GK returned a third club, ruffed high and the next five tricks were three diamond ruffs in dummy and two spade ruffs in hand. That left this position:

♠ 84

♥ A

♦

♣

♠ K42

♥

♦

♣



♠ 6

♥

♦

♣ 92

♠

♥ QJ

♦ J

♣

The lead is in dummy and when BH played his now good spade off the table, GK happily ruffed with his small heart. BH figured this play was not from a man holding the King of hearts and his play had clearly suggested a 3-1-4-5 shape. If BH now covers he will lose to the King of hearts and, on the heart return to the last heart in FTM's hand. BH found a counter-play. He threw his Jack of Diamonds! Look what happens now. If West (FTM) takes over his partner's 6H with the King of hearts the A and then the last heart in South win the last two tricks. FTM must therefore under-ruff. Now, however, GK's forced club return smothers FTM. If he ruffs the Jack with the king, BH over-ruffs with the Ace and if he ducks, then the spade goes from dummy and the

Ace of heart scores the last trick. A very rare play. (Note that GK must not ruff and then the smother cannot be effected but that is far from obvious).

So ended the game and Bill, the big winner, was handed his 500,000 togrogs (Mongolian currency). As he explained he couldn't accept it the Foreign Minister whispered in his ear "Don't worry, in your currency it is approximately \$21".

After the game Bill and the Minister emerged from the Foreign Ministry for the obligatory press brief. "That was a long meeting, Ministers" said one, did you have useful exchanges. "Yes" responded Bill "You could say we had a quiet Yak".

#### Footnote

The two hands are from the excellent book – 'The Big Game' by British expert and writer, Robert Sheehan, about the high stakes rubber game at TGR's club in London. It is a great read. The North player on the first hand was the then proprietor and at Thirty pounds per 100 points, it cost him and his partner a mere Six thousand pounds apiece. The declarer on the second hand was my brother, Michael, who does point out that East's error in ruffing allows the Smother coup to work. The unavoidable ones, he notes, are even harder to find. Read Sheehan's book if you can get your hands on it is a fascinating insight into the world of rubber bridge.

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**SUNDAY ONE DAY CONGRESS**

**SUNDAY 24th JULY** starting at 10 am



Not the actual **Food** we'll be eating on the day but you know what we do have will be **delicious**

**\$30** Light lunch supplied. **red** Master Points.

Directed by Peter Holloway

## Western Senior Swiss Pairs



*14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011*

*10.00am start*



*Gold Point Event and Senior PQ Points*

*For ABF Seniors events, a player must be born before 1 January 1953.*

*Venue is Melville Civic Centre Main Hall.*

*10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon*

**Entry Fee:** \$80 per player (collected at the table or pay online)

**Entries:** [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au) or Jane Reynolds 0402074070

**Director:** Matthew McManus

**Convenor:** Jane Reynolds

**New Prize:**

**BAWA** are sponsoring a subsidy of \$500 for the first two placed WA pairs to travel to a Seniors PQP event

**Cocktail Party and Presentations - Sunday at approx 4.45 pm**

# Broome Bridge Club

by Mike Wadsworth – CLUB PRESIDENT

Another happy season for the Broome Bridge Club will commence on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The group plays every Tuesday afternoon for about nine weeks with players being seated by 12.45pm and the session completed by 5.00. The venue for 2011 is once again at Broome Lotteries House on Cable Beach Road.

During 2010 Lotteries House enjoyed a significant upgrade of facilities, including air-conditioning. In 2010 the club had an above average number of players partly because of a visiting bridge touring group. Every week we have about nine tables of players who enjoy playing for pleasure, not master points, often comprising folks who are “passing through”

Broome and we had about fifty-five players participating in our sessions in 2010. The clubs weekly session provides a meeting point for arrangement of games of social bridge for those of us lucky enough to winter over in Broome.

Table fees of \$5.00 per player pays the rent, provides for afternoon tea and also a helps with the cost for a pizza dinner after one of the sessions towards the end of the season.

Remember the first session commences on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June with players to be seated by 12.45pm. For further information and assistance with finding a partner if required, please contact Pam Wadsworth on [pamikew2@bigpond.com](mailto:pamikew2@bigpond.com) or mobile 0412 019 775



## BAWA State Swiss Pairs 2011



This is possibly the most popular pairs event of the calendar.

You play as a pair but the scoring is IMP based.

**6 weeks event starts Thu, 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2011**

Event commence at 7.30 pm

**VENUE** South Perth Bridge Club

**ENTRY FEE:** \$60 per player

**ENTRIES** via BAWA Website  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

**DIRECTOR** TBA

**Check: Conditions of Entry To BAWA Competitions**



# Country Regional Championships

## 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011

from Eugene Wichems and Robina McConnell

Players from Albany, Margaret River, Busselton, Bunbury, Kojonup, Mandurah and Bridgetown gathered in Bridgetown in early April to compete in Pairs and Teams for the Country Regional Championship. There was a great turn up for the event this year; with some twenty tables for the pairs event and fifteen tables for the teams.

Our numbers were such we had to move the event in the Shire's Main Hall and the Bridgetown Bridge Club organised the local Anglican Church to provide lunches and delicious cakes for morning and afternoon Tea. Well done to Jan and Yana and their army of helpers.

Peter Holloway was our director and he did a terrific job (as usual). There were novice players; the odd number of teams (oh no the dreaded triangle!!!); Bridge mates not working; but to Peter's credit, he managed to run all the sessions smoothly with patience and had the results up in no time - great job Peter!

On Saturday night a large number of us had a very nice meal at the local Hotel, socialised with a drink and of course discussed some of the hands. ('If partner only had .....').

A great weekend - a pleasure to organise and we now all look forward to the Country GNOT event to be held in Kojonup the long weekend in June - Country Bridge at its best!!!!!!



Congratulation to the teams winners, **Doug Harman and Vera Hardman, Jenny Maley and Bill Maley**.

2nd were Kathy Power and Phil Power with Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems and in third place were Pam Minchin and Robert Stick with Kay Thompson and Ken Else.



We had a number of players who ventured into the "Realms of the Congress" for the first time - will they return?????

For their bravery they were rewarded with a commemorative bottle of red - suitably labelled.



Our congratulations to **Bernadette Campbell and Glenda Barter** winners of the Pairs - runners up were Vera Hardman and Doug Hardman closely followed by Alison Mettam and Neville Koenig. Further congratulations to Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems, Rosemary Hunter and Colin Hunter, Pam Minchin and Robert Stick who filled the first three places in the Plate.

A big well done to the best qualifiers in the Morning Event - **Colin and Esther Saunders and Diane Bishop and John Whiting**.



## BAWA State Winter Teams 2011

The Winter Teams is a Board-a-Match team event,  
reputed to be the toughest competition of all.

Pairs play, point-a-board scoring.



**4 weeks event starts Mon, 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2011**  
Event commence at 7.30 pm

**VENUE** Nedlands Bridge Club

**ENTRY FEE:** \$160 per team

**ENTRIES** via BAWA Website  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

**DIRECTOR** TBA

**2010 Winners: G.Daly, V.Wood, B.Bieganski, T.Bieganski**

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## BAWA State Handicap Pairs 2011



An event where everyone starts on an equal footing and  
the winners should be the pair who plays their best bridge at their level.

If you have never entered a BAWA event before why not make this your first.

**3 weeks event starts Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2011**  
Event commence at 7.30 pm

**VENUE** Nedlands Bridge Club

**ENTRY FEE:** \$30 per player

**ENTRIES** via BAWA Website  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

**DIRECTOR** TBA

**2010 Winners: Dominique Rallier and Pepe Schwegler**

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# BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 2011

- **Red points - 3 Sessions**
- **Wednesdays - Jul 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **12:30 pm**
- **\$30 per player**
- **Nedlands Bridge Club**

FREE to any-one who has NEVER played in a State event before



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# Be still, my heart

by Ron Klinger

<http://www.RonKlingerBridge.com>

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## PROBLEM

South dealer :NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1H
Pass	?		

What would you do as North with:

QJ1092  
875  
84  
J74

If you play Standard American or Acol, you pass partner's 1-opening at your peril even if you have fewer than five points. Because the 1-opening has such a wide-range, it is easy to miss a game when opener has a strong, shapely hand. At teams this can be particularly expensive when your side is vulnerable.

This deal arose in the semi-finals of the 2000 North American Trials:

Brd	♠ QJ1092
Dlr S	♥ 875
Vul NS	♦ 84
	♣ J74
♠ 863	♠ 754
♥ KJ	♥ Q10
♦ K10632	♦ AQ975
♣ 1083	♣ 952
	♠ AK
4	♥ A96432
7	♦ J
21	♣ AKQ6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Berkowitz	Nickell	Cohen	Freeman
			1H

At the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hamman	Katz	Soloway	Jacobs
			1H
Pass	1S!	Pass	3C
Pass	3H	Pass	4C
Pass	4H	All Pass	

If the jump-shift to 3C is forcing to game, North would bid 4H, fast arrival. If 3C is only a one-round force, North can bid 3H, hoping to subside there. Of course, South would never stop below game. That is why he cue-bid 4C to show slam interest.

Despite the poor texture in hearts, it would not be dreadful for South to open 2C. After all South has five quick tricks and only three losers. One could imagine the partnership missing 6C if 1H is passed out and North has:

♠ 873              ♥ 5              ♦ 9862              ♣ J10953



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May 3-10

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Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort

August 10-15

Moreton Island, off Brisbane

Norfolk Island

December 4-11

For details, please contact [ron@ronklingerbridge.com](mailto:ron@ronklingerbridge.com) or 02 9958 5589.

## WA Country GNOT

4th,5th and 6th of June

Kojonup RSL Hall

Albany Hw

Director: Peter Holloway

The GNOT's have moved to Kojonup this year. The format is Swiss Pairs over 3 days using But-ler scoring. The top two qualifying Pairs will earn a subsidized trip to Queensland in November for the National playoffs.

Entry Fees is \$100 per player (covers coffee, tea and biscuits)

Entries can be made on the BAWA Web site in BAWA event entries <http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

Please contact the conveners for any help or query on how to enter

We love to see you all at 10.00 am on Saturday

## Country Group Bridge

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**WA ITALIAN BRIDGE CLUB**

**Italo Australia Welfare Italian Week**

**Open red point event**



**COST:**  
\$20 inc table money

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.00pm

**DIRECTOR:**  
Peter Holloway

**WA Italian Club: 217 Fitzgerald St, West Perth**  
**Light supper provided. Bar Facilities available**

**Bookings** Marie 93674391 mob: 0409626763  
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**The Terry Glover Memorial Swiss Teams 2011**



**South Perth Bridge Club**



**Open Red Point Event**

Double sessions on three Sundays

**Entry \$40 per team**

**Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of July**

Starting at 10.00 am

**Director:** Bill Kemp

**Convenor:** Val Isle

**Entries via BAWA website please.**





# THE ROVING RHODES

By Maura Rhodes

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## End Play at Easter

The South Perth annual Easter Congress is an enormously popular event and this year was no exception. Anzac Day fell on Easter Monday, so the Congress was extended to five days. Is that too much of a good thing? Not if you look at the entries! The Saturday Swiss Pairs is one of the most popular events and if you want to play it in, you need to be quick as the 64 places always fill fast. I was delighted to accept an invitation from an expert player, John Nicholas, to partner him in this event. When I play with John, I am happiest when I sit behind dummy, as his declarer play is a pleasure to watch.

I play a different system with John from the ones I play with other people. It is a system which I really enjoy, partly influenced by Mike Lawrence, who recommends that over a weak 1NT, an overcall of 2NT should be played as strong, with the same point count as a 2NT opening. However, I forgot! I hold Jill Del Piccolo entirely responsible, as she had just given me a spray of some potent peppermint essence which was meant to wake me up! Unfortunately, it had the opposite effect. (Only joking, Jill - I am sure it is great stuff!) Here is the board where this amnesia occurred:

Brd: 6

Dlr: E

Vul: EW

♠ T7652

♥ 52

♦ QJ

♣ Q864

♠ AKQ8

♥ AJT73

♦ 94

♣ T2

♠ J43  
♥ K986  
♦ AKT7  
♣ J3

♠ 9  
♥ Q4  
♦ 86532  
♣ AK975

14

5 12

9



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<b>John</b>		<b>Maura</b>
		1NT	2NT
Pass	3D*	All Pass	

When I overcalled 2NT showing 20-22 HCP, John knew I had made a mistake. East had at least 12 HCP, he could see 14 HCP in his own hand, so there was clearly a bidding error. However, John bid as if my bid was systemic, so he dutifully responded 3D which was a transfer to Hearts. I passed and wished I could leave the room. Without a visible flicker of emotion, John thanked me and got on with making his contract.

The six of Hearts was led, taken in dummy. The 2D from the board was won by West, who switched to a Spade. A Heart or a Club return might defeat the contract. John won with his Ace and played another trump. When another Spade came back, John executed a perfect end-play, stripping poor East of her two Clubs and three Spades and throwing her in with a trump, so she was obliged to lead away from her Heart King. A joy to watch! I would like to add that I don't normally bid like that. Even if it had been showing the minors, 2NT is a terrible overcall with no points in Diamonds. I am still convinced it was the peppermint essence!

I would like to thank the organisers of this lovely Congress and I am sorry to say that I have forgotten the name of the wonderful lady who worked in the kitchen all day on Saturday, but she deserves a special mention. Thanks, too, to Bill Kemp who is a charming, patient director who goes out of his way to help everybody.



# ANC 2012 Logo Competition

## Enter the Logo Competition

The Northern Territory Bridge Association in conjunction with the Australian Bridge Federation will host the 2012 Australian Bridge Championships (ANC) in Darwin in July 2012. A suitable logo is needed. Design the winning entry and win an entry to the Territory Gold Bridge Festival, or equivalent in cash (\$200).

## Design Criteria

The winning logo will:

- Be visually suggestive of aspects of bridge and the Northern Territory.
- Be readily scalable from a small size suitable for letterhead to a large size suitable for a T-shirt or a poster. The logo should be suitable for both black & white and colour reproduction.
- Not violate any copyright or trademark laws. (e.g do not use any image of Uluru.)

The competition is open to everyone.

Entries are to be submitted by post to:

ANC2012 Logo Competition

NTBA

GPO Box 2101

Darwin, NT 0801

or by email to:

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or given to Pam Nunn

The competition closes on 31 May 2011.

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ANC 2012 Logo Competition Entry Form

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# Summer Festival

from Peter Holloway

I went to Canberra this year with two items on the agenda. Direct and play. Well three actually, I intended to spend a few days in Melbourne en route catching up with my eldest daughter, unfortunately the Queensland floods ruined that plan. She was sent by her company to Brisbane to help get the Queensland business back to normal so, unable to change my flights I arrived in Canberra 3 days early.

Scheduled to Direct Wednesday through Sunday and play the final week I turned up Sunday evening to see if Sean, (the convenor,) needed any set-up help. Was immediately asked "what are you doing for the next 2 days?" Following my caged "nothing" was then told "great-you can play in the last train!" Missing a pair they needed to make up a full table. I was paired with John Petite, known by all over east as "Moppy". A very good player too. We had but 20 minutes on Monday morning to work out a system, I must admit I was rather bewildered by some of his conventions, especially the unknown to me "pivot" bids, but we settled down to play hoping for the best. Against the odds we managed to get along very nicely and before the final match on Tuesday found ourselves in 4<sup>th</sup> place, not far from the lead. However my dreams of glory subsided somewhat when were at table 1 to play Bobby Richman and ex NZ international Kathy Boardman.

Our fledgling partnership couldn't cope with our opponents many conventions, especially their transfer openings and responses. We were duly soundly beaten but still finished in a respectable position and it was a great experience playing against Bobby, Australia's leading Master point earner.

On to the directing. It is always a pleasure to work with some of Australia's leading Directors, one learns much by seeing new ideas and how tricky decisions are handled in the other States. There is usually at least one overseas visiting director, this year Italian Maurizio De Sacco. His lecture on how Italy has virtually dispensed with Appeals was enlightening. As it happens, it is unusual to get an appeal in Canberra too. This is

because with any judgemental issue one always consults with other directors.e.g. To what extent did the failure to alert or misinformation damage the non-offending side? And what are the options and how do we provide rectification? All have input and settle on an outcome. (This is basically how appeals have been dispensed with in Italy and co-incidentally how I often decide tricky decisions in Perth.) I.e. when things are not clear-cut and I cannot quite decide I will often defer a decision and ask some of the leading players later for their opinions and or phone one of the other State Directors. As with many things in life, others may well see an aspect/option you haven't considered. The thought processes and consideration of factors not always apparent to a lone director mean one can make a mental note for future eventualities.

Overall an enlightening and enjoyable trip, valuable lessons and information learned in playing and directing.

## Masters

In Teams of Three

For Players with less than 100 MP as at 01/01/2011

Date: Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August  
Time: 10.00 am  
Place: Nedlands Bridge Club  
Cost: \$10 per player

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# CONGRATULATION!

## 2011 Women's Playoffs

The 2011 Women's playoff held in New South Wales March 26-31 was won by the CLARK team -

**Alida Clark, Candice Berman, Catherine Lachman, Helen Snashall, Paula McLeish and Pele Rankin.**

Team	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total
BILSKI	28	28	34	62	41	103	13	116
CLARK	4	4	14	18	40	58	86	144

### Team members

BILSKI Margaret Bourke, Elizabeth Havas, Berri Folkard, Di Smart, Sue Lusk, Therese Tully

CLARK Catherine Lachman, Helen Snashall, Paula McLeish, Pele Rankin, Candice Berman, Alida Clark

### Target events:

- ♣ The APBF Women's Championship 2011 in Kuala Lumpur
- ♣ The Zone 7 Women's Championship
- ♣ The Venice Cup at the 40th World Team Championships 2011 in Eindhoven, Netherlands

## 2011 Seniors' Playoffs

Newtown April 2011

The Seniors' Playoff was won by the KLINGER team - Ron Klinger, Bill Haughie, Andy Braithwaite, Bob Richman, Peter Buchen and **Henry Christie**.

### Target events:

- ♣ The APBF Seniors Championship 2011 in Kuala Lumpur
- ♣ The Zone 7 Seniors Championship
- ♣ The Seniors Bowl at the 40th World Team Championships 2011 in Eindhoven, Netherlands



# Diarize Now

## Upcoming BAWA & Club Events - 2011

<b>May</b>	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> -Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Mandurah Bridge Club Congress - see flyer</b> <b>Western Seniors Pairs Championship</b> Venue: Melville Civic Centre <b>WABC Novice Congress - see flyer</b>
<b>June</b>	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> –Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> –Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WABC Congress - see flyer</b> <b>Country GNOT</b> <b>BAWA State Swiss Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> of 6</b> Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BAWA State Winter Teams 1<sup>st</sup> of 4</b> Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Sun 26th	<b>WABC Masters in Teams of Three</b> Venue: Western Australian Bridge Club 10.00am
<b>July</b>	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Terry Glover Memorial Swiss Teams 1<sup>st</sup> of 3</b> <b>See flyer</b>
	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BAWA Daytime Open Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 Wednesdays</b> Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 12.30pm
	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Terry Glover Memorial Swiss Teams 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3</b>
	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BAWA State Handicap Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> of 3</b> Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Terry Glover Memorial Swiss Teams 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3</b>
	23 <sup>rd</sup> –Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Australian National Championships -Melbourne</b>
	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nedlands Bridge Club One Day Congress</b>
<b>Aug</b>	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>BAWA State Men's/Women's Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> of 4</b> Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PQP Butler Pairs Open &amp; Women's 1<sup>st</sup> of 6</b> Venue: South Perth Bridge Club 7.30pm
	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Perth Bridge Club Congress</b>
	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Swan River Swiss Open Pairs (PQP &amp; Gold Points)</b>
	Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>BAWA Simultaneous Pairs Week</b>
	Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> –Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>GNOT City Final &amp; Restricted Heat</b>
	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BAWA MASTER IN TEAMS OF 3</b> Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club 10.00am
<b>***NOTE***</b>	<b>Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.</b>	
	<b>BAWA/Congress Events</b>	Entries <a href="http://www.bawa.asn.au">www.bawa.asn.au</a> unless other specified.

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### SWAN RIVER OPEN SWISS PAIRS

PQP'S (32,24,16 & 8)  
and GOLD POINTS

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00 am  
and

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30 am  
at the

West Australian Bridge Club  
Odeon Crescent, Swanbourne

*Directing Team*

Matthew McManus and Bill Kemp

*Tournament Organizer*

Hilary Yovich

Phone: 08 9341 8116 Fax: 08 9341  
4547

[hilary@iinet.net.au](mailto:hilary@iinet.net.au)

Entry Fee \$75 per player at the table

or on the BAWA web site with receipt at the  
table please

Lunches from Kirkwood Deli can be ordered  
before play each day

### CLASS OF 2011



WABC

### MASTERS IN TEAMS OF THREE

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am

Open to all bridge under-graduates with  
less than 100 Masterpoints  
as at 1 January 2011.

The idea is to form a 3 person team. The  
fourth member of your team will be a  
bridge professor chosen by ballot before  
start of play. All team members will get to  
play one session with the bridge professor  
as their partner.

Entry Fee: \$25 per player

Drinks, nibbles and prizes after play at  
approx. 5.00pm

Entries via:

- BAWA website: [bawa.asn.au](http://bawa.asn.au)
- WABC website: [wabridgeclub.com.au](http://wabridgeclub.com.au)
- WABC: 9284 4144

Tournament Organiser:

Kitty George 9447 5303

Tournament Director:

John Beddow 0421 994 293

# Around the Clubs

by Linda Bedford-Brown

## Melville Bridge Club

from Margaret Newton

Our Committee has approved and made donations on behalf of Members, to the Red Cross appeals for flood relief in Carnarvon & Queensland. We are so fortunate to live here in idyllic Perth, - perhaps it has been a bit hot recently, but that does not affect our lifestyle greatly; unlike recent events in other areas.

Motorists that are not club members have caused parking problems at the club and these have now been addressed. The City of Melville has installed signs waring of infringement penalties. This should now make parking easier.

## Kalamunda Bridge Club

from Andy Leal

Kalamunda bridge club started social bridge sessions on a Monday evening from 7.00 to 9.30 in April to cater for those players who wanted a much more informal atmosphere in which to play bridge (and have the odd glass of wine) and aren't concerned with master points. The first session was well attended and several potential players were on holidays. The new club president, Andy Leal, said this new development was to meet the needs of many of the new learners who wanted a different type of bridge (and not an 11.00 finish!) and its obvious success perhaps indicated the way forward for clubs seeking to recruit new members.

For the more serious players the Open Pairs was played out over three Wednesdays and **Alf Dupont** and **Sheelagh Dupont** won the event, having come last on the first session, to push Bente Hansen and Wendy Harman into second. The leaders after two rounds, Doug Hegarty and Andy Leal came third.

The club is also re-organising its lessons for beginners which will now only cover the bidding basics (with a professionally produced book containing the lessons-including the more advanced ones- exercises and web references

being provided)

There will then be mentoring sessions and, when

appropriate, further sessions on bidding and playing the cards incorporated into these sessions. By adopting this new approach it is expected that the retention rate for beginners' classes will improve and more will be encouraged to join the club. Initially it is anticipated they will play social bridge with some progressing into the more competitive arena.

To increase the numbers of beginners the club is running a two prong poster campaign. The first group of posters will raise the profile of bridge and the club and later ones will advertise the lessons. They are being designed by a graphic artist in co-operation with the club and then professionally produced. As Andy says" bridge has the image of being for older people and a bit un cool" and a professional marketing campaign is necessary to change this image in our area"

Anyone wanting further information can contact Andy on 92916451

## West Australian Bridge Club

from Kitty George

With over 1000 members (906 of whom nominate as home club members),WABC is now the largest bridge club in Australia. Since moving from Dalkeith to our new home in Swanbourne, the club has experienced an unprecedented increase in membership. When we sit out on the patio on these beautiful autumn evenings we have much cause to thank the foresight and commitment of the founding club members who have brought us to this point. Thanks are also given to our current president **Alison Rigg**, our tireless office manager **Sheenagh Young** and the many members who assist them, who have so capably coped with the headaches that such growth inevitably brings.

Congratulations are due to **Viv Wood** on the announcement of her selection in the State Women's Team. We were also delighted to hear



that **Derek and Carol Pocock** (members of WABC since 1973) won 2 of the 3 major events at the recent Albany Congress.

The club recently held the Handicap Pairs Championship.



Peter Danzi and Dom Musitano who placed third with Handicap Pairs Champion Marie Musitano (and Eileen Reilly)



Runners up Louise Martin and Sue Gammon

A very happy party was held afterwards at which there was much conjecture as to who would be in charge at the Musitano home!

## Kalgoorlie Bridge Club

**from Sue Lia**

Bridge is played three times during the week - Tuesday afternoons, Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Tuesday is an individual competition, Thursday and Saturday is pairs competition.

Statistics are kept and collated for Tuesdays and Thursday games and these results determine our club awards.

The awards night was held 10 March 2011.

## Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Awards for 2010

### Tuesday Individual Champion

			Ave
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Williams	61.50%	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barry Aslett	55.30%	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fay Taylor	52.10%	
<b>Highest Individual Score</b>			
	Barry Aslett	81.00%	
<b>Most slam bid and made</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Barry Aslett	5	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lorna Sharp	4	

### Thursday Pairs Champions

			Ave
1 <sup>st</sup>	Val Norman and Ronnie Rogers	60.50%	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barry Aslett and Chris Shotter	59.60%	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sue Lia and Geza Sulykos	55.40%	
<b>Highest Pairs Score</b>			
	Barry Aslett and Chris Shotter	76.40%	
<b>Most slam bid and made</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Shotter	7	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue Lia, Geza Sulykos, Pam Moore and Barry Aslett	6	

### Most Successful New Player

Yvonne Hefron

### Most promising New Player

Kim Zafer

Each year there is also an award for the first grand slam bid and made on Tuesday and Thursday and surprisingly in 2010 this did not happen at either session!

Congratulations to all winners for 2010 and good bridging to all for 2011

## EDITING OF MATERIAL

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## South Perth Bridge Club

from Darrell Williams



Members joyously celebrated the South Perth Bridge Club's **30<sup>th</sup> birthday** on the 27<sup>th</sup> March while also playing bridge in the Dora Wilson Trophy Event.

Denis Lawrence ably directed. Thirty two pairs participated. Life

Member, **Pat Boys** cut the birthday cake as President **Darrell Williams** looked on. Members thoroughly enjoyed some really delicious Birthday cakes arranged by Isla Watkins over afternoon tea. Congratulations to the winners, **Marnie Leybourne** and **Nick Cantatore** with Margaret Mackenzie and Anne Torlach in second place.

Karalee Open Pairs were played on Tuesday 05th April with 64 players competing for the Sponsor's donated prizes. Congratulations to the winners north / south, **John Nicholas** and **Maura Rhodes** shown in the photo with Vice President Cassie

Morin and Louis Klein and Michael Berk [east / west.] Many thanks to Pierre Sequeira from Karalee Tavern and IGA Como for donating the prizes.



Congratulation to Joan Prince who qualified to represent WA by being a place getter in the State Open Teams and to Elizabeth McNeil, Dave Munro, Dave Dale and Pim Birss for their win in the Albany Congress Teams.

Remember that should you want to escape for a few hours to practise your system, play with a new or regular partner the SPCB is open at 1.30pm on a Sunday and you can even also come along without a partner and play with the duty partner.

## Undercroft Bridge Club

from Tony Martin

The raffle held on behalf of the Lord Mayor's Fire Relief Fund was finally drawn and the amount raised was \$412 a great effort, thank you to all members who participated.

Congratulations to **John Reid** and **Ian Rowlands** for winning the Understate Masters and Vina Maia & Anne DeSouza as runners up. It was especially pleasing to see so many newer players participating in this. Well done all.

Our club heats for the Grand National Open Teams are under way again and as usual we have a 16 team field with a round robin over 5 weeks. This event is so popular at Undercroft that it was full within a week of the entry lists being posted and even resulted in people missing out.

The Interclub teams are all underway now and it is good to see our members eager to do battle with the other clubs. This competition is great for getting to know players from other clubs and build up camaraderie. Many of our members have played in this competition for years and have made many friends they would otherwise never have met.

We have the pleasure of Fiske Warren giving lessons currently and he is proving very popular with good turnouts and excellent feedback. Thanks Fiske.

Good luck to all in the upcoming Western Seniors especially those from Undercroft of course.

## Mandurah Bridge Club

from Ian Jones

The Mandurah Bridge Club Teams Championship was held on Saturday 16 April and won by **Tom Stack, Alan Wardroper, Phil Power and Kathy Power**.

The winners for the Best 3 out of 4 competition for March 2011 were **Doug Hardman and Vera Hardman**.

### Upcoming Events

Bridge for Brains on Friday 6th May.

Mandurah Congress 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May:

- Welcome Pairs Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May (evening)

- Swiss Pairs Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May (all day, with a separate walk-in single session Duplicate Pairs in the afternoon)
  - Swiss Teams Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- Entries via BAWA website.

Handicap Pairs Championship on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### **Bridge Course for Beginners**

The Mandurah Bridge Club will be running a 10-week bridge course for beginners wishing to learn the game. The course will commence on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the clubhouse at 9.30 am and the cost is \$75 including all course material and morning tea. The club is located at Bortolo Park, on the corner of Murdoch and Bortolo Drives, Greenfields, Mandurah, and is a 5 minute walk from the train station. There is ample car parking. Call Ian Wake to register on 9534 3963, after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Busselton Bridge Club**

**from Jane Moulden**

Busselton Bridge Club recently held its Club Championships, with awards being presented to Open Pairs Winners: **Di Bishop** and **John Whiting**

Open Pairs Runners Up: **Tony Haabjoern** and **Alice Pinnock**.

Restricted Pairs: **Mavis Greig** and **Bob Taylor**.

Our Teams event runs throughout the year as a Round Robin. As we visit each other's homes it's a great opportunity to find out more about our fellow club members. The social side of afternoon tea and a few drinks afterwards certainly enhances an afternoon of bridge.

The big social event of the year was our Club Dinner which was held at Busselton Tennis Club. A dedicated team decorated it in such a way that it was hardly recognizable as our normal playing venue. The convivial atmosphere ensured a good time was had by all.

### **Italian Bridge Club**

**from Marie Musitano**

Recent Tuesday event saw **David Hughes** & **Steven Pynt** coming 1<sup>st</sup> with 2<sup>nd</sup> Julia Corr and

Joan Schneider and 3<sup>rd</sup> Leon Randolph and James Thompson.

Flyer for the next event is in this issue  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.00pm

### **Nedlands Bridge Club**

**from Ann Ashman**

We congratulate club members – President **Linda Bedford-Brown**, **John Beddow**, **Shizue Futaesaku**, **Wendy Driscoll** and **Heather Williams** who will form the State Seniors Team to represent WA at the Australian National Championships in Melbourne July 23<sup>rd</sup>- August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations also to club Members (BAWA President) **Nigel Dutton**, **Marie France Merven**, **Pauline Collett**, **Thilak Ranasinghe** and **David Schokman** who will also be at the ANC forming the State Open Team.

Supervised sessions are held every Tuesday morning 9.30am -12.00. You are most welcome to come along without a partner.

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> is Mentor night – 7pm – 9.30pm. Come along and have some fun. Enjoy wine and cheese- cost \$6. You will be paired with an experienced player as you play non supervised bridge. Further details 08 93868166

**Fiske Warren** starts more of his popular lectures – two a month:

11<sup>th</sup> May: Defence-Suit Preference Signals - 25<sup>th</sup> May: Redoubles-Lots of Meanings!

8<sup>th</sup> June: No Trump Play-Keeping Dangerous Opponents off Lead.

22<sup>nd</sup> June: Roman Key Card Blackwood.

13<sup>th</sup> July: Declarer Play-Counting Winners and Losers.

27<sup>th</sup> July: Simple Transfers.

10<sup>th</sup> August: Declarer Play-Entry Management.

24<sup>th</sup> August: 4<sup>th</sup> Suit Forcing.

\$12 each lecture with no need to pre-book and no need to come with a partner.



Celebrations in April for two members reaching their **90<sup>th</sup> birthday** - **Margaret Kerr and Jim Ferris**.

The club recycles stamps, jars, corks and ring pulls. Did you know that old xrays can also be recycled? Director **Jan Howell** will collect from South Perth Bridge Club, Melville Bridge Club and Nedlands Bridge Club and deposit them into one of the two recycling venues in Perth.

Jan will wait for a few weeks before collecting them all and then take the trip to Malaga.

Bridge Clubs can contact Jan on [jan@it.net.au](mailto:jan@it.net.au) if they wish to be added to a convenient pick up.

## Bunbury Bridge Club

from Nils Andersson

The Red Point March event was won by

### N/S

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate Boston and Di Brooks
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Errol Roberts and Dennis Evans
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Moira Fishlock and Fay Newman

### E/W

1 <sup>st</sup>	Judy Clarke and Fay Woods
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elizabeth Norton and Kath Philip
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nils Andersson and Val Knott

The club holds sessions on Mondays 12.45pm – Tuesdays 7.00pm – Wednesdays 7.30pm – Fridays and Saturdays 12.45pm.

## Di Brooks from Capel

Hurry if you want to be in for the Di Brooks Lectures happening in Bunbury and Kojunup – places are filling fast: contact Di for further info: [dialbrooks@tadaust.org.au](mailto:dialbrooks@tadaust.org.au)



## Fund Raising Bridge Day Dunsborough

Naturaliste Community Centre - Dunsborough Lakes



**Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 10am to 5pm**

To raise money for local and international projects which help  
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**Duplicate Bridge**

Prizes & Raffles - Lunch Included - Complimentary glass of wine  
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Registration Forms - Contact Jane Moulden 9756 7752 [janemoulden@westnet.com.au](mailto:janemoulden@westnet.com.au)



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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June:  
10am start, no night play

McCANCE SENIORS SWISS PAIRS \*  
WALLY SCOTT OPEN SWISS PAIRS  
VCC WOMENS SWISS PAIRS \*  
VCC RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June:  
10am start, no night play

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# New reading

## The Pocket Guide to Bridge Conventions You Should Know

by Barbara Seagram and Marc Smith

This is a condensed (and better arranged) version of 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know (same authors) which must be nudging other contenders for the most sold bridge book of all time (last count 150,000+ in four languages). Aimed at the newcomer, it contains some essential conventions and some only suited to those players who have grasped the fundamentals.

**RRP \$14.95**

This book is available through the usual bridge product retailers:

**The Bridge Shop** 02 9967 0644 or 07 3846 5994 in Brisbane  
**Post Free Bridge Books** 02 9388 8861  
**John Hardy (Brisbane)** 07 3398 8898 or 0409 786 050

## New books due in April:

<b>Defensive Signalling</b>	By David Bird	Aimed at improvers plus, this book looks promising, including looking at the defensive methods of some of the world's best pairs.
<b>Out of Hand and Off the Fairway</b>	By Bill Buttle	Just for fun, a collection of bridge and golf cartoons.
<b>The Hog Takes to Precision</b>	By Victor Mollo	Unearthed stories that never appeared in book form again, or at the very least appeared in obscure magazine.
<b>Bridge with Bells and Whistles</b>	By Mary Ann Dufresne and Marion Ellingsen	Aimed at those players just beyond Beginners courses and ready to add a few gadgets to their system card.
<b>Bridge Mix</b>	By Paul Holtman	Bridge fiction, it's a zany funny collection of short stories with great bridge deals in locations from Ancient Egypt to outer space.

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**Play these Hands with me**

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**Send to Linda Bedford-Brown**

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# THE L PLATE

## NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS

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

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011**

CONVENOR KITTY GEORGE  
DIRECTOR BILL KEMP

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**PLAYERS MUST HAVE 0 – 49.99  
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**RED POINTS and CASH PRIZES**

**ENTRY FEE \$30 per player**

**ALL PAIRS MUST HAVE 2 IDENTICAL  
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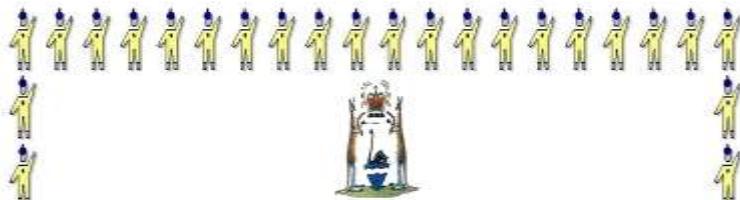
**2 SESSION EVENT:**

**QUALIFYING COMMENCING 10.00am**

**FINAL COMMENCING 2.00pm**

**A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY WABC**

**PRIZE GIVING AFTER PLAY at approx 5.00pm**



**WABC 2011**

## FOUNDATION DAY CONGRESS

To be held at the  
WABC CLUB ROOMS

7 Odern Crescent SWANBOURNE

**FRI JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> to MON JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>**

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**ENTRY FEE:**

\$14 per person Pairs session

\$28 per person Teams/Swiss Pairs

½ price entry for Youth players

**RED POINTS & CASH PRIZES ALL EVENTS**

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	CONGRESS PAIRS
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	CONGRESS PAIRS
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am and 2pm	CONGRESS TEAMS
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	PRESIDENT'S PAIRS – Walk-in event
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am and 2pm	SWISS PAIRS

Lunch is available for purchase from nearby outlets

**PRIZE GIVING AFTER PLAY ON MONDAY**

# Results

## BAWA State Men's Teams

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gerry Daly, Trevor Fuller, Geoff Cross, Nigel Dutton, Don Allen and Ron Mann.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuck Meng Chin, Chris Mulley, Eddy Mandavy, Paul Brayshaw, Matthew Raisin and Greg Dupont
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Fox, Geoff Yeo, Pim Birss, Bruce Fraser and John Aquino



Geoff Yeo, Trevor Fuller, Richard Fox and Gerry Daly

## BAWA State Women's Teams

1 <sup>st</sup>	Denise Sharbanee, Florence Maltby, Tirza Cohen and Bridget Cooke
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cynthia Belonogoff, Pauline Hammond, Val Biltoft and Doreen Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pauline Collett, Joan Prince, Lauren Shiels and Annabel Booth



Denise Sharbanee, Florence Maltby, Tirza Cohen and Bridget Cooke



Shizue Futaesaku, Jill Del Piccolo, Wendy Driscoll and Vivienne Goldberg

## Open Teams Final and WAP Playoffs

The Team players:

David Schokman, Thilak Ranasinghe, Marie France Merven, Nigel Dutton, Joan Prince and Pauline Collett

Defeated:

Cynthia Belonogoff, Pauline Hammond, Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller



## WA Italian Club Red Point Congress

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steven Pynt and David Hughes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julia Corr and Joan Schneider
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leon Randolph and James Thompson



*Italian Club President Domenic de Gasperis with Winners Steven Pynt and David Hughes*

## Albany Congress

### WELCOME PAIRS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Pocock and Derek Pocock
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Willemson and John Ewing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Valerie Isle and Pamela Smith

### FINAL:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Pocock and Derek Pocock
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan Burgess and Jana Mayhew
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jenny Maley and Bill Maley

### PLATE:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate Boston and Murray Webber
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marie France Merven and Nigel Dutton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Margaret Murray and Shirley Anderson

### CONS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Clive Smith and Ken Beatty
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judith Selleck and Kevin Crough
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diana Hearn and Bill Hearn

### CONGRESS TEAMS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Liz McNeill, Dave Munro, Pim Birss and David Dale
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marie France Merven, Nigel Dutton, Val Bilton and Phil Tearne
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Judy Havercroft and Max Havercroft, Judith Selleck and Kevin Crough

## South Perth Bridge Club Easter Congress

### FRIDAY WELCOME PAIRS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barbara Frost and Jeanne Hey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Munro and Carole Munro
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Berk and Tony Stevens

### SATURDAY SWISS PAIRS

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Nicholas and Maura Rhodes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Prince and Joan Prince
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jan Howell and Jeanne Hey

### SUNDAY CONGRESS PAIRS

#### FINAL

1 <sup>st</sup>	Anne Mitchell and Lisa Wylie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heather Williams and Jan Blight
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Grenside and Sue Grenside

#### PLATE:

##### N/S

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gerry Daly and Viv Wood
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan Howell and Linda Ingham
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Derek Pocock and Ian Isle

##### E/W

1 <sup>st</sup>	Denis Gimblett and Hilary Stiling
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pim Birss and Bruce Fraser
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Martin Goodall and Joan Valentine

### MONDAY ANZAC PAIRS:

##### N/S

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jill Del Piccolo and Viv Wood
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roz Trend and Vicky Wiley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Wylie and Merleine Wylie

##### E/W

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Hughes and Kristin Hughes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thilak Ranasinghe and Eddy Mandavy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marie Sheridan and Christin Jenkins

### TUESDAY TEAMS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nick Cantatore, Shizue Futaesaku, Eddy Mandavy and Andrew Swider
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gregory Dupont, Matthew Raisin, Alfred Dupont and Sheelagh Dupont
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Aquino, Jill Courtney, Clive Hunt and Inga Hunt

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Team for the Australian National Bridge Championships

July 23rd – Aug 4th 2011 Melbourne



*John Beddow, Linda Bedford-Brown, Shizue Futaesaku, Egmont Melton, Heather Williams and Wendy Driscoll*



*Friends arrived with delicious hors d'oeuvres.....*



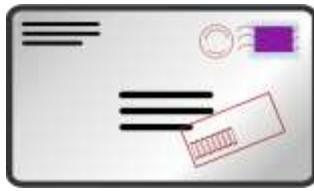
*Travelled from Geraldton to play in the event  
Maureen Knight and Chris Knight*



*And the post mortems continued.....*

## 2011 PENNANTS ROUND THREE

ALBANY	61.10	57.70	52.70	50.00	49.80		<b>54.26</b>	
BRIDGETOWN	62.50	59.20	54.60				<b>58.77</b>	6 VPs
BUNBURY	64.10	54.00	51.50	51.00			<b>55.15</b>	
BUSSELTON	60.20	59.20	58.10	53.80	53.50		<b>56.96</b>	
ESPERANCE	58.00	54.90	52.10				<b>55.00</b>	
GERALDTON	65.60	62.20	61.10	58.40	52.80	47.00	<b>57.85</b>	
KALAMUNDA	62.60	55.90	55.20	48.20			<b>55.48</b>	
KALGOORLIE	60.30	56.30	55.50				<b>57.37</b>	
MACCABI	57.70	56.80	55.40	53.00	47.00		<b>53.98</b>	
MELVILLE	65.30	59.30	56.60	50.60	50.60	50.00	<b>55.40</b>	
NEDLANDS	58.70	56.30	52.50	51.70			<b>54.80</b>	
ROCKINGHAM	59.00	57.70	52.90	48.30			<b>54.48</b>	
SOUTH PERTH	62.30	55.90	59.50	59.30	56.30	55.80	<b>58.18</b>	4VPs
UNDERCROFT	61.50	61.10	59.50	57.30	54.20	53.80	<b>57.90</b>	2VPs



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Club Congresses

BAWA needs to instil a level of loyalty and respect for its activities which sometimes is in doubt with numerous club players. In conjunction with its other activities it approves club congresses which are a popular feature of the Clubs annual programme and to which a lot of effort is put in to make their congress a success. This includes catering as well as other work put in by members to ensure that the event is enjoyed by all those taking part

This is shown at the end of the congress by acknowledging those who have provided their work. Yet it is seldom that a BAWA representative stands up and congratulates the club for their contribution and this is a very visible feature of BAWA's failing and leads to a poor opinion of the State body's image

May I suggest that BAWA institutes a firm roster from its council such that there is always a member present at the conclusion

of every club congress to represent BAWA and speak at the prize giving to express the State's

appreciation of the work performed to ensure the success of the day, weekend, holiday etc.

A further and controversial point: prize winners at the congress, if they play in the last session they should stay for the prize giving to receive their winnings. To depart from the scene at unabashed speed when they are winners is most impolite. The sanction that should therefore be applied is that any prize winners who were playing in the final session should forfeit any prize(s) they have won during the entire congress and such prizes returned to the offended club's general revenue.

It will be interesting to hear comments on the above and hopefully improve the image of our State body.

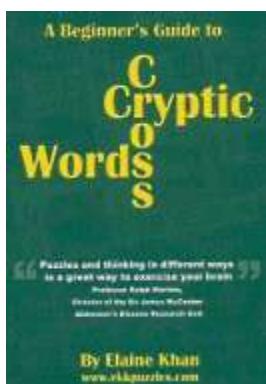
**Dr Derek A. Pocock**

(long ago) Past President BAWA

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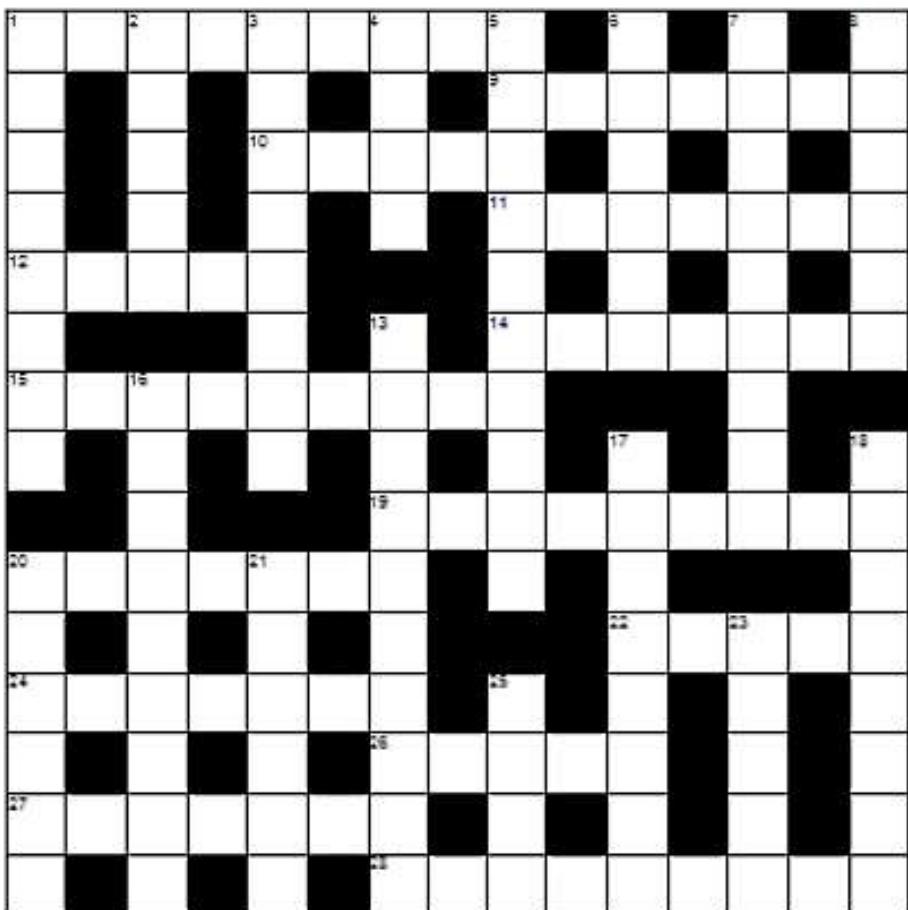
Elaine kindly donates part proceeds of her Cryptic Crossword Book sales to Youth Bridge players and to the McCusker Foundation.



# cryptic crossword

*compiled by Elaine Khan*

## PUZZLE 1106



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### ACROSS

- 1 Possessor's joint shows the right to hold an asset. (9)
- 9 Reproach by flying a plait? (7)
- 10 Fit and lively in a silver French island. (5)
- 11 Reuse something about a recurring set of actions. (7)
- 12 Note mess made new swelling.(5)
- 14 Objectionable old boy leads to spot where a crime took place. (7)
- 15 Legendary sword of former US State I second before ancient city. (9)
- 19 Notice about firm string in returning to South East.(9)
- 20 Unaccompanied singing? With two of me nominally giving a dry red wine.(7)
- 22 Arrive at or about a church. (5)
- 24 Kidney stones that are worked out? (7)
- 26 The good French is a mess, but stately. (5)
- 27 3-D kindy work with Diana otherwise with Doctor's organisation. (7)
- 28 Held for a set time, when hole leads mess. (9)

### DOWN

- 1 Mile tracker runs rings around five hundred and measuring device. (8)
- 2 Head nurse that is returned to church is a girlie member of the family. (5)
- 3 Relating to short advert using single half blend becomes legible. (8)
- 4 He is right initially to be receiver after passing.(4)
- 5 Latin boy to Rhode Island firm becomes a central American country. (6, 4)
- 6 A graduate with coppers may use basic calculator. (6)
- 7 Old game with rap, rewound revolutionary to note direction intently for starters. (9)
- 8 Stick to this place. (6)
- 13 Native with rare blood group goes to the start with a leper for starters. (10)
- 16 Firm register with a charged particle becomes a quadrille. (9)
- 17 Upset one Governor General at Rhode Island the day before...(8)
- 18 Start to eat the colour & get tied to something.(8)
- 20 A hundred & one head cases come to a lawman in America to find a noisy winged insect. (6)
- 21 No university gate opener starts another time to give this sweet. (6)
- 23 Aggressive feelings makes bag grow apart. (5)
- 25 Patriarchal pop group of the 80s. (4)

### SOLUTION to Puzzle 1105

