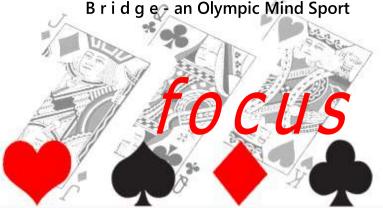


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BAWA Autumn Pairs



Allison Stralow (2nd), Linda Coli (1st), Jonathan Free (1st) and Lauren Shiels (2nd) (Photo courtesy of Allison Stralow)

ANC Open Selection Final



Karol Miller (1st)



Val Biltoft (1st)



Jonathan Free (2nd)



Mimi Parker (2nd)



Trevor Fuller (3rd)



Gerry Daly (3rd)







Warm-UP with the Swan River Swiss Pairs



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Please note that entries to the ANC open on the MYABF website.

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For the Swan River Swiss Pairs: https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/6 and follow the prompts. For all other ANC events: https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/7 and follow the prompts.





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President's Report

If you want to play in the Western Seniors and / or the Swan River Swiss then you will need to enter via MyABF. This is the only way you may enter, furthermore, it is highly likely that before the end of the year all state events and most congress will be run, by their convenors, through MyABF.

You must register, the process is very easy, simply visit MyABF, I have placed a link on the main page of the BAWA web site, select Register, enter your ABF number, your name will appear. Then enter an email address, a verified password, and you're done.

The Western Seniors has a very generous Early Bird Discount, pay online before May 8 and receive a \$40 per pair discount. If you pay via direct debit to BAWA, this is the preferred method as no bank fees are charged to BAWA, keep your receipt and bring it along on May 15. You may also pay by credit card via MyABF credits. All of which is explained on the MyABF site.

The Swan River Swiss Pairs also offers and Early Bird Discount, details on the flyer. However, the Swan River will be cashless, NO cash payment at the table. The generous prizes will be delivered to the winners via EFT.

We continue to be so fortunate in WA to have our bridge lives continue pretty much as normal during what was a most challenging time for the remainder of Australia. Furthermore, I can report that, even after an interesting year, at last month's BAWA AGM the Treasurer, Stella Steer and our Hon. Auditor, Graham Cushion delivered a pleasing Financial Report. BAWA remains in a sound financial position.

Keep in mind that, if all goes to plan the Swan River and the 2021 ANC will be held at the Perth Convention beginning July 10. Diarize this great 13 day Gold and Red Point bonanza NOW.

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Interstate Seniors' Selection

Starts Thursday, April 15th, @ 7.30pm (weekend start times 10.00am) Venue: City of Melville Bridge Club Entry Fee: \$75.00 pp

State Swiss Teams

3-week event Starts Thursday April 29th @ 7.30pm Venue: City of Melville Bridge Club Entry Fee: \$160.00 per team

State Daytime Swiss Pairs

3-week event Starts Tuesday May 18th @12.30pm Venue: City of Melville Bridge Club Entry Fee: \$40.00 pp

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Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

Northern Districts Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

The Autumn Pairs Red Point was held on Monday 15/3/2021 with 11.5 tables. The winners were Susan Sharland and John Sharland N/S with 68.55% and Carol Thomas and Eddie Pozarowszczyk E/W with 61.14%. It was an enjoyable afternoon with the usual delicious afternoon tea. Thanks to all who helped.



Susan, John, Carol and Eddie.

Our website is www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org

Bridgetown Bridge Club

From Jan Burgess

We held our Annual General Meeting on 23rd February, and true to form we dealt with all the business very speedily - it took only 15 minutes! - and we were able to settle down to our usual Club night in good time.

Our Committee members run our Club with quiet and smooth efficiency, so as a reward for their good stewardship, we were happy to re-elect them for a further year! They are -

President	Patricia Rodgers
Vice President	Eric Wheatley
Secretary	Ursula Wade
Treasurer	Jana Mayhew

Social Secretary	Gillian Wheatley
Tournament Cttee	Jan Burgess Eric Wheatley
Auditor	Jenny Dewing

We hope to be able to arrange another Workshop this year, following on the success of our previous ones.

Tuesday night is our Club night - 7 pm at St Paul's Church Hall. Visitors very welcome if you are taking a break "out yonder" in the South West.

City of Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

RECENT EVENTS

Since our last newsletter we have played several major events and social events. Our first Championship event for 2021 was the Swiss Pairs Championship that was held on 15^{th} and 22nd February with twenty-eight pairs competing, well down on last year's thirty-six pairs. There was a sense of $d\acute{e}j\grave{a}$ vu when the winners were announced with Suzanne and Marty Goodall winning, last year's winners Bill Symons and Merwyn Menezes coming second and last year's third place getters Gwyneira Brahma and Cassie Morin coming third once again.



Winners of the Swiss Pairs Championship: Suzanne and Marty Goodall.



2nd Merwyn Menezes and Bill Symons



3rd Cassie Morin and Gwyneira Brahma

Novelty prizes (randomly drawn) were awarded to Mark Hughes and Kim Yap, Bhavna and Nilesh Patel, and Maureen Rendall and Richard Fuller. We award these prizes at all our major club events and they are very popular for they give everyone a chance to be among the prize winners regardless of their ability or experience.

Pizza and Bridge Night On Friday 19th February we held a pizza and bridge night, the first event of this type in our new premises. Ticket sales were slow at first but there was a surge of interest towards the end, and we finished with twelve tables spread across two movements. A good roll-up for this inaugural event.







Oakwood Congress

We held our annual Oakwood Congress on the weekend of 6th & 7th March. This congress acknowledges the generous support given to the Club by Oakwood Funerals. The Welcome Pairs (forty-two pairs competing) was won by Mimi Packer and Tim Knowles (N/S) and Faye Shelton and David Croft (E/W). Seventy pairs competed in the Swiss Pairs, a big increase on last year's fifty-four which was held just before the COVID shutdown. Twenty-four teams played in the hotly contested teams event, with the winners taking first place by the narrowest of margins: 88.07 vs 88.06 victory points. They don't come any closer!

Melville BC members performed creditably in the Congress, some winning major prizes and others winning prizes for the best MBC players



Welcome Pairs N/S winners: Mimi Packer and Tim Knowles



Welcome Pairs E/W winners: Faye Shelton and David Croft



Swiss Pairs 1st: Tad Bieganski and Andrew Swider



Teams 1st James Steer, Stella Steer, Beata Bieganski and Lilia Male



Welcome Pairs 2^{nd} E/W: MBC members Gordon Dunlop and John Clarke



Welcome Pairs 3rd E/W: MBC members Lyn Toft and Mary Johnston



Welcome Pairs 3rd N/S: MBC members Doreen Jones and Gwyneira Brahma



Best Melville BC Team: Tomoko Nakamatsu, Sarita Singh, Rohan Bandarage and Do Dean.

COMING EVENTS

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

- Sunday Walk-in pairs: Sunday 4th April at 1.00pm - Cancelled due to Easter
- Anzac Day Walk-in pairs (Open and restricted sections): Monday 26th April at 12.30pm.
- Sunday Walk-in pairs: Sunday 2nd May at 1.00pm.

Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown Club Pairs Championship



1st Jan Blight and Wendy Driscoll / 2nd Lily Lim and Charlie Lim/ 3rd Shizue Futaesaku and Noelene Law.

Eclectic pairs Wednesday April 14th /21st /28th 2021

Not your normal everyday competition. Give it a go. You don't have play in all three sessions, but must be there for at least two to be eligible to win. If you play in all three sessions you can choose your best two scores.

April advanced lesson Wednesday April 28th 2021

The club holds advanced lessons designed to help you improve your play. The lessons are conducted by our club teacher, Fiske Warren, and occupy a two hour time slot from 10.00 to 12.00. There will an opportunity to practice the principles presented, but it is not necessary to bring a partner. The topic is – Standard American. Ideal for Acol players who are thinking of converting.

Intermediate short course Wednesday May 5th / 12th / 19th

Fiske Warren runs these courses on selected topics designed to increase the knowledge of aspiring players or to polish up things that you already know

May advanced lesson Wednesday May 26th 2021

The club holds advanced lessons designed to help you improve your play. The lessons are conducted by our club teacher, Fiske Warren, and occupy a two hour time slot from 10.00 to 12.00. There will

an opportunity to practice the principles presented, but it is not necessary to bring a partner. The May lesson will be held on Wednesday 26th. The topic is – Test Your Declarer Play – 10 Hands. See how well you do and learn some important techniques.

Novice refresher (2) Wednesday June 23rd 2021

Several sessions this year are being offered to assist novice players to polish up their skills. Take the opportunity to make yourself more competitive and dangerous to your opponents. The second session will be on Wednesday June 23.

Ranjit Gauba Swiss Pairs Saturday June 26th 2021

This Congress is currently full. Please contact the Director for waiting list updates.

June advanced lesson Wednesday June 30th 2021

The club holds advanced lessons designed to help you improve your play. The lessons are conducted by our club teacher, Fiske Warren, and occupy a two hour time slot from 10.00 to 12.00. There will an opportunity to practice the principles presented, but it is not necessary to bring a partner. The topic is -Two Way Checkback after a 1NT rebid (NEW!). Learn the latest and best version of Checkback that the experts are now playing.

Maccabi Bridge Club

From Luba Klein



Thelma Same and Ruth Morris – winner of the FAN GOLDBLATT Memorial Trophy held Monday 15th March. Both Thelma and Ruth Morris have been longstanding members of Maccabi Bridge Club for over 40 years and have been partners for about the same time. Thelma's late husband was a cousin to Ruth and they play a mean game of bridge. It is

wonderful to see some of our senior players so alert and enjoying their game. Well done to you both.



We welcome our new member Helen Friedland who loves her bridge. Originally from Perth, she moved to Israel where she learnt to play bridge. Then settled in Sydney where she joined the East Leagues Bridge Club as well as playing at other clubs. Helene has moved to Perth to be with her family and is enjoying her bridge. Today she played with Deidre Greenfeld and came 1st. Well done to you both.



We have trialled having a break during our session on Mondays and will have another show of hands as to whether we will continue with a break.



Our first Open Teams match will be at Undercroft just after Easter and we will be continuing with our red point events also after Easter.

We wish everyone a happy Easter and Passover which usually comes at a similar time of the year.

South Perth Bridge Club

From Jane Walker

1000 Point Club

The ABF recently introduced a new category of the 1000 Point Club to recognise club members who staunchly support their club, or clubs, but have not accumulated sufficient Red and Gold Points to become a Grand Master.





South Perth is fortunate enough to have no less than three such members in Jan Howell, Tony Stevens and Walter Martins.

Inaugural Club Restricted Teams

A good turnout of 32 people made up the eight teams who competed in this first ever event for SPBC on Sunday 22 February. Thanks to Director Jan Howell.



President Danny Ravn with 1st Tony McKinnon, Mark O'Connor, Jackin Clare and Thea Marsh



2nd Barbara Norman, Kaye Murray, Ian Hammond and Frances Hammond



3rd Jan Annear, Julie Crewe, Carolyn McCusker and Chris England

Restricted Pairs

Twice deferred due to Covid restrictions, this event, sponsored by Jones Ballard Real Estate Como finally took place on Saturday 6 March with 18 pairs participating.



Sponsor Kareena Ballard and Vice President Tony McKinnon with Restricted Pairs Winners Ian Olsen and Mark Glaser

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Kareena Ballard and Vice President Tony McKinnon with 2nd Shane Brown and Gabrielle Barstow



Kareena Ballard (L) and Vice President Tony McKinnon present prizes 3rd Susan McGill and Lesley Maff

West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Summer Teams Competition were:-



1st Marleen Medhat, Ray Wood Shirley Bloch and Wence Vahala

2nd Brian Kaye, Max Havercroft, David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller

3rd Patrick Garnett, Christina Wu, Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose

Rockingham Bridge Club

From Jean Dance



President Nicky O'Connell presents the 2020 Individual Award to Di Brooks



President Nicky O'Connell being presented with the Brady Merit Award by Jane Ophorst



Di Brooks Patrons Award for Outstanding Service to the Club - Janice Hawker



Jean Dance club newsletter -7NT and 2021 members handbook



A packed house for the 2020 Christmas party



The Nedra Arnott Trophy Winners Florence Maltby and Di Brooks with Nedra Arnott's son, Bruce Leedman



Under State Masters, Yvonne Matthews and Pat Hoson with Bruce Leedman

The Rockingham-Fremantle Competition



Fremantle President, Jenny Langridge presenting Rockingham President, Nicky O'Connell with the winner's trophy



The Rockingham Team



The Fremantle Team

Top Pairs on the day were:

1st Di Brooks and Florence Maltby - Rockingham 2nd Chris Wells and Janet Signer - Fremantle Mentoring Sunday



Winners: Dave Clark (Mentor) with Yvonne Hoops and President Nicky O'Connell. Dave and Yvonne won the day with an impressive 64.35% and earned .30 green points.



May Deadline

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

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Undercroft Bridge Club

From Connie Coltrona Vale Gwen Johnson



The Undercroft Bridge Club March Newsletter paid tribute to International Women's day on the 8th march 2021 with articles (sourced by Beata Bieganski) highlighting internationally acclaimed women in Bridge.

These articles can be read in the Newsletter posted on the UBC website under Documents, certainly makes good reading!

The Foundation Members of UBC were Gwen Johnson, President, and Eve Darby, Secretary/Treasure. The Club in 1972 set up premises in the basement of a building in Elsie Street, Watermans Bay and hence known as Undercroft Bridge Club. The Club outgrew these premises and the City of Waneroo eventually gifted the use of the premises on Percy Doyle Reserve, thus a new era was born.

Gwen Johnson was an active member until her passing at 87 years old. Grateful thanks to Billie Skinner for collecting this information.

Mandurah Bridge Club

from Ian Jones



The Under 300 Masterpoint Championship was won by Gary Watkins and Peter Knight, pictured

with President Vera Hardman. Bill Webb and Lynda Ford were runners up.



Tuesday Best 3 out of 4 winners were June Mulholland and Kathy Power.

Runners up were Kimberley Zhao and Sheryl Coates.

West Australian Bridge Club

From Sheenagh Young and Janine Hughes



Our recent Novice/ Super Novice Congress was again well attended but did result in a few ties in the Qualifying round.



Sylvia Bray and Ziggy Morawiec (Centre - President Kate North) were the best qualifiers in the Novice.



Mei Zhao and Ann Kelley topping the Super Novice qualifiers.



Jodie Basham and Kath Negus won the Novice Final.



Andy Cayley and Annelouise Dubrawski

Deidre Doepel and Margaret Baird tied with Andy Cayley and Annelouise Dubrawski for first place in the Novice Plate and shared the prizes that came with the win.

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Megan Jefferies and Denise Baker won the Super Novice Final.

Sharon Dyball and Bernie Plath won the Super Novice Plate. Drinks and nibbles after the event were very welcome as the long hot day saw play finish at 5.30pm.

The recent New Members afternoon was a great success with "old and new" players enjoying a drink before sitting down to played some boards. An afternoon tea served after play was enjoyed by all.



N/S winners with an impressive 72.50% were Janine Hughes and Jane Dalziell.



Sue White and Brian Embleton bought home the E/W win with 64.1%.)

A big thank you to Andy Hung who directed the afternoon gratis and the committee who supplied sandwiches and cakes.

Our Women's Pairs Championship was recently held over 2 weeks with 26 pairs battling it out for the top spot.



Congratulations to the winners Sue Gammon and Deana Wilson.



Runners-up Robin Paterson and Marie Musitano.

Peter Hicks, with guidance from Peter Holloway, had his first chance to direct a Club championship and by all accounts did an excellent job.

Andy Hung's bridge lessons are back on and nurturing future players. Andy also has a trip to Noosa planned in May for players ready to travel again. Contact Andy on 0425 101 094 for more details.

By the time this goes to print our Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress will have been held. So far 34 tables have entered so it should be a cracker of a day. Look for the results and photos in the next edition.

Our Gold Point GNOT Qualifying heat will be held on Tuesday April 27, May 4 & 11 starting at 1pm. The event is open to all players but one must be a WABC member.

On Friday 30th April at the 1:15pm session we will once again hold our Red Point Charity Day. This year we are supporting Zephyr Education. This organisation is run by volunteers and provides school uniforms and other school essentials to children who have been affected by domestic

violence. You can find out more about Zephyr at www. Zephyreducation.com.au

The WABC 2021 Winter Super Congress events is planned for June 4 to 7. Entries and more details are available at www.bawa.asn.au or see the flyer in this edition.









Joondalup BC Congress 2021

In late February 96 players, including 26 JBC members, played in our 4th annual Congress. Last year's runners up, David Matthews and David Schokman didn't leave anything to chance, and were the only ones who won all their matches to clinch overall victory by a significant margin. Noriko Sakashita and Jonathan Free came in second whilst Doreen Jones and Rez Karim fought off a close field to claim 3rd place.



1st David Matthews and David Schokman



2nd Noriko Sakashita and Jonathan Free



3rd Doreen Jones and Rez Karim with President Dirk Lapere

David Wheaton and Rick Morris were the Novice Pairs winners whilst Carol Fensome and Ann Hopfmueller were the winners for the best placed JBC pairing.



Ann Hopfmueller and Carol Fensome



Rick Morris and David Wheaton

Geoff Mauger and Sue Mauger were the winners in the Super Novice category with Sharon Dyball and Nancy McDonald finishing right behind them as the runners-up. Katrina Will and Peter Malan took home the prize for best placed pair (<50MPs) with a very respectable 25th place. Reserve pair Egon Mikolajczyk and Anu Shah placed 2nd.



Sue Mauger and Geoff Mauger



Sharon Dyball and Nancy McDonald



Peter Malan and Katrina Will

Albany BC Congress 2021

From Di Amonds

(Photos courtesy Roz Trend)

Albany club members were delighted to welcome many players to our annual congress, held during the long weekend early February.

Of particular note, it was also the first major congress directed by the ever popular Brian Wade. From being robbed by covid last year, Brian well and truly made up for it. His meticulous control and pleasant manner certainly added to the occasion. Our big thanks Brian!

Big thanks also to our busy committee and especially Carole Munro, Roz Trend, Stan Goodman, Claire James, Annette de Pledge and Doug Broberg. Extra thanks go to many unsung helpers, in a variety of tasks through the whole event.

Special thanks go to "royal" visitor Richard Grenside, for his gracious encouragement and kind words at conclusion of the congress.

Final thanks to the most important - to all who participated in our events. We are already looking forward to seeing you again next year!

Welcome Pairs (30)



1st Matt Kruk and Kathy Perry with Pres Pam Goodman



2nd Neville Koenig and Roz Trend



=3rd Jan Burgess and Jana Mayhew/ Valerie Isle and Tony Stevens

Best Under 250 MP's - Britt Baird and Nicki McGrath

Best 250-500 MP's - Claire James and John Elliott Best Albany - Alison Gunton and Vivienne Davis

Pairs Qualifying

1st N/S Maura Rhodes and Rick Rhodes
1st E/W Marnie Leybourne and Nick Cantatore

Pairs Final (14)



1st Esther Saunders and Colin Saunders



2nd Murray Webber and Kate Boston 3rd Valerie Isle and Tony Stevens



Best Under 250 MP' Anne-Louise Dubrawski and Andy Cayley

Best 250-500 MP's - Ken Beatty and Clive Smith
Best Albany Pair - Sharon Schneider and Tom
Burton

Plate (26)



1st Corrie Davis and Colleen Webb



 2^{nd} Ted North and Adrienne North 3^{rd} Arianna Yusof and Peter Holloway

Consolation (14)

 1^{st} Sheelagh Dupont and Alf Dupont 2^{nd} Alison Mettam and Ian Bailey

3rd Linda Lee and Barbara Windberg

Teams (22)



1st Rick Rhodes, Kate Boston, Maura Rhodes and Murray Webber



2nd Richard Grenside, Sue Grenside, Esther Saunders and Colin Saunders



 $3^{\rm rd}$ Viv Zotti, Sheila Bishop, Terri Garbutt and Jonathon Pynt

Best Under 750 MP's Anne-Louise Dubrawski, Andy Cayley, Catherine Grogan and Ron Grogan



Best Albany Team - Ken Else, Rita Leeming, Jo White and Kay Thompson









Maccabi Bridge Club



To those out there living north of the river Dianella, Morley, Mt Lawley or somewhere near and have ever thought of joining a well established bridge club just know we have just the club for you - Maccabi Bridge Club.

We are a club which began over 45 years ago with people who already knew something of the game called bridge and others who wanted to learn this fabulous game which is life changing, It not only stimulates the mind but also enables you to meet people of all walks of life young and old - it's irrelevant when you play bridge.

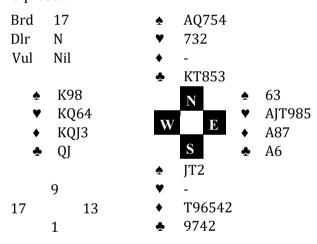
We are looking for new members. Established players very welcome and we also offer lessons for those willing to embark on this journey. We promise to make you welcome and ease your way to playing a stimulating game called Bridge, please contact our President Luba Klein - 0450 664 133

Deep-and-Meaningfuls #15

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

"Board 17 of Round 5 was rather disappointing – let's have a look at that one!"

Having just played in a congress (Mandurah, as it happens), you keep the post-mortem activities and niceties with your partner and teammates as short and sweet as possible so that you can get home, put yourself to bed and have a meaningful conversation about the hands with the one individual who matters to you at the moment: your friend in the aether, Deep Finesse. Now, with your unusual companion lying by your side in the misty, purple glow of her world, the dark theatre above your heads is abuzz with playing cards busily sorting themselves into the deal you have requested:



"Yes, I do remember thinking, at the time I was analysing it, that this one had rather unusual numbers", she says in that gentle, sweet voice of hers. "So, given that I can never understand this funny business of yours, the 'auction', what was the contract, and by whom? I assume you got your usual way and were North?"

"Of course," is your pompous response, "my partners know better than to argue. Well, as you correctly say, 4H by East is gin, but our opponents..."

"Please, what is 'gin'?", she interrupts. "Must you drink spirits if you are in 4H?"

Once again, you have forgotten that DF knows nothing of common bridge parlance. "Sorry, I mean 4H is cold by East..."

"Cold?", she once again interjects. "Do they play the contract sitting on a block of ice? How awful!"

Suppressing laughter, you explain that these terms mean there is a way to play the contract such that it can't be beaten, even on best defence. Far from feeling small, DF nods in understanding and smiles. You are very fond of your friend and love the fact that she is keen to learn the lingo, even if she occasionally gets it a little muddled.

"...But anyhow, East was in <u>five</u> hearts", you continue. "Partner started with the SJ, which declarer covered with dummy's king and I won with the ace. Keen to get a ruff, I led my highest spade pip (the seven) to partner's ten. Alas, they couldn't read the position and played a third spade, allowing the contract to make."

DF looks stunned, shudders slightly, but says nothing. She has probably learnt by now that the human mind is immeasurably inferior to her own, and not to question the actual cards played at the table.

"Yes, I'm afraid so", you go on. "However, the same thing happened at the other table, so the result was squared. What I do love on this deal, though, is that there is a *two trick* difference in hearts, depending on whether it is played from the East or West seat. That's highly unusual for a suit contract, isn't it? West can make 6H due to the fact that South can never get in to lead spades or a diamond. East can only make 4H on the SJ lead because they cannot prevent the defence from getting two spade tricks and a diamond ruff."

"What I find fascinating, "she says, "is that you can tell each other what you have by the cards you play. It is of no use in my analysis, but it is like making music out of the fifty-two instruments you hold. It is art."

You have never thought of it in this way before. "Still", you reply, "I would swap all the art in the world for the ability to think like you do. I'm in awe of your amazing mind, and all I want to do is spend time talking to you about the cards. It is the thing I look forward to every day. I don't know what I would do without you, now."

Clearly touched by what you have said, DF turns towards you, smiles, and gazes at you tenderly for a few moments. Without speaking, but with her lips slightly parted and eyes half closed, she reaches across and strokes you gently on the cheek with her finger. This causes a flurry of endocrine activity within you, and your brain starts to work at a hundred miles an hour. It seems quite clear where this road is leading perhaps it has been heading in this direction for quite a while - and you now need to think very, very quickly. Of course, you want this, but the future must be considered. Your friendship with DF, the single most wonderful thing in your life, is teetering on the edge of a precipice over which unimaginable complexities lie. How could anything more than a friendship be made to work, when the friendship exists somewhere in hyperspace, and transcends reality? What would happen to you if you spent the amount of time in her world that such a relationship would warrant? How could any semblance of a normal life be managed? To you, it would all be very real, but to the rest of the world, you would appear to be certifiable – if you ever appeared at all, that is.

With a heavy heart and realising that your decision must cause pain and disappointment, you smile, squeeze her hand, shoo away the playing cards that had gathered around inquisitively, and tell her gently that you would appreciate it if the friendship could stay as it is for the present time, as it is the best thing you both have. Fortunately, she acknowledges what you say and seems to take it well. You both lie quietly for a while, deep in thought. Eventually, DF breaks the silence.

"You know, we haven't finished with that deal yet". With one motion of her hand, the floating cards quickly reassemble the hand above you. "West can also make 6NT..."

"... but East only 2NT!" you add, completing her sentence for her. "Theoretically, I suppose it is possible for there to be up to a nine-trick difference in NT, depending on who is on lead, if the declaring side have Kx opposite a void, and the defence x opposite AQxxxxxxxx."

"I've generated hands like that many times, for my own amusement", she says, perking up somewhat. Of course she has, you think to yourself. With her analytical speed, she has probably concocted and investigated all sorts of weird and wonderful scenarios that would take a mortal months to analyse. "Now, what about clubs, North-South?" she says, gesturing at the cards above.

You vaguely recall competing in clubs during the auction and realising afterwards that 5C must be quite close. You take a closer look now. "Well," you say, "if South is declarer, I think a trump lead and continuation will beat 5C, as there aren't enough tricks now – is that right?"

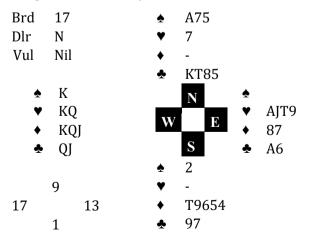
"Very good," she says, with mock condescension. "And by North?"

"Hmmmm. I'd like to say that 5C makes, but the entries will be extremely difficult to manage. Well, let's see. East's best lead looks to be a diamond, so we ruff that and immediately ruff a heart. We had better tackle spades now, but I don't see how we can get to the North hand twice more to ruff the hearts without East ruffing a spade. West can always prevent us by playing the SK at a strategic time. If we try to ruff a diamond back to hand as the entry, we shorten our trumps once too often and can't draw trumps later without being forced off. No, I think ten tricks is the limit."

"Actually, 5C is vodka, played by North", she proclaims. Amused, you take another look.

"OK. I can't see a better line, and I've eliminated the possibility of ruffing three hearts without East ruffing a spade. By your reasoning, we must therefore be able to cope with East ruffing that spade. We'll try that. Ruff the opening diamond lead. Ruff a heart. Play the SJ, which West doesn't cover, of course. Now a spade to the queen, and ruff a heart."

The playing-card entourage obligingly displays this position above you both:



"Now we play that spade to the ace. If East doesn't ruff this, we ruff our third heart and draw trumps to make it, so East must ruff small. Now then... ahhhh, yes, I see, I think we're home! East's best

play is a diamond to force declarer, but now that third heart is ruffed and a club can be *ducked* to East's ace (or quacked, as you like to say!). East can try to tap with a diamond, but we can now play our last trump, the CK, to draw West's queen, and our spades are good for 11 tricks. Phew!"

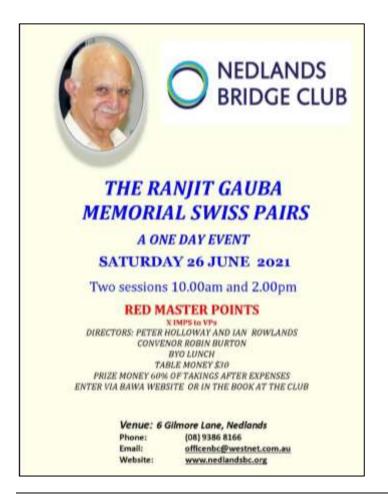
A smile comes back to your friend's face. "One day", she begins in a jocular voice, "you will be able to take over my job – if only twenty or so deals are played every day around the world, that is."

"Hey," you reply in an offended tone, and give her a friendly push. "If it wasn't such a challenging game for mortals like us, you wouldn't actually have a job at all!"

"Any other good ones from your last session? I'm in the mood now!" she says.

As you attempt to remember the day's bridge, you find your mind is not on it; it keeps reverting to what has just passed between the two of you. You have made the right decision, for sure, but part of you cannot help but wonder what might have been.

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



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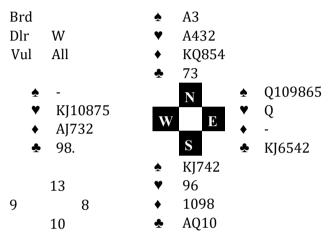
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Bidding in Mandurah

From David Schokman

This board, number 7, from round 4 of the Mandurah congress teams gave us all a chance to go wrong, and many of us did. I believe that the issue arose because there was an option as to what was the best bid that west should make on the two suited hand.



Looking at the deal in the harsh light of day I have decided, for myself, rightly or wrongly, to open the hand showing a weak two in hearts. With the void in spades it does have some slight pre-emptive value, not allowing a spade overcall at the easy level of one. It could also help keep us out of trouble and this bid certainly limits the hand.

Ok, so what happened to us? My partner opened with a bid of 1H. You may not agree, but it is an acceptable choice because there is a safe rebid. 2D by north. Now this is a bid that does not have my full support because of the vulnerability, but those who decided to bid 2D struck gold. It was easy for me to make a negative double, and south bid 2H as a cue raise. Pass by partner, and 2NT by north, showing a heart stopper. 3D by south. Pass again by my partner. Now I had taken a moment to consider those two passes it would have told me three things. First that he had not fit in either of my suits. Secondly it was very likely that the hand was minimum opener, not even doubling 2H, and finally his second pass surely confirmed that he had a weak opener with hearts and diamonds, and my inability to read this was quite pathetic. So on the strength of the diamond void, and magnificent heart queen, decided to bid 3S. I think that south was too stunned to double but my partner had no

option but to bid 4H, which was doubled for minus 500, leaving my partner totally unhappy with my bidding, and me feeling like the stupid fool that I was. The match was not a good one, but this board ended happily for us, as there was a bid made as bad as mine was, and that was a double of 3D, giving us +670 and a 5 imp pick up.

The traveller showed that eight pairs were allowed to play in 2 or 3 hearts, and 4 in low spade contracts, by N/S. Where people overstepped the line most of the opponents were very generous not doubling contracts of four, and even 5H. One pair found their way to 5C and received the punishment that they deserved to the tune of 1100. 4C – doubled went for 800.

So this is not just a question of bidding your own hand but also the importance of listening to what has not been said. Remember Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who wrote the Sherlock Holmes novel of "The Dog that did not bark"!



The Spade Illusion



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

This deal from the final of a National Open Teams featured not only some very neat declarer play, but also a delightful defensive false card.

Dlr Tom Moss Vul All Ariuna Delivera KQ72 432 Ian Thomson 032 Richard Brightling Avon Wilsmore Sartai Hans 0104 ♠ 1096 ♠ 184 **♥** 1986 K105 **♦** 86 **KI95** S ♣ 1972 ◆ K85 Robert Grynberg Ian Robinson A53 AQ7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

A1074 A63

One West led the H9: two – king – seven. South won the H10 return and did everything right from there. The D4 went to the queen and king and South won the third heart. After the S5 to the king, a diamond to the ten held the trick. Next came the C3: two – ten – king. East exited with the SJ, but declarer had ten tricks (four spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs) for +630.

'Play the card you are known to hold' is a well-known principle of play as long as that does not cost you a trick. At the other table East applied the principle to devastating effect. West led the S10: two – jack!! – ace. As the S10 lead denied the SJ, East played the card he was known to hold.

The late Tim Seres, Australia's #1 player, would have been proud. It is an example of Seres' Bols

Tip: Give the opponents enough rope. Playing the SJ could not cost. It was going to drop anyway.

Declarer played the D4 to the queen and king and East switched to the H10. South won with the HA and played the S3: six – seven – eight! You cannot blame South. Everything pointed to West's S10 lead being from 10-9-8-6-4.

East returned a spade and dummy's fourth spade was cashed. After the D2 – five – ten – eight, South cashed the DA. When the diamonds did not break, the contract was one down. South exited with the fourth diamond, but East could play the HK, followed by the H5, and wait for his club trick.









Test Your Slam Play



By Bill Jacobs bill.iacobs55@gmail.com

Dlr	S	♠ AK5
Vul	All	♥ K3
		♦ AQ4
		♣ A9732
	•	N
	♥	
	♦	W E
	•	S 🌲
		♠ 6
	20	♥ AQJ1098
		♦ 732
	7	♣ 864

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

The $\clubsuit 2$ is led to your delicately bid slam. Plan the play.

Plan the play.

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A Bridge Too Far

By Di Brooks

The session has started, and you pick up an average hand. You aren't the Dealer, so you need to think out whether you are going to bid or not, as the case may be! Once the opening bid has been made by the opponent or by your partner, you are in a better position as to deciding, especially if the bid is 1NT, showing 12-14, (Acol) or 13-15, (Precision).

If the system is Standard American, the point range is from 15-18, or whatever the partnership agreement. So now your mind should shift to the vulnerability of the board. Questions to ask yourself: Should I defend or should I make an overcall? With an average hand, it's probably better to sit quietly and hope the opponents go "A Bridge Too Far"!

The next scenario: the bidding is passed around to you. By this time you should have made a decision on your opening. If in third or fourth seat, with a very poor 11 count, if you don't have spades, don't open. Spades are the boss suit. When you open the bidding in this situation with a minor suit, you can bet your bottom dollar the opponent will come in with a spade bid and your chance of a good board has now disappeared.

Now we come to the choice of contracts. If you hold a two suited strong hand, you won't like No Trumps. Your hand is better to play in one of your

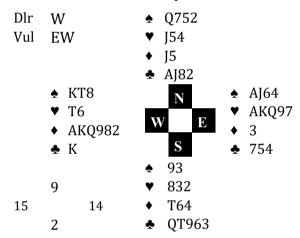
ABF Daily Bridge Column

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Bridge Author of nearly 70 books, Columnist for the Sydney Morning Herald (six days a week) and The Sun-Herald for 17 years, Australian Emerald Grand Master, WBF International Master, competed in 24 World Championships and Asia Pacific Zonal Championships and Commonwealth Nations Teams. suits. What if your partner opens the bidding and you don't like their holding.

Well, you, as the responder, have the responsibility to describe your hand/points/shape or support of opener's suit. Have a look at this beauty!



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

What has West got planned? If he rebids his diamonds, East will pass. Someone has to take charge and it's West's responsibility to find the best possible contract. What does West know about East's hand. Well, East has five hearts, four spades and as he has bid a reverse, should have 16-18 points.

Looking at West's distribution, a small slam in diamonds is the best contract. After all, his diamonds are self-sufficient. Deep Finesse says there is a selection of 3 slams to be bid: 6D, 6H or 6S. Yet in the club session, no one saw the value of East's opening hand opposite a 5 loser hand.

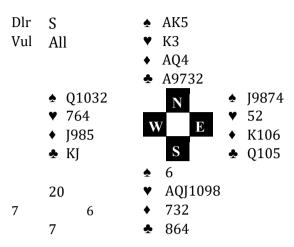
So next time your partner opens the bidding with 1 of a suit, the responder needs to decide whether his/her hand is worthy of part score, game or slam.

Happy Bridging [⊙]

Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

SOLUTION



Let's see: there are 2 spades tricks, 6 hearts and 2 minor suit aces. Some extra tricks from clubs, and maybe the diamond queen, can make up the deficit.

To maximize your chances, play low from dummy at trick 1! East will be surprised as he wins his $\blacktriangle J$, but what can he do now? Suppose he returns a spade. Pitch two clubs on the spades, play $\clubsuit A$ and ruff a club, cross to the $\blacktriangledown K$ and ruff another club.

On this layout, that gives you two club winners: tricks 11 and 12 for you. If clubs turn out to be 4-1, you will need the diamond finesse (and a 3-2 trump break).

The danger with winning the first trick is that you may have to concede a club trick to West. Then a diamond through will put you at the mercy of the diamond finesse.

The moral: Imagine the score up in a teams game. "Yeah, I only lost a spade trick." Your teammates look confused and say: "That must be some other hand."

SATURDAY BRIDGE West Australian Newspaper

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3	Fiske Warren and Kaiping Chen
4	Andrew Swider and Tad Bieganski
5	Karol Miller and Val Biltoft
6	Pauline Collett and Catherine Hood
7	Trevor Fuller and Gerry Daly

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1	Linda Coli and Jonathan Free	
2	Allison Stralow and Lauren Shiels	
3	Marnie Leyborne and Don Allen	
4	Karol Miller and Val Biltoft	
5	Shizue Futaesaku and Wendy Driscoll	

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Armadale

- 75.0 Hugh Probert and Steve Rogovsky
- 73.6 Hugh Probert and Steve Rogovsky

Kalamunda

71.0 Tom Lemann and Kit Lemann

Bridgetown

70.8 Bronwyn Mitchell and Jana Mayhew

Nedlands

- 70.6 Sheila Bishop and Christine Bradley
- 71.0 Janet Hunt and Farida Nagree
- 70.0 Robin Burton and Trish Hunter

WABC

- 72.0 Pat Ferguson and Susan Barham
- 72.5 Jane Dalziell and Susan Barham
- 72.9 Geoff Yeo and Ravi Soin

Undercroft

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- 72.9 Divesh Shah and Rina Shah
- 72.0 Satish Bedekar and Brian Kaye
- 70.6 Trevor Burr and Jairo Giraldo

Rockingham

70.8 Di Brooks and Florence Maltby

75.9 Helen Smit and Steven Rogoysky

Fremantle

- 71.6 Sam Zurub and Alexis Keynes
- 72.0 Rosalie Raine and Kaye Egan
- 73.8 Sam Zurub and Alexis Keynes

Mandurah

- 78.0 Lia Oosthop and Rosemary Lockey
- 75.7 Sheryl Coates and Kimberley Zhao
- 73.0 Vera Hardman and Douglas Hardman
- 71.7 June Mulholland and Mike Mulholland

Albany

- 72.0 Rita Leeming and Kay Thompson
- 70.5 Ken Else and Alison Mettam

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- 71.9 Leon Randolph and Tony Stevens
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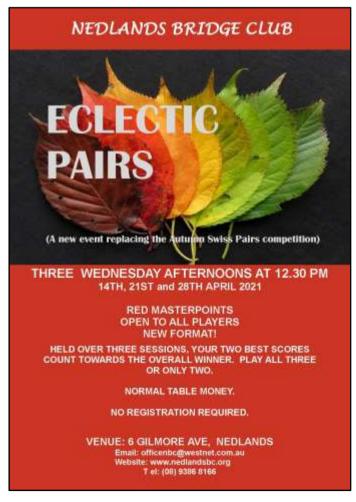
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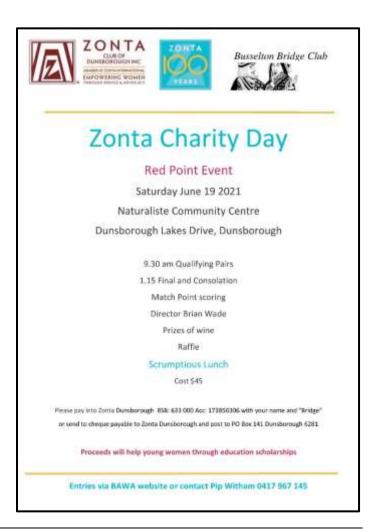
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		Sat 24th – Sun 25th	Bunbury Congress
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		Fri 14th	WABC Open Red point Event
		Sat 15th –Sun 16th	Western Seniors Pairs Championship (PQP & Gold Points)
		Tue 18th	BAWA State Daytime Open IMP (Swiss) Pairs 1 of 3
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		Fri 11th – Sun 13th	Geraldton Congress
		Sat 19th	Busselton Zonta Charity Day
		Sun 20th	WABC Masters in Teams of 3
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		Sun 25th	Albany Restricted Congress
		Thu 29th	BAWA Open Teams Qualifying 1 of 4
		Fri 30 th -Sun Aug 1 st	TBIB South Perth Congress
		Sat 10th – Sun 11th	WA Country Championships
	Aug	Tues 3rd	BAWA State Daytime Open Pairs 1/3
		Sat7th – Sun 8 th	GNOT City Final + Restricted
		Sun 15 th	NBC Sunday Congress
		Sat 211st – Sun 22 nd	Mandurah Winter Congress
		Thu 26 th	BAWA Open Teams final 1/2
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