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# Merry Christmas



# Editorial

The third and final *Trumps Plus* in 2008 is published a few days after the end of the annual WABC Christmas Congress so that all results and photographs from our final major event for the year are able to be included in this issue.

We will continue to publish *Trumps Plus* quarterly in 2009, aiming for publications in March, June, September and December. Each issue will then be able to deal with the major events of the year. We are very grateful to other members and prominent players in Perth and interstate who have contributed in 2008 and indicated their willingness to continue to do so in 2009. All of us would appreciate any contributions from members, at any time.

Since our previous issue, our club has elected a new president and several new committee members. In her report, our new president, Alison Rigg, outlines the various roles taken on by committee members and acknowledges the considerable efforts of dozens of other members who have contributed in many ways, to enhance all activities in our club.

At the annual general meeting, Alison introduced our long serving and dedicated club auditor, Bill Chambers. Bill provides substantial advice and expertise on the financial management of our club, and we are all particularly indebted to him for this. The sale of our freehold premises in Dalkeith and construction of our new clubhouse on leasehold land, courtesy of the Nedlands City Council provides, on the one hand, a healthy capital surplus. On the other hand, there is a need for significantly greater financial responsibility by the committee to build on this capital and manage our club's recurrent expenses prudently. This responsibility was clearly articulated to the annual general meeting by Bill Chambers, when invited to address the meeting. The world's current global financial crisis reminds us how vulnerable we all are to imprudent decision making.

John Rigg

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**All Contributions are welcome.  
Deadline for the March issue is the  
20th February.**

# President's Report

As your new president, elected at the October AGM, this is my first message in *Trumps Plus*. I would like to thank all members for electing me to the position and to express the hope that I can meet your expectations.

The major goal of our new committee is to promote and foster the game of bridge, and to achieve this we ask all members to enter into the special events and activities of the club.

Below I list all committee members and their major portfolios of activities and interests.

**Prue Sheldrick** is our Vice President. This is Prue's fourth year on the committee. Prue has been responsible for organising social events, from Congress suppers to Melbourne Cup Lunches and Christmas Parties. Prue's professional catering experience and organizational ability has contributed to the excellence of these events. During the building period Prue was a member of the Decorating Committee, a sub committee of the Building Committee. At present she is overseeing alterations in the kitchen and coffee station areas.

**Chris Bagley** is our Secretary, and Chairman of the Tournament Committee; Chris also served as a member of The Building Committee, his training as an Engineer was a great asset to that committee. Chris has inherited the role of solving issues related to minor problems with the new building and liaising with our architect on the "defects list".

**Annabel Booth** is our Treasurer, and a welcome new member to the committee. Annabel currently works and plays State Bridge, so has little free time to play bridge during the day. Annabel is also a member of the BAWA Tournament Committee.

**Rhona Barton** is a very welcome new committee member. Rhona has been co-opted to assist with social events, and has done so with great enthusiasm.

**Jenny Davy** is another new committee member. Jenny is currently working with Mike George to organise the installation of the reticulation. You will probably have noticed their work at the entrance to the club. They are also working on vari-

ous garden maintenance issues.

**Helen Ilett** is a long standing committee member and past Treasurer, present part time banker and purchaser of biscuits and catering items. Helen also assists with social events.

**Rica King** is also a long serving member, and was our Treasurer for two years during the building period. Rica is currently organising the rosters for the BAWA weekend events at our club and is a willing kitchen hand at all social events.

**Anne Lowe** is a valuable member of our committee and is always available to help out at social functions. Anne is a professional florist, and has decorated many of the club functions.

**Sue Thomas**, a long serving member, is our House Secretary. Her duties include sending flowers and cards to members and their families when warranted and organizing the coffee station roster.

**Sheenagh Young** is our Managing Secretary and a general committee member. Sheenagh has just resigned from a long period as Tournament Committee Chairman. She is a member of the BAWA executive and brings to our committee invaluable experience and knowledge of the bridge world, both in WA and nationally. She is also a wiz on the computer.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge **Susie Broad**, who, although not a committee member, manages our book table sales and maintains the club's milk supply.

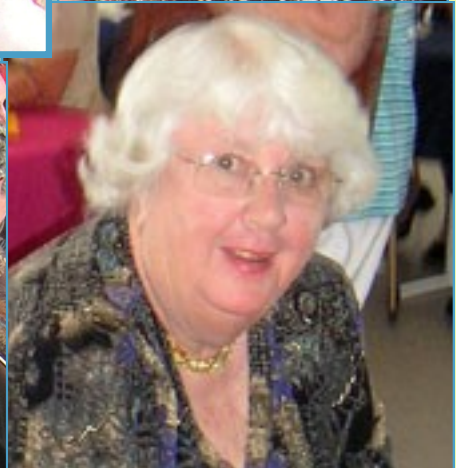
We have dozens of other members who contribute to the running of the club. This help is appreciated and greatly welcome.

Managing our new premises has increased the volunteer workload for committee members and other regular helpers. The club would benefit if more members could volunteer their expertise and time; please approach any committee member if you feel you can assist us in any way. We are identifiable by our new name badges.

**Alison Rigg**

Club Name Badges are available for \$15. Please order through Sheenagh Young in the office. We have over 700 members now and they make learning new names a whole lot easier.

# Melbourne Cup



# Lunch



The new clubhouse in Swanbourne was an outstanding location for the club's traditional Melbourne Cup day.

110 members attended a great luncheon organised by Prue Sheldrick and a veritable army of enthusiastic volunteers from among our membership, too many to list here individually. The organising of table service to feed this number, and to supply unlimited quantities of alcoholic and other beverages to everyone was a simply fantastic effort. Volunteers ranged from the longstanding older members to a terrific group of newer and younger members who all helped ensure a really great day for all. Prue did an amazing job, preparing and cooking, by herself, 110 desserts.

Our longstanding and popular club patrons, John Ashworth and Helen George, both arrived early and contributed to the success of the day. Once

again, we thank Helen and husband Mike for organising and conducting the sweeps; 28 sweeps in total, 616 sweep tickets sold, ensuring everyone had multiple opportunities to win.

The bad weather required extra effort. Prue and her team organised enough tables set up in the eastern annex of the playing area, to ensure everyone had a seat for lunch and a great TV view of a very exciting race.

After the cup, Director Bill Kemp organised two pairs movements of 14 and 13 and a half tables.

Our club manager, Sheenagh Young, also deserves our thanks for her part in assisting to ensure a great day was had by all.

**John Rigg**

*More pictures.....>*

## The Day's Quinellas

**BLUE:** N-S June Browne and Krystyna Hassall

E-W Margaret Perkins and Fusako Hashimoto

**GOLD:** N-S John Ashworth and John Rigg

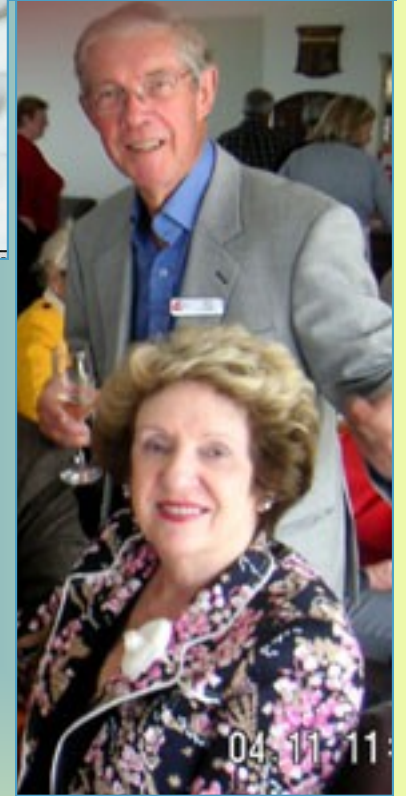
E-W Jill Mowson and Cynthia Matthews



# Melbourne Cup



# Lunch





# Christmas Congress



**First Place : the Milburn Team  
Viv Zotti, Therese Garbutt, Russell Milburn, Gill Dolling with convener Sheenagh Young**



**Second Place: the Bedford-Brown Team:  
Heather Williams Patricia McNamara,  
Jan Blight, Linda Bedford -Brown**



**First Place Friday Pairs (EW)  
Sue and Richard Grenside**

**Jonathan Pynt—** place getter Saturday Pairs  
**Ruth Hansen—** (not pictured Nic Match)  
**Barman Tom—** Winner Saturday Pairs EW  
(not pictured Sue Pynt)  
who did an outstanding  
job all weekend.





The first Christmas congress in our new Swanbourne clubhouse was a fantastic success, attracting record numbers to all events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The new location is a wonderful place to host summer events. On most summer days WABC is the first location to receive the "Fremantle Doctor", and this makes for a very attractive social environment outdoors before, during and after a bridge session. . On a mild, sunny, early December weekend, WABC is the perfect place to be.

This years three-day congress attracted a record number of players on each day: 87 pairs competed on Friday and 73 pairs on Saturday. The Sunday congress Swiss teams attracted 27 teams and the Sunday walk in President's Pairs, 20 pairs.

The traditional Friday afternoon tea was, as usual, a sumptuous feast. Plates of food were donated by over 40 members and Prue Sheldrick, Annabel Booth, Pat Leavy, Alison Rigg and Sheenagh Young helped on the day.

A great congress is always due to a large number of people putting in a huge team effort. The club thanks Tom Wheatley, Rhona Barton, Betty Huntley, Helen Kemp, Helen Ilett, Sue Broad for their efforts all weekend in the bar, kitchen and playing areas. Jean Field organised the club raffle and the raffle prizes were donated by her daughter, Alison. The tournament committee was responsible for the excellent organisation and our Office Manager, Sheenagh Young, as Convenor, worked all weekend to ensure a good time was had by all. Bill Kemp directed the entire weekend and did his usual calm, competent and excellent job. Well done, Bill. Peter Holloway directed the Sunday walk in pairs—an excellent job as always. Finally, thanks to Prue Sheldrick for organising the pizzas after the Sunday teams .

**John Rigg**



**Jan Blight and Patricia McNamara, second In the Saturday pairs (EW), with President Alison Rigg**



**Faye Wilner and Jill Del Piccolo, second in the Saturday pairs (NS)**



**Diana Utting and Maggie Sacks, winners of the President's Pairs**



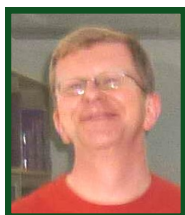
**Maura and Rick Rhodes, winners of the Saturday Pairs (NS) with president Alison Rigg**



**Carol and Derek Pocock, Placegetters Friday Pairs**

# Christmas Congress

## Teams Tactics by Richard Fox



A very pleasant sunny Sunday found me in a team with Joan Oldham, Pat King and Linda Watson for the Teams competition. There was a good turnout of teams, and Bill directed with his trademark calm efficiency, despite having to politely chase after lots of missing scores. Some rounds had a lot of part-scores but Round 2 gave us a bit of slam action.

We started with a good win, and our next opponents were John & Ruth Hansen, Pauline Hammond and Tony Menezes. As North on Board 13, all vul, I picked up H KJ932, D AKQJ5 and C A82. I opened 1H, Pauline pre-empted with a 2S overcall. Joan raised to 4H and Tony upped the ante to 4S. Joan's bidding style is quite sound – she was bidding 4H to make, with good trump support and values, and I could see potential for a grand slam. I was tempted to punt 6H, but I tried 4NT key-card – if Joan could by chance show 2 aces and the queen of trumps I could almost count 13 tricks. Pauline wasn't out to help us, and she jumped in with 5S. Joan gave me a helpful reply of 6H, which clarified nicely where the ace was, and I decided not to try seven – too embarrassing to go down one!

The full deal:

	♠Void ♥KJ932 ♦AKQJ5 ♣A82	<b>Board 13</b> <b>Dealer N</b> <b>Both Vul</b>
♠AJ763 ♥8 ♦106432 ♣94		♠K10 98542 ♥Q 10 ♦87 ♣Q3
	♠Q ♥A8764 ♦9 ♣KJ10765	

I played over to the ace of hearts in case West had the queen third; both followed so no problem there. If I'd been playing seven, I might have considered finessing the club towards East – glad I wasn't faced with that dilemma.

It turns out that 6S would be a good save, down 4 for 1100 but at the vulnerability it would be a courageous bid. If it pushed us into 7H it could have been interesting. The other table also stopped in 6H for a flat board.

	♠K3 ♥KQ1064 ♦Q87 ♣1076	<b>Board 15</b> <b>Dealer S</b> <b>N/S Vul</b>
♠J9854 ♥A7 ♦6 ♣AKQJ3		♠AQ107 ♥93 ♦A9432 ♣84
	♠62 ♥J852 ♦KJ105 ♣952	

Board 15 was Pat & Linda's turn to shine. Our bidding went 1S from west, 2H overcall from me and a jump to 4S where it ended. Tony brought in 13 tricks when the spade finesse worked. Our teammates started the same way, and Pat's style is similar to Joan's so Linda knew to expect a decent hand rather than 5 trumps and rubbish. They pushed on to slam. The stand-out KH lead exposed a loser, and Linda confessed to shaking a bit as she took the spade finesse. Pat said she'd hidden her nerves well – anyway as soon as the finesse held she was home and dry for a nice 11-IMP pick-up.

Over an 8-board match this swing helped us to an unexpected win, and we had the pleasure of topping the table. This was short-lived – we'd peaked too soon and couldn't quite manage another win. Still a very pleasant day and the pizzas went down well!

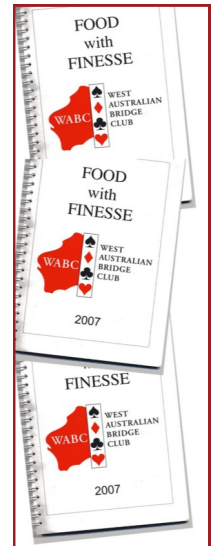


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Or what about a special dessert:  
Date Chocolate Torte, ( p. 78)  
Queen Mary's Tart (p.59)**



# BEYOND THE BASICS

*With Peter Smith*

## A CARD PLAY CHALLENGE

I recently had a flying visit from an old friend of mine from my Canberra days, where I lived and played much bridge in the mid to late seventies. My friend Richard was a fine bridge player and won a couple of national titles in the 1980s. However he then took a long break and has only just returned to the bridge scene in recent years.

His observations about the changes over a 20 year period are interesting. The thing he has noticed most is the increased vigour in competitive auctions. "Everyone's bidding these days!" he says. Even meek players have now heard about the Law of Total Tricks and are applying it fearlessly, making it harder for Richard to know who's got what. He's only just beginning to adjust.

However the main point of this article is to relate a card play hand that Richard gave me, to show how rusty he's become. He was quite self-berating, claiming it was "a test you would set beginners - how to cash 13 top tricks in 7♠ on this hand". I don't know about setting this for beginners, but I do know that he did exceedingly well in the bidding to reach 7♠ (by relay methods otherwise it's virtually impossible, I'd say).

How would you play 7♠ as West after North leads a diamond?

♠ A K 6 5 4  
♥ A  
♦ A 7 4 2  
♣ A K Q

♠ Q J 8  
♥ K 8 5  
♦ 9 6  
♣ J 10 9 5 2

**SOLUTION ON PAGE 30**

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*With Peter Smith*

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# HOW GOOD IS YOUR BRIDGE HAND?

VALUING YOUR HAND AS OPENER with Ron Klinger

Suppose you are playing weak no trump. What do you open with these hands, both sides vulnerable?

- |     |   |     |     |      |
|-----|---|-----|-----|------|
| (a) | S | AKQ | (b) | AKQ2 |
|     | H | J64 |     | QJ2  |
|     | D | Q52 |     | 842  |
|     | C | 765 |     | 765  |

Many will regard (a) as an obvious 1NT opening because there is a stopper or half stopper in all 3 card suits. However, their focus is wrong.

As declarer, your prime focus is to take tricks. In 3NT, you will be defeated if your opponents take the first 5 tricks, but if that is the only problem, you are always in with a chance since they may not find the right lead. Your problems are much greater if you have no realistic chance because you do not have 9 tricks.

If you open a 12-14 NT, partner is expected to raise to 3NT with 13 HCP, balanced. Suppose with (a) partner bids 3NT and puts down this dummy.

You	(a)	Dummy
S	AKQ	J75
H	J64	A543
D	Q52	A76
C	7652	A84

Where are your 9 tricks? Without a most generous defence or a very lucky layout, you need H and C 3-3 and S to hold DK. The odds are less than 10%, way below the 50% you might expect from a combined 25 count.

What has gone wrong?

In (a), 9 points are in a short suit, and there are isolated honours in 2 other suits.

Most players recognise that a singleton K or doubleton QJ is not worth 3 points; similarly, doubleton KQ is not worth 5 points. Similarly, an

AKQ tripleton is over-rated, since a J in partner's suit needs 3 more cards to have any value.

With respect to a suit with an isolated honour, suppose the D holding in (a) Q52 is opposite K63. You would be very lucky to make more than one trick. However, suppose you are opposite KQ2. This combination is much healthier, as you will always make 2 tricks by leading towards KQ, with the A onside. Many honour card combinations work best when the honours are in one hand.

Here are other examples where honours support or do not support each other:

- |               |         |         |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| (c) AQJ       | (d) AQ4 | (e) A43 |
| each opposite |         |         |
| 432           | J32     | QJ2     |

(c) is best, 3 tricks making, whenever W has the king.

(d) with unsupported J, the chances of 3 tricks are much lower.

(e) is weaker still; a singleton K is needed to make 3 tricks.

We would rate (a) as worth 11 points and would pass. Hand (b) is much better, despite the absence of a guard in either minor. The 4<sup>th</sup> spade may become a winner and the heart honours support each other.

In summary, hand evaluation is more than counting points; one needs to reduce the point count for the presence of unsupported honours.

*This is the title of a text published in 2000 by Ron Klinger and Andrew Kambites. Ron has given Trumps Plus permission to extract material.*

The above is taken from chapter 1:  
"VALUING YOUR HAND AS OPENER"

# UNUSUAL LINES OF PLAY

Would you have done the same?

## SLAM BIDDING by Maura Rhodes



This hand came up in a game at WABC when I was playing with Ann Youngs, my regular Tuesday partner.

♠KJT86	
♥AK6	
♦T932	
♣	
♠75	♠42
♥87543	♥QJ92
♦QJ6	♦84
♣864	♣K9532
AQ93	
♥T	
♦AK75	
♣AQ7	

Ann was sitting North and opened 1S. Usually I take strong hands slowly, but this time I decided that my hand was so strong that I needed to find out about only certain specific cards in Ann's hand: the King of Spades, the Ace of Hearts and what outside Kings she held. The bidding thus proceeded as follows in an uninterrupted auction:

1S-4NT  
5H-5NT  
6H-6S

4NT was Roman Keycard Blackwood, asking for Aces and the King of trumps. Her reply of

5H showed 2 Keycards, so I now knew she had the Ace of Hearts and the King of Spades. 5NT asked for Kings and when Ann bid 6 Hearts, she was showing me her cheapest King, thus denying the King of Clubs. If she had had both, she would have shown the cheaper one first. I now could not bid the Grand Slam missing the crucial King of Clubs, so settled for 6S. I didn't want to risk 6NT in case she needed to ruff a minor suit in one of the hands. The Queen of Hearts was led which Ann won in hand. She then drew trumps in 2 rounds, played the Jack of Clubs from Dummy and when East covered the Jack with the King ( a defensive error) she made 13 tricks as she could discard her losing Diamonds in hand on the Queen and Ten of Clubs. If East had not covered the Jack of Clubs, then Ann could have been held to contract.

I have found using 5NT as a specific King ask to be superior to just asking for the number of Kings. Of course if no Kings are held, then Responder just returns to the agreed trump suit. In many hands, it is very valuable to know the actual King.

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*If you have any hands which are unusual and might be of interest to club members, please feel free to contribute a short or long article.*

## Would you have done the same? by Tim Seres

*Here is another article to tease your brain cells from Play cards with Tim Seres, courtesy of Michael Courtney.* Tim was a master of deception and this hand is a good example. You can purchase a copy of the book from Michael or Jill.

### N

A75  
KJ8  
A872  
765

### S

10 6  
AQ5  
QJ1053  
AJ2

**Contract:** 3NT **Lead:** KC

West	North	East	South
Pass	1D	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

West strikes out with the Club King. You have nine tricks once you have driven out the diamond king.

How can you deny them four black winners if the diamond king is misplaced?

**Solution Page 30**

## YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION—EXPERIENCE TEAMS BRIDGE

- Teams of 4 are run monthly from February to November between participating metropolitan WA Clubs alternating on a home and away basis during normal club sessions. There are two levels of competition, Open and Restricted. The Restricted is for players of \*State Master ranking and below.
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17. Your bridge partner will never say, " Not again, we just played bridge last week! Is Bridge all you ever think about?" Oops! - maybe they will
18. A man doesn't need lots of finesse(s) to be successful at bridge, but then he needs some squeezes
19. The phrase "could be short" carries no negative connotation....
20. The principle of "Fast Arrival" would not be regarded negatively
21. If the partnership agrees on two over one, it wouldn't be considered an orgy.



### A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING

My partner, sitting West, opened an Acol 1 No Trump. North, holding 15 points with AKQxx in clubs, doubled.

I held Kxxx in spades, A10xxxx in hearts, and xxx in diamonds. No clubs.

"Right", went through what passes for my brain. "Two suited hand, system on after double, use Stayman to see if partner has a major."

So I bid 2 Clubs. South passed. West passed. North passed. Now that's odd. Why didn't partner give me a response?

It slowly dawned on me. We were playing Acol, not Standard. With Acol our defence to a double of 1NT is modified Swine where a 1 Club response

shows clubs.

Partner's hand went down. The 10 and 7 of Clubs. With my club void that made me declarer with two trumps. I suppressed a hysterical giggle. Play started. I won some, they won lots. I could see partner was somewhat surprised when finally they ran out of ruffs and led clubs and I showed out.

In the end I was four off for a bottom and a stunned silence at the table. I crept away.

**Anonymous (for obvious reasons)**







# “The name’s Bond. James Bond”.



This is probably the most famous line from the movies. With the new James Bond movie ‘Quantum of Solace’ released this month my mind went racing back to my university days. I had just discovered the Bond books and my parents despaired that too much time was spent reading Ian Fleming and too little on the classics and other university texts.

‘Kitchen Bridge’ was part of my misspent youth during these early university years. I would pompously announce to my opponents that I played ‘Goren’. I remembered reading “Moonraker” and chapter 7 contained a hand that mesmerised me.

♠ AKQJ	♠ 65432
♥ AKQJ	♥ 109872
♦ AK	♦ J109
♣ KJ9	♣

♠ 10987
♥ 6543
♦
♣ 76532

Hugo Drax was the villain in this James Bond classic. He was obsessed with the conquest of outer space and the achievement of world domination for his evil designs. MI6 was out to stop him and save the planet. James Bond found himself playing high stakes rubber bridge against Hugo Drax at Blades, a London bridge club frequented by Drax. Drax, an accomplished player, had a repu-

tation as a cheat at the bridge table.

By the end of the evening Bond, apparently drunk, switched the decks to include the hand that had become famous as the “Duke of Cumberland” hand.

South the dealer (Bond), slurs with intoxication and opens the bidding with 7 clubs. Drax (West) sensing a killing with his 31 points over Bond’s bid, doubles. Pass . Pass. And Bond redoubles. The contract makes on any lead. The fuming Drax storms out of Blades \$15,000 poorer - \$500,000 in today’s money. The hand is a salutary illustration on the “power of shape” or distributional values. Many books have been written on shapely hands. Two worth a read are Klinger’s ‘The Power of Shape’ and Marty Bergen’s ‘Points Schmoints’.

I continued my university days and ‘kitchen bridge’ slowly dropped off the agenda as I needed to put in the hours to get my degree. However the above hand was etched in my memory.

I came again to bridge about five years ago. I now pompously announce to my opponents that I play ‘ACOL with four card majors’!

A piece of trivia. Why is the system called ACOL? Is it an acronym (à la MOSCITO)? The Acol convention is named after Acol Street in Hampstead, London. There was a bridge club in this street where the convention evolved in the 1930s. Its main devisers included S J Simon who wrote the best selling bridge book of all time “Why You Lose at Bridge”.

John Aquino

## Ron Klinger's WA Lectures 2009

	Morning	Afternoon
Wednesday, February 18	Bunbury BC 10-12.30 <i>15 tips on no trumps</i>	Bunbury BC 1.30-4.00 <i>Active and passive leads</i>
Thursday, February 19	Cottesloe Golf Club 9.30-12.00 <i>Suit Preference Signals</i>	Mandurah BC 2.00-4.30 pm <i>When to Bid and When to Pass</i>
Friday, February 20	Rockingham BC 9.30—12 <i>Defence to weak twos and multi twos</i>	
Saturday, February 21	Nedlands BC 10-12.30 <i>When to Bid and When to Pass</i>	West Coast BC <i>Part Score Zone</i>
Sunday, February 22	WABC 10-12.30 <i>Improve Your Defence</i>	
Monday, February 23	WABC 9.15-11.30 <i>Overcalls</i>	
Tuesday, February 24	South Perth BC 9.30-12.00 <i>Winning tips on competitive bidding</i>	

### SPRING HAS SPRUNG

#### *Gardening notes from Mike George*



Our new native garden has rewarded us with some spring colour and has breathed a sigh of relief with the late rains in November. The yellow Hibbertias or buttercups, both shrub and ground cover species, flower over many months. Along with these, the native bluebell, the yellow 'knobby-dob' conostylis and the odd bottlebrush, are an indication of the flowering we can expect as the gardens develop.

We have been preparing the garden for the summer and have installed a simple, dripper reticulation system to water the garden areas closest to the car park. Mulching and fertilising will follow. A gardener will come in on a fortnightly basis to fertilise, weed and prune to shape the plants. We're hoping that using natural blood and bone as fertiliser will deter our little resident herbivores!!

In the meantime, we're preparing new plants including the native hop bush and 'cocky's beak templetonia' to thicken up certain areas.

# Ron Klinger

[courtesy of [www.ronklingerbridge.com](http://www.ronklingerbridge.com)]

## THIS MONTH'S PROBLEM

South dealer : Both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
---	---	---	Pass
1S	?		

What should North do with:

AK  
A104  
QJ105  
J876

*Full discussion/solution on page 30*

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## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

Join

**Ron Klinger  
at WABC**



Ron Klinger, Australia's premier bridge teacher and International Bridge player will visit Perth in February, 2009 to give a limited number of lessons. WABC has been fortunate to secure Ron to give 2 lessons:

**Sunday, 22 February - 10am-12.30pm**

**Improve Your Defence**

(suitable for experienced players)

1.30-4.45 – Red Point Pairs

**Monday, 23 February – 9.15-11.30am**

**Overcalls:**

(suitable for beginners and intermediate players)

The cost of each lesson is \$15, which includes comprehensive notes on the topics.

***Put these dates in your diary and watch the Club notice board for information on how to book a spot.***

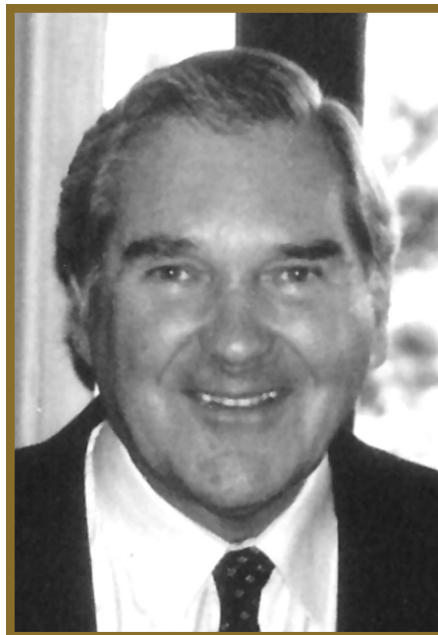
# Vale Brian O'Hara

(6<sup>th</sup> June 1927 – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008)

*His Club remembers him.*

When Brian O'Hara died suddenly on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, he left a hole in the lives of many people in many different ways.

Brian was an active member of the first Western Australian Bridge Association and later B.A.W.A. and was always in the running in state and inter-

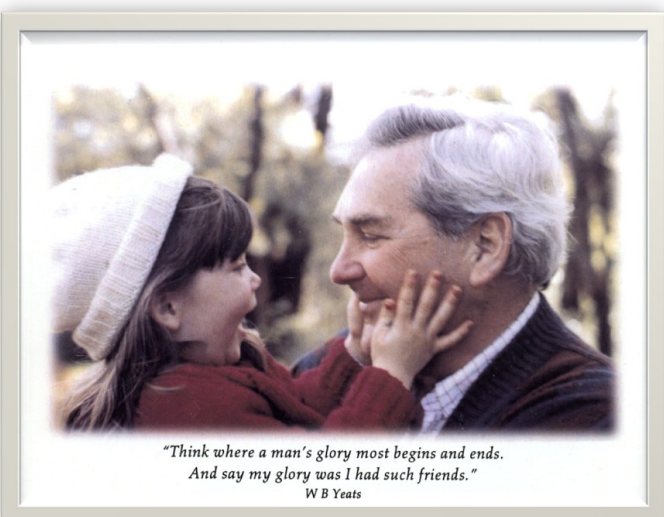


liked to be the Vice-President, never the President or the Captain of a Team. As such he was forced to adjudicate twice acting without fear or favour as he banned two B.A.W.A members who were Presidents then or later. Sadly he had agreed to Captain the Open Team at the A.N.C. when he received the news of his last illness.

Brian was a true renaissance man with many intellectual interests and skills. He was a philatelist of considerable authority, had a wide knowledge of antiques, a long-time interest in wine and for many years was an honorary lecturer for St John Ambulance and the Mercy Hospital. Not only was he a fine doctor but his patients became his friends. He kept his golf buddies, his local friends, his business and professional friends until he died. Jimmy O'Sullivan and Keith McNeill, two of the Bridge Greats, were mates and remember that he gave many brilliant parties that could still be going on at dawn the next day.

Brian's many friends will miss him sadly. His wife Mary, their five children and seven grandchildren have lost a much-loved member of the family. The lines they chose from W.B. Yeats' in his memory seem particularly apt:

'Think where a man's glory most begins  
and ends,  
And say my glory was I had such friends'.



state events. He was introduced to the game as a medical student at Adelaide University. As a resident at Royal Perth Hospital, he joined the Bridge Association, then in St. George's Terrace, remaining a playing member for the next 54 years. Over these years, he became a first class player winning the Open and the Men's Pairs and Teams and captaining the WA bridge team a number of times.

Whether as an official or a player, he attended many A.B.F. events and was appointed Recorder. His duty was to sort out problems and misunderstandings in a diplomatic way and Brian treated his appointment very seriously. He always said he

**Ailsa Smith**

*Australian Bridge  
remembers him.*

At the closing dinner of the Pacific Bridge Federation Championship, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2008, I indicated that I had only one regret. That was Brian O' Hara had not been able to join us for the Congress. When Queensland undertook the task, and the event was not fashionable, Brian rang me to congratulate the State Association and put his name on the list to attend. This was typical of the man.

I was introduced to Brian 30 years ago. He was clearly an important person to a first time attendee at the *Canberra Summer Festival of Bridge*. He left an indelible impression with his ability to make you feel comfortable. I knew he was the "Recorder ", a position I later discovered was the "Complaints Officer". Brian saw his task as assisting the need for less experienced players to have a court of appeal. He had the characteristics required for the job: he was calm, collected and able to inject humour into a tense situation. He was firstly a family man and as a doctor had many medical issues close to his heart. Yet he still gave tirelessly to Bridge. Brian has had a profound influence on the organisation of Bridge in Australia.

He was exceptionally well read and able to discuss a wide range of issues without pushing his views. It was not a question of what he thought was correct; it was always a dialogue with two sides. He was so proud of his club at Odern Crescent and I am sure he will be missed by his many good friends. Nevertheless I can hear him pressing us to achieve greater goals in all facets of life. It was life that motivated him.

I know he wanted to attend the *2009 Summer Festival of Bridge* to have an opportunity to say goodbye to his Festival family. It was not to be and on 1 October 2008 we lost his vision for a better world. Men like Brian brighten our lives and leave us with special memories. He will remain in our thoughts.

*Vale  
Dorothy May  
Oates*

My sister Dorothy was born and grew up in Cranbrook, British Columbia. At age 17 she went to eastern Canada to study for her B.A. and then a post graduate degree in Business Administration.

The war interrupted a promising business career and after a period of war work she joined the Canadian Women's Army Corp. After her discharge she and I decided to travel to the Far East and after some wonderful years arrived in Singapore. Dorothy met and married an Australian, Hugh Oates and eventually they retired to Perth.

Dorothy became a true Australian citizen. She enjoyed her social life, golf and especially bridge. Sadly she has not been able to play in the last two years but she continued her membership, getting great pleasure from being driven to see the progress of the new club rooms and hearing of club activities.

Dorothy died willingly and peacefully – content with her life and ready for her departure.

**RIP DOROTHY MAY OATES, 1913-2008**

**Louise Lawry**



# CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2008

<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>	<i>Campbell-Rickie Cup</i>	Mrs Sheenagh Young
<b>WOMEN'S PAIRS:</b>	<i>Women's pairs Cup</i>	Mrs Maura Rhodes & Mrs Ann Youngs
<b>MIXED PAIRS:</b>	<i>Valli Katz Shield</i>	Not Held in 2008
<b>HANDICAP PAIRS:</b>	<i>Michael Berry Shield</i>	Mrs Rosemary Enright & Mrs Rosemary Rear
<b>CLUB TEAMS:</b>	<i>Freedman Cup</i>	Mrs Susan Clements, Mrs Toby Manford Mr John Ashworth & Mr Jonathan Free
<b>NOVICE PAIRS:</b>	<i>O'Hara Cup</i>	Mrs Breffni Baker & Mrs Margaret Martin
<b>EVENING PAIRS:</b>	<i>Firstenberg Cup</i>	Mrs Jenny Elphick & Mrs Ann Youngs
<b>DAYTIME PAIRS:</b>	<i>Barbara L Taylor Shield</i>	Mrs Joy Gaunt & Mrs Margaret Sacks
<b>CHARLES PEARCE CUP:</b>		Mrs Jenny Liggins & Mrs Eileen Reilly <i>Above Regional Master Winners</i> Ms Julia Lawson & Ms Simone Pettorino <i>Below Regional Master Winners</i>
<b>JILL MILLHOUSE TROPHY:</b>		Mrs Bobbie Mitchell
<b>PATRON'S CUP:</b>		Mrs Bobbie Mitchell
<b>THURSDAY AGGREGATE:</b>		Mr Dom Musitano

# JACKPOT WINNERS 2008

<b>MONDAY</b>	Mrs Ann Bussell & Mrs Jill Mowson
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mrs Claudine Charters & Mr David Charters
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Mr Laurie Bonadeo & Mrs Catherine Minchin
<b>WEDNESDAY EVE</b>	Mrs Patti McNamara & Mrs Barbara Cotton
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mr Chris Bagley & Mr Mal Clark
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Mrs Claudine Charters & Mr David Charters
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Mrs Maura Rhodes & Mr Rick Rhodes

# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS 2008

## Friday Pairs

### North South

- 1st. Denise Sharbanee & Millie Wolinski
- 2nd. Doreen Jones & Viv Wood
- 3rd. Ros Warnock & Tony Stevens

## Friday Pairs

### East West

- 1st. Richard Grenside & Sue Grenside
- 2nd. Jan Blight & Marie Merven
- 3rd. Vivienne Goldberg & Eddy Mandavy

## Saturday Pairs

### North South

- 1st. Maura Rhodes & Rick Rhodes
- 2nd. Jill Del Piccolo & Faye Wilner
- 3rd. Vivienne Goldberg & John Lester

### East West

- 1st. Sue Pynt & Ruth Hansen
- 2nd. Jan Blight & Patricia Mcnamara
- 3rd. Ivan Havas & Judy Havas

## Sunday Teams

- 1st. Viv Zotti, Therese Garbutt, Russell Milburn, Gill Dolling
- 2nd. Heather Williams Patricia McNamara, Jan Blight, Linda Bedford – Brown
- 3rd. Doreen Jones, Shira Shilbury, Viv Wood, Debra Majteles

## Sunday President's Pairs

- 1st. Margaret Sacks & Diana Utting
- 2nd. Charlie Lim & Lily Lim
- 3rd. Ivan Havas & Judy Havas

## A Special Event

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November was a first for W.A.B.C. when we hosted a courtesy Teams of 12 match against West Coast Bridge Club. It was a new experience for some players who had not played teams bridge before, but they soon got its measure and everyone enjoyed the game. Teams from each club comprised 4 life masters and above, 4 state masters or over and 4 below state masters. Bill Kemp as tournament director clearly explained the rules and the movement and there were no technical problems.

We felt the afternoon was a great success and a lot of fun even though West Coast enjoyed an easy win over W.A.B.C. Play was followed by afternoon tea provided by W.A.B.C team. All agreed that we should invite other clubs to join us

in the future so that they can familiarise themselves with the location and ambiance of our new club.

West Coast Team – Pat Scotford. Joy Jones, Ivan Pummer, Graeme Hillier (president)  
Helen Baker, Jean Calder, Robin Rose, Nerilyn Mack  
Gwen Page, Elizabeth Bennett, Shirley Bloch.  
Shirley Drage.

W.A.B.C. Team – Joan Dadour, Danny Benjamin, Rhona Barton, Betty Huntley.  
Susan Clements, Toby Manford, Mike George, Helen George.  
Jenny Davy, June Browne, Jill Mowson, Val Fleay.

## MEMBERS NEW AND OLD



### Meet new club members:

(L:R) Alastair Tulloch, Dale Maley, Peter Jewell, Elizabeth Fountain, Laurie Labross, Maureen Nossiter



### MEET KAREN LARK

Karen grew up in Port Elizabeth in the Republic of South Africa. Having the luxury of servants to attend to many of the daily chores, her family had time for many social pastimes including bridge parties. Karen was a keen observer. Contract bridge was popular and Goren the favoured system. She began playing Klaberjass with her mother, a two-person, trick-taking game and a good precursor to bridge. Her best memories of those times though was not the games but the afternoon tea.

At university in Cape Town, Karen played a bit of bridge but it was a social pastime without much effort involved. For years after that the game was forgotten. In 1979 she moved to the Brisbane then Sydney before coming to Perth in 1985. Life was full as she and her family created a new home and way of life in a very different environ-

ment. For years, juggling career and family left little time left for extras.

A few years ago Karen and Shanta decided to take up the game again. They joined Peter Smith's Wednesday evening classes at WABC and began learning the Acol system. They were quickly caught up in the challenge and complexity of the game. With their enthusiasm, good card sense and obvious enjoyment of the game they made steady progress. They played with the beginners on a Wednesday night often staying afterwards for a glass of wine, a chat about the problem hands and a lot of encouragement from more experienced players. At the end of 2007 they moved over to the 'big' game. Their opponents at the table quickly noticed their keenness to follow the bidding and play of every hand and to learn from every mistake. As a result, they have had some excellent and encouraging results. Shanta is planning to join Karen as a new WABC member. Full-time work and having two sons still living at home stop Karen playing as much bridge as she would like. As demands on her time lessen, she looks forward to playing a lot more, improving her game and providing a real challenge whenever we sit down with her at the bridge table.

**Val Krantz**



## MEMBERS NEW AND OLD



### NEW & REJOINING CLUB MEMBERS AUGUST-DECEMBER

Geoff Holman  
Joan Lovelady  
Sandra Toby  
Freda Hoare  
Helen Turner  
Robert Turner  
Dale Maley  
Helen Seward  
Trevor Nicholls  
Fusako Hashimoto  
Joy Cooke  
Maurice Owen  
Sue Madsen  
Meredyth Crossing  
Lovell Anstee-Brook  
Mary Nicholls  
Helen Read  
Jeffery Forgan  
Norma Clare  
Kim Crossing  
Miriam O'Brien

Don Smith  
Dorothy Stratton  
Connie Annand  
Anne Hocking  
Nayda Keogh  
Marleen Medhat  
Nancy Ford  
Alastair Tulloch  
Rosemarie Cooper  
Maureen Berson  
Susan Mackie-Hookway  
Maurice Samuels  
Joyce Samuels  
Robin & Kim Paterson  
Marion Kilderry  
Linda Godlonton  
Eve Shannon-Cullity  
Kathy Pope  
Maureen Nossiter  
Michele Davies  
Joan Retallack

Laurie Labross  
Richard Basham  
Wilhelmina Piller  
Lotte Oswald  
Jenny Dewar  
Pat Abbott  
Claire Nockolds  
Catherine Grogan  
Beverley Rule  
Kaye Howson  
Diane Procter  
Anne Weaver  
Mira Erskine  
Kevin Benson-Brown  
Jean Parker

### CLUB MEMBERS WE WILL REMEMBER

Brian O'Hara  
Shirley Wickens,  
Dennis Seward

Jill Williams  
Dorothy May Oates

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

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## TRUMPS PLUSSES+

BY CHRIS BAGLEY



*Trumps Plus* is a name with a past. In fact, possibly several. John Ashworth was the initiating editor of a *Trumps Plus* series that ran from 1997 to 2004 and he said in his first edition *Newer members may be interested to know that this is not the first time Trumps Plus has surfaced after a recess.* (*Trumps Plus*, July 1997) Now, after another recess, *Trumps Plus* has resurfaced again under the editorship of John Rigg.

John Ashworth, editor from 1997 to 2000, was followed by Ann Ohlsen (2000-2002), and Peta Fuhrmann (2002-2004). I found out about our earlier editors from Pat King's collection of *Trumps Plus* which covers the period of 1997 to 2004. Congratulations to Pat for preserving this collection.

There is a lot of interesting reading in those copies of *Trumps Plus*. They provide a valuable perspective on the Club's recent past. Let me give you a few instances.

Firstly, I was struck by how recently things that we take for granted were introduced into our bridge life. Pre-dealt hands and hand sheets, for example, appear to have been introduced around about the time of that first edition in July, 1997, as Toby notes in her letter to that edition about extending them from Tuesday, Thursday and Friday games to Saturday games as well. She also quotes Peter Smith as saying that the introduction of pre-dealt hands had already improved the standard of bridge.

Those pre-dealt hands were not dealt by bidding machines, though. They were literally pre-dealt by the Directors and others. What a commitment. Imagine their relief when dealing machines became available in 1997. They weren't cheap, though. The cost of the machines was one of the reasons for raising table money in late 1998. They haven't got much cheaper either. WABC

recently bought a new machine and it cost around \$4,000.

In 1997 the Club had been at the Waratah Avenue hall for 30 years. I know this because the August/September issue of 1997 reported that Helen George and John Ashworth, patrons of the Club in 1997 as they are today, had presided at a Sunday afternoon bridge party held to celebrate those 30 years. While the Club would remain at Waratah Avenue for another 10 years, events were starting to unfold behind the scenes that would lead to our recent move to Swanbourne.

These events surfaced in *Trumps Plus* with a comment in early March 1999 that Nedlands Council had refused a request to build a small carpark at the front of the Club. That was followed by report of a meeting in February, 2001 where proposals for a move to a site adjacent to Dalkeith Tennis Club were discussed. Later editions told members about further negotiations with Nedlands Council and in 2002 the Swanbourne option emerged, leading, eventually, to our current address.

While Club matters were important subjects for *Trumps Plus*, Bridge was important too with each issue discussing various aspects of bidding and play. For example, the thorny question of *Hesitation* was as topical then as it is today. The October/November 1997 issue included the poem "She who hesitates" from Marion Jefferson (with the help of her friend Pam Moore) and the September/October issue included a page entitled "More hints from Emily Post" which discussed the appropriate etiquette for dealing with the problem. Perhaps today's editorial team might reprint these articles in a future edition.

Most issues gave results of competitions and it is interesting to see that many of the players who dominate our lists today were dominating the lists then. There are other constancies too. If I had been playing in 1999 Jan Blight and Marie-France Merven would have confounded me with MOSCITO then just as they do today.

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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## TRUMPS PLUSSES

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Most issues also included amusing anecdotes, usually described as "Heard at the table." Here's an example, from the May/June 1998 edition ...

*West opens one spade. North bids two clubs. East bids three spades. South says to West "Do you have a husband or a lover?"*

*West, flabbergasted, splutters, "What kind of bloody gamesmanship is that? And lost for words replies "I have a partner" and passes.*

*North, having cracked up, passes.*

*East, also in hysterics, passes.*

*South says "Oh yes, I met him at the*

*Christmas Party."*

*West, having totally lost it, then proceeds to make three spades plus one for an outright bottom!!*

Needless to say, West is the writer of this anecdote and the other three players will know who they are. I am sure that all participants in this little tale can recall the day.

There are many more stories that I could extract from these past issues of Trumps Plus, but there's only so much space available in this one. If you would like to look at them, I am sure Pat would be delighted to show them to you. When she gets them back from me, that is.

### Meet old club members:

GUESS WHO? 

### Did you guess??

Last issue's girl on the seesaw was none other than Toby Manford



Put your entry in the box outside the playing area. The first correct entry drawn out at the end of the first week will receive a "scratchie" for Christmas. Good luck!

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## LOOKING AT THE HISTORY OF WABC

### Charlotte Bruce:

**Two memories of one of our most flamboyant and popular directors.**

Charlotte Bruce was a remarkable woman who loved everything exotic. She was one of the early graduates of UWA who worked in one teacher schools in remote farming areas, before marrying a local surveyor. They travelled to Malaya in 1927 where he worked for the British Colonial Office in Trengannu.

There she revelled in the glamorous life of the tropics – vivid colours, lush gardens, rich silks and golden threaded saris. She was a beautiful woman who loved the parties with sultans and important colonial figures, spiced by the occasional princely dalliance.

The fall of Singapore in 1941 saw her leave on one of the last ships, only to be offloaded at the first port of Batavia without clothes or money. Some weeks later she reached Perth. Her first need was to find a school that would give her a job and accommodation for herself and her daughter who had been living with relatives here. Boarding schools often proved disappointing and her struggles were not helped when her husband returned broken in health after Changi and the Burma Railway. Social services did not exist for the families of the British Civil Service living overseas. Indeed unless he returned to Malaya within six months his pension rights were threatened. He died soon afterwards.

Times were hard and bridge became the focus of her life. She reigned over the Waratah Avenue club dressed in wild colours of purple, emerald and gold. Newcomers to bridge were welcomed and encouraged. She also had many memorable nights at her house in Loch Street. Large ceramic elephants and full-sized Chinese scrolls greeted the visitor, while the house filled with the aroma of Charlotte's occasional black Sobranies. These were the days before computer scoring. There were always wads of travelling scoresheets sitting around to be toiled over in the evenings, after days spent teaching art or English at various schools up to her 70<sup>th</sup> year.

Charlotte was a very competent director and responsible for two new initiatives. Friday nights became the popular social night at the club, with supper, wine and prizes for the winners. These were often irreplaceable trinkets gleaned by her daughter from the markets of Kashmir and Kathmandu. She also started matches

with Mundaring, Melville and other bridge clubs which were the precursors to the interclub matches of today.

When Charlotte died in 1986 at the age of 83, WA bridge acknowledged her years the many years of generous and capable contribution that she had made.

**Judy Croke**

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Friday night in the early 70s was a special evening's bridge. That was the session run by Charlotte Bruce who was one of the great characters of WABC.

The session was always well attended even for an evening. After the more serious bridge nights, a core of between 8 – 13 tables was left to play a social game run by Charlotte. The evening had its regulars many of whom like Charlotte are no longer with us – no doubt enjoying a similar game somewhere else!

Those were the days of spoken bidding, thick cigarette smoke and manual scoring. The rules were often loosely applied for the "normal" sort of infringements and it was not uncommon to hear rulings such as, "Oh, take it back and play what you meant" or "it's not your bid – wait for North to bid". After the session the players settled down to the serious business of the evening of regular wine and cakes whilst many stories of both bridge and non-bridge experiences were told with the socializing often lasting 'til midnight

Charlotte Bruce was a widow with a strong Indian background. She wore long flowing dresses and lived in a colonial furnished house in Loch St. guarded at the entrance by two large glazed lions. She would have games at her house which were very informal using at least one elephant's foot converted to a side table.

Charlotte was a very competent director but she also liked to play and often played if someone's partner was not coming or even arranged for a game herself with friends like Jill Millhouse.

Sadly the Friday night session ceased when Charlotte died as no one felt that they could really achieve the same cheerful atmosphere she had created for her "Friday Regulars".

**Derek Pocock**

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## LOOKING AT THE HISTORY OF WABC

*The WABC has been served remarkably well over the years by capable Presidents. Unfortunately, very little is known about some of them. One of our club members, Ailsa Smith, has tried to get further information on those very early presidents with limited success, so this is a plea to all club members to contribute further information if they can either in written form or as a chat with one of the editors.*

### CLUB PRESIDENTS

Dr J. Bentley	1939
Mr C King	1939-
	1957
Mrs W Berry	
Dr J. Love	1958
H. G. Rosendorff	1960-
	1964
Dr. E. Edwards	1963
Brig. F. Hussey	1965
Mr Justice Virtue	1968
Dr E. Haywood	1969
Mr N. Mews	1971
Mr M. Hopper	1973
Brig. F. Hussey	1974
Mr G. Ruse	1975
Sir John Virtue	1977
Dr D. Pocock	1978
Mr J. Ashworth	1980
Dr C. Lim	1982
Mrs M. McCulloch	1983
Mrs S. Vincent	1986
Mrs A. Smith	1989
Mrs BLindsay-Taylor	1991
Mrs C. Pocock	1994
Mrs T. Manford	1997
Mrs A. Ohlsen	1999
Mrs L. Wild	2000
Mrs H. Kemp	2003
Mr D. Cain OAM	2006
Mrs A. Rigg	2008

### **Early Club Presidents: Charles King and Olive Berry**

I have rung several people seeking information about these two early figures in our club's history without great success.

Olive Berry was the wife of Wilfred Berry. He was a commercial agent and, like Dr. Bentley, from Ireland. I have not been able to find more information on her. I remember Mr Charles King and his wife as both tall and gracious, with gentle manners.

Although Mrs Isaacs was not a President, she was a very influential member and deserves to be remembered too. She proposed the motion to send a team to the national competition. I think Hans Rosendorf (HGR) relied heavily on her kind and tactful relations with the Old Guard who were a determined, strong-minded group, not always in tune with HGR's dramatic plans.

It would be great if others, perhaps grand children of early players, could provide some clues. For example Elizabeth Martin remembers calling on her grandmother at the St George's Terrace venue. Brian O'Hara remembered the same site, his first contact with the Association, but like the rest of us, his main memories were of Dr. Bentley and HGR, two rather obvious personalities Can anyone else help with information about these early stalwarts of bridge in WA?

**Ailsa Smith**

### **A Further Memory of Dr J. Bentley**

Many of us remember Jim Bentley who was written up in the August issue of *Trumps Plus*. His shout of "Double! " could be heard throughout the room. He once shouted at his partner Sheila Rickard, a tiny redhead, "When you were doubled in 6 hearts why couldn't you convert to 6 no-trumps?" Since they were seated at the next table I called the director who said, "Use any advantage in a cut-throat game and don't call me again". I learnt two lessons at the same time.

**Ailsa Smith**

#### ERRATA

In the August issue of *Trumps Plus*, an article about the club's first president contained a chronological list of all club presidents. Unfortunately there were two errors in the list. First, Derek Pocock, 1978 president was omitted from the list and the name of the next president, Dr C. Lim was misspelt. The editor apologises for these errors to Derek Pocock and Charlie Lim.

# SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

## SOLUTION TO PROBLEM POSED BY RON KLINGER P19

### *Normal Does It*

You rarely have to be brilliant to win a teams event. Do normal things and do them well. The winners are usually the side that makes fewer mistakes. Consider the loss caused by one North on this deal from the final of a national teams event:

	North	<i>South dealer :</i>	
	AK	<i>Both vulnerable</i>	
	A104		
	QJ105		
	J876		
West		East	
Q109542		J73	
Q9		J82	
AK86		932	
A		Q953	
	South		
	86		
	K7653		
	74		
	K1042		

At one table:

West	North	East	South
---	---	---	Pass
1S	1NT	Pass	2D (1)
Dble	2H	All pass	
(1) Transfer to hearts			
Lead: S3			

North's 1NT is the normal action. You have a balanced hand with 15 HCP and the spades well held. It would not be outrageous to double, but you do lack a fourth heart and the 1NT describes the hand well.

Declarer made eight tricks for +110. Once West had doubled 2D, it would be reasonable for East to compete with 2S. When 2H came back to West it would also be forgivable to balance with 2S with that 5-loser hand.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
---	---	---	Pass
1S	Pass?	Pass	Pass

Lead: DQ

With a normal 1NT overcall it was quite timid of North to pass. Declarer made nine tricks for +140 and +6 Imps.

## SOLUTION TO PETER SMITH'S CARD PLAY CHALLENGE from P. 12

A simple count reveals that there should indeed be 13 top tricks as Richard observed: five spades, two hearts, one diamond and five clubs, but how to take them all as safely as possible? The big problems are the blockages in clubs and hearts, and the shortage of entries to dummy. Obviously we can't play three rounds of clubs immediately as someone will trump in, so we must draw some trumps. After winning the lead with the ace of diamonds we could start with a spade to the jack, another to the king and then try three top clubs, hoping that the person with the long trump(s) also has the last club(s). But the odds are not so good for that to work – plus we can do better.

Instead, start with a spade to the jack, another to the king, and then play just TWO top clubs, still leaving the clubs blocked. Now unblock the hearts by playing the ace, then play a low spade to dummy's queen, hopefully drawing the last trump. Now play the king of hearts, discarding West's final (blocking) club honour. Then the clubs can be run from dummy. Notice that we still get the same 13 tricks that we counted at the start of the hand, except we minimise the chance of anything going wrong along the way. Did you pass Richard's "beginners" test?

**I like long walks . . .  
especially if taken by  
partner after a tiresome  
bridge session**

# DIARY DATES

## JANUARY

19	Monday	12.30pm	Open Red Point Monday
20	Tuesday	1.00pm	Open Red Point Tuesday
21	Wednesday	11.30am	Open Red Point Wednesday
		7.30pm	Open Red Point Wednesday Evening
22	Thursday	1.00pm	Open Red Point Thursday
23	Friday	1.00pm	Open Red Point Friday
24	Saturday	1.30pm	Open Red Point Saturday

## FEBRUARY

6	Friday	1.00pm	Open Red Point Friday
8	Sunday	1.30pm	New Members' Party (by invitation)
10	Tuesday	1.00pm	Grand National Restricted Pairs 1/3
11	Wednesday	7.30pm	Club Individual Championship 1/2
17	Tuesday	1.00pm	Grand National Restricted Pairs 2/3
18	Wednesday	7.30pm	Club Individual Championship 2/2
22	Sunday	10.00am	Ron Klinger Lecture (bookings required)
		1.30pm	Red Point Pairs
23	Monday	9.15am	Ron Klinger Lecture (bookings required)
24	Tuesday	1.00pm	Grand National Restricted Pairs 3/3

## SOLUTION TO TIM SERES PLAY PROBLEM from P. 15

North	East	South	West
A75	QJ932	106	K 8 3
KJ8	9732	AQ5	1064
A872	K6	QJ1053	94
765	93	AJ2	
	KQ1084		

Seres gave this example of deception to columnist John Yeomans. West leads the KC to three no trump. Declarer must follow with the jack to induce a club continuation while removing the de-

fence's communications in that suit.

This is a good example of a sacrifice in Rank in order to present the enemy with losing options. The club jack gives West the power to continue clubs without loss. It helps promote the illusion that East has sufficient clubs to cash the suit when he holds another key stopper.

Note that declarer is content to lose **three** clubs and the KD. The problem with winning the first club is that there is then a real chance of losing four clubs and a diamond. The problem with simply ducking the first club is the spade switch. Consider the creation of *safe exit cards for the opponent*, when their alternatives will otherwise prove successful.

# WABC SESSION TIMES

TABLE MONEY \$5.00 Members \$7.00 visitors \$3.00 Youth players

## SUPERVISED – BEGINNERS

DAYTIME:	Monday (P)	12.30 – 3.15	Except Public Holidays.
	Friday (P)	10.00 – 12.40pm	Ideal for Novices
EVENING:	Wednesday (P)	7.30 – 10.30	Ideal for any novice player.

*As these sessions are supervised you may ask for help during play.*

## INTERMEDIATE

DAYTIME:	Wednesday	11.30 – 3.00	
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*Advice given, but only after the game, not during the session.*

## OTHER SESSIONS

DAYTIME:	Monday	12.30 – 3.30	Graduate to this from Supervised.
	Tuesday	1.00 – 4.30	The premier session.
	Thursday	1.00 – 4.30	Popular with newer players.
	Friday	1.00 – 4.30	Our most popular session.
	Saturday (P)	1.30 – 4.45	Relaxed and social.
EVENING:	Wednesday	7.30 – 11.00	Very popular

*\*Sessions marked (P) indicate a duty partner is available*

- *If you need a partner for any other session phone Val Fleay (9272 1388)  
[www.wabridgeclub.com.au](http://www.wabridgeclub.com.au)*

## STOP PRESS:

*The BAWA Christmas party and Presentation Night held on December 11th saw several prestigious awards go to WABC members including:*

- 1) Florence Maltby Shield for Inter-Club Teams of Four (Restricted)**  
John Aquino, Richard Fox (not pictured), Clive and Inga Hunt.
- 2) Trophy for Most Improved Player in WA:**  
Lynne Errington



**PLEASE CONGRATULATE ALL THESE PEOPLE....FULL LIST AND REPORT NEXT ISSUE!**