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Editorial



The year is well underway, which can only mean that the middle of the year is almost on us. And the middle of the year means the Club's premier event. Once it was called the Founda-

tion Day Congress, then that name was changed to the West Australia Day Congress. This year, we will be participating in a new and enhanced Winter Congress, and we have a short article later in the edition giving some details. It will be a great opportunity for all of us to play at a higher level of competition and I, for one, am keenly looking forward to it.

Thinking about the benefits of the Winter Congress and, in particular, the higher Masterpoint levels available to participants, it occurred to me that many members might not be sure of the details. So I asked our Masterpoint Secretary to spell out the details for us as they apply to our day to day sessions, and you will find his article a few pages hence. However, if you would like the full details, just consult the Masterpoint Manual, available at [http://](http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/mpmanual/html/mpmanual.htm)

www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/mpmanual/html/mpmanual.htm. The introduction to the PDF version of the manual available on the site notes that clauses *which should be read by ... new users* have been marked with a §, which is just as well because the manual is, well, quite complex really.

Of course, the biggest masterpoints scores go to the winners, and if you want to be a winner, as I am sure we all do, then we need to play better bridge. Here one of life's little injunctions comes into focus – when all else fails, read the instructions. And the instructions, thousands of them, are spelled out in all

those great books in our Library that Val Krantz manages for us. I don't think we make sufficient use of the library, and I for one am resolved to make more use of it. I would encourage you to do the same. It is a superb resource and certainly the best in the state, if not the best in Australia. The world? Well, I wouldn't be surprised. Val does a great job in getting new and up to date material for us.

But enough about Bridge. Our edition this month brings all your usual columns, together with lots of photographs of winners and participants at recent club events. I hope you find it to your liking.

Once again, if you would like me to include anything please give me a call either at home, 9447 5224, or on my mobile 0422 381 253, or you can email me at bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au.

Chris Bagley

President's Report



We have plunged into the New Year with a number of events on the Calendar already completed.

Australia Day celebrations were attended by a full house of bridge players and we topped up this enjoyable day with

lamingtons for afternoon tea.

The Anniversary Pairs was held on Saturday 8th February. The trophy and prize money have been generously donated by Jean Field who was on hand to present the prize to our winners this year – John Aquino and Steve Pynt. Well done guys!

Our Individual Championship was held over two Tuesdays in February and was successfully defended by our lovely winner – Ann Youngs. Well done Ann!

The New Members Party was another successful event capably organised this year by Dymphna Elsey and her helpers Dee Sinton, Faye Cullen and others. The new members enjoyed the day and the lovely afternoon spread. This year the event was much smaller than in previous years with only 60 new and existing members on the day. It made for a very pleasant interaction and hopefully, has given the new members a taste of playing with different members and to encourage them to enter further events and/or to be playing more often. Thank you to all existing members, helpers and Peter Smith who made this day a special one.

Our Winter Congress is coming up very fast and I would like to encourage all



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CLOSING DATE FOR June issue is 1st June

members to enter. This year we have been granted an elevated status to allow us to allocate more red points to winners and participants. This is an added incentive for those of us who are chasing “the points”.

I experienced my first interstate Congress this year when I travelled to Canberra with my partner Marcey Spilsbury and played in a team with Kate Pinniger and Carla Sullivan. We had a great time, the bridge was intense but allowed us to

concentrate without any outside interference (in my case most beneficial). We were playing in a field of very good players (to a one they all played Standard American) and we managed to win some games. In fact, at the end of a four day Teams event we qualified for the SWPT Novice Finals Category after being in an open field and came second. (see photo attached). The wine was very happily consumed.

I had visited Canberra before (with the chap) but this time Kate and Carla – committed foodies found a different restaurant for us to visit every night and it was fantastic.

The recent Gold Coast Congress also drew an enormous crowd and quite a few of our club members attended. Jo Sklarz and Deana Wilson came second in the Restricted Butlers Swiss Pairs and their team also had a great time and performed admirably.

I recommend all of you to try a Congress if you haven't already, starting with

our very own Winter congress which is on Friday May 30th-Monday June 2nd.

We have had another good response from members wishing to participate in Inter-club Teams matches. We have entered one Open Team, three Intermediate and Three Restricted teams. Each team has its own Captain who has undertaken to organise the play dates and this has taken enormous pressure off the individual organisers who had to arrange all dates last year. We look forward to a

successful outcome.

The Youth Bridge program which was initiated by Jonathan Free and Ron Cooper last year has proved successful by introducing new members and integrating the young players into the Saturday afternoon session after the morning Supervised session. A big thank you to Jonathan for continuing to give up his time every Saturday morning to mentor

these young people. Personally, I think it is wonderful to see these young people enjoying the “mind sport” and I hope that more and more join their ranks.

The club continues to be in a sound financial position due to the diligence of our Treasurer and the support of the Finance Committee.

The Committee has been discussing the possibility of replacing the aging chairs and tables in the social area for quite a few years. This year the Committee has decided to go ahead and complete this project. I have taken on the role of Project Coordinator and it is a big



Canberra Success: Second in the SWPT Novice Finals Category:

Marcey Spilsbury, Gwen Wiles, Kate Pinniger and Carla Sullivan

task. After many months of research, discussions with Committee members and others, sample chairs delivered, dismissed and finally accepted, colours, fabrics and laminates looked at and chosen, we have come to a decision on what chairs and tables to purchase.

The order has been initiated and as a further incentive to alleviate costs I have undertaken to apply for a Lotterywest grant with the hope that we will receive some funds towards the cost of this project. We hope to hear back from Lotterywest in the next few weeks as to their decision. Look forward to your updated social area in the next few months. More news in the next edition of Trumps Plus!

Your Committee continues to work hard for you and behind the scenes, Bev Hunt is putting in an enormous effort to make the Charity Day a great event by organising donations. If you wish to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact Bev or one of the Committee members.

Finally, Dee Sinton and Peg Browne with the help of Ann Hayes have been purchasing, cutting up cheese and plating them up for many years for the Saturday afternoon players to enjoy a little extra with their after bridge wine. This year Dee will be travelling quite a bit and Peg Brown who is in hospital at the moment would be most grateful if some of the Saturday afternoon players offered to help out with this chore.

Two members Greg McKie and Jessie Duffill have offered to do this for the next month but we need to set up a roster of members to help out with this duty and to put on the percolated coffee each week. Please help out your club and put your name forward for one of these jobs. Let me know or a Committee member if you are willing to put your name on a roster.

Happy Bridging!
Gwen Wiles



TIM SERES: Australia's Master of Deception

Problem 39 from Chapter 3:

Tim's favourite battleground

S. 87
H. 10953
D. J1095
C. KJ8
N
W E
S
S. AJ42
H. 42
D. AK864
C. A10

Bidding:

West	North	East	South
Minc	Courtney	McMahon	Seres
3S	Pass	Pass	3NT
All pass			

The lead was the SK to partner's 3 and Tim played his Ace, disguising his spade holding from both defenders. He then played the DAce and West discarded the S5.

How did Seres play to make 3NT?



Anniversary Pairs 2014

Last year the Club introduced a new competition to mark the anniversary of our move into our Swanbourne facilities. There were two separate dates that could be commemorated, the day of the first game in the new facilities, Tuesday the 22nd January 2008, and the day of the opening ceremony X February 2008. In the event, the Club adopted a compromise, the first Saturday in February, being roughly mid way between the two. However, a **little known fact** is that the first game at Swanbourne was played nearly a year earlier than the 22nd January 2008, when a game was played on the bare concrete slab, surrounded by stacks of bricks with the builder working in the background. Here's what it looked like in 2007 when we were setting up the tables:



Clearly, even though we were keen to get into the new facilities our members needed a little more comfort so play was suspended until the building was completed and the Committee committed to an opening date of the 22nd January.

When that decision was taken it looked like everything would be ready, but alas, everything was not ready. In particular, in spite of the best efforts of Club and architect we had no sewer connection. Management decided it would be unreasonable to ask players to hold on until they could get home (could you?) and so another **little known fact** is that we arranged for the installation of temporary toilets – seven portaloos. And, we operated using these for the first three weeks of operation, getting the sewer connect-

ed just in time for the official opening.

Who of those amongst us who were there could forget! Some of us think that the anniversary competition should be known as *The Portaloo Pairs*. With a trophy perhaps like:



Well, perhaps not ...

Moving to this year's competition we had an enormously successful afternoon with over forty tables, one of the largest Club duplicate turnouts. Eighty-three pairs fought for the honour and the prize of being Anniversary Pairs champions and at the end of the day the worthy winners were John Aquino and Steve Pynt. Our congratulations to them, and also to Austin Gillanders and Claudiu Rodina who were second and Helene Kolozs and Ann Youngs who were third. We hope everyone enjoyed this great commemora-

tive day, and we hope we have as good a day next year.



Winners: John Aquino and Steven Pynt with their trophy presented by Jean Field

The ceremonial cutting of the Anniversary Pairs cake with President Gwen Wiles and Trophy Donor Jean Field



Third: Ann Youngs and Helene Kolozs



Runners Up: Claudiu Rodina and Austin Gillanders



Fourth: Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose



Jenny Elphick



Leonie Lorian





WHERE'S THE QUEEN?

This year's National Open Teams final in Canberra was a contest between the old guard and the new.

The experienced LORENTZ team of Gabi Lorentz, Stephen Burgess, Ashley Bach, Paul Marston, Matthew Thomson and Pablo Lambardi (visiting from Argentina), had been top qualifiers and started favourites in the final. The young MILNE team of Liam Milne, Nye Griffiths, Andy Hung, Adam Edgton, Peter Hollands and Ishmael Del'Monte had qualified second, with all players having shown good form in recent years. Del'Monte in particular as the most senior member of the team has won a number of top events in the very tough US scene and is without doubt Australia's most successful player. You will see what makes him so as we send him on a mission to find the queen of trumps on the following deal.

Ishmael was South and held the following hand.

♠ 8 6 4 2
♥ K J 6 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ --

Dealer West. North-South vulnerable.

West	North	East	South
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Hollands</i>	<i>Lambardi</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
2♣	2NT!	3♠	4♦
4♠	5♣	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Hollands' 2NT response was artificial, showing a good 4 card heart raise. The rest of the auction was natural, leaving Ishmael in an ambitious 5♥. Against 5♥ Matthew Thomson, West, led

the queen of spades and Ish got to see this dummy.

♠ 10 3
♥ A 10 7 4
♦ Q 7 5 4
♣ A 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 8 6 4 2
♥ K J 6 5 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ --

As you can see, the contract is precarious. With two top spade losers declarer can't afford to lose a trump or a diamond.

After winning the queen of spades West continued with the jack of spades, which also held, then shifted to a low club. Decide on your play before reading on.

Obviously the diamond finesse had better work, but what about the queen of trumps? The standard play with a nine card fit is to play for the drop – simply cashing the ace-king. But the hearts are hardly likely to break 2-2 on this auction; East-West did after all bid two suits strongly, with few points. So the problem is: who holds the queen of trumps?

Ish found the solution neatly by delaying the trump decision until he knew more. The diamond distribution would be the key to the heart play.

After winning the third trick with dummy's ace of clubs, discarding a spade, Ish played a low diamond from dummy and when East played low he finessed the jack, winning.



WHERE'S THE QUEEN?

Ish now played his last spade (he'd discarded one earlier), ruffing in dummy, before playing another low diamond. East again played low and he finessed the ten, as West again followed low. He could now be certain that East began with 3 diamonds in addition to long clubs and 4 spades: seemingly something like a 4-1-3-5 shape.

From here it was a simple matter of cashing the king of trumps, both opponents following low, then a low one to dummy's ten, winning, followed by the ace.

Here's the full deal.

<p>♠ 10 3 ♥ A 10 7 4 ♦ Q 7 5 4 ♣ A 8 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J 7 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ 8 6 ♣ Q 10 9 7 6</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ A K 9 5 ♥ 2 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ K J 5 4 2</p>
<p>♠ 8 6 4 2 ♥ K J 6 5 3 ♦ A J 10 2 ♣ --</p>			

When you can play the hands so skilfully you don't mind backing yourself with some aggressive bidding!

At the other table Paul Marston sat South and chose to pass over East's systemic 1♦ opening. West responded 1NT and after East's 2♣ rebid all passed. The contract made 10 tricks for a 13 Imp swing to Milne. At the top lev-

els of bridge it's almost impossible for one to be left to play undisturbed at the two level in a ten card fit these days but it happened here.

Perhaps this was an omen for the changing of the guard as the MILNE team went on to win the final 161-139 and so qualified to represent Australia in the 2014 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship in Glasgow in September.

Early Notice

This year's Nigel Rosendorff and Peter Smith lectures will be held on 24 and 26 June: Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening, and Thursday morning.

Keep these dates free.

Bookings open nearer the time - look out for flyers around the club.

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WABC PRESENTS

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- **SATURDAY and SUNDAY SWISS PAIRS** 9.30 am and 1.30 pm
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THE NEW WINTER CONGRESS

The Management Committee has agreed with a recommendation from the Tournament Committee to implement major changes to the Club's mid-year Congress.

The first change has been to recognise the growing significance of the Congress and obtain permission from BAWA and the ABF to conduct the Congress as a Super Congress. More on this in a moment.

The second change has been to the name. The Committee decided that it would change the name to reflect the new approach and has adopted *Winter Congress* as the new name for the Congress. So shortly you will see advertising for the West Australian Bridge Club's new Winter Congress. In fact you may have seen it already because we have advertised advance notice of the Congress in the March edition of BAWA's magazine Focus.

Back to the change to a Super Congress: what does this mean? Well, firstly it reflects a change in the size of the Congress. Bill Kemp noticed last year that our congresses were getting increased numbers of participants and recommended to the Tournament Committee that it consider upgrading the status of the Congress to

Super Congress status.

The requirements for such Congresses, which are set out in the Master Point manual, include appropriate standards of accommodation, suitably qualified Directors, and a minimum number of session tables. As we have a high quality venue and well qualified Directors we were able to meet the first two criteria, and by ex-

tending the sessions we expect to meet the third criteria.

Secondly, the change to Super Congress status significantly increases the Master Points awarded to the successful competitors. You may have noticed that winners at the major eastern-states competitions win large numbers of master points compared with congresses in WA, and this is one of the reasons. Our new Winter Congress will bring the opportunity to earn master points at these levels to Western Australian bridge players.

Your Committees are now looking at the details of the new Congress, but briefly we expect that we will have a full day of duplicate competition on the Friday of the week-end, a two day Swiss pairs competition on the Saturday and Sunday, and a full day teams competition on the Monday. In addition we will have walk in competitions on Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoons, and possibly on the Friday afternoon.

The Committee will finalise arrangements shortly and begin advertising. But in the meantime, I for one will be checking my dance card to make sure I am in all the events. I hope you will be doing so too. One last thing. We anticipate that this congress will create a lot of interest in the Bridge community and would be an ideal sponsorship vehicle for business. If you or yours are interested in claiming "naming rights" for any of the events we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact any member of the management or tournament committees if you are interested

**Kitty George
Convenor, Tournament Committee**

WABC CHARITY DAY FRIDAY



Legacy in Western Australia is delighted to have been selected by WABC as the beneficiary of the 2014 club charity day, and to be able to assist Bev Hunt and her

committee in their endeavours. We are also grateful for the invitation of Chris Bagley, editor of Trumps Plus, to have this opportunity to raise awareness of the work of Legacy in our community today and for more than 90 years since its foundation in Melbourne in 1923.

The price of our freedom is the sacrifice made by those who serve our country. Sometimes the price of sacrifice is unbearably hard. But the highest price of all is paid by those left behind.

Legacy was established by our diggers returning from the trenches of World War One, who pledged among themselves to look after the families of their fallen comrades. Compassionate, ethical and driven by the vision of the very first diggers, Legacy proudly stands in the gap when the ultimate price is paid for our freedom. Today Legacy remains committed to rebuilding families shattered by loss, with the utmost care, integrity and all the practical help it can provide.

Legacy's challenge today is greater than ever before as the world becomes more complex and insular. The spirit of mateship, comradeship and community forged in the last century are being quickly eroded in our fast-paced world, beset by financial crises and spiralling health, housing and education costs. It is hard to imagine the challenges faced by our incapacitated and deceased veterans' families yet every day our widows pay the price for our freedom. With over 50,000 new veterans created in the last decade, a significant increase in those suffering stress-related illness can be predicted.

In 2013, 279 newly-bereaved widows of veterans registered with Legacy in WA, the oldest in her 90s, the youngest in her 20s. They joined the 100,000 Legacy families across Australia in Legacy's care. To all these families, Legacy offers advocacy for pensions, welfare, counselling, education, grants and scholarships as well as legal and financial advice. Perhaps most importantly, Legacy offers

the kind of support that only a caring family can provide. All this is done without direct government support as Legacy relies almost entirely on the generosity of the Australian people. Legacy WA is caring now for over 6,000 widows and 50 children and adult disabled dependants.

Remember the sacrifice, and take a moment to appreciate the freedoms they bought. Then remember those who continue to pay the price for our freedom...

2013 Perth Legacy Facts:

- 331** Legacy widows applied for financial help with their winter fuel bill
- 18** children's education grants were awarded
- 3120** contact telephone calls were made to **2451** widows
- 905** widows received home visits from Legacy staff or volunteers
- 261** hospital visits were made to widows
- 58** children took part in 10 fun activities organised by Legacy
- 191** widows enjoyed a week's holiday in Busselton
- 324** pension applications were made on behalf of widows
- 85** frail and housebound widows received a Christmas Hamper
- 47** widows had home security provided to a value of \$23,000
- 402** widows enjoyed a Christmas Lunch
- 264** widows attended weekly social activities in 9 metro locations supported by Perth Legacy
- 206** wills written for widows (at no cost to the widow)
- 279** new widows registered with Perth Lega-

cy (including 4 young widows under 35 years with young children)

6900 widows received Legacy's quarterly newsletter

Since 1923, Legacy has cared for nearly 2 million families of deceased veterans, both those killed in action and those who died subsequently. In 2013, Legacy in WA made an historic decision to embark on a new program, Family Connect, to care for the families of veterans suffering with a mental illness injury. In the 10 years that Australians served in the recent Afghanistan conflict, 40 soldiers were killed in action. Of the 60,000 plus Australians who served in Afghanistan, 12,000 to 15,000 veterans will suffer on going permanent physical and psychological damage that will have severe ongoing negative impacts on their families. We know from data available, that many more will die from suicide in the next 10 years as a result of their operational service. Legacy in WA is now committed, through Family Connect, to supporting these families.

Legacy in WA receives very little government funding and relies heavily on the generosity of the public and private sector for financial support and is very grateful for the support of the members of the WA Bridge Club.

If you would like more information about the work of Legacy in WA please do not hesitate to contact either Glenn Weiland (GWeiland@perthlegacy.com.au) or John Rigg (jnrymrgg@amnet.net.au)

Glenn Weiland, CEO, Legacy in WA
John Rigg, Chairman,
Torchbearers for Legacy in WA.

NOTICE
Novice Pairs Congress
scheduled for Sunday 13th
April is cancelled due to lack
of entries,

Eddie Kantar



***Member of the Bridge Hall of Fame
National & World Champion
Teacher and Writer has a website which
may interest you. He has also allowed us
to reproduce some of his anecdotes in-
cluding this lovely cautionary tale about
bridge ethics:***

Alvin Roth, a very ethical player was once defending 7NT in a money game. The hand featured this heart suit in a three card ending:

	North	
	H. K43	
West		East (Roth)
H. 862		H. Q95
	South	
	H. AJ10	

South had started with four hearts originally and had to guess who had the HQ. He started by leading the HJ from his hand. West went into an Oscar winning performance trying to make South think he had the queen and finally played low. South, taken in by all of this, also played low as did Roth! When Roth's partner saw that Alvin had the queen and could have defeated 7NT by taking the trick, he asked Roth why he hadn't taken the trick with the queen. "Because I thought you had it", said Roth



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Points Schmoints

(with apologies to Marty Bergen)

Most of us are interested readers (okay, some more than others) of the printed results after we have finished playing our Bridge session. The left-hand side of the list is fairly simple: the relative position of where each pair finished, their actual pair number, followed by their names. Yes, pretty obvious to everyone and I really didn't need to explain any of that. But on the right side of the list is a set of numbers – where do they come from, and what do they mean? In a Duplicate Pairs event, your results are based on comparing the scores you achieved on each board you played with all the other pairs who played the same boards. In effect, you are playing a series of mini-matches, board by board, against all the other pairs in your section. Delving further, let us consider one of our more common movements – the standard 9 table Mitchell. In this movement you will play 27 hands over nine rounds, playing 3 boards against each opposing pair. Of course, while you actually play against opponents, your real competition for each board comes from the pairs who are sitting in the same direction as you. For each board, we use a calculation based on Double Match-Pointing. For each pair that plays a board, two Match Points are awarded for each score they beat. The scores are ranked in order - if you got an outright top, your score beat the eight other scores registered for that board, and you would receive $8 \times 2 = 16$ Match Points. The second best score would receive 14 MPs (7×2), third score would get 12 MPs, and so on down to the second last score which would get 2 MPs for beating the hapless pair who got an outright bottom (and the resulting zero). The reason why 2 MPs are awarded was

to simplify the calculations when pairs get the same result. For a shared top between two pairs, they would each receive 15 MPs ($16 + 14 / 2$) and if three pairs shared it they would get 14 MPs each ($16 + 14 + 12 / 3$). Of course, the need to keep the calculations simple stems from our pre-computer days – no longer such an issue.

So, the first column of numbers you see is simply the total number of Match Points you received during the session. In theory, this column would normally only contain whole numbers. Occasionally, however, you do see MPs totals with decimal places. This effect comes from the Director either awarding an adjusted score (an Average or Not Played), which then alters the total MPs available for the affected hand(s), or from forgetting that the computer insists on expecting eleven scores in an 11 table Mitchell, but we usually only play nine rounds and we need to correct the computer's "assumption" before scoring up.

The second column is the one we most often quote – our percentage. This is simply the quotient of your MPs divided by the potential maximum ie. 27 boards * 16 MPs = 432. Thus, if you had a good day and accumulated (eg.) 274 MPs out of the possible 432, you would get 63.4%. A 50% score would come from a total of 216 MPs, and 173 MPs would give you 40%.

The final column shows the Masterpoints awarded, and you will see that only the top half of the place-getters receive them. Masterpoints are issued by all clubs affiliated with, and on behalf of, the Australian Bridge Federation, and act as a form of recognition for achievement in each session you play in. They also contribute to your "Master Status" ranking as

you accumulate them over your playing career, starting at Graduate Master (2) all the way up to Diamond Grand Master (15000).

There are three main “colours” that define the different Masterpoints on offer:

1. **Green** – these are the points you will be most familiar with. They are issued for regular Duplicate Pairs sessions, and are awarded to the top half place getters in each section. Points are calculated at .03 for each table, so the winners in a 9 table movement will receive 0.27 Green Masterpoints, and the winners in a 14 table movement will get 0.42, with second and lower place getters receiving a lesser proportion. Thus, while you might prefer the smaller movements with three or four boards per round, greater rewards come from playing in larger movements with only two boards as you have to beat more pairs.
2. **Red** – these points are issued in a number of events. Most common are the sessions that make up the club congresses – Pairs, Teams and Swiss Pairs. You will also earn them for playing in any BAWA (State) events, including matches in the Inter-Club Teams competition. Given these events generally attract the more serious players, Red Points are considered harder to earn and thus are awarded at a slightly higher rate – 0.05 for each table in Pairs events, and a value based on the number of boards in each match for the Teams and Swiss Pairs.

Finally, you may have noticed Red Points also being offered on regular Club days. The ABF allocates a certain number of Red Point sessions every year to each

club, based on the number of Green Points they issued in the previous year. WABC initially assigns those sessions to all our club championships (Mixed Pairs, Open Pairs, etc) but we are actually allocated more sessions than we can use in those events. As a result, we use the remainder for “special” days – public holidays, Red Point Week in January, and other random days so they don’t go to waste.

3. **Gold** – these points are issued in all national (ABF sponsored) events. W.A. hosts four such events each year – the Swan River Swiss Pairs, the Western Seniors, the Gold West Swiss Pairs (Mandurah) and the Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women’s Teams. In addition, a couple of other BAWA events have recently been elevated to Gold Point status as well.

So, why the different points, and how do they affect your ranking?

If you look at the back of your ABF Player Card, or any Promotion Certificates you may have received, you will see the table of points required for each rung on the Master Status ladder. Green Points are earned from regular club days as those sessions are considered less intense. If you only ever earn Green Points by just playing club bridge, you can see that the highest ranking you can achieve is *Regional Master. To progress beyond that level, you need to demonstrate that you had success in the more competitive forums – teams, congresses, state and national events.

To qualify as a State or National Master, 50% of the points you have earned need to be either Red or Gold – they may be either, or a simple mix of both. From there it gets even tougher. Just as the minimum points requirements are now higher, so too are the minimums for Red and Gold points. For Life Master, 60% of your points must be Red or Gold, but now at

least 10% of those must be Gold. To reach Grand Master status, the mix is 70% with 20% being Gold. And on it goes.

At the end of the day, none of this is going to affect us greatly. Most of us just play bridge for the enjoyment – the Masterpoints and resulting Master Status ranking is a much lesser concern. Sure, enjoy the kudos when you pass your next milestone and receive your Ranking Promotion certificate, but play for the fun and not the fame.



LESSONS AT WABC TERM 2 2014



The next term's classes will start at the Club from Tuesday 29 April.

Tuesday morning:

Intermediate Bidding. *The finer points of Acol clearly explained.*

Tuesday evening:

Deadly Defence. *What to lead, how to signal and much more.*

Wednesday early evening:

Beginners. *Ideal for completely new players.*

Thursday morning:

Modern Competitive Bidding. *Winning tactics in contested auctions.*

For more information please contact Peter Smith on 9381 5270 or email

lessons@wabridgeclub.com.au

Elimination Plays

PROBLEM ONE:

Difficulty * * *
 Dlr East E-W Vul

North
 ♠ AK52
 ♥ 94
 ♦ QJT9
 ♣ 874

South
 ♠ T864
 ♥ K52
 ♦ AK64
 ♣ AK

<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>
Pass	1NT	2♥	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads the 6♣. If trumps are 3-2 you can manage 10 tricks without much trouble. Can you make 11 tricks?

PROBLEM TWO:

Difficulty * * *

North
 ♠ A98
 ♥ A98
 ♦ QJT8
 ♣ 942

South
 ♠ J74
 ♥ Q7
 ♦ AK6532
 ♣ 75

<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>
	1♠	2♦	Dbl
2♠	3♣	3♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West leads the K♣, and shifts to the Spade 6. West probably would have led a singleton Spade if he had one, so you can reasonably assume that the Six is from a doubleton. In fact, you must assume that if you are going to have a chance at making this contract. So, you duck the Spade to East's Queen, hoping that you will be able later to get a Spade pitch on your second Heart trick. But the defense thwarts that plan, as East leads a low Club to West's Queen, and another Spade comes through. This one you win with the Ace. What next?

SOLUTIONS TO BOTH PROBLEMS ON PAGE

NOVICE SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS 2014



The club held our annual Swiss Pairs Congress on Sunday March 23rd. This event is restricted to players holding less than 100 masterpoints and is designed as an introduction to this form of competition. Swiss

Pairs are certainly growing in popularity and always provide a fun competition. This year we fielded 25 tables including 4 youth players and after a short explanation of the format and scoring system the "snakes and ladders" began. After the first round, and for the remainder of the morning, table 1 became the preserve of Mira Erskine and Barbara Pritchett. This was a very good result for them as they had met for the first time literally as play began! Thank you Barbara for filling in at the last possible moment and well done to you both. Thanks too to Jodie Basham and Sue McLauchlin who were called in as the House Pair to avoid a half table.

President Gwen Wiles organised the drinks and nibbles after play and it was very pleasing to see most players stay for the prize presentation. It was a beautiful balmy evening and it was a delight to relax in the courtyard after a long but enjoyable day. Gwen was assisted by Rhona Barton and my thanks to you both for your excellent catering. Thanks also to Neville Walker who drove up from Mandurah to direct the event.

Kitty George

FINAL RESULTS

- 1st: Joy and Terry Turner
(from Rockingham Bridge Club)**
- 2nd: Kate North and
Vanessa Starcevich**
- 3rd: Craig and Christine Bradley**
- 4th: Peter Cameron and Joanne
Payne**
- 5th: Mira Erskine and
Barbara Pritchett**
- 6th: Peter Wilson and
Moira Pirritt Jnr**



**6th Place
Peter Wilson and
Moira Pirritt Jnr**

NOVICE SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS 2014



**WINNERS OF THE
CONGRESS WERE
Joy and Terry Turner
Rockingham Bridge Club**

**Second Place
Kate North and
Vanessa Starcevich**



**4th Place
Peter Cameron and
Joanne Payne**



**5th Place
Mira Erskine and
Barbara Pritchett**

WOMEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014



**Congratulations
to our
2014 Champions:
Jan Blight and
Heather Williams**

The premier club championship, the Women's Pairs was run over three week of intense competition. Dave Parham directed a beautifully smooth, equitable competition; and a post competition afternoon tea and drink was enjoyed by all.



**Runners up: Ursula Harper and
Vivienne Goldberg**

-  **1 Heather Williams & Jan Blight**
-  **2 Vivienne Goldberg & Ursula Harper**
-  **3 Jane Henderson & Jocelyn Parry**
- 4 Linda Wild & Helene Kolozs**
- 5 Dymphna Elsey & Di Quantrill**
- 6 Alison Rigg & Sue Broad**





Ron Klinger
Says:
Try
This
Problem

IT'S A WIN-WIN
SITUATION!

Individual
Champion 2014

East dealer : East-West vulnerable

North
A873
1098
J105
QJ3

South
2
KQ65
AK9864
A4



For the second year in a row, the winner of the Individual Championship is Ann Youngs. Well done, Ann. Going for the trifecta next year?

THE AUCTION:

West	North	East	South
---	---	Pass	1D
1S	1NT	Pass	2H
Pass	3D	Pass	5D
Pass	Pass	Pass	

THE PLAY:

West leads the SK, taken by the ace. You play DA, DK and the suit splits 2-2, East having started with DQ-3. Plan the play.

Courtesy of
www.ronklingerbridge.com

♥(Solution Page)



RUNNER-UP
Fusako Hashimoto

NEW MEMBERS PARTY



WINNERS NORTH SOUTH :
Louis Moyser and
Derek Pocock

WINNERS EAST WEST :
Dymphna Elsey
and Di Quantrill



SECOND EAST WEST :
Bernard West and
Stella Steer

NEW MEMBERS PARTY



Thank you to our director for the day, Peter Smith ...looking after all the graduates from his classes

Our traditional new members party was held on Sunday February 23rd. This is a much looked forward to event each year, giving “old” members the chance to meet and socialise with those who have joined our club during the past year. Our Director, Peter Smith, remarked upon how much he enjoys this special occasion and the important place it holds in his calendar. Guests were welcomed with a glass of champagne and our president, Gwen Wiles, explained the format of the afternoon with the emphasis on friendly, very social bridge. New members were paired with old as we entered the playing area and the merriment began as playing systems were cobbled together. The successful “cobblers” were:

NORTH – SOUTH WINNERS

**Derek Pocock and Louis Moyser
Rhona Barton, Anne Marie Montague
Faye Cullen, Sheryl Every**

EAST – WEST WINNERS

**Di Quantrill and Dymphna Eley
Stella Steer, Bernard West
Sophia Michielsen, Mike George**



Chlo Hodge and John Rigg

Dymphna Eley, ably assisted by Faye Cullen, organised the afternoon and our thanks go to them. The afternoon tea was delicious and I doubt that many would have needed an evening meal. All who participated had a wonderful afternoon.

NEW MEMBERS PARTY

Also seen enjoying themselves at the New Members Party

*Jan Tiller and
Carol Pocock*



*Hugh and
Kate Pinniger*



*Carla Sullivan and
Sue Swinney*



*Toby Manford and
Eugene Luzietti*



The Gold Coast Congress

With Maura Rhodes

Rick and I have just come back from a wonderful week at the Gold Coast Congress. This enormous annual event takes place every February and has more than 2000 entrants. I didn't count how many West Australians attended, but there were a lot from many different Clubs. This year, the weather was kind, the sun shone and we enjoyed many pleasant evenings dining outside with friends from Perth. Two of the WA group whom we had dinner with were Jo Sklarz and Deana Wilson and I would like to congratulate this up-coming pair on their exceptional performance. They took part in the Ivy Dahler Butler Restricted Swiss Pairs and out of the ten rounds they played, they only lost one match. They ended up in second place, narrowly missing first place. To come second out of sixty Pairs is a great achievement and I predict that they will have a great future in Bridge. They are both very keen to learn and have the ability to go far. Well done, girls! We are proud of you!

Here is a hand from the Teams which many people took different views on. You are sitting East, in first seat, Vulnerable and when you look at your cards, this is what you see:

♠Void
♥Void
♦KQJ87543
♣A7653

What do you open?

My immediate thought was where are the Majors? I decided not to mess about with this hand and opened 5D. If partner had a good hand, it may make and if partner has a weak hand, it will make it difficult for the opponents to find their game or slam. In fact, I was lucky in that 5D was the only making game on the natural lead of the King of Clubs.

Here is the full deal:

	♠QT542 ♥T985 ♦A62 ♣4	
♠K763 ♥AQ42 ♦9 ♣JT92		♠Void ♥Void ♦KQJ87543 ♣A7653
	♠AJ98 ♥KJ763 ♦T ♣KQ8	

At the other table, E opened the bidding with a bid of 1D which of course S doubled for take-out. A competitive auction ensued and E ended up in 6C, which was not a success.



IMPS Tactics for Teams Bridge

By John Aquino



Teams Bridge is a popular form of the game which has started to take off at the WABC. In recent years WABC

has entered teams in inter-club competitions, as well as run master-in-teams of three congresses, and other club teams tournaments. This has resulted in a number of our members being exposed to, and sometimes seduced by, 'teams bridge'.

This article seeks to touch on some of the tactical differences in the approach to teams bridge.

Match-points vs IMPs

The scoring in teams contests is so different from match-pointed pairs that a different set of tactics is required for a player to be successful at this form of the game.

Playing match-point duplicate pairs you are trying to beat a number of competing pairs, while at teams you are trying to out-score only one other opposing team at a time.

At match-point scoring what is important is **how often** you beat your opponents — not by how much. Scoring 10 points more than all other pairs playing a board will give you 'a top'.

At International Match Points (IMPs) what is important is by **how much** you beat your opponent. Bidding and making a slam while your opponents settle for a safe game will give you a windfall in terms of the IMPs score.

A disaster result on one board at match-points only affects that board and players can often 'move on' putting their 'bad board' behind them without necessarily jeopardising their overall session result. At IMPs however, a bad board where, for example, a slam is bid by your opponents and your team fails to bid to game can result in huge swing against your team and severely compromise the outcome of the match. This is one aspect that brings a different mindset to each form of the game.

Attitude

At IMPs players strive to play steadily and avoid errors. They strive to take what is theirs and there is less emphasis on trying to steal what belongs to the opponents. If the game belongs in a minor strain it is preferable to bid a game in a minor rather than play in a risky no trump contract where they may earn a few more points but risk their sure game. In short at IMPs — no heroics - no wild bids. When given the option at IMPs players go for the surest plus score not the biggest. As declarer your principal aim is to make your contract. As defender your aim is to defeat the opponents contract.

Small swings and Part Scores

Ignore tiny swings. They are generally immaterial to the overall result. In play overtricks are not important so definitely do not risk the contract to make an over-trick.

However it is important to compete for part-scores to ensure the opponents do not play at comfortable two level contracts. The difference between 2♥ making and 3♥ down one is 5 IMPs. Generally compete to the three-level and then play for a plus score.

Games

Vulnerability makes a big difference and should be taken very seriously. The odds favour bidding a vulnerable game with a 40% chance of making. The reason for this is that when vulnerable, in a game that could go either way, you stand to gain 10 IMPs when you guess right and lose 6 IMPs when you are wrong. i.e. 10:6 in your favour. However when non-vulnerable you gain 6 IMPs when you are right and lose 5 IMPs when you are wrong. Almost even odds. You will find many players at IMPs striving to bid 'skinny vulnerable games'. However if non-vulnerable players seek to only bid a game if it has a reasonably good chance of making.

Slams

Whether vulnerable or not small slams are worth bidding with a 50% chance of making. Small slams account for more than half the swings at teams bridge. However grand slams should only be bid if 13 tricks can be counted. Going one down on a grand slam when a small slam is making it a disaster at IMPs.

Sacrifices

While it pays to lose 500 to save against a vulnerable game, in general sacrifices should be an area of extreme caution. For example a 'phantom' sacrifice of 500 against an un-makeable game is a dis-

aster and will cost 12 IMPs. Experts incline towards doubling sacrifices rather than bidding on.

In a game where opponents are vulnerable – 40% of the games are going off anyway. So a great many sacrifices against opponents bidding a vulnerable game could end up being phantom sacrifices.

Penalty Doubles

A double which enables a declarer to make game is a disaster at IMPs. If the opponents have overbid you are going to get most of the points anyway. Be very careful of doubling part score contracts.

The above does not apply to Lightner and other lead directing doubles where a slam can be taken off with the correct lead. These doubles still remain a sound bet at IMPs scoring.

No Trump Range

In using the pre-emptive nature of a weak no trump, players should weigh up the risk of going for a big number if your NT is doubled. Even going down by 200 will cost you 5 IMPs. Many experts prefer to use a strong no trump for teams bridge.

Opening Leads

While there are times when the only way of defeating a contract is to make an attacking lead, it is generally preferable to lean towards 'passive defence'. Make the opponents earn their contract. There is always the risk that an attacking lead gives the opponents a contract they could not make and this is critically important when they have bid a vulnerable contract with a 40%

chance of making.

In summary

At match-pointed pairs bridge a winning style is to try to beat par and to try for an unusually good result on each board. At IMPs scoring the aim is to stretch your bidding with vulnerable games. Ignore tiny swings. Compete for part score hands. Sacrificing and penalty doubling are treated with extreme caution. Play safe and as declarer aim to make your contract and as defender your mission is to defeat the contract. At an IMPs scored teams game your aim is to play par bridge (not to beat it). Take everything which is yours without trying to steal what belongs to the opponent. A 51% score will win a teams match.

Good luck and happy (teams) bridging!!

THOUGHTS FROM THE LIBRARY By Val Krantz

These notes are largely concerning a hunt for the book thief!

It's that time again! Each year when we do our library stock take I live in dread of finding many books missing: rarely is my prognosis wrong. On average we lose 20 books a year. Is there a book thief in the club? Is there someone who ignores the conventions and helps themselves to our books knowing they cannot get caught?

It's a rhetorical question because I know the answer. We lose books without trace because someone takes them without recording it. The library committee works hard to keep the library running as efficiently as we can without a full-time librarian on the spot. We can't see you if you decide you'll help yourself. If you are guilty please put any library books that you've taken, inadvertently or not, back on the shelves. Apart from anything else there must come a time when you've finished with them and I will be very pleased to find them back home for all members to enjoy.

Sadly, the books that go missing are often the ones in most demand such as those in the list on the back cover. The good news is that in some cases we have a second copy. In others the missing one is our one and only. I must reorder and pay for a new copy, spending club money on something that should not be necessary. Perhaps a careful look on your shelves and your bedside table will come up with some of those missing.

Other than that the library is well used and growing. We have close to 1000 books, bridge journals and pamphlets.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Commencing on
5th April 2014
the Saturday Supervised
session
start time will change to
1:30pm.

Maura Rhodes has boosted our collection again after a shelf clean-out at home. They are not all the latest publications but don't think older books are not worthy of a place on our shelves. Some are old masters who still have a lot to offer. While the bidding may change from year to year, learning to play the cards well is a critical part of the game and there are many masters such as Mollo, Reese, Kantar, Jannerston, Kaplan and Simon to name a few, who may no longer be on deck but who still have a lot to teach us. We have many of their books and many are borrowed rarely.

On a more positive note, we have just farewelled a much-valued committee member, Rhona Barton, a tower of strength in the library since our early days. June Fox who has often helped out unofficially and Mal Clark whose computer skills we will particularly welcome, have agreed to replace her. Thank you and welcome to you both.

Find one on a subject of your choosing next time you go to the library (on the



first door left as you enter the club if you haven't already been in there). Remember there's a subject index to help you and there will be a library committee member there after morning and before all afternoon sessions to help.

Two new books that may interest some are Krzysztof Jassem's *Polish club international* and Patrick O'Connor's *A second book of bridge problems*. Australian bridge teacher O'Connor's *A first book of bridge problems* was named Book of the Year by the American Bridge Teachers' Association in 2012 and is on the shelves. Both his books have problems in declarer play and defence for the beginner or near-beginner, starting with the easiest. Don't forget to look under the author's name for the book and if it's not on the shelves ask a committee member (see names on the shelf doors) to reserve it for you.

Good Bridging!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are there are any library-oriented members who would like to join our committee? It's not arduous and you get to know about what's available in our excellent library. Jill in particular could do with regular help on a Thursday before or after the 1.00 pm session. Please speak to her (9383 1434) or phone or email me on 9386 1447 or at valkrantz1@gmail.com if you're interested.

SUGGESTION BOX:

Keep enjoying our excellent collection and improving your bridge. If you have any ideas for purchases, there is a Suggestion Book in the library. We have a good kitty right now so let me know your ideas.

FRIDAY APRIL 25TH

ANZAC DAY



(AND ANZAC BISCUIT DAY
AT WABC)

AFTERNOON DUPLICATE ONLY



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CALLING ALL MEN: THE MENS' PAIRS

It is many years since the Club has conducted a Mens' Pairs Championship. The Womens' Pairs event is arguably the premier event on the Club's calendar but it has been a long time since we have been able to assemble a field for the Mens'. Perhaps this year we can. The Tournament Committee would like you to tell them whether you are interested in competing, and if so which sessions you would prefer. At present the feeling is for two Saturday afternoons, depending on the strength of the field, but Wednesday evening is an option, as are the other days of the week. If you have a regular arrangement for the session with a member who is ineligible for the event the Committee will help to find a partner for her for the sessions concerned.

Please email the club at

bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au

to register your interest or opinion,
or tell a Committee member.

NEW & REJOINING CLUB MEMBERS

January to March 2014

WE WARMLY WELCOME THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CLUB

JANUARY

Jean Burling
Shirley Drage
Diana Quantrill
Claudiu Rodina
Meralyn Pearce
Jan Maddison
Lee Hazell
Jane Clough
Graham Abbott
Nicky Endacott
Maureen Mears
Peter Allan

FEBRUARY

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Pam Veary
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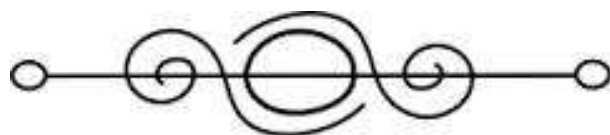
MARCH

Elizabeth Agnew
Peter Garcia-Webb
Wayne Platt
David Malkin

PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS WE WILL REMEMBER

Geoff Price

Joan McIntyre



Those who read the Australian will know that the champion bridge player, bridge teacher and bridge author Paul Marston writes a regular bridge column which is always well worth reading. A little while ago Mr Marston wrote the following ..."

BE BRIDGE POSITIVE!

Some years ago a very well-known Australian bridge player and writer, Joyce Nicholson, provided a quote and members of the South Perth club were able to read it in their February newsletter. The editor of the newsletter is happy to let me share it with my readers. Nicholson said: "There are two reasons why bridge is endlessly fascinating. There is no conquering it. No matter how much one improves, no matter how hard one works at it, there are always new heights to scale, new layers to unfold and new dimensions to discover. It endlessly renews itself. There is no other game that produces the endless variations that bridge does."

Victor Mollo's quote brings us down to earth very quickly. He says: "The true significance of bridge is that it faithfully mirrors life itself. The strong reap the rewards of their strength while the weak are justly punished for their weakness."

Let's go with Joyce Nicholson

PROBLEM ONE

Surely, the A♥ is in the West hand, in which case the only chance of an 11th trick is an end play. With that basic assumption, it must be right to play the hand along elimination lines, whereby West gets stripped of his safe minor suit exit cards, and eventually gets thrown in on the third round of trumps. For this to work, West will have to have three Spades and no more than three Clubs. So, win the A♣, cash AK♠, and cross to the K♣. There are now two cases to consider:

- If West plays lower than the Six on the second Club, assume that he started with a doubleton Club, and cash the Diamonds before throwing him in with a trump and (hopefully) forcing him to return a Heart.

- If West plays higher than the Six on the second Club, assume that he started with three Clubs, and cross back to the Q♦, ruff a Club, and cash the Diamonds before throwing him in.

The goal in both cases is to reduce West to a good trump and nothing else but Hearts. He can ruff one of the Diamonds if he likes, and yield the 11th trick with a Heart lead. Or, more likely, he'll hold his fire, but will then get thrown in with a trump anyway.

♠ AK52	
♥ 94	
♦ QJT9	
♣ 874	
♠ QJ9	♠ 73
♥ AJT763	♥ Q8
♦ 2	♦ 8753
♣ Q96	♣ JT532
♠ T864	
♥ K52	
♦ AK64	
♣ AK	

Keys for Success

- Realizing that the A♥ is almost certain to be with West
- Taking care to eliminate the minor suits in the right order (must eliminate the right number of Clubs before letting West ruff a Diamond)
- After the elimination of the minors, throwing in West with a trump, forcing him to play

PROBLEM TWO:

Plan A didn't work, but there is Plan B in reserve, it's an elimination play. After winning the A♠, ruff a Club, draw trumps, and throw East in with a Spade. He'll have no choice but to concede a ruff and sluff in a black suit, or to lead away from the K♥. Either way, Declarer loses no Heart trick

♠ A98		
♥ A98		
♦ QJT8		
♣ 942		
♠ 65	♠ KQT32	
♥ JT6532	♥ K4	
♦ 9	♦ 74	
♣ KQT3	♣ AJ86	
	♠ J74	
	♥ Q7	
	♦ AK6532	
	♣ 75	

Keys to Success

- Ducking the first Spade trick and winning the second
- After drawing trumps, eliminating the Clubs
- Throwing in East with a Spade to force a favorable return



Ron Klinger solution

East dealer : North
East-West A873
vulnerable 1098
J105
QJ3

West
KQJ109
43
72
K752

East
654
AJ72
Q3
10986

South
2
KQ65
AK9864
A4

West led the SK against 5D. South took the SA and played DA, DK (other options were possible, such as the club finesse first). When trumps were 2-2, declarer crossed to the DJ and led the H10. East took the HA and played a club, duck to West. South ruffed the spade return but had to lose a heart to East at the end.

After DA, DK, South should play CA and another club. Now South can ruff the spade return, cross to the DJ, cash the CQ, pitching a heart, and lead the H10, playing East for the HJ.

If South had CK-4 and West CA-7-5-2, this play might be more obvious. If that were the case and South played DA, DK, diamond to dummy's DJ, then H10. East takes HA and plays a club. Now if South plays CK, West must duck, while if South plays the C4 from K-4, West must take the ace.

SOLUTION to Tim Seres Problem p

S. 87
H. 10953
D. J1095
C. KJ8

S.		S. 3
KQ10965		
H. KQ8	N	H. AJ76
D. --	W	E D. Q732
C. 9432	S	C. Q765
		S. AJ42
		H. 42
		D. AK864
		C. A10

Tim was a great believer in running long suits so instead of trying the club finesse immediately he played the C10 to the CK then ran the diamonds. West pitched three clubs and two spades while East pitched a small club. Seres then exited with a low heart. West ducked and East won with the HJ. This was the position. A low club now defeats the contract but ^{East} played a low heart to solve the blockage in that suit.

S. --
H. 1053
D. --
C. J8

S. K109		S. --
H. KQ	N	H. A76
D. --	W	E D. --
C. --	S	C. Q7

S. J42

D. --
C. A

If West plays his top spade now the SJ will be Declarer's ninth trick so he played the HK. East overtook and was planning to endplay South with a club lead when Tim made his master play: he discarded his C Ace. East could take the CQ but then had to give dummy the CJ and the high H10. North-South made 1S, 1H, 5D and 2C for nine tricks.

Diary dates 2014

APRIL		
Thursday 3	Handicap Pairs 1 of 2	Members only
Thursday 10	Handicap Pairs 2 of 2	Members only
Friday 18		Good Friday-Bar Closed
Saturday 19		
Sunday 20		Easter Sunday
Monday 21	Afternoon Duplicate only – 1:00pm start	Easter Monday
Friday 25	Afternoon Duplicate only – 1:15pm start	Anzac Day (Anzac Biscuit Day)
Saturday 26		

MAY		
Saturday 3	GNOT	
Friday 9	Charity Day - 1:15 pm start	Open competition
Saturday 10	GNOT	
Sunday 11		Mothers' Day
Saturday 17	ABF Western Seniors Pairs	NO CLUB BRIDGE at WABC
Sunday 18	ABF Western Seniors Pairs	NO CLUB BRIDGE at WABC
Friday 30	WABC WINTER Congress Friday Pairs -- 9.30am start	No regular session
Saturday 31	WABC WINTER Congress Saturday SWISS PAIRS-1 & 2 9.30 am start	No regular session

JUNE		
Sunday 1	WABC WINTER Congress Swiss Pairs 3 & 4- 9.30 am start	No regular session
Monday 2	WABC WINTER Congress Teams 9.30 am start	Public Holiday: No regular session
Monday 9	Novice Pairs Championship- 9:15am start 1 of 2	Members only
Monday 16	Novice Pairs Championship- 9:15am start 2 of 2	Members only

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SUPERVISED – FOR BEGINNERS

Monday (P)	12.30 – 3.15	Peter Smith	Except Public Holidays.
Wednesday (P)	7.30 – 10.15	Annabel Booth	Ideal for the novice player.
Friday (P)	9.30 – 12.15	Annabel Booth	Ideal for the novice player.
Saturday (P)	1.30 – 5.15	Guest Director	Ideal for the novice player.

- *These sessions are supervised – you may ask for help during play.*
- *(P) You don't need to bring a partner, no need to book, just turn up in the teaching area.*

OTHER SESSIONS - UNSUPERVISED

Monday am	9.15 – 12.30	Peter Holloway	Small & friendly. Not held on Public Holidays.
Monday pm	1.00 – 4.45	Dave Parham	Graduate to this from Supervised.
Tuesday	1.00 – 4.45	Bill Kemp	The premier session.
Wednesday	11.30 – 3.00	Peter Smith	Advice given by Peter – after the session.
Wednesday Eve	7.30 – 11.00	David Burn	Very popular, good atmosphere.
Thursday	1.00 – 4.45	John Beddow	Popular with newer players.
Friday am	9.15 – 12.15	David Burn	Intermediate players
Friday pm	1.15 – 5.00	Peter Holloway	Our most popular session.
Saturday (P)	1.30 – 5.15	David Burn	Relaxed and social.

- *All sessions marked (P) indicate you may attend without a partner.*
- *If you need a partner for any other session phone Dymphna Elsey 9336 4802 8.30am – 8.30pm.*

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DO YOU HAVE ANY OF OUR MISSING BOOKS?



Author	Title
Bergen, M	<i>Negative doubles</i> (2009)
Bird, D	<i>52 great bridge tips</i> (2004)
*Bird, D	<i>Bridge endplays for everyone</i> (2008)
*Bird & Smith	<i>Planning in defence</i> (2001)
*Cotter & Rimmington	<i>Country life book of bridge play technique</i> (1982)
*Crowhurst, E	<i>Precision in bidding</i> (1974)
*Downey, & Pomer	<i>Standard bidding with SAYC</i> (2005)
*Farrington, F	<i>Duplicate bridge movements</i>
Forrester, T	<i>Winning bridge at home</i> (1996)
Grant & Rodwell	<i>2 over 1 game force</i> (2009)
*Grant, A	<i>Opening the bidding: improving your judgement</i> (1999)
*Horton & Gitelman	<i>Duplicate bridge at home</i> (2008)
*Kaplan & Scheinwold	<i>How to play winning bridge</i> (1962)
Klinger, R	<i>Bridge conventions, defences & counter measures</i> (1999)
Klinger, R	<i>Improve your bridge memory</i> (1989)
Klinger, R	<i>When to play when to pass</i> (2002)
Klinger, R	<i>Guide to better card play</i> (2001?)
*Klinger & Kambites	<i>Card play made easy 2 - suit combinations</i> (1997)
*Lawrence, M	<i>Complete book on overcalls at contract bridge</i> (2009)
Magee, B	<i>Collins bridge quiz book</i> (1996)
**Markus, R	<i>Play better bridge with Rixi Markus</i> (1979)
*Marston, P	<i>The language of bidding: 5 card majors</i> (1987)
Marston, P	<i>LOB: ACOL</i> ((1992)
**Marston, P	<i>LOB: ACOL 4 card majors</i> (2009)
*McKinnon, J	<i>Bridge directing complete</i> (1979)
Mollo & Gardener	<i>Card play technique</i> (1971)
Pottage, J	<i>Clues from the bidding of bridge</i> (2005)
*Pottage, J	<i>Defend these hands with me</i> (2006)
*Pottage, J	<i>Easy guide to defensive signals at bridge</i> (2005)
Rodwell & Horton	<i>Rodwell files</i> (2011)
**Thurston, P	<i>25 steps to learning 2/1</i> (2002)
*Tuite H	<i>Pottleton Bridge Club</i> (1925)
* The Far East Bridge Championships	(1995)

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