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*Wishing all our  
members a  
joyous holiday  
season and a  
happy and safe  
New Year.*



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As bridge players are the intellectual cream of the community I expect you have noticed that this is the final edition of *Trumps Plus* for 2015. Well done! As such it is the final opportunity for

the year for me to comment on bridge matters so firstly let me say that it has been a significant year for Bridge in Western Australia with the very successful ANC held at Fremantle in July. Closer to home it has also been a successful year for our Bridge club with the very well attended Winter and Christmas congresses in particular. I am not sure of the numbers but I was particularly struck by the sea of faces on Friday afternoon at the Christmas Congress when there were 50 tables competing for the prizes. This was a substantial increase on the 42 tables we had in 2014 and 2015. And to top off the successes of the year Kitty and her team presented for us a particularly fine Christmas Party which was very well attended also with 49 tables of celebrating members: congratulations to Kitty and her team!

While we can all congratulate ourselves on these successes one area where I believe we cannot congratulate ourselves is participation levels in Club championships. Next year, which is only a fortnight away, let's do better. The Tournament Committee is introducing some changes, such as running one or more championships as Swiss pairs, which we hope will encourage you all to join in the competitions. And we will make one more attempt in 2016 to run a Men's Championship competition.



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Talking of changes there will be a new State competition in 2016 which all our 'Restricted' members should find interesting. After the success of the Restricted Butler at this year's ANC the ABF has decided to include this event in the program for future ANC's, and to encourage participation it is offering a similar reward structure to the old Grand National Restricted Pairs competition. Clubs will conduct a series of heats and winners of these heats will compete at a state final to be held in early May. The two winning pairs from that final will be rewarded with free entry to the ANC, and support for air travel, to the extent of \$2000 per pair. It looks like being a great competition. Further announcements will be made in the new year, so keep your eyes and ears

open.

So much, then, for 2015, and on to 2016. I hope you have a happy and joyful Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you across the tables in the year to come.

Once again, if you would like me include anything in Trumps Plus please give me a call either at home, 9447 5224, or on my mobile 0422 381 253, or you can email me at

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Chris Bagley



## *President's Report*



It is hard to believe that over a year has passed in my term as your President. It has been a most enjoyable year for me personally and I hope that all club members have enjoyed this very full year of Bridge at our wonderful club. Again our Club Calendar has been bulging with 9 well attended sessions of Duplicate Bridge and 4 Supervised sessions each week, 5 Congresses and numerous club championships. In addition our clubrooms are used four times per year to host ABF events. Lots of wear and tear. This year we commenced a staged program of internal repainting and freshened up the lobby, library and social areas. The New Year will see at-

attention given to our outdoor patio area and repainting will start in January. We have spoken severely to our reluctant tree and expressed our disappointment with her lack of response to Pip's TLC. We are now expectantly awaiting great things (well it works with lemon trees doesn't it?).

I would like to thank Peter Smith for his ongoing support for the club and for providing us with so many opportunities to improve our Bridge. Peter organised for Paul Marston to visit us this year and together they presented an outstanding program of lessons. 2016 will see the return of a lesson series with Nigel Rosendorff. Peter's lessons continue to be well attend-

ed and in particular his beginners' courses remain popular. The Management Committee recognise that this provides a possible source of new members to refresh our list and to this end we intend to focus in 2016 upon encouraging participants to join our club. Deborah Greenway has been working with Peter on ways to facilitate this and she has been supported by Sheenagh who has produced 2 excellent brochures to assist new players and to remind us all of the table etiquette that facilitates an enjoyable game of bridge. These brochures are now available either in the lobby or from the office.

We have also introduced Restricted Sections on Monday and Saturday afternoons to help newer players (< 25 Masterpoints) gain their confidence in a less competitive environment. This was introduced following a great response from our on-line survey but has met with limited support particularly the at Saturday session. If players would like this to continue we would love to see more of you playing!

I would like to thank both Peter Smith and Annabel Booth for the essential role they play in running our Supervised sessions and thus supporting the new players to gain their sea legs. They have been assisted during the year by others and we owe a debt to you all.

We have held many successful Congresses this year and I am particularly grateful and offer my thanks to Hilary Yovich for taking up the role of Tournament Organiser. Together with the Tournament Director and with the assistance of Sheenagh and the Management Committee she has ensured that all has run efficiently. The Winter and Christmas Congresses were bigger than ever and proved both an organisational and financial success. In this edition there are lots of photos of smiling players enjoying the Christmas Congress but were we smiling when we stepped on the scales on Monday? Oh the afternoon teas were

so good and I had to try everything! Thank you to all our amazing WABC chefs.

In our last edition of TP I forecast that our Interclub Teams would make the finals in 2 of 3 Divisions. They in fact went 1 better and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Open and Restricted divisions and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Intermediate. A great result – congratulations to all who took part.

The Club welcomed the support of 2 sponsors this year, most recently Broadway Travel who will most generously cover the cost of printing all our personal scorers and subsidise the cost of our Handbooks. They certainly deserve our support in return!

After many years of serving WABC as a member of our panel of Club Recorders Carol Pocock has stepped down from this role. Thank you Carol for all that you have done (and continue to do) for our club. Val Fleay has kindly taken up Carol's position. I am sure you will all find Val equally approachable and I encourage you to seek her advice whenever you feel that behaviour at the table by another player has caused you discomfort.

Our Directors Bill Kemp, Peter Holloway, Dave Parham, John Beddow, David Burn, Peter Smith and trainee Peter Hicks have, as usual, done an amazing job. They quietly organise optimal movements despite the need to shepherd us to our seats at the last minute, try desperately to keep the noise level down, count out our pennies, and gently urge us to keep to time. Sometimes a thankless role but we do appreciate what you do. We are in the process of transitioning to a new scoring program and my special thanks to Bill Kemp who has facilitated this and provided training to the other directors.

Under the leadership of Valerie Krantz our

library continues to provide a valuable resource and is most generously and smoothly maintained by her team of Janis Cain, Dorothy Cain, June Fox, Mal Clark, Fran Brennan and Alison Rigg. Valerie would like to scale down her involvement (but not completely I gratefully add) and thus there is space for another volunteer to help run this great facility.

We would welcome your involvement.

Our Tournament Committee meets monthly to oversee our busy bridge schedule and to resolve any problems that from time to time appear. As Chair of this Committee I would like to thank our Secretary Chris Bagley, John Beddow, Carol Pocock, Jane Henderson, Geoff Yeo and Deana Wilson for their hard work and initiatives. They are a very approachable crew as I'm sure you know and will readily welcome your suggestions that may improve the way our program is run.

The 2016 calendar now includes a new event. The ABF will sponsor 2 pairs from WA to travel to the ANC in Queensland to compete in the Restricted Butler. The club will run a qualifying heat(s) early in the year and will pay the entry fee for the successful WABC pair to play in the State final. If you have less than 300 Masterpoints as of January 1 2016 mark your Dance Card now and be part of the action!

A final thought for 2016. Several of our members are unfortunately immunosuppressed due to chemotherapy and other treatments. Please be considerate of their situation and if you have an infection please stay away from the club until "all clear".

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a very Happy New Year, special time with those you love and the good health to enjoy lots more bridge in 2016.



## TIM SERES: Australia's Master of Deception

**Problem 46: It's Still Trump Control:  
A problem in the matter of establish-  
ment and control**

**Contract: 4S**

**Lead: 2S**

**Bidding:**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<b>Richman</b>	<b>Durmus</b>	<b>Courtney</b>	<b>Seres</b>
			1S
Pass	2S	Pass	3H
Pass	4S	All Pass	

S. Q52  
H. 9  
D. Q96  
C. QJ10862  
**N**  
**W**                      **E**  
**S**  
S. AKJ3  
H.J852  
D. AKJ3  
C. 5

Courtney notes that North-South reached the only game with a chance and that the defence 'slipped at the last hurdle'.

On a non-trump lead the contract rolls home so Bobby Richman passed the first test by leading the 2S. Tim Seres played low from dummy and East contributed the 10 (which he felt was a mistake as he wanted to give count) Seres won the King and led the C5. Richman rose with the Ace – another correct decision - and led another trump. What now? Can the contract make?

**Solution: Page 33**

**AN INTIMATE SILVERSEA CRUISE  
with Ron and Suzie Klinger in 2016  
on Silver Shadow  
Singapore round-trip  
October 31 – November 12, 2016**



**For the Ron Klinger “Improve Your Bridge” sailing in 2016,  
Suzie and Ron have chosen a cruise that  
explores some of Southeast Asia’s best destinations.**

**Start your journey on Saturday, 29th October, with 2 nights at the Shangri-La Hotel,  
Singapore. Then on Sunday, 30th October, Ron has arranged a duplicate game with  
the Singapore Contract Bridge Association.**

**Embark Silver Shadow on Monday 31 October for your 12 night cruise. Cruise fares  
start from \$7650 pp twin share, \$11475 single (Vista suite category).**



**As numbers are limited, book early to  
secure your place.**

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email.**



Five members of the West Australian Bridge Club recently travelled to Noosa Heads to attend Paul Marston's bridge lessons featuring the 2 over 1 bidding system and to play in the Sun Pairs and Ivory Pairs competition.

The weather, scenery and shopping were excellent and new friendships forged.

Paul's lessons were highly informative, entertaining and effective with all members having some success.

The Sun Pairs competition was held over three days and the final played on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> October. Winners were announced at the excellent Victory Dinner. In Finals 4 Sue Ward and Debbie Lawrence finished in fourth position whilst Sylvia Bray and Margaret Baird finished with a well earned second position.

The following day the Ivory Pairs Competition commenced with the final held on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> October. Winners were announced over lunch and Sylvia Bray was

successful again with her partner Kerry Barns who finished in 1<sup>st</sup> position in Finals 4.

Nobody was more surprised than Sylvia and myself! Paul's lessons certainly paid off! It was a wonderful end to a fabulous week.

**Kerry Barns**



**Sylvia Bray, Margaret Baird**



**Sylvia Bray, Kerry Barns**



**Sue Ward and Debbie Lawrence**



## WELL BEYOND THE BASICS *with Peter Smith*

# MEET *Piotr Gawrys*

About 20 years ago I had the pleasure of playing against a top Polish pair in the semi-finals of the Australian National Open Teams, held every January in Canberra. The pair was Piotr Gawrys (pronounced 'Gav-rish') and Krzysztof Lasocki. We lost the match but I didn't mind too much as they were an excellent pair.

Winding the clock on I was interested to see Gawrys partnering young prodigy, Michal Klukowski, in the recent World Championships in Chennai. Lasocki was also still active, representing Poland in the Seniors.

Many of the European players are renowned for their card play skills, and perhaps none more so than the Poles.

This article shows Gawrys in action in the final session of the Open final, the Bermuda Bowl, against Sweden.

Gawrys as West (directions changed for convenience), vulnerable vs not, picked up:

♠ K 7 6 3  
♥ K 3  
♦ A J 9 8  
♣ Q 7 3

He opened a nebulous 1♣, playing Polish Club (either 12-14 or 18+ balanced, or natural with clubs, or strong). The bidding then proceeded:

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Wrang	Klukowski	Sylvan
1♣	1♥	1♠*	1NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All pass		

\* 1♠ = less than 4 spades.

Gawrys' pass of 1NT showed a minimum balanced hand, East's double of 1NT showed a good hand, 3♥ asked for a stopper and Gawrys obliged with 3NT. North led the ♥Q and this dummy appeared.

♠ K 7 6 3	♠ A Q 5
♥ K 3	♥ 9 8
♦ A J 9 8	♦ K 10 7 6
♣ Q 7 3	♣ A 8 5 4



Gawrys realised that with just six top tricks available outside of hearts, he would need diamonds to come home. But with a two-way finesse available he didn't want to commit too early to the location of the queen.

After playing low from dummy on the lead South also played low and the king of hearts won the first trick.

Gawrys now played on spades to see what was doing there: a spade to dummy's queen, the ace and then another back to his king. As the suit proved to be 3-3, he was now able to cash the fourth round as well. On this North discarded a club, as did dummy, and South threw a heart.

Gawrys now stopped for several minutes to take stock. With the World Championship on the line he didn't want to make a mistake. In these events you are given an average of 8 ¾ minutes per board for a 16 board match. This particular hand took more than 9 minutes in the play alone – which is unexceptional on the occasional hand at this level –



and caused the opponents no angst.

Gawrys would certainly have been considering what to make of the North-South auction. North's overcall could be taken at face value but with East-West having a combined 26 count, South's 1NT followed by the run-out to 2♥ once doubled simply looks like a baby psyche – with an obvious heart fit.

If so, does this help in locating the queen of diamonds? No, Gawrys decided that he still couldn't be certain. Although he placed North with at least 5 hearts and 3 spades he wanted to know more.

So what was his solution? As it was most unlikely that South would have discarded a heart with just 2 remaining, which would have meant hearts were originally 6-3, Gawrys had the courage to now exit with a heart, trusting they started out 5-4. He invited the opponents to cash their 4 winners but knew he may find out more about the diamond situation along the way.

What happened next was most revealing. Although North could obviously have won this and cashed more hearts he instead played low, allowing South to win the ten. South too could simply have returned a heart to North's established winners but instead he switched to the two of clubs. On this Gawrys played low and took North's nine with dummy's ace.

It was apparent to Gawrys from the manoeuvring in hearts that North must have begun with the king of clubs to some length and was unwilling to be endplayed into leading a club after cashing hearts. However this also meant that Gawrys had gleaned all he needed to know about how to play the diamonds: North was now known to be very short in that suit.

So Gawrys cashed dummy's king of diamonds and then ran the ten successfully to claim 10 tricks.

Here's the full deal.

♠ 9 8 2	
♥ A Q J 4 2	
♦ 3	
♣ K J 9 6	
♠ K 7 6 3	♠ A Q 5
♥ K 3	♥ 9 8
♦ A J 9 8	♦ K 10 7 6
♣ Q 7 3	♣ A 8 5 4
	♠ J 10 4
	♥ 10 7 6 5
	♦ Q 5 4 2
	♣ 10 2

Notice that the defence succumbed to revealing all that Gawrys needed to know. And had the Swedes simply cashed their heart winners Gawrys would have known enough from the early play, coupled with North's club discard from presumed length, still to place South with diamond length and therefore the greater likelihood of holding the queen.

Well played – and no wonder Gawrys and Klukowski went on to win the World Championship. Klukowski at 19 years old became the youngest Bermuda Bowl winner in history.





# At The Christmas Congress

With Maura Rhodes

The very popular Club Christmas Congress took place on the first weekend of December and it was a superb event, very well run and attended. Bill Kemp directed the whole weekend with his customary efficiency and I didn't see his patient smile falter once. The traditional Friday afternoon tea did not disappoint, with the members contributing many delicious dishes, impossible to resist.

Rick and I played in the Friday Pairs and the Sunday Teams. We love Teams and find them the most enjoyable part of Bridge, especially when we have delightful team-mates such as Deb Frankel and Dadie Greenfeld.

16-19 HCP.

\*\*Rick's bid of 4D was a Texas Transfer to 4H, showing at least 6 Hearts and game values.

Playing Standard American, many people wouldn't open 1NT as East, but, even though I had 6 Diamonds and only 14 HCP, I thought it best described my hand. The vast majority of the field played in 4S, two of whom were lucky enough to be doubled. Deep Finesse says that 4S doesn't make, but nobody found the double-dummy defence to take it off. Rick's second response of 5C showed a distributional hand with at least 6 Hearts and 6 Clubs. With 3 Clubs and 2 Hearts, I left the X of 5C in and Rick went on to make 12 tricks, losing only the Ace of Spades. Our team-mates played and made 4 Spades, so the pick-up on the board was 16 Imps.

The Teams Competition was won by David Matthews, Cynthia Belonogoff, Dave Munro and David Schokman. Well done to them and to all who won the various other events.

Christmas is nearly upon us and we are looking forward to having most of our family here, including our two beautiful grandsons, Charles with big brother, Sebastian who will be 3 on December 27.

Board 22 Dir: E Vul: E-W	♠ 95432 ♥ 982 ♦ J8 ♣ K87	
♠ 8 ♥ KQT643 ♦ JT9642 ♣ JT9642		♠ QT ♥ A7 ♦ QT7642 ♣ AQ3
4 6 1 6	♠ AKJ76 ♥ J5 ♦ AK953 ♣ 5	N: 1 ♦ 3 ♠ S: 1 ♦ 3 ♠ E: 6 ♣ 6 ♥ W: 6 ♣

Here is an interesting hand from the last round:

East (Maura)	South	West (Rick)	North
1NT	X*	4D**	4S
Pass	Pass	5C	X
Pass	Pass	Pass	

\*The X of 1NT by our opponents showed



# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Also contesting the Grandma stakes is Deana Wilson with a very beautiful early Christmas present: three lovely little girls.

**CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME: PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FORWARD MATERIAL OR SUGGEST TOPICS.  
CLOSING DATE FOR**

**Autumn issue is March 1st 2016**



Winner: Cynthia Matthews



Second Prize: Ann Youngs

Third Prize: Taeko Briggs

# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS PAIRS

## RESULTS:

### FRIDAY PAIRS: North South

- 1 Ursula Harper & Peter Smith
- 2 Mark Doust & Susanne Gammon
- 3 Jane Henderson & Lisa Cusack
- 4 Thomas Wheatley & Graham Raad
- 5 Luba Klein & Louis Klein

### FRIDAY PAIRS: East West

- 1 Tony Martin & Mary Lang
- 2 Heather Williams & Jan Blight
- 3 John Beddow & Bruce Fraser
- 4 Marleen Medhat & Bernard Yates
- 5 Jonathan Free & Linda Coli

### SATURDAY PAIRS: North South

- 1 Nick Cantatore & David Matthews
- 2 Toby Manford & John Ashworth
- 3 Richard Grenside & Sue Grenside
- 4 Armanda Torre & Connie Coltrona
- 5 Chris Bagley & Lynne Milne

### SATURDAY PAIRS: East West

- 1 Annabel Booth & Noelene Law
- 2 Virginia Seward & Mimi Packer
- 3 Jonathan Free & Linda Coli
- 4 Marleen Medhat & Wilhelmina Piller
- 5 Mike George & Helen George



Friday Pairs Winners NS:



Friday Pairs second Place NS:  
Sue Gammon (Mark Doust)



Friday Pairs third Place NS:  
Lisa Cusack and Jane Henderson



Friday Pairs Fifth Place NS:  
Louis and Luba Klein



Saturday Pairs Winners EW:  
Noelene Law and Annabel Booth



Friday Pairs Second Place EW:  
Jan Blight and Heather Williams



Friday Pairs Fifth EW and Saturday  
Pairs Third EW:  
Joathan Free and Linda Coli



Friday Pairs Third Place EW:  
John Beddow and Bruce Fraser



Saturday  
Pairs  
Third NS  
Richard  
and Sue  
Grenside



Friday Pairs  
Fourth Place  
EW:  
Marleen  
Medhat and  
Bernie Yates



Saturday Pairs Fourth NS  
Connie Coltrona and Armanda Torre

# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS TEAMS



Winning Team:

Dave Munro, Cynthia Belonogoff, David Matthews, David Schokman



Second  
Place;  
Marie-France  
Merven,  
Gerry Daly  
Viv Wood,  
Nigel Dutton



Third Place:

Pauline Hammond, Jo Sklarz Patti McNamara, Anne Lowe

# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS TEAMS



Fourth Place  
John Beddow, Beata and Tad Bieganski, Egmont Melton

## PRESIDENT'S PAIRS—SUNDAY



WINNERS: Carla Sullivan and Kate Pinniger pictured with President Kitty George and our wonderful convenor, Hilary Yovich

1	Kate Pinniger & Carla Sullivan
2	Bhavna Patel & Merwyn Menezes
3	Nicky O'connell & Anamaria De La Carrera
4	Mike George & Helen George

# MELBOURNE CUP ELEGANCE PLUS



**Congratulations to Deb Greenway:  
a well-deserved win for  
best hat!**





# MELBOURNE CUP ELEGANCE PLUS



Another superb day at WABC. The décor was the most elegant ever, the food delightful and it all went swimmingly. Even the bar tenders showed true Melbourne Cup Style.

Special thanks to : Faye Cullen, our Events Stylist, ably assisted by Ursula Maitland, Deb Greenway, Val Fleay, Dymphna Elsey and Rhona Barton



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 WINNERS IN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



Individual Championship:  
Winner of the Campbell-Rickie Cup  
John Hogan with runner-up  
Julie Short



Handicap Pairs  
Champions:  
Winners of the Michael  
Berry Shield  
Marie Musitano (David  
Hughes)



Charles Pearce Cup Winners:  
Patti McNamara (Barbara Cotton)  
With club president, Kitty George



Handicap Pairs  
Runners Up;  
Jane Glass and  
Beverly Hunt



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 WINNERS IN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



Novice Pairs Champions:  
Benson-Brown Cup;  
Kate North and Vanessa Starcevic



Womens Pairs Champions  
Jan Blight and Heather Williams



Novice Pairs Runners Up  
Debbie Lawrence and Sue Ward



Womens Pairs Runners Up  
Nerilyn Mack and Carol Pocock



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 WINNERS IN CLUB CHAMIONSHIPS



*Mixed Pairs Champions:  
Valli Katz Shield*

Jonathan Free and Deana Wilson



*Evening Pairs Champions:  
Firstenberg Cup*

John and Alison Rigg



Daytime Pairs Champions:  
Barbara L Taylor Shield  
Geoff Yeo and Ann Youngs



*Evening Pairs Runners up  
Vinod Nasta  
and Ann Youngs*

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 WINNERS IN CLUB CHAMIONSHIPS



Club Teams  
Champions:  
Winners of the  
Freedman Cup  
Fiske Warren,  
Maura Rhodes,  
Deana Wilson, Tim  
Munro



Runners Up  
Kathy Power,  
Jan Blight,  
Heather Williams  
and Phil Power

Third Place;  
Mimi Packer,  
Rose Moore,  
Jonathan Free  
and Linda Coli



# JACKPOT WINNERS 2015

**Monday Am Jackpot**

Dorothy Cain & Mira Erskine

**Monday Pm Jackpot**

June Browne & John Rousset

**Tuesday Jackpot**

Mimi Packer & Maura Rhodes

**Wednesday Jackpot**

May Schonwolf & Tom Wheatley

**Wednesday Eve Jackpot**

Jan Blight & Kathy Power

**Thursday Jackpot**

Jennifer Bardsley & Linda Martin

**Friday Am Jackpot**

Will Nunn & David Malkin

**Friday Jackpot**

Mark Doust & Sue Gammon

**Saturday Jackpot :**

Vinod Nasta & Geoff Yeo



Mimi Packer & Maura Rhodes



Geoff Yeo & Vinod Nasta



Dorothy Cain and Mira Erskine



Sue Gammon  
(Mark Doust)



May Schonwolf & Tom Wheatley

# AGGREGATE WINNERS 2015

**Monday Am Aggregate**

Libby Ferreira

**Monday Aggregate**

Audrey Stokes

**Tuesday Aggregate**

Geoff Yeo

**Wednesday Aggregate:**

Jocelyn Parry

**Wednesday Eve Aggregate:**

Barbara Cotton, Patti Mcnamara

**Thursday Aggregate:**

Richard Basham

**Friday Am Aggregate:**

Marilyn Van Heemst

**Friday Aggregate:**

Fiske Warren

**Saturday Aggregate:**

Joan Carter



Saturday winner:  
Joan Carter with Sponsor Mimi Packer



Co-Wednesday  
Eve Winners:  
Patti McNamara (Barbara  
Cotton}  
With Sponsor  
Bev Boyd



Tuesday Winner:  
Geoff Yeo with  
Sponsor Judith Wilson



Wednesday Winner:  
Jocelyn Parry  
Sponsor: Rose Moore

Monday Winner:  
Audrey Stokes:  
Sponsor: Elizabeth  
Black



Thursday  
Winner:  
Richard  
Basham:  
With sponsor:  
Jill Mowson





Club Champion:  
Winner of the Rosendorff Cup  
Deana Wilson



# Thank You Directors



David Burn, Annabel Booth, Peter Holloway, Peter Smith, Bill Kemp  
(John Beddow, Dave Parham)

# Thank You Team Organisers



Open Teams Organiser:  
David Burn,

Intermediate Teams Organiser:  
John Aquino

AND Restricted Teams Organiser:  
Margaret Martin

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# EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST BUT DOES NORTH SOUTH HAVE THE EDGE IN HIGH CARD POINTS?

As a Director I often hear players bemoaning the 'fact' that N/S get more HCPs than E/W. Is this really a fact, or just a perceived impression following a session where E/W players believe they have been dealt less than their fair share of the hands? So over a ten month period I kept a record of HCP distribution for my Thursday sessions. The results are as follows:

After 20 sessions or 660 hands, N/S and E/W averaged per deal:

NORTH	SOUTH	N/S	EAST	WEST	E/W
9.93	10.41	20.34	9.71	9.89	19.65

A difference of +0.69 to N/S.

After 40 sessions or 1320 hands:

NORTH	SOUTH	N/S	EAST	WEST	E/W
9.93	10.14	20.07	9.85	10.03	19.88

A difference of +0.19 to N/S.

After 45 sessions or 1485 hands:

9.94	10.13	20.09	9.85	10.03	19.91
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A difference of 0.18

So if you want to maximise your opportunity to get the most HCPs, sit South or West, which coincidentally is where I sit opposite my regular partner. Just for fun, I also calculated the HCP distribution for the Golden West. Only 108 deals of course, but still interesting.

	North/South	East/West
<b>Total HCPs</b>	2240	2080
<b>Average per Rnd</b>	248.88	231.12
<b>Average per deal</b>	20.74	19.26

So on average, the difference between N/S and E/W was 1.48 of a HCP.

Of course the bottom line is that it really doesn't matter too much on the HCPs you get, but on the way you deal with them. Or as Marty Bergen says: "Points Schmoints"



**John Beddow**

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB

# ***THE VERY EASY***

## ***NOVICE & SUPER NOVICE CONGRESS***

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

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016      Commencing 10.00am**

A short explanation of the format will be given prior to play

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER:      Kitty George 9447 5303

DIRECTOR:      TBA

ENTRIES VIA

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

or telephone 9284 4144

**IF YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED IN A CONGRESS BEFORE  
THEN THIS IS THE EVENT FOR YOU**

**Novice: less than 150 Masterpoints as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016**  
**Super Novice: less than 50 Masterpoints as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016**

**RED POINTS and PRIZES      ENTRY FEE \$30 per player**

**ALL PAIRS MUST HAVE 2 IDENTICAL COMPLETED SYSTEM CARDS  
(arrive early and we will supply the cards and help you fill them in)**

**PRIZE GIVING, DRINKS & NIBBLES AT COMPLETION OF PLAY**

# Evening Pairs Championship

On the evenings of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of October 22 pairs, which is the largest number of entrants in this event for many years, competed in the Evening Pairs Championship. Thank you to all of the participants who supported the event, despite not regularly playing on a Wednesday evening.

My partner, Kitty George, and I are one such pair. After playing a dozen or so times during 2014, Kitty's multiple responsibilities across W.A.B.C, the A.N.C., convening a variety of events and B.A.W.A. have presented few opportunities for us to play this year. I was therefore pleased when Kitty accepted my invitation to participate in this event.

After playing one warm up evening on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, Kitty and I arrived on the 14<sup>th</sup> keen to enjoy an evening of bridge with no real expectation of success, especially as we looked around the room at some regular championship & congress winners and established partnerships.

At the completion of the first evening Kitty and I had achieved a respectable score of 56.7 %. Two boards from this evening stand out. In both instances I played in 5 ♦.

The first board, board 11, was a success.

Board 11 ♠ KQ6  
 Dir: S ♥ AQJT543  
 Vul: Nil ♦ 86  
 ♣ T

♠ AT7542  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ KQ632

♠ 9  
 ♥ 876  
 ♦ AKQJT973  
 ♣ 9

♠ J83  
 ♥ K9  
 ♦ 54  
 ♣ AJ8754

12  
 9 10  
 9

Upon viewing my hand, the long and solid diamond suit stood out; a holding that many partnerships open a "Gambling" 3NT but that Kitty and I had agreed not to utilise. Therefore, my thoughts were that I might be able to bid 5 ♦, especially if my partner had any values, as a sacrifice against the opponent's major suit game. After South passed Kitty, who normally plays a version of Multiple Twos, decided that her hand had enough playing strength to open the of bidding 1 ♠. Interestingly, I, too, would have opened 1 ♠, applying the maxim, "6-5 come alive".

North's 2 ♥ was almost automatic. Given my partner had opened; I thought a bid of 3 ♦ was warranted. South, with the ♥ K and 9 HCP supported North by bidding 3 ♥. After Kitty passed, North raised to 4 ♥. At this time, I followed through with my plan of sacrificing and bid 5 ♦.

South led the ♥ K, which held. One trick lost. In addition to this trick I noted that I had three other losers, two more hearts and a club, in my hand; nothing to worry about given my plan to sacrifice, but no reason to give up. Maybe I could get lucky, maybe I could ruff one of my losing hearts and maybe I could sneak my club through by leading up to the ♣ K. South was faced with a difficult choice in continuing and eventually chose a spade. I rose with the ♠ A, discarded my ♠ 9 and played the ♠ 2 from dummy, ruffing in hand. I played the ♥ 7, ruffed on the table, one loser gone; and crossed back to hand by ruffing the ♠ 4 high. At this point, I could have drawn trumps but thought doing so would prompt South into flying the ♣ A, if he held it, when I eventually played the ♣ 9. Therefore, the time to attempt my ploy was now. I tabled the ♣ 9 and when

South held up, the ♣ K took care of another loser. I crossed back to hand by ruffing the ♣ 2, drew two rounds of trumps, before claiming 11 tricks, giving up the last heart loser. There were three other pairs that played in 5♦, with one other making 11 tricks while N-S played in heart contracts on 5 occasions, some of the pairs competing at the 5♥ level.

The second board, board 29, and our second last of the evening was a failure. I was very pleased that, despite some poor results on some boards Kitty and I finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Thank you to Kitty for partnering me, and to the Director and other competitors, for a successful event.

**Peter Hicks**



IN 2016 WABC WILL HAVE BEEN IN SWANBOURNE FOR 8 YEARS.

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## *ANNIVERSARY PAIRS*

SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY at 1:30pm

RED POINTS, CAKE, PRIZE MONEY FOR THE BEST PAIR

TROPHY FOR THE BEST WABC PAIR

AS THIS EVENT IS SCORED ACROSS THE ROOM

PAIRS MUST ENTER SO THE FIELD CAN BE SEEDED

ENTRY VIA THE WABC WEBSITE [www.wabridgeclub.com.au](http://www.wabridgeclub.com.au)



## LESSONS AT WABC TERM 1 2016

Classes will start again at the Club early next year, commencing Tuesday 2 February.

### **Beginners courses**

will be held on Tuesday nights, 7.30 – 9.30 pm, or Thursday mornings, 10.00 – 12.00 noon, starting 2 or 4 February.

### **Intermediate Bidding**

is a good way to become familiar with the finer points of Acol.  
Tuesday mornings, 10.00 – 12.00 noon  
from 2 February,

### **Card Play Essentials,**

covering all the important basics of good card play technique, will be on Wednesdays, 5.15 pm – 7.15 pm, from 3 February.

Look out for flyers around the club or for more information please contact Peter Smith on 9381 5270 or email [lessons@wabridgeclub.com.au](mailto:lessons@wabridgeclub.com.au)

## THOUGHTS FROM THE LIBRARY By Val Krantz



After seven years, I'm stepping back from a role that's been rather autocratic and passing over much of the care of the WABC's library to other members of the Committee.

Not long after WABC moved from Dalkeith to Swanbourne in 2008 I was asked to help set up a new library in the meeting room. I'm not sure whether it was coercion, inertia on the part of others or pleasure in doing a job I really enjoyed that meant I quickly became the 'Hon. Librarian' and the boss! The Management Committee and President Alison Rigg - a trained librarian - strongly supported the idea of having a good library. They bought new shelves for us in the all-purpose meeting room and arranged a generous annual funding. I recorded, numbered and evaluated the books that came with us from the old club, set about finding sources for and buying new titles (few local bookshops keep many on

bridge), worked out (with my IT professional son's help) a computerised system for numbering and cataloguing our book stock, organising loans and gathered a few interested members around to help run our new facility.

With their help, it has become a library that I'm proud of. Our book stock has grown from about 350 to around 1000 - probably the largest bridge club library in Australia, with material for beginners, intermediate and advanced players. We also have an Archives of old treasures that tell the story of our beloved game, journals and pamphlets, and all are available at all times to WABC members. We have catalogues both printed and on the library computer so you can find books by their subject (eg Bidding systems, Card play, doubles, Match point strategies), title or author (check what we have by particular authors whose books are out on loan). You can ask for a book to be reserved and we have a Suggestion Book (not often used I might say) and above all a team of assistants who are there between bridge sessions to help.

My biggest failure has been the losses that continue to bug us each year. Since we don't have someone always there to supervise, the WABC library is based on trust. Borrowers use a card system and loans are on the basis that if you lose a book you replace it. This can cause dispute when members believe they've returned a book to our locked box but cards are still out in their names. Sometimes too books are taken out without the borrowers leaving the card as a record and some borrow who are not even club members. We can't trace them when their books don't come back. Ah me! The lot of voluntary librarians is not always an easy one! I very much regret that a proportion of our funding goes to replace new and in demand books that disappear.

Perhaps this will change with a new committee organisation and ideas that come with it. We'll all continue helping with loans, returns, shelving and finding books for members and I'll stay as coordinator and cataloguer, but the following people will take responsibility in:

**Acquisitions & Donations:**

June Fox

**Cataloguing and Accessioning:**

Val Krantz and Alison Rigg

**Accounts:**

June Fox

**Journals:**

Jan Cain

**New Book Preparation:**

Dorothy Cain

**Circulation- Loans and Overdues:**

Dorothy and Jan

**Reports, TP columns:**

Val

**Promotions, TP columns:**

Alison Rigg

**General support duties**

Mal Clark

I thank them for taking over these roles and know they will do them well.

We could however do with some extra help. The Committee has been stable for a few years but Fran Brennan has left us recently for personal reasons and we would like a new member. The workload's not heavy but as most of us are retired we travel then need backup. If you enjoy books and you're interested in new bridge ideas or refining your game it's fun to spend regular time in the library, learn what we have there and get to know other committee members. And it's a contribution to the Club. It would be especially good if you have had some library training but not essential and/or you're closer to 50 than to 80! Please think about it and if you're interested contact me or any member of the committee to talk about it.

In the meantime, have a very happy Christmas from all in the library, safe and enjoyable holidays and good bridging.

## **WANTED:**

**A new member for the library team.**



**If you are young (preferably under 70!),  
If you love keeping up-to-date with new bridge ideas and spreading the word about our great game,**

**If you have any library expertise (even if just using libraries and reading books),**

**If you could make your contribution to WABC by helping in the library .....**

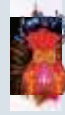
**THEN THIS MAY BE JUST THE JOB FOR YOU.**

**Contact: Val Krantz 9386 1447,  
SMS on 0488 024 733 or email on [valkrantz@gmail.com](mailto:valkrantz@gmail.com)**

**or Jan Cain 9446 6273 SMS on 0429 989 025 or email on [desjancain@hotmail.com](mailto:desjancain@hotmail.com)**

## **NEW & REJOINING CLUB MEMBERS**

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



### **OCTOBER**

Flaviu Radu  
Judy McGuinness  
Lindsey Platt  
Sylvia Pan  
Judith Massart  
Barbara Ekdahl

### **NOVEMBER**

Mary Nicholls  
Andrea McCallum  
Mike Gaff

### **DECEMBER**

Kaiping (Kevin) Chen  
Mike McGlone







## TIM SERES: Australia's Master of Deception

S. Q52  
H. 9  
D. Q96  
C. QJ10862

S. 982		S. 1064
H. A1076	<b>N</b>	H. KQ43
D. 10854	<b>W</b>	<b>E</b> D.72
C. A9	<b>S</b>	C. K743

S. AKJ3  
H. J852  
D. AKJ3  
C. 5

Seres won the trump lead in dummy and continued clubs. Courtney ducked the QC playing his highest remaining pip to suggest values in hearts. Seres pitched a heart then ran the CJ, Richman ruffing. Had West then under-led the heart ace to let Courtney in for another trump lead to deny declarer a heart ruff and an entry to dummy, life would have been difficult for declarer.

But Seres noted that if the above strategy had been implemented south would play a low diamond and if Richman failed to play his 10D he would risk the 9 giving the entries to dummy he needed to set up and cash the clubs. (Courtney says that this is not par play which would be declarer's JD to dummy's QD hoping for a doubleton or singleton 10 with east.)

The defence realised that declarer had two key plans: one to ruff two hearts in dummy, the other to establish dummy's club suit. Richman's trump leads wrecked the first plan so precise timing was then required by declarer to estab-

lish and reach the club suit for the contract. Not under-leading his heart ace so his partner could draw dummy's last trump let declarer off the hook.

## HOLIDAY SEASON SESSION TIMES



**CHRISTMAS DAY** Friday Closed



**Red Point BOXING DAY** Saturday 1:30pm  
No Supervised session



**Red Point NEW YEAR'S EVE** Thursday 1:00pm



**Red Point NEW YEAR'S DAY** Friday 1:00pm  
No Morning or Supervised session



**JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>** Saturday 1:30pm  
No Supervised session



DATE	SESSION	NOTES
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Friday 1	Open Red Point Friday afternoon	New Years day
Monday 11	Open Red Point Monday morning	
	Open Red Point Monday	
Tuesday 12	Open Red Point Tuesday	Summer Festival starts - Canberra
Wednesday 13	Open Red Point Wednesday	
	Open Red Point Wednesday Evening	
Thursday 14	Open Red Point Thursday	
Friday 15	Open Red Point Friday morning	
	Open Red Point Friday	
Saturday 16	Open Red Point Saturday	
Sunday 24		Summer Festival ends
Tuesday 26	Afternoon Red Point Duplicate only – 1:00 pm start	Australia Day public holiday
Sunday 31	Red Point Novice & Super Novice Congress 10:00am	Open competition

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Saturday 6	Red Point Anniversary Pairs: Scored across the room. Trophy awarded to best WABC pair.	Open event.
Tuesday 16	Red Point Individual Championship 1 of 2	Members only
Sunday 21	Red Point New Member's Party	Members only, by invitation
Tuesday 23	Red Point Individual Championship 2 of 2	Members only
Sunday 28	Red Point ANC Restricted Butler selection WABC Heat	Open Competition

<b>MARCH</b>		
Monday 7	Red Point Afternoon Duplicate only – 1:00 pm start	Labour Day Public holiday
Tuesday 8	Red Point Women's Pairs Championship 1 of 3	Members only
Tuesday 15	Red Point Women's Pairs Championship 2 of 3	Members only
Tuesday 22	Red Point Women's Pairs Championship 3 of 3	Members only
Friday 25		Good Friday
Saturday 26		
Sunday 27		Easter Sunday
Monday 28	Red Point Afternoon Duplicate only – 1:00pm start	Easter Monday
Thursday 31	Red Point Handicap Pairs 1 of 2	Members only



# DUPLICATE SESSIONS

PO Box 591 Cottesloe 6911  
7 Odern Cres, Swanbourne. Phone 9284 4144

## 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.*

All results posted at [www.wabridgeclub.com.au](http://www.wabridgeclub.com.au). Licensed bar open after most sessions.

**TABLE MONEY PER SESSION: \$7.00 Members, \$9.00 Visitors, \$3.00 Youth players**  
**(SUPERVISED: \$8.00 Members, \$10.00 Visitors, \$4.00 Youth players)**

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**TUESDAY 26 JANUARY  
@ 1:00pm**