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Editorial



Some of you may have noticed that the Trumps Plus team did not publish the usual autumn edition this year. Trumps Plus was first published in its current form in 2008, shortly after the Club moved to

Swanbourne, so it is now in its eleventh year, and it is as vulnerable to age as all of us. One of the effects of age is that its environment changes, and in Trumps Plus' case this has particularly affected the way we are able to source articles. There have been two effects, firstly our membership is no longer as active in writing articles for us, and secondly material extractable from the bridge world, i.e. through the web, has become difficult for us, technically, to use in our current publishing software. We are looking at ways and means of addressing the second issue; the first though is up to you. If you, the members, do not write articles for Trumps Plus we will have very little to publish except photographs of grinners and winners. Boring. So, get to it. Bear in mind that your fellow members are interested in anything you do in the bridge world, so if you attended a bridge competition at an exotic location (i.e. outside Perth and environs), tell us about it. We are not looking for Pulitzer prize winning articles, though they would of course be wonderful, but really anything that might be of interest. So, pen to paper, or fingers to the keyboard please.

There have been several Club events in the past few months that many of us have participated in, the most recent of course being the Winter Congress. The Convenor, Kitty George, has told us about this in an article in this edition and



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I think we can say it was our most successful Winter Congress yet, with over 290 tables over the four days. Your Tournament Committee is considering how the Club can make it even more successful, so successful in fact that the ABF would regard it as a Gold Point event. If you have any suggestions in this regard the Tournament Committee would be most interested.

Moving on, there are a number of Club Championship events coming up in the next month or so, including Club Teams (always keenly contested), Daytime Pairs, and Mixed Pairs. Doubtless the Directors will mention these in their daily announcements and they will be shown on the screen, but I will put my encouragement in as well, so please get your entries in.

Now for some interesting reading. Devoted readers of this column may recall that last year, or maybe earlier, I referred to some to-ing and fro-ing over cheating in bridge at the top levels. I think Peter Smith directed me to the articles that I referred to, and he has also directed me to the web site Bridge Winners, which has provided me with interesting reading matter from time to time. In any event, panning down the list of articles in Bridge Winners I came across this interesting article: <http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/wbf-president-rona-on-world-championships-cheating-and-the-future-of-bridge/> It covers an interview with WBF President Gianariggo Rona who was in Australia in February at the invitation of the organiser of the 5th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Competition. As I say, interesting reading.

Finally, let me exhort you once again to think about supporting this eminent journal with your thoughts and writings. 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, if anything comes to mind.

President's Report



It's hard to imagine that I am well into my second year of the presidency. It has been both busy and rewarding.

We started 2018 with a week of

Red Point events, which proved very popular.

On February 3rd we celebrated our 10th anniversary since moving to Odern Crescent Swanbourne, with a record number of 44 tables and six tables of supervised. Our Patron, Helen George, gave a short talk and congratulated past

members responsible for the move. A large cake was enjoyed at the afternoon tea break. Congratulations to Belinda Tarranto and Austin Gillanders on their win.

On Sunday 25th February we held the WABC open event, Novice and Super Novice Congress. Neville Walker was our Director with Kitty George as Convener and caddy. Thanks again to the Management Committee for making the sandwiches with special thanks to Kate and Jan for organising the food and drinks for the occasion. Congratulations to Julie Crewe and Chris England who came first in the Novice Pairs with Mira Erskine and Sheryl Every second and Andrea and Mike Gaff third. The Super Novice Pairs with nineteen tables was allotted North South, East West prizes. N/S Megan O'Reilly and Daniel Bell came first with Atsuko

Takeuchi and Anne Durack second and Magda Lawes and Michael Lawes third. E/W Rohan Bandarage and Rajeeve Gunawardena first, Deidre and Jennifer Sharpe second and Lorraine Vanyai and Keith Cramond third.

Our Individual Championship was held over two Wednesday evenings. It was good to see some new faces compete. Bernard Yates came first with Lynne Milne second and Jan McNab third.

The numbers were down this year at our new members party however as usual, everyone enjoyed themselves. We were very fortunate that Peter Smith directed the session. Many thanks go to Dee Sinton, Val Fleay and the Management Committee for organising the day including food preparation and drinks. Thank you to our members who gave up the Sundays to partner new members. Congratulations to Kerry Barns and Tomoko Nakamatsu and David Burn and GraInne Hehir who won on the day.

After many years of bar restocking by Alastair Tulloch and Laurie Labross, Laurie has decided to retire from this position. We thank him for his dedication and commitment.

We bid farewell to Life Member Valerie Krantz, who was instrumental in making our library one of the best in the country. Val has retired after 10 years of service having made many attempts to do so. She has left the library in good shape and handed over to Val Baird and her team of Jan Cain, Dorothy Cain, Alison Rigg, June Fox, Mal Clark, Zinnia Browne and Gary Wood. They will be rostered each day and are very happy to help anyone needing advice. We thank Val for her hard work and commitment to the library.

I would like to remind members that we are looking for players who wish to join

our Mentoring Program. The Mentoring Program is for a period of four weeks offered to graduates from Peter Smith's beginner's classes. If you are interested please contact Deborah Greenway on 0417 790 077. Peter Smith continues to draw encouraging numbers to these classes.

The City of Nedlands has decided to replace the Swanbourne weather station from Allen Park Reserve to inside our fenced area for improved readings. It will be a pole five to six metres tall. As our only objection to their use of the area is our security, they have committed to keeping the area locked.

Monday is a very busy bridge day so members are reminded that afternoon bridge commences at 1:15 pm to prevent the queuing and congestion of the playing area and the car park.

On the 12th and 14th April we hosted the Andy Hung Bridge Workshop. They were so popular; we hope to arrange another in October prior to Peter's 4th term. The October workshop will comprise three lectures each aimed at a different level of player ability –Novice, intermediate and highly advanced.

Our annual Charity Day was a fantastic success again this year. We made \$3870 for the Patricia Giles Centre which offers safe crisis accommodation and counselling for women and children affected by domestic violence. Thanks to Sylvia Bray and Pauline Kelly for all their hard work putting together all the glorious raffles.

The Committee has initiated an Investigation into installing solar panels. Richard Basham is managing the process. Quotes have been received and checked by independent engineers and an architect. It is estimated that the capital cost would be returned in less than five years and even

faster if an application to the Lotteries Commission for a grant is successful.

A special meeting was held on Tuesday 8th May, which ratified the changes to the Club Rules [Constitution]. This document has been approved by the department and is now in force.

After approximately 35 years implementing, developing and running the club's teaching programme, Peter Smith has informed the club he wishes to step down at the end of this year.

Peter has been instrumental in fostering the love of Bridge within the club and many say he is irreplaceable. Thank you Peter for your years of dedication to Bridge at WABC.

The Winter Super congress was held 1st to 4th June. What a fabulous four days of bridge we had with close to over 290 tables. Thanks to Broadway Travel and TBIB Insurance Brokers for their generous donations of prize money for the lucky winners. A special thanks to Kitty George the Convener assisted by Sheenagh Young and Robin Paterson. By the way Robin is a new member of our Tournament Committee. We also thank the many members who donated food and time assisting in preparation and especially Bill Kemp and his Assistant Director Gwen Kremer. Congratulations to the many winners over the weekend.

Keep enjoying your bridge at our great club.

Dymphna Elsey
President

A graphic with the text "Did You Know?" in a blue, sans-serif font. "Did You" is in a smaller size and positioned above "Know?", which is significantly larger and more prominent. A question mark follows "Know?". The text is set against a light blue rectangular background.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT OUR WINTER CONGRESS

This congress is classed as a "super congress" and we run the **ONLY Super Congress in WA**. It means 50% more red points are awarded. These congresses are strictly controlled and we have to apply in writing every year for permission to hold the congress.

Most money made goes back to the contestants:

There were 294.5 session tables

\$11,300 was given out in prize money

MasterPoints cost \$967.00

All the sponsorship money was given out in prizes

Almost every event had a <100 masterpoints prize for WABC members

There hasn't been an increase in entry fees for 4 years and half of the increase this year is returned in prize money.



Kieran's Slam Squeeze

With Peter Smith

Australian ex-patriot Kieran Dyke made a trip home recently from the UK to play in the Gold Coast Congress – one of the world's great bridge events. The impeccable organisation makes this a compulsory destination for players from many parts of the world. This year the event featured the Commonwealth Nations tournament on the front end (where Kieran was representing the UK), resulting in even more international players than usual, as well as an ever-growing Australian contingent. In the Open Teams Kieran partnered Perth star Renee Cooper, just 22 years old, but already in the top echelon of Australian players. They teamed up with Frances Hinden and Graham Osborne from the UK to take out the title, beating the Australian/Canadian combination of Peter Buchen-Ian Thomson and Michael Yuen- Nick Stock. This hand features Kieran in action landing a slam swing in the final segment. Dealer North. Both vulnerable (directions changed for convenience).

	♠ A 7 5 4 ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ K J 5 4 ♣ 4	
♠ 10 2 ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ Q 10 8 3 2 ♣ 9 8 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 6 ♥ J 9 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ A K 10 6 5 3
	♠ K Q J 8 3 ♥ A 6 4 3 ♦ A ♣ Q J 2	

The uncontested North-South auction went like this:

	North		South
	<i>Cooper</i>		<i>Dyke</i>
	1♦		1♠
	2♠		3♥
	4♠		5♦
	5♥		6♠
	All Pass		

Dyke's 3♥ was a Trial Bid, ostensibly with just game interest. When Cooper jumped to game Kieran became more interested in slam, as his weak heart suit would be bolstered - still not enough as it turns out. Two Control Bids then led to Dyke's sign-off in

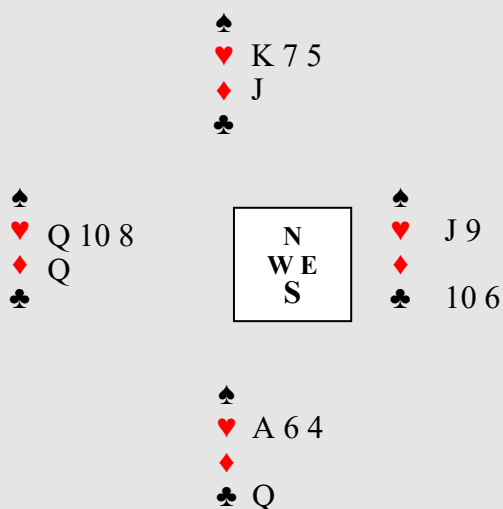
slam.

With a club to lose and an apparent heart loser how did Kieran make his slam?

Ian Thomson, West, led the ♣9 to Peter Buchen's ace. Buchen now returned the ♣K, ruffed in dummy. Although this set up declarer's queen it didn't actually matter as it provided no useful discard and both of South's remaining clubs could have been ruffed in dummy anyway.

Watch now how Dyke proceeded. He played a diamond to the ace, followed by the ♠K and a low spade to dummy's ace. He now cashed the ♦K, discarding a heart, and ruffed a diamond, hoping for the ♦Q to fall. When this didn't happen his only hope to avoid a heart loser was to run his black suit winners and hope an opponent was squeezed.

That's not a bad idea just as a general principle, by the way. Sure enough, this was the ending:



The lead of the ♣Q now finished West, who not only had the winning queen of diamonds but also guarded the hearts, leaving no good discard. Thomson couldn't throw his diamond winner so correctly chose a heart, with dummy doing likewise, but that gave Kieran a long heart trick and the slam. Note that if East had the ♦Q and the heart length it would have led to the same result.

This was worth 17 Imps as the declarer at the other table, in the same contract, inexplicably took out dummy's ♥K entry to the diamond threat prematurely, so the squeeze couldn't materialise; West was able to discard the ♦Q with impunity and keep the ♥Q protected.

This was Kieran's second success in the tournament but for Renee it was her first – with predictions of many more ahead.



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ABN: 82 057 199 126



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Sat 15 & Sun 16 September



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West Australian Bridge Club, 7 Odern Cres., Swanbourne

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Two Nil for Unseeded Winners!!

In 2017, the W.A.B.C. committee, responding to changing bridge player's preferences and attempting to induce more of our members to contest club championships, introduced a new event to the calendar, the Swiss Pairs Championship.

The inaugural winners of the event, Shelley Allen and Jill Keshavjee were seeded 19th out of 34 pairs. Shelley and Jill won the event, after entering the last round in second position, by defeating the pair in first position by ~6 Imps to win the overall event by .07 of a Victory Point.

On 23rd June, the 2018 edition of the Championship was contested, by 30 pairs with a wide range of experience and skill, over two sessions and six matches of nine boards,

This year, Ian Rowlands and Peter Hicks, seeded 18th, also out of the top half of seeds won the event. In a remarkable coincidence, Ian and Peter repeated the effort of Shelley and Jill, defeating the first position pair in the last round, by a small margin of ~4 Imps, to achieve a slightly larger overall victory of ~2 Victory Points.

Congratulations to winners Ian and Peter and place getters; Lynne Milne and Chris Bagley, in second and; Ray Wood and Wence Vahala, (20th seed), in third. The editors thank the committee for introducing this event to the calendar because regardless of your seed, and as results have shown, you have just a much chance winning as any other and recommend that club members of all levels enter this event next year.

Peter Hicks

WABC SWISS PAIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



2018 Swiss Pairs Championship
Winners: Ian Rowlands and Peter Hicks



2nd place
Lynne Milne and Chris Bagley



3rd place
Wence Vahala
and Ray Wood



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2018 Hans Rosendorff Memorial Women's Swiss Pairs - Perth

Sat 15 & Sun 16 September

Prizes: 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200



GOLD POINTS

PQPs: 1st 24,
2nd 18, 3rd 12, 4th 6



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VALE

Claudine Charters



Members were saddened in early April to learn of the passing of Claudine Charters. Claudine had been a long standing member of the Club, joining in the early 70s after she and her family arrived in Perth from Kenya.

Outside her family she lived for her dogs and her bridge. She was a very talented player and so much looked forward to her Tuesdays, Fridays and Congresses.

Our sympathies for their loss go to David and Joscelyn.

The **Mystery** of the Missing Books

Bergen	Declarer Play The Bergen Way
Bergen	Points Shmoints
Bird & Bourke	Planning In Suit Contract
Bird & Bourke	Reading The Cards
Cohen & Lederer	All About Acol
Granovetter	Murder At The Bridge Table
Hardy, Max	Two Over One Game Force
Klinger	The Bridge Player Who Laughed
Lawrence	Opening Leads
Mahmood & Grant	Break Through Bridge: Defence For Beginners
Marston	All About No Trumps
Marston	Intro To Bridge
Marston	Language Of Bidding Acol
Martens	Owl, Fox And Spider
Martens	Hand Evaluation Bidding Decisions
Mollo & Gardener	Card Play Technique
Mollo & Gardener	Card Play Technique
O'connor	Second Book Of Bridge Problems
Reese & Bird	All You Need To Know About Play



Help!
I'm lost!

IF YOU DO HAVE ONE OF THESE MISSING BOOKS COULD YOU PLEASE PLACE IT IN THE LIBRARY RETURN BOX. THANK YOU.

WABC WINTER CONGRESS



The rain stayed away but our wonderful bridge players did not ! Thank you all for your amazing

support of our annual Super Congress. We fielded 294.5 tables of bridge over the long weekend and comfortably achieved the ABF requirement of 250 tables to ensure the awarding of extra master-points.

The Club was also given wonderful support from our 2 sponsors. It was a great privilege to welcome Di Doust from Broadway Travel and Steve Weil from TBIB Insurance to our club and to personally thank them. Their sponsorship enables us to offer very generous prize money for the Congress and to offset considerably the cost of the day to day running of WABC.

Our next goal is to petition ABF to consider Gold Point status for the premier events - 2 day Swiss and the Swiss Teams. Your attendance and our sponsors input will I'm sure further our case.

The running of such a large and complex event requires many hands on deck and as usual many came to the fore. The legendary afternoon teas did not disappoint. Thank you all and hats off to Kerry Barns who shepherded us from the United States!

Beautiful maccarons from Marie Musitano and palmiers from my Co-Convenor Robin Paterson sustained us on Sunday and Monday followed by the grand finale of sausages from "the Husbands" and chocolate gelati from Sheenagh Young to wrap

up a weekend of deliciousness. Of course dishes needed to be washed and rooms tidied and I would like to thank all who helped. Special mention to Sue Field who travelled up from Nannup and Greg McKie who added the touch of organisation that only a man can provide.



Noelene Law, Lauren Shiels and Jane Reynolds very generously gave of their time to act as emergency players when required and to stand by "in case". Thank you ladies. The events ran smoothly under the baton of Bill Kemp, Gwen Kremer and Val Parker. Cool under pressure – the hall marks of good Directors. Their jobs however could have been made a lot easier if players would only check that their score card tallies with the results on their BridgeMate before leaving the table. Too many players left the venue without either

checking their BridgeMate or personal score sheets. This really does add to the pressure that Directors and Convenors are already under and in at least one instance compromised the final result and distribution of the considerable prize money.

294.5 tables – guess how many Boards have to be dealt ! Sheenagh Young and her aching thumbs will be able to tell you in an instant. Thanks Sheenagh. Work above and beyond the call as usual. We are so lucky to have you.

Kitty George Convenor

WABC WINTER CONGRESS



MONDAY TEAMS: Winners:
Deana Wilson, David Schokman, Fiske Warren, Cynthia Belonogoff



Monday Teams 3rd
Geoff Holman, Henry Christie, Chris Ingham, David Matthews

TWO DAY SWISS PAIRS



2 Day Swiss Pairs Winners: Kaiping Chen & Fiske Warren with sponsors Steve Weil TBIB and Dianne Doust Broadway Travel



Swiss Pairs 2nd David Schokman & Dave Munro

TWO DAY SWISS PAIRS



3rd Ursula Harper
& Jonathan Free



4th Leon Randolph & Rez Karim



5th Deana Wilson
& Cynthia Belonogoff



6th John Beddow & Egmont Melton





Susan Wade Pairs
1st Joanna Payne
& Catherine Gabites



Shirley Potter Pairs 2nd NS
Kate Smith & Jill Del Piccolo



Susan Wade Pairs
2nd Phil Jacobsen & Elizabeth Black



Shirley Potter Pairs 3rd EW
Simone Pettorino & Kali Crosbie



Susan Wade Pairs
3rd Jessie Duffill & Greg McKie
and Under 150 Winners



Our Sizzling Helpers

Congress Single Session Pairs Events



Bobbie Mitchell Pairs 1st EW
Belinda Taranto & Patti McNamara



Betty Barker Pairs First EW
Cynthia Belonogoff & Deana Wilson



Bobbie Mitchell Pairs 2nd EW
Mitch Garbutt & Jonathan Pynt



Betty Barker Pairs 3rd EW
Meredith Goodlet & Jennifer Andrews





Maggie Sacks Pairs 1st NS
Geoff Yeo & Jenny Fairweather



Maggie Sacks Pairs 3rd EW
Annie Lowe & Patti McNamara (not pic-
tured)



Maggie Sacks Pairs 4th NS
Alison Rigg & John Rigg



Maggie Sacks Pairs 4th EW
Deana Wilson & Fiske Warren



Maggie Sacks Pairs best WABC under 100 MPs
Ziggy Morawiec & Kerry Barns

Single Session Pairs Events



Joan Carter Pairs 1st NS
Jean Williams & Rosemary Rear



Under 150 Pairs
David Wheaton & Carol O'Grady



Joan Carter Pairs 2nd EW
Edith Somogyi & Murli Vee



Joan Carter Pairs 3rd EW
Kate Pinniger & Helen Cook



Joan Carter Pairs
Best WABC under 100 MPs
Jennifer Sharpe & Deidre Doepel

WABC RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS



**Winners: Jennifer Andrews & Meredith Goodlet
with tournament organisers Margaret King and Val Fleay**



**Second:
David and Pauline Coulter**



**Third:
Claire Weston and Wilma Coloper**



Fourth:
Joanne Payne and Stephen Thyer



Fifth:
Terence and Hilary Heptinstall



Sixth:
Mary Lang and Ian Rowlands

1	Meredith Goodlet & Jennifer Andrews
2	Pauline Coulter & David Coulter
3	Wilma Coloper & Claire Weston
4	Stephen Thyer & Joanne Payne
5	Hilary Heptinstall & Terence Heptinstall
6	Ian Rowlands & Mary Lang
7	Dymphna Elsey & Susan Evans
8	Dominique Rallier & Hieu Van Vu



THE RULE OF TWENTY

Andrew Robson

In the early days of bridge a full thirteen point hand was required in order to open the bidding. Now

standards have dropped to twelve. In addition there is a very useful rule - taking distribution into account - that sometimes allows you to open the bidding with even less. Add your total points to the number of cards in your two longest suits; if the total is twenty or more then it is winning bridge to open the bidding. Using The Rule of Twenty, an eleven point hand with a five-four shape or with a six card suit will be opened; as will a ten point hand with a five-five or six-four shape.

This week's South must have been a trifle nervous - having opened the bidding with just nine points he heard his partner had put him into Slam. How did he fare? East-West's vigorous ♣ bidding convinced North - correctly - that his partner was almost certainly void of the suit. So his 6♥ bid over 5♣ was not quite the wild leap it first appears.

West led ♣ A and declarer trumped. He crossed to ♥ Q, cashed ♥ K and led to ♥ A, drawing the four opposing trumps. He then led ♠ 3 to ♠ Q and ♠ 4 to ♠ J and West's ♠ A. West switched to ♦ 3 - too late. Declarer won dummy's ♦ A, trumped ♣ 6, cashed ♠ K and his three remaining ♠s and took the last trick with dummy's remaining trump.

West can hardly be blamed for his ♣ A lead but the opening lead of a ♦ would have established a ♦ trick for the defence, which they would have been able to cash when in with ♠ A.

THE RULE OF TWENTY: Open the bidding when your total points added to the number of cards in your two longest suits equal twenty or more.

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4
♥ K Q 10 9
♦ A J 8 6
♣ J 6 4

♠ A 8
♥ 7
♦ Q 9 4 3
♣ A K 10 8 7 3

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♠ 10 9 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ K 10 7
♣ Q 9 5 2

♠ K J 7 6 5 3
♥ A J 8 6 5
♦ 5 2
♣ —

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
2 ♣	2 ♦	3 ♣	3 ♥
5 ♣	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The Andrew Robson Bridge Club in Fulham, London, is well known in the British bridge world, and it would seem well known to WABC members. In recent times it has been visited by Andrea and Michael Gaff, and Deana Wilson, and I am sure others, and I am told it is well worth the visit. The Club website, <https://www.andrewrobson.co.uk/>, is also well worth the visit as it contains many articles well worth the reading. The above article is a short example:



How do we score in Duplicate Bridge??

Chris Bagley

Bridge has had quite a long history and it has evolved from one pair playing another

through to the current competitions where hundreds of pairs may be playing hundreds of other pairs. While it is relatively simple to work out who has won in a pair against pair competition, and we have all done that in the fine form of the sport known as kitchen bridge, calculating who is the winner when there are more than two pairs involved can be challenging. At WABC we tend to play 9 tables sessions, each playing sets of three boards. Sometimes we have more tables and very occasionally more boards, but our preference is for 9 pairs in each direction playing 27 boards. The approach we use is called Duplicate Bridge and to keep this article about how we score in Duplicate simple I will limit the discussion to our usual situation at the Club.

We will start with placing ourselves North-South at table 1. It's 1pm and we have three boards on the table. By half past four, or thereabouts, we will have played all the 27 boards, and on some we did good, and on some we did baaad, but the question we ask is how did we perform overall.

Let's move to 7 minutes past 1pm when we have played the first board. By dint of great skill we bid and made a contract of two Spades, winning us a score of 110. Just to refresh your memory, you get 20 points for a winning clubs or diamonds trick, 30 for hearts or spades, 40 for no trumps, an extra 50 for making a contract under game, an extra 300 for so a non-vulnerable game and an extra 500 for a vulnerable game. The two spades bid and made thus gave us $2 \times 30 + 50 = 110$

points. This might have been a good result, or not. Too early to tell.

Board two was better. We bid four Hearts and made 5, giving us 450 points and a top. Maybe. At that point we were the only pairs that had played the board and maybe after it had been played at all the other tables our score might not have ranked so well.

Moving on to board four we now had a different pair opposing us and on this board we bid four spades, making four. A quick look at the "traveller" screen on the Bridgemate showed us something like

1	4 ♠	11	450	
1>	4 ♠	10	420	

Woe. The other pair to have played the board made eleven tricks, thus beating us. The little arrow, incidentally, shows our score.

So we but that board to one side and continued on through the remaining 23 boards for the day. Let's look at the last hand of the day, board 27, where we bid 4 Spades making five. Surely that was a good result? This time, because it was the last board, and all the other nine North-South pairs had played it we are able to see all the scores to get a definite result rather than a maybe. At first, we can only look at the "traveller" screen on the Bridgemate which shows us something like

1	4 ♠	11	450	
1	1 ♠	11	450	
3x	4 ♠	10	420	
1	3 ♠	10	170	
1	3 ♠	9	140	
2x	4 ♠	9		50

and where the little arrow again indicates our hand. This screen shows us we were equal first on this hand, but not much else. A quick calculation, though, will tell us that we scored 94%. We can calculate that because of this simple rule used to score Duplicate:

- a win gives you 2 points,
- a draw gives you 1 point, and
- a loss gives you zero points.

Logically, to get the maximum points for a board you need to beat all the opposition pairs. If you do so, you get 2 points for each win and your total points adds up to 2 x the number of opposition pairs. In this case, there are nine pairs that have played the board by the end of the day, one of which is our pair, so there are eight opposition pairs and thus a maximum available score of 2 x 8 = 16 points. These points are called Match Points or MPs. We beat seven pairs and drew with one so we scored 7x2 + 1 = 15 MPs out of a maximum of 16, or (gets out his calculator) 94%. At the other end of the list the two pairs that made 9 tricks, going one off in their contract of 4 Spades, only won 1 point out of 16 so they got 6%. The three that bid and made 4 Spades beat 4 pairs and drew with two others, giving them 10 points out of 16, 63%. Adding these results to the previous table gives:

Number of pairs	Contract	Tricks made	Score	Score	MPs	%
1	4 ♠	11	450		15	94%
1>	1 ♠	11	450		15	94%
3x	4 ♠	10	420		10	63%
1	3 ♠	10	170		6	38%
1	3 ♠	9	140		4	25%
2x	4 ♠	9		50	1	6%

At the end of the session, the computer adds all those scores up and gives us the result when we press “rank” on the Bridgemate. In this case we scored a total of 237MP for the session. The absolute maximum number of MPs available is 27 x 16 = 432 so the 237MP we scored gave us an overall 55%. We lost by 1MP to the pair that came first. But that’s bridge ...



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ZONTA BRIDGE DAY SUCCESS FOR OUR MEMBERS



WINNERS: Jane Henderson and Karen Wallwork



SECOND IN PLATE: Linda and Anthony Wild



Interesting hands

from Rakesh Kumar

(originally printed in the NSW Bridge Association eCongress News of May, 2018.)

Here are some interesting hands from Rakesh Kumar, originally printed in the NSW Bridge Association eCongress News of May, 2018. Rakesh Kumar describes himself as an enthusiastic non-expert who makes enough errors to have plenty of material for bridge columns. I thought this was an interesting column in light of the recent WABC Swiss Pairs Championship. But Rakesh is not writing about that. Here he is writing about a recent NSW event. Note the winners! He begins; In parallel with the Final of the Womens Interstate Teams Selection event, the NSWBA runs a Swiss Pairs event, imaginatively (?) called the WITS Swiss Pairs. This year, it was won by Elliott Kaplan – Peter Gill, followed by Pauline Gumby – Warren Lazer, with Matt Smith – Johnno Newman in third place. It is a remarkable fact that all 3 pairs scored exactly 14.87 VPs (i.e. a 13 IMP difference) in the last round. Unlucky for their opponents! See if you can keep your wits about you on a few interesting problems.

Firstly, after either 1♥-2♥-4♥ or 1♥-3♣ (Bergen)-4♥, you are on lead with the hand below. What will you choose?

♠ KT42
♥ 5
♦ Q64
♣ A6543

Secondly, partner opens 1♣ showing 2+ cards. What will you bid with this extraordinary hand?

♠ AKQJT8542
♥ A
♦
♣ JT6

And thirdly, you're vulnerable and the opponents are not, and as dealer LHO opens a natural weak 2♥, passed around to you. What will you do with this hand?

♠ KJT73
♥ Q
♦ KT98
♣ A83

Swiss Pairs is all about (1) bidding 'em up (2) defending as tightly as possible. In round 2 our opponents put this into practice, at our expense! To take the last hand first, (as shown below as Board 2) on this board, after 2♥ by East, or a multi -2♦ and 2♥ correctable by West, North has options. It's possible to just overcall 2♠, or to show a bit more courage and double. Supposing North does double, what should South do now? The spade suit isn't actually a thing of beauty, but at our table, South figured that his hand was nevertheless quite a bit better than it might have been, so bid 3♠. The raise to 4♠ was then automatic. However, across the field, only 6 of 17 North-South pairs reached 4♠. Our opponents were, of course, one of those pairs ..

The full hand was :

Board 2

Dealer E | Vul N-S

♠ KJT73
♥ Q
♦ KT98
♣ A83

♠ AQ9
♥ J52
♦ A6543
♣ T2



♠ 6
♥ KT9863
♦ Q7
♣ J965

♠ 8542
♥ A74
♦ J2
♣ KQ74

W	N	E	S
		2H	P
P	X	P	?

what would you bid?



	♠	♦	♥	♣	NT
N	2	1	-	5	2
S	2	1	-	5	2
E	-	-	2	-	-
W	-	-	2	-	-

The opening lead on the first problem was really important, because a game swing depended on the choice.

Board 3

Dealer S | Vul E-W

♠ KT42
♥ 5
♦ Q64
♣ A6543

♠ A53
♥ KQJ96
♦ AK2
♣ QT



♠ Q87
♥ A732
♦ T987
♣ 82

♠ J96
♥ T84
♦ J53
♣ KJ97

W	N	E	S
			P
1H	P	2H	P
4H	//		



	♠	♦	♥	♣	NT
N	2	-	-	-	-
S	2	-	-	-	-
E	-	3	3	1	2
W	-	3	3	1	2

The most common lead was a low spade. Declarer was looking at 5 potential losers, but would no doubt have breathed a sigh of relief when the ♠Q held. S/he could then draw trumps and play ♦AK and a third diamond, probably breathing an even louder sigh of relief when the fourth diamond was established for a spade discard. However, there were no sighs of relief at our table: our North led a low diamond and the contract was now doomed. Across the field, 10 East-West pairs made 4♥, but 7 went down.



And so to the amazing hand. Partner has opened 1♣, but does s/he actually have good enough clubs to take care of your ♣JT6 if you head for slam? Can you find out? Around the room, I heard of various continuations ranging from bidding a conservative 4♠ (hardly Swiss Pairs tactics) to 4NT Blackwood (highly unlikely to be useful) to just bidding 6♠ directly (not the worst idea ever). How about a devious 1♣-1♠-1NT-4♣ (keycard in clubs!)-4NT (2+queen)-6♠? Of course that may not work if West overcalls 1♦ and East raises pre-emptively to 3♦ ... anyway, 8 pairs bid and made slam when the full hand proved to be:

Board 26

Dealer E | Vul All

♠	AKQJT8542	♠ 93
♥	A	♥ T964
♦		♦ J9632
♣	JT6	♣ 53

♠	76	♠ 93
♥	Q873	♥ T964
♦	KQT85	♦ J9632
♣	A974	♣ 53

	N		E	
W				
	S			



W	N	E	S
		P	1C
P	?		

*Will you consider slam?
If so, what would you bid
to try to get your pair to
slam?*

	♠	♦	♥	♣	NT
N	3	-	-	6	5
S	3	-	-	6	5
E	-	3	1	-	-
W	-	3	1	-	-

However, another 4 went all the way to 7♠ and duly went down. There do have to be limits to bidding 'em up!!





DAYTIME PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

FRIDAY 13 & 20 JULY @ 1:15pm

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

ENTRY FEE: \$15 plus TABLE MONEY per session

SUBSTITUTES ARE NOT PERMITTED . PAIRS MUST PLAY BOTH SESSIONS

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2017 WINNERS: KAIPING CHEN & DEANA WILSON

Mastering the Basics of Card Play by Nigel Rosendorff

Many local players have had a connection with Nigel and his wife Dani over the years through their previous bridge clubs in the western suburbs. Now in Sydney, Nigel still continues in the bridge world, running weekly sessions mainly for social players.

This self-published book is designed for very new players so may be too basic for his many established followers. It provides simple explanations of fundamental topics such as counting winners and establishing tricks by promotion, finesse and length. The 78 pages include many quizzes and practice hands to reinforce understanding of the main themes.

To order copies or to enquire about suitability contact Nigel by email at bridge@bridgecentre.com.au

Peter Smith



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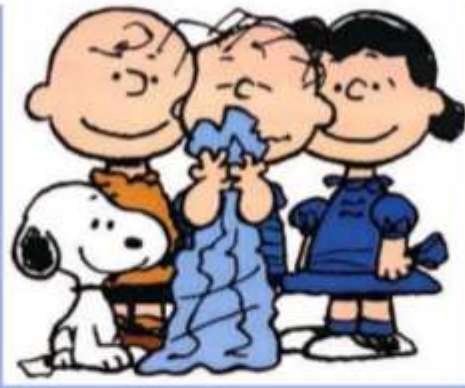
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CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY 7 JULY @ 10:00am

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

ENTRY FEE: \$15 plus TABLE MONEY per session

SUBSTITUTES AND TEAM AUGMENTATION (from 4 to a 5/6 person team) ARE PERMITTED. APPROVAL MUST BE SOUGHT FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO PLAY.

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FISKE WARREN & DEANA WILSON**

BAROMETER PAIRS



NEW for 2018

**Starting Wednesday,
August 15 at 7:30pm**

Red Point SESSION.

NB. Players must enter to play

No Side Movement on these nights



The Barometer Pairs game is differentiated from other pair games by the method of distributing the boards and by the scoring. In the usual type of pair event, all or most of the boards are in play every round. The boards are moved from table to table on a predetermined schedule so that eventually all pairs play most

of the boards at some time during the session. In a Barometer game the boards don't move from table to table after each round. All pairs play the same boards at the same time throughout the event. Many sets of pre-duplicated boards are dealt prior to the game. Quite often each table will have its own set of boards. Equally often, two or three tables will share one set of boards. Each set of boards goes out of play after one round. As a result, all scores for a given set of boards are available as soon as the round is over. The scores will be available on the projector screen for viewing by the players after each round, so each pair knows where it stands at all times. Any given pair's fortunes will rise and fall as the game goes on—hence the name Barometer.

NEW & REJOINING CLUB MEMBERS

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

JANUARY

Linda Barrett
Jenny Orchard
Eileen Litjens
Christine Cashmore
Christine Dunlop
Alison Baker
Emma Eggleston

FEBRUARY

Tony Malloch
Christine Meunier
Maggie Franco
Mark Dolling
Liz Jacoby

MARCH

Francesca McGrath
Jeff Veling
Andrew Stavrianou
John Finlay-Jones

APRIL

Mavis Koay
Henry Christie
John Taylor
Chris Hedges
John Hedges
Doreen King
Maxine Litwin

May

Murli Vee
Edith Somogyi
Richard Werren
Nick Reid
Nick Jones
Jonathan Birman
George Dumitrescu

JUNE

Ann Strack
Rosemary Goddard
Linley Kemeny
Colin Meek
Catherine Gabites
Liam Roche
Sue McDonald
Linda Doonan
Diana Godson
Joan Busby
Tim Berrigan

THOSE WE WILL REMEMBER

Claudine Charters





The Charles Pearce Cup

Wednesday Evenings
throughout July

This competition commemorates long-serving and popular member Charles Pearce. Charlie was born in Kent, England and migrated to WA after the Second World War.

He was a very good player who represented WA several times in interstate competition. Regular partners at WABC included Rudy Woss, Rudy Wise, Brian O'Hara, Malcolm Smith and Ushi Houston.

Charlie is remembered as someone who loved to take his friends to Rotto for the weekend on his boat and as a tireless, dedicated and cheerful worker for the club.

This competition is restricted to pairs who are members of WABC. It has two divisions and prizes are awarded to the pairs with the best aggregate from their top 3 scores.



WEEKLY PLAYING SESSIONS WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB 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	Virginia Seward	Ideal for the novice player.
Friday (P)	9.30 – 12.15	Carla Sullivan	Ideal for the novice player.
Saturday (P)	1.30 – 4.45	Peter Hicks	Ideal for the novice player.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>These sessions are supervised – you may ask for help during play.</i> • <i>(P) You don't need to bring a partner, no need to book, just turn up in the teaching area.</i> 			

OTHER SESSIONS - UNSUPERVISED			
Monday am	9.00 – 12.15	Peter Holloway	Not held on certain Public Holidays.
Monday pm	1.00 – 4.30	Dave Parham	Very popular. Graduate to this from Supervised.
Tuesday	1.00 – 4.30	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 – 4.30	John Beddow	Popular with newer players.
Friday am	9.15 – 12.30	David Burn	Not held on certain Public Holidays
Friday pm	1.15 – 4.45	Peter Holloway	Our most popular session.
Saturday (P)	1.30 – 5.00	David Burn	Relaxed and social.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All sessions marked (P) indicate you may attend without a partner.</i> • <i>If you need a partner for any other session phone Deborah Greenway 9245 7225 8.30am – 8.30pm.</i> 			

**TABLE MONEY PER SESSION: \$7.00 Members, \$9.00 Visitors, \$3.00 Youth players
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LESSONS AT WABC

With Peter Smith

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INTERMEDIATE BIDDING

Tuesday morning 10.00 – 12.00 noon.
From 17 July. (The Book 2 continuation
starts 14 August, finishes 4 September.)

BEGINNERS

Tuesday evening 7.30 – 9.30 pm. From
17 July. (The Book 2 continuation starts
14 August, finishes 4 September.)

CARD PLAY ESSENTIALS

Wednesday evening 5.15 – 7.15 pm.
From 18 July. (The Book 2 continuation
starts 15 August, finishes 5 September.)

MASTER CARD PLAY & DEFENCE

Thursday morning 10.00 – 12.00 noon.
From 19 July. (The Book 2 continuation
starts 16 August, finishes 6 September.)

Look out for more information on
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