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happy  
holidays!

A SAFE AND  
HAPPY HOLIDAY  
SEASON  
TO ALL  
OUR MEMBERS



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## Editorial

Summer again! How did that happen.

I guess one of the reasons it snuck up on us is because we did not have a Spring edition. The reasons why we did not

are complex but essentially I think it is because we, your editorial team, are finding it very difficult to source material.

Trumps Plus has had many lives, which is not surprising given the Club is over 50 years old, and has taken many forms.

The current style, which was introduced 12 years of so ago, has been based on three streams – club information (photos of winners and gridders primarily), bridge educational and teaching stuff, and club social stuff. The first stream is still reasonably viable, if someone remembers to take the photographs and write up events, but the other two streams are (perhaps reflecting with our current environment) suffering from drought.

In particular the educational and teaching stuff we now source primarily from other web sites, and the club social stuff seems to have died away to nothing. No one is interested in writing social notes or sharing their take on emerging bridge systems. As a result we have difficulties in putting material together

Parallel to these changes have come changes in media presentation. The “new” Trumps Plus introduced in 2008 (you can see earlier styles, usually in newsletter form in the Library) took advantage of the relatively new PC based publishing. But times move on and paper based media is rapidly shrinking. Our service providers – banks, councils, newspapers and so on – are continually exhorting us to change from paper reporting to electronic reporting. And we are responding, accepting less paper reporting and more and more electronic reporting. That change is also happening in the bridge world, quite rapidly in recent



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years, with pretty well all bridge service providers – clubs, state umbrella organisations, private suppliers such as teachers, etc – now disseminating their material primarily electronically.

How does this affect us? Well, we will continue to publish member offerings if they come, so if you would like to tell your fellow members about that challenging set of slams you had recently, or the interesting bridge players you met on your Baltic cruise, we would be very pleased to publish, but Trumps Plus will mainly be based on club reporting. We will also look to see how we can use the web rather than paper, recognising that there are members who have limited access to the web and so still prefer to have a paper form available.

. But, Facebook anyone?

On to other matters, social notes in particular, those members who were members back when the Club started its move from Waratah Avenue to Odern Crescent, i.e. here, will remember Tom

Leman, our Architect. Tom extracted the essence from the Club's brief for its new home, put it all together, and converted into the design we all appreciate so much today. I had the great pleasure of meeting up with Tom a while back at the GNOT finals where he and his wife Kit were members of one of Kalamunda Bridge Club's entries. Tom plays bridge at that club and I see from their results that he and his partner won the Club's Men's Championship competition this year. Well done Tom. And our continued thanks for our very enjoyable bridge environment.

Having said all that, let me wish you a happy Christmas (unreconstructed traditionalist that I am) and a prosperous (in the bridge sense, of course) New Year. And because you are bound to have thoughts about what I have said above, please contact me on [chris-bagley1@bigpond.com](mailto:chris-bagley1@bigpond.com) if you would like to share them with me.

**Chris Bagley**



## *President's Report*

***It is hard to believe that the festive season is once again upon us.***

The six month period since the last edition of Trumps Plus has been interesting in that the June to September quarter was relatively quiet with quite a number of members seeking warmth either overseas or further north in our state. Despite this attendance was good and there were some successful events. The Masters of Three as usual was well attended and popular and the new State Masters with Rookies proved so successful that with the amount of positive feedback it

has been decided that this event should be held at least twice a year in future. Thanks for this must go to Robin Paterson and Carla Sullivan for their superb effort in organising this event.

A recommendation was made by the Tournament Committee and accepted by the Management Committee that the Restricted Teams Master-point cut-off be increased to 1500 COMBINED master points rather than 300 per payer. If there is a 5 or 6 person team, the alternate player(s) must meet the master point cap of the team, as do any substitutes. This was implemented in the Teams Championships in August. It is anticipated that this will en-

courage a larger proportion of our members to play in either the Restricted or Open events.

A decision was also made to discontinue Jackpots next year and introduce a new competition in addition to a stratified winner of Player of the Month to be awarded with free game vouchers as the prize. As a result of disappointment expressed by a number of members this decision was reviewed by the Tournament committee and Jackpots will continue but in a revised format.

A demonstration on use of the defibrillator was presented by Helen Alison from the North Cottesloe Surf Club on Saturday 18 August with approximately thirty members in attendance. This proved to be very informative and extremely well received by those attending. It has been suggested that such a demonstration should be repeated on a yearly basis.

Fortunately we have not had any unexpected building maintenance issues during this past six months and the NBN changeover has been completed with some difficulties arising but thanks to Sheenagh's efforts finally in place.

The bad news of which many of you will be aware is that we have been the victim of a serious theft. This occurred in the dark hours of Tuesday night 10<sup>th</sup> September when 90 metres of three phase cabling was stolen thus disconnecting all power to our building. Thanks again to Sheenagh's amazing response and organisation of electricians etc new cabling was laid and power reinstalled within 48 hours. The cost of this was in the vicinity of \$20,000.00 and fortunately was recouped from our insurance company.

As a result of this the Management Committee is currently considering quotes for extra security measures to be installed to prevent a recurrence of this theft due to

the isolation of our building and the absence of passers-by during the periods of darkness. The City of Nedlands has also been approached requesting the installation of a secure meter box, this matter is still under consideration by the Council.

The AGM was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> October with no new matters being tabled. The election of Management Committee members revealed little change apart from the resignation of John Aquino and Pauline Kelly, these members being replaced by John Rigg and Gloria Carlson. It was announced that a sub-committee headed by John Nelson was to be formed for the Strategic Planning and Marketing of the Club. This is deemed to be a responsible move for the successful functioning and resulting longevity of our wonderful club.

Of course the Christmas congress held in late November although smaller than our Winter congress was a great success. Sheenagh in her usual style convened the congress with great aplomb and the Directors did a sterling job with no problems requiring the intervention of the Records or other officials. Players enjoyed both challenging bridge and that amazing food organised by Kerry Barnes, Robin Paterson and other volunteers.

I must admit that when mentioning "volunteers" it is very disappointing that out of over 1,000 members it is so difficult to find even a few members who are willing to give a small amount of their time to assist in the running of our Club. The burden seems to fall most of the time on just a dependable few and the Management Committee members. Some of us are getting a bit long in the tooth now and a bit worn out so would greatly appreciate seeing a few new and hopefully younger people stepping up. If any of you feel you are able to help in any way please do make a call to any of the Management Committee members. Believe

me, volunteering has its own personal rewards.

On a brighter note, of course you will all have noticed and enjoyed our stunning new table cloths in the playing area. These were all made by our Management Committee Member Kate North. And, would you believe she has also made another full set to alternate with these. Thank you Kate – what a job!

As most of you will be aware our Prize Giving and Christmas party were held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The prize giving was efficiently conducted by Sheenagh with me doing the easy bit of distributing the prizes. The party following was attended by approximately 200 who seemed to enjoy the food and drinks and the opportunity to fraternise independently of the card playing.

In conclusion, my best wishes to you all for a safe and happy festive season.

**Dee Sinton  
President**



# OPEN RED POINT SWISS PAIRS

3 Wednesdays

at 7:15 pm

Starting Feb 5th

*3 session event open to non-members*

*Substitutes are permitted for one session*

*Entry Fee - usual table money*

*This event is for those who requested more*

*Swiss Pairs in our calendar*

*This is not a championship and no prizes are awarded to the winners*

**NB. Players must enter to play**  
There will be No regular session on these nights



# MYTH BUSTERS



You will recall that the June edition of the ABF Newsletter, which I am sure you have all

read, had as its front-page article a story about the late, great, Barry Crane, bridge expert and Hollywood producer. In the article the author described one of Crane's invariable rules: when looking for the queen you didn't have to think about it – the queen will be over the jack in the minors and under the jack in the majors. Hmm. No mention of probability? Nope. That was the rule.

I thought at the time I read this that this was odd, but apparently he insisted his partners followed his rule, threw a tanty if they didn't. Hmm, I thought, I've had partners like that.

Anyway, some weeks later I faced the following hand:

<b>North</b>	
♠	KJ8
♥	AKJ643
♦	KJ4
♣	7
<b>South</b>	
♠	A742
♥	T95
♦	AT8
♣	J84


Playing North I was declarer in four hearts, with the lead of ♣A. I can see nine tricks, ten if the hearts break. I am missing three queens. For some reason Mr Crane's rule came to me and for one wild moment I thought to follow it but I wilted when I imagined what my partner would say. So I ruffed the club continuation, played the ♥ A&K, got the bad news and played the ♠K&J, eventually making the long spade for 10 tricks. Later, after the autopsy and refraining from sharing these thoughts with partner who might have questioned my sanity, I wondered what would have happened had I followed Mr Crane's rule. Remember that it says if you hold the Axxx and dummy has the KJxx then if the suit is a major you lead the ace and follow with a low card to the jack. If the suit is a minor then you cross to the king and finesse the jack coming back. So here I have both options available, the major (twice) and the minor. First, let's fix trumps. Following the rule I cross to the spade ace and return the heart ten, finessing the queen which should be in the west hand. Alas. That didn't go well. So try again. If the queen is over the jack in the minors then the missing diamond queen should be in the east hand. Lead the jack from hand and finesse the queen in the east hand. Once again, alas. And double alas because if I follow the rule for the spades then once again the queen is wrong, or the rule is wrong, but certainly I am wrong because I lose a



club and three queens for one down. Truly, alas-alack. And Barry Crane's rule? Sorry Barry, busted.

Which just goes to show. You shouldn't blindly agree to partner's particular plays just because they are a much better player than you. As for the late Mr Crane, he was bludgeoned and strangled to death in Los Angeles in 1985 and 34 years later a suspect was arrested in North Carolina, one of the recent cold case resolutions enabled by DNA. The story was reported in the August issue of Australian Bridge: you might have noticed it while looking up your results in the Australia-Wide Pairs competition. The complete hand was:

	<b>North</b> ♠ KJ8 ♥ AKJ643 ♦ KJ4 ♣ 7	Dealer S Vul: Nil
<b>West</b> ♠ 965 ♥ 2 ♦ Q763 ♣ KQ653		<b>East</b> ♠ QT3 ♥ Q87 ♦ 952 ♣ AT92
	<b>South</b> ♠ A742 ♥ T95 ♦ AT8 ♣ J84	
16 7 8 9		



## 2020 LESSONS WITH ANDY HUNG

### BEGINNERS

choose between mornings or evenings.

Tuesday evenings 7:30pm – 9:30pm.  
**Book 1:** February 4th, 11th, 18th.  
**Book 2:** March 3rd  
 (break on Feb 25th due to Andy's tournament commitments), 10th, 17th.

Thursday mornings 10:00am – 12:00 noon.  
**Book 1:** February 6th, 13th, 20th.  
**Book 2:** March 5th (break on Feb 27th due to Andy's tournament commitments), 12th, 19th.

### Advanced Beginners: ADVANCING YOUR BRIDGE

Monday evenings 7:00pm – 9:00pm.  
**Book 1:** February 3rd, 10th, 17th.  
**Book 2:** March 2nd (break on Feb 24th due to

Andy's tournament commitments), 9th, 16th.

### ROOKIES:

#### Improving Your Bridge

Thursday mornings 9:15am – 11:15am.

**Book 1:** February 6th, 13th, 20th.

**Book 2:** March 5th (break on Feb 27th due to Andy's tournament commitments), 12th. (2 or 3 lessons for the second book, as Andy may have tournament commitments).

### INTERMEDIATE BIDDING

Tuesday mornings 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

**Book 1:** February 4th, 11th, 18th.  
**Book 2:** March 3rd (break on Feb 25th due to Andy's tournament commitments), 10th, 17th.

### CARD PLAY ESSENTIALS

Wednesday late afternoons 4:45pm – 6:45pm.

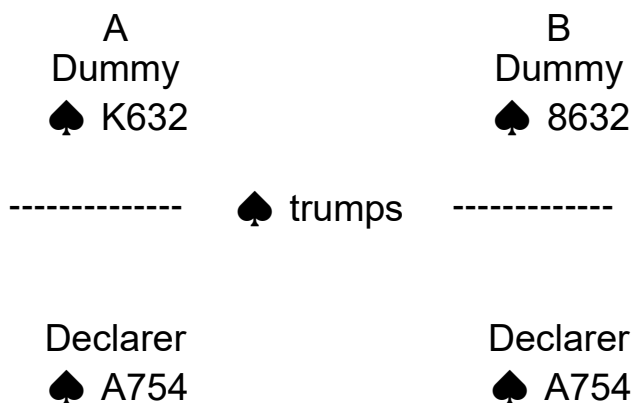
**Book 1:** February 5th, 12th, 19th.  
**Book 2:** March 4th (break on Feb 26th due to Andy's tournament commitments), 11th, 18th.



# PARTIAL DRAWING AND RULE OF ONE

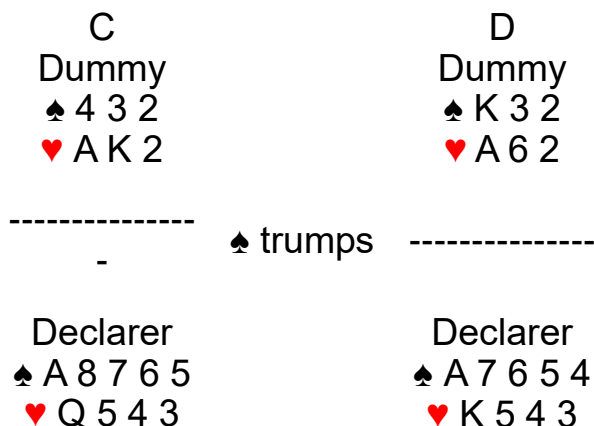
WITH Andrew Robson

The Rule of One states that when there is just one trump outstanding which is a master, you should normally leave it out. Why waste two of your trumps to get rid of a trump that will win anyway? As declarer, the Rule of One position (one master trump outstanding) is very powerful.



In (a), cash ♠AK then (assuming the suit splits 3-2) leave their master trump outstanding.

In (b), to reach the Rule of One position, duck the first spade. On regaining the lead, cash ♠A and (assuming a 3-2 split) leave their master trump outstanding. Note if you play ♠A and another, they can win and draw a third spade which you don't want.



In (c) and (d), the aim is to ruff the fourth heart in the dummy, necessary unless hearts split 3-3. In (c), duck a spade. On regaining the lead, cash ♠A and, leaving their master trump outstanding, play ♥AKQ and ruff ♥5 with ♠4. Note you do not mind if a top heart is ruffed with their master spade as you can peacefully ruff ♥5. In (d), you must duck a heart first. On regaining the lead, you cash ♠AK to reach the Rule of One position. Then play ♥AK and ruff ♥5 with ♠3. Note if you instead play ♥AK and lose the third heart, they may lead a fourth heart with their partner ruffing from a doubleton spade — which you don't want.

**There may be another way:**





South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 4 2  
♥ K 6 4  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ A 7 4 2

♠ Q 10  
♥ J 10 9 5  
♦ Q 10 8 4  
♣ K J 9

♠ K J 9  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ J 9  
♣ Q 10 8 5 3

♠ A 7 6 5 3  
♥ A Q 7  
♦ A 7 5 3  
♣ 6

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3 ♥ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Two-and-a-half Spades.
2. The 5-4-3, showing his precise shape.

Declarer won ♥ J lead with ♥ A and ducked ♠ 3, West winning ♠ 10 and leading ♥ 10. Winning ♥ Q, declarer cashed ♠ A (both following) to reach the powerful Rule of One position. You may think he should have ducked a diamond earlier but there is an 100 per cent line (on a 3-2 spade split).

Declarer crossed to ♣ A and ruffed ♣ 2. He crossed to ♥ K and ruffed ♣ 4. He cashed ♦ A, crossed to ♦ K and ruffed ♣ 7.

Ten tricks made!!

## Bridge and Diversity



I direct at a small club in Maroubra, in the south-east of Sydney, which is only 10 kilometres from the centre of the city. At a session recently I conducted research on the origins of

the players, which they did not have to participate in to protect privacy, but they were all highly enthusiastic. There were 13 tables hence 52 players and they cheered the results which showed they came from 18 different countries including; one each from Hungary, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Singapore, Zimbabwe, Lebanon, Italy, Malaysia and the Soviet Union. Two were from the Czech Republic, Indonesia and China with three from Greece and India. The UK came in third with 7, South Africa 8 and Australian born topping the list with only 12 or 23%. One insisted that I also register him as gay. I appreciate that the numbers would be different in some suburbs and certainly in the country, but it demonstrates what an amazing multicultural society Australia has become and how the bridge tribe welcomes a diverse range of people who thoroughly enjoy the friendship and experience.

**Peter Cox**

*Peter Cox, who is the editor of the ABF magazine, included this small article in a recent edition. While the results would be different for WABC, and I suspect that we have a much higher proportion of Australian and UK born, nonetheless I think we would be pleased to see the diversity we do have. Perhaps we should run a similar survey at our table. Any comments?*



# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

## FRIDAY PAIRS



SECOND NS Dave Munro  
and Deana Wilson



THIRD NS :  
Peter Holloway (Ross Harper)  
With presenter Robin Paterson



fifth NS Marie Musitano and Robin  
Paterson



FIFTH EW  
Sue Pynt and Carla Sullivan



# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

## FRIDAY PAIRS



FIRST EW

Kimberley Z hao and Alan Cransberg



SECOND EW

Cassie Morin and Jan Blight



THIRD EW

Kaiping Chen and David Matthews



FOURTH EW

Meredith Goodlet  
and Jennifer Andrews

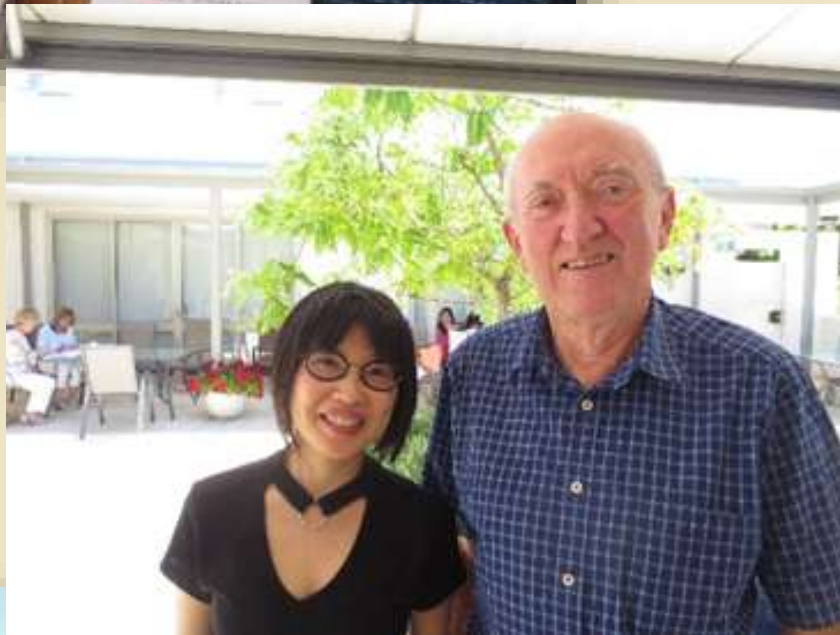


# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

## FRIDAY PAIRS Restricted



SECOND NS  
Britt Baird and  
Carol Thomson



THIRD NS  
Fiona Han  
and  
Laurie  
Money



FOURTH NS  
Sylvia Bray  
(Margaret Baird)



# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

FRIDAY PAIRS Restricted



FIRST EW

Arianna Yusof & Mavis Koay



THIRD EW

Gill and Ross Blakey



FOURTH EW

Christina Wu and Faye Shelton



FIFTH EW

Ping Robson & Mei Huang &



# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

## SATURDAY PAIRS



FIRST EW

Ray Wood and Wence Vahala



FIRST NS

Robyn Howe and Jane Moulden



FOURTH EW

Chris Ingham and Geoff Holman



THIRD EW

Austin Gillanders  
and Marie Musitano





# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

## PRESIDENTS PAIRS



FIRST NS

Max and Judy Havercroft



FIRST EW

Andrea Peretti and Val Biltoft



SECOND EW

Bruce Fraser  
and Deborah Greenway



SECOND NS

Maxine Litwin and Fran Brennan



# CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

## Swiss Pairs



FIRST

Gerry Daly and Viv Wood



SECOND

Kaiping Chen & David Matthews



THIRD

Leone Fuller and Marnie  
Leybourne



FOURTH

Cynthia Belonogoff (Anton Pol)



SIXTH

Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood



SEVENTH

Alan Cransberg  
and Kimberley Z hao





## Ask a Director

by Matthew McManus



*In a recent copy of the NSWBA newsletter eCongress a reader asked Matthew McManus a question that I thought would be of interest to our readers. It highlights the need to be careful when finalising a hand, and the set of hands for that matter. Here is the question, and Matthew's answer.*

### The Question:

A problem arose at the bridge table about which I'd like your advice.  
Contract is 4♥.

Defence cannot remember the close of the match clearly. However, 4♥ by West is given making 10 tricks. This is the first board in a round of 4 boards.

At the close of the round of 4 boards. West informed the opposition that in the first hand played he had a club in dummy and also in his hand at the last trick. South had the Ace of clubs. The play of the Ace Clubs would have led to only 9 tricks making.

Contract defeated.

West claimed that both North and South basically conceded the contract and he folded up his cards and assumed 10 tricks. His argument is that South might not have covered the club lead from dummy with the Ace.

In my view West has not only been unethical but illegal in taking 10 tricks.

### Matthew's Answer:

The laws state that a player may not claim any trick that they did not win, nor any trick which they could not possibly win.

From the scenario you presented, it sounded like West had losing clubs in both hands at Trick 13. Therefore the contention that South might not have covered the club from dummy does not make sense... South only had one card left. I think perhaps the director would need to do a bit more investigation to uncover what actually happened.

Just because the opponents concede some or all of the remaining tricks, it does not mean that the other side are entitled to them. If there is no possible way to win a trick, the player is ethically obliged not to accept it.

# WABC CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2019

WABC CHAMPION

*Rosendorff Cup*

W Jonathan Free

Womens Pairs

W Sue Gammon & Deana Wilson  
Ru Marie Musitano & Robin Paterson  
Res Nicki Mcgrath & Melanie Sheffield

Handicap Pairs

*Michael Berry Shield*

W Shirley Bloch & Helen Kemp  
Ru Kali Crosbie & Julia Lawson

Mixed Pairs

*Valli Katz Shield*

W Fiske Warren & Deana Wilson  
Ru Jonathan Free & Mimi Packer

Novice Pairs

*Benson-Brown Cup*

W Not Held  
Ru

Swiss Pairs

*Eggleston Trophy*

W Geoff Holman & Chris Ingham  
Ru Doreen Jones & Dave Munro

C. Pearce Cup

*Charles Pearce Cup*

Ar Cesca Mcgrath & Nicki Mcgrath  
Ur Hamish Mccracken & Nick Reid

Open Teams

*Freedman Cup*

W Jan Blight, Kali Crosbie,  
Rick & Maura Rhodes  
Ru Linda Coli, Mimi Packer,  
Jane Reynolds, Ginny Seward

Restricted Teams

W Andrew Edwards, Peter Hicks,  
Ian Rowlands, David Woodliff  
Ru Mavis Koay, Hamish Mccracken,  
Tomoko Nakamatsu,  
Arianna Yusof

Open Pairs Day

*Barbara L Taylor Shield*

W Cynthia Belonogoff & Sue Gammon  
Ru Anne Lowe & Patti Mcnamara

Open Pairs Eve

*Firstenberg Cup*

W Phil Jacobsen & Julie Short  
Ru Jan Blight & Jo Sklarz

Mens Pairs

*J & A Rigg Trophy*

W Kaiping Chen & Fiske Warren  
Ru Bruce Fraser & John McMullen  
Res Phil Bapty & Rohan Bandarage

WABC CHAMPION  
2019  
Jonathan Free



Clements-Manford Honour board

MOST IMPROVED  
Mavis Koay



MENS PAIRS  
Fiske Warren and Kaiping Chen  
Fiske also won Mixed Pairs with  
Deana Wilson

# WABC CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2019



SUE GAMMON

Winner of Womens Pairs with Deana Wilson and Daytime Pairs with Cynthia Belonogoff.  
Well done Sue and Partners!



HANDICAP PAIRS  
CHAMPIONS

Helen Kemp and Shirley Bloch



EVENING PAIRS  
CHAMPIONS

Julie Short  
(Phil Jacobsen)



SWISS PAIRS  
CHAMPIONS

Geoff Holman  
(Chris Ingham)

**Runners Up Club Teams:  
Mimi Packer , Virginia Seward,  
Linda Coli (Jane Reynolds)**



# WABC CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS 2019



**WINNERS: Rick and Maura Rhodes, Jan Blight and Kali Crosbie**



**Restricted Winners:  
David Woodliff Andrew Edwards, Ian Rowlands, Peter Hicks**



**Runners Up  
Restricted  
Teams:  
Arianna  
Yusof, Hamish  
McCracken,  
Mavis Koay,  
Tomoko  
Nakamatsu**

# WABC PRIZE WINNERS 2019



**Restricted Winners:  
Mens Pairs**  
Rohan Bandarage and Phil Bapty



**Evening Open Pairs  
Runners Up**  
Jan Blight and Jo Sklarz



**MENS PAIRS  
Runners Up**  
Bruce Fraser and John McMullen



**MIXED PAIRS  
Runners Up**  
Doreen Jones and Dave Munro



**HANDICAP PAIRS Runners Up**  
Julia Lawson and Kali Crosbie



**Friday AM Jackpot**  
**Marcey Spilsbury**  
**& Fusako Hashimoto**



**Monday PM Jackpot**  
**Nerilyn Mack and Judy Mcguinness**



**Tuesday Jackpot**  
**Cynthia Matthews and Jill Mowson**

<b>Fri Am Jackpot</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Marcey Spilsbury &amp; Fusako Hashimoto</b>
<b>Fri Jackpot</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Deana Wilson &amp; Dave Munro</b>
<b>Sat Jackpot</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Ravi Soin &amp; Geoff Yeo</b>
<b>Mon Am Jackpot</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Rick Camins &amp; Mary Mccomish</b>
<b>Mon Pm Jackpot</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Nerilyn Mack &amp; Judy Mcguinness</b>
<b>Tue Jackpot</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Jill Mowson &amp; Cynthia Matthews</b>
<b>Wed Jackpot</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Elizabeth Green &amp; Margaret Medcalf</b>
<b>Wed Eve Jackpot</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Dave Parham &amp; Frans Fikke</b>
<b>Thu Jackpot</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Marcey Spilsbury &amp; Libby Ferreira</b>

**PRIZE DONORS**

<b>Deb Greenway</b>	<b>Mon Am Aggregate</b>
<b>Liz Black</b>	<b>Monday Aggregate</b>
<b>Judith Wilson</b>	<b>Tuesday Aggregate</b>
<b>RosE Moore</b>	<b>Wed Aggregate</b>
<b>Tony Manford</b>	<b>Wed Eve Aggregate</b>
<b>Jill Mowson</b>	<b>Thursday Aggregate</b>
<b>Kitty George</b>	<b>Friday Am Aggregate</b>
<b>Gwen Wiles</b>	<b>Friday Aggregate</b>
<b>Mimi Packer</b>	<b>Saturday Aggregate</b>

**WINNERS**

<b>W</b>	<b>Ziggy Morawiec</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>Jay Medhat</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>Mimi Packer</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>Maggie Sacks</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>=Dave Parhem &amp; Frans Fikke</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>= Peggy &amp; Tom Stacy</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>Marilyn Van Heemst</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>=Tom Wheatley &amp; Graham Raad</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>June Browne</b>

# Slams...

## and other unique forms of behaviour

*I was reflecting on slams the other day, as one does, bidding and making them, bidding and not making them, and not bidding and making them, and I saw a short review of a new book on the subject in the NSWBA's eCongress News – The Big Payoff – Slam bidding at bridge, by Bill Treble. Here is the review by Paul Lavings:*



The author first looks at what it takes to make a slam, examining balanced hand situations, upgrading with a bit of shape or good intermediate cards and degrading with poor shape and lack of intermediates. Then he looks at distributional slams, the power of 5-4, 5-5 and 6-4 trump fits, high cards in partner's suits and fitting shapes. There are many full example hands at the end of each chapter and Treble always discusses the play and defence as well as the bidding.

The book is available on Paul Laving's online bookstore, Bridgegear,

I was reflecting on the topic because I had just been reading an article in the aforesaid eCongress News by their regular correspondent, Rakesh Kumar. :



**Here is the excerpt from his article that caused my reflection**



# Peninsula Swiss Pairs - Swimming against the tide

by RAKESH KUMAR

The Peninsula Swiss Pairs, played at the end of July, was a 7-round event that was convincingly won by Mark Kolodziejczyk - Les Grewcock on the remarkable total of 114.46 VPs. They thus averaged 16.35 VPs per round, despite one small loss! Daylight came second, with a gap of over 21 VPs to Colin Clifford - Catherine Chaffey, then came Judy Osie - Witold Chylewski close behind. My partner and I played the eventual winners in round 2

	♠ KJT853 ♥ T86 ♦ 8 ♣ T73	
♠ Q92 ♥ AKJ97 ♦ KT92 ♣ 8	Dealer S Vul N-S	♠ 7 ♥ Q5432 ♦ J54 ♣ Q542
	♠ A64 ♥ ♦ AQ763 ♣ AKJ96	

and were duly beaten up. Mark's approach to bidding can be a bit idiosyncratic, but it works. Witness this hand:

W	N	E	S
			1C
1H	1S	4H	5D
P	6C	P	P

Ordinary mortals open the South hand 1<sup>♠</sup>, expecting to make a jump rebid of 3♠. Mark, however, chose to open 1♠! Partner (Rakesh' partner that is) overcalled 1<sup>♣</sup> and Les boldly bid 1<sup>♠</sup>. In the methods that Mark and Les use, this promised only a 4+ suit, not necessarily 5+ cards as would be the common interpretation.

However, it seemed obvious to me that Les must have length in spades, so I thought I would try to stop our opponents finding the spade slam and jammed with 4<sup>♣</sup>. Mark rebid 5<sup>♠</sup>!! Les gave this some thought and reached the same conclusion as the rest of us viz. that Mark must have 2-0-5-6 shape with a very strong hand. So he bid 6♠ ... and despite the fragility of the contract after Mark had to ruff the opening lead and then play four rounds of trumps to pick up the queen, he proceeded to make all 13 tricks via the spade finesse. Only 4 pairs bid to slam (two in 6♠ and two in 6<sup>♠</sup>) but only Mark managed to make it, for +15 IMPs. I asked him later about his choice of opening bid later on. "Well", he said, "there are many ways to bid any strong hand." I suggested that his approach might amount to swimming against the tide. "So what's new?" said Mark "I have been doing that all my life!" And a very nice slam too. Maybe if I had read Bill Treble's book I would have bid it. Would you have bid it?

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# Swan River Hands

## Straight From the Text Book



Ian Rowlands

Despite the tough competition, I have always enjoyed playing the Swan River Swiss Pairs event. No round is ever easy, the hands are always different, and you usually need to “extend” your partnership understandings – sometimes to breaking point! But that’s the challenge of the event and one reason I enjoy it.

On occasions, you do get hands which you’ve seen before. While I haven’t seen the exact hands, I remember playing 2 hands that I can remember reading “straight from the text book”. I didn’t recognise the first hand immediately, but I did recognise the 2<sup>nd</sup> one. I’ll talk about these hands below.

This was the first hand of the event for Peter and myself – it certainly got both of us thinking hard really quickly! My hand was as follows:

- ♠ AK5
- ♥ AQ97
- ♦ T975
- ♣ 32

It’s a pretty good hand to start the event. It’s even better when your partner opens 1H. I was immediately thinking of game and hoping we had more than that.

So the bidding started 1H – 2NT (modified Jacoby 2NT). When Peter bid 3D showing a non-minimum hand and an undisclosed singleton, the following thoughts immediately came to mind:

If his singleton is in diamonds, my hand becomes fantastic – declarer will be able to ruff three losing diamonds. Then slam looks a distinct possibility, even if declarer has the worst hand he has promised.

If his singleton is in clubs, that’s ok but declarer will probably still have to lose 1 club and some diamonds.

If his singleton is in spades, that’s not so good – declarer can still discard a loser in declarer’s hand but that’s all, and declarer will probably still have to lose some diamonds.

Please, please, let his singleton be in diamonds!

In order to locate which suit Peter’s singleton was in, I bid 3H. When his 3NT reply confirmed it was in diamonds, I was very happy indeed! So I bid 4S (showing a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> round spade control, denying a club or diamond control) and Peter was able to initiate a Keycard Blackwood conclusion to the auction.

In summary: 1H – 2NT – 3D – 3H – 3NT – 4S – 4NT – 5S – 6H.

The probable textbook bidding is as follows (using standard Jacoby 2NT):

1H – 2NT – 3D (shortage in diamonds) – 3S (control in spades) – 4NT – 5S – 6H

The lead was the Ace of Diamonds (I was expecting a diamond lead because of the auction).

Partner's hand is as follows:

♠ QJ84  
♥ KJ832  
♦ 2  
♣ AK7

The play is straight forward – lose the first diamond, ruff the 2<sup>nd</sup> diamond, draw trumps (hope they don't split 4-0), then ruff the 7S in dummy for the 12<sup>th</sup> trick. Only 27 HCPs between us, but the slam is always there.

This hand is a textbook example of how not having values opposite shortage works magnificently:

If you swap declarer's diamonds and spades, you can only make 11 and there is a possibility of a ruff (so maybe only making 10).

If you swap declarer's diamonds and clubs, you will probably only get 11 tricks (losing 1 club and 1 diamond).

The second hand occurred in the last round with both of us feeling quite tired but eager to finish off with a win – it had not been a good day up until that point!

There was no opposition bidding, and the bidding went 1NT – 2C – 2H – 3NT. The Queen of Clubs was lead and the hands were as follows

Declarer	Dummy
♠ J93	♠ KQ84
♥ KQJT	♥ 852
♦ K65	♦ A93
♣ K73	♣ A42

On the surface, it looks reasonably straight forward – 2 club tricks, 2 diamond tricks, 3 hearts tricks (after losing the AH) and 2 spade tricks (after losing the AS). That's 9 tricks – what could possibly go wrong?

Unfortunately, plenty can go wrong if you aren't careful. You have to lose the lead twice – if the defence keep leading clubs, you can't stop a 3<sup>rd</sup> round of clubs. But does that matter?

If the clubs split 4-3, it doesn't matter at all. You will lose at most 2 club tricks plus the 2 aces – no problem.

If the clubs split 6-1 or 7-0, it doesn't matter as long as the hand with 0 or 1 clubs has at least one of the missing aces. If they do, they can't lead clubs when they get in – so you are safe. Having said that, a hand with 2 Aces and most of the clubs would probably have got involved in the bidding at some stage.

If the clubs split 5-2, you have a problem to consider. If you win the first trick and the hand with 2 clubs wins with one of the aces, they will probably lead back a club. When you lose the 2<sup>nd</sup> ace, the hand with the long clubs may have that ace. They will then play their winning clubs (3 of them), so you are down 1.

# Lotteries Grants Commission

What is the solution to the 5-2 club split problem:

Pray that the aces are split between the hands and the hand which wins the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ace doesn't have 5 clubs.

While prayer isn't banned at the bridge table, it's not the best way to play if you can avoid it! Is there another way?

Don't win the first round of clubs – hold up for one round. That means with a 5-2 split, the person with the short clubs cannot lead them again – then you are safe.

Here are the remaining 2 hands at the table

Opening Leader

♠ A5	♠ T762
♥ 63	♥ A974
♦ QT72	♦ J84
♣ QJ986	♣ T5

As you can see, it was necessary to hold up for one round and win the 2<sup>nd</sup> club. I chose to play hearts first, so my prayers would not have been answered - it was really essential to hold up in clubs to make the contract once I had started playing hearts

At the table, I did remember reading about a situation like this on a web site (I think it was <http://aces.bridgeblogging.com/> - written by Bobby Wolff). And somehow I remember his solution to the problem. I was still relieved that the advice actually worked! So thank you Bobby for helping me make the contract.

Recently our Office Manager attended an information day at Lottery West and while she was there she saw these interesting historical artifacts. As you can see from the information below the Barrel has not been used for many a year, but I am sure many of the hopes or our parents, or maybe grandparents, failed to be drawn from within it years past.



This is the original barrel built for the Lotteries Commission in 1933 by coopers from the Swan Brewery. Numbers were manually drawn from the 100,000 numbered marbles inside this barrel to determine the winner and all minor prizes for each lottery draw.

The first draw was held at the Perth Town Hall on 21 March 1933 and offered a first prize of £1000. The winner was Miss Jean Smart of Cottesloe.

The barrel was last used in the late 1940s and has since been replaced by a computer based random number generator, then by the current arrangement viewed on television.

# WABC DAYTIME PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

**2019 winners:**

**Sue Gammon  
And  
Cynthia  
Belonogoff**



**Third Place  
Dave Sloan & Ann Youngs**



**Fourth Place  
Deborah Greenway  
and Bernard Yates**

## DAYTIME OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP PLACES

**Sue Gammon & Cynthia Belonogoff**

**Patricia Mcnamara & Anne Lowe**

**Dave Sloan & Ann Youngs**

**Deborah Greenway & Bernard Yates**

**Elizabeth Benda & Judy McGuinness**

# 2019 70's CLUB

This is for a bit of fun only.  
 There are no prizes on offer. □  
 My apologies if I've missed someone.

John Beddow

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>NAMES</b>	<b>%</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mimi Packer/Virginia Seward	74.53
4 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Nazier/Richard Elliott	70.07
5 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Masters/Beth Hannaford	70.59
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry & Colleen Linsten	70.60
12 <sup>th</sup>	Vinod Nasta/Mark Dolling	70.08
18 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Wearne/Phil Jacobsen	70.73
21 <sup>st</sup>	Kate North/Vanessa Starceвич	78.01
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew Edwards#/David Woodliff	70.25
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Marilyn Van Heemst/Jeanette Thompson	71.30
27 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Parham/Frans Frikke	72.86
<b>MARCH</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jerry & Colleen Linsten	71.99
7 <sup>th</sup>	Vinod Nasta/Cynthia Belonogoff	80.50
11 <sup>th</sup>	John McMullan/John Aquino	75.80
14 <sup>th</sup>	Melanie Sheffield/Helene Kolozs	72.22
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Janet Williams/Moira Braddock	72.62
<b>APRIL</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Free/Yvonne Burns	78.47
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Doust/Belinda Taranto	74.68
<b>MAY</b>		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Bell/Jan Berg	71.85
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ted & Marilyn Van Heemst	70.05
<b>JUNE</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Kailie Crosby/David Burn	73.84

<b>JULY</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Judy O'Connor/Christie Buck	70.57
1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Edwards#/David Woodliffe	73.21
17 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Jacobsen#/John Finlay-Jones	71.53
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Black/Jenny Fairweather	77.78
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bernard Yates/John McMullan	72.55
<b>AUGUST</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jonathan Free/Rose Moore	76.22
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elizabeth Black/Jill Curnow	72.69
16 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Barham/Jan Malcolm	72.08
14 <sup>th</sup>	John Snell/Richard Basham	72.60
15 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Riddle/Patricia Rosser	71.99
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
23 <sup>RD</sup>	Sally Jones/Kim Langsford	73.38
28 <sup>th</sup>	David Woodliff/Andrew Edwards	74.04
30 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Parham/Frans Fikke	70.11
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Peggy Stacy/Tom Stacy	70.14
	Deana Wilson/Sue Gammon	70.37
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Hazell/Jane Clough	71.46
16 <sup>th</sup>	Trudi Sharif & Honor Brown	77.33





## NOVICE & ROOKIE PAIRS

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY @ 1:00pm

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

ENTRY FEE: \$15

ONE SESSION RED POINT EVENT

ROOKIES MUST HAVE LESS THAN

15 MASTERPOINTS AS AT 1 JANUARY 2020

NOVICE MUST HAVE LESS THAN

100 MASTERPOINTS AS AT 1 JANUARY 2020

Pairs will be matched-up by Carla Sullivan

ALL ENTRANTS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE NO SHOW POLICY

AVAILABLE ON THE NOTICEBOARD AND WEBSITE

TO THOSE WHO ORGANISED OUR INTERCLUB TEAMS

Open - John Aquino

Intermediate - Mal Clark

Novice - Julie Short

FOR ORGANISING PARTNERSHIPS

Jan McNab

FOR LOOKING AFTER OUR GARDEN

Pip Thomson

AND BY Playing The Most Sessions

Kate North

BY PRODUCING THE CLUB SOCIAL MAGAZINE

Trumps Plus

Lynne Errington & Chris Bagley





## TO OUR WONDERFUL DIRECTORS

**Bill Kemp**  
**Dave Parham**  
**John Beddow**  
**Peter Holloway**  
**David Burn**  
**Carla Sullivan**  
**Virginia Seward**



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ON CHRISTMAS  
DAY.**

# West Australian Bridge Club



**NOVICE and SUPER NOVICE CONGRESS 2020**

**7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne**

**SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**

**START TIME: 10:00am**

If you have never played in a Congress then this is the event for you.

**Novice: less than 150 Masterpoints as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020**

**Super Novice: less than 50 Masterpoints as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020**

PLAYERS MAY ORDER LUNCH BEFORE START OF PLAY

**RED POINTS and CASH PRIZES**

**ENTRY FEE \$35 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 approx. 5.00pm

**Tournament Organiser: Kitty George**

**0408 097 881**

**Director: David Burn**

**0409 661 010**

**ENTER via the BAWA website**

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

**Phone: 9284 4144**

**Email: [bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au](mailto:bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au)**



# Australia Day Holiday

Back to back RED POINT sessions

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You can get it walkin'. You can get it talkin'. You can get it workin' a plough. Matter a fact, you've got it now. A hard-earned thirst for those Aussie red points needs a big Club and the best big Club is WABC.

On Monday 27 January come to our 9:15 or 1:15 session.  
Play both if you like.

We won't charge you any extra and may even throw in a couple of sangers and a lamington.





# DEMYSTIFYING THE SYSTEM CARD! A WABC INITIATIVE

## DID YOU KNOW A COMPLETED SYSTEM CARD:

1. ***IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL RED POINT EVENTS***
2. ***IS DESIRABLE FOR ALL CLUB BRIDGE***
3. ***IS A GOOD WAY OF IMPROVING YOUR PARTNERSHIP UNDERSTANDING AND HENCE YOUR RESULTS***

## 'How to fill in a System Card' Workshop

February 13th at 11:30am

No Booking required



**IF YOU ATTEND THE WORKSHOP YOU CAN GET  
YOUR SYSTEM CARDS LAMINATED FREE.  
You can also buy these protective holders on line  
from *The Bridge Shop***



## ONE SESSION TEAMS OF FOUR

New RED point event open to all players

Form a 4 person team and play with  
each member of the team  
as your partner for 9 board matches.

Entry fee \$10 per person  
which includes a selection of cheeses to  
enjoy at the table

Players may purchase drinks from the bar  
to have during the session

# NEW & REJOINING CLUB MEMBERS

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

## JULY

Peiyong Xu  
Gloria Davenport  
Bev Hartley  
Anna Clark  
Vivienne Lloyd  
Val Thumwood  
Penny Farrant  
Bill Farrant

## AUGUST

Janne Hollingsworth  
Peter Hollingsworth  
Dale Donraadt  
Beverly Ockerby

## SEPTEMBER

Vanessa Floyd  
Ron Cooper  
Donna Dransfield  
Anne Tregonning  
Richard Norman  
Jacqui Graham  
Jenny Hansberry

## OCTOBER

Willem Tibbertsma  
Margaret Dodds  
Faye Christison  
Christine Pawley  
Tim Knowles  
Michelle Mitchell  
Maxine Cooke

## NOVEMBER

Dorothy-Ann Jones

## DECEMBER

Gail Warrilow  
Jan Duckett

*PAST and PRESENT MEMBERS WE WILL REMEMBER*

*Terry Newton   Helen Masters   David Charters  
Ann Saw   Philippa Orr*





**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	Andy Hung	Except Public Holidays.
Wednesday (P)	7.15 – 9.45	Virginia Seward	Ideal for the novice player.
Friday (P)	9.30 – 12.15	Carla Sullivan	Ideal for the novice player.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>These sessions are supervised – you may ask for help during play.</i></li> <li>• <i>(P) You don't need to bring a partner, no need to book, just turn up in the teaching area.</i></li> </ul>			

**OTHER SESSIONS - UNSUPERVISED**

Monday am	9.00 – 12.15	Peter Holloway	Not held on certain Public Holidays.
Monday pm	1.15 – 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	Andy Hung	For the intermediate Player
Wednesday Eve	7.15 – 11.00	David Burn	Very popular, good atmosphere.
Thursday	1.00 – 4.30	John Beddow	Popular with newer players.
Friday am	9.00 – 12.15	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"> <li>• <i>All sessions marked (P) indicate you may attend without a partner.</i></li> <li>• <i>If you need a partner for any other session phone Jan McNab 0409 109 022 8.30am – 8.30pm.</i></li> </ul>			

**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)**

All results posted at [www.wabridgeclub.com.au](http://www.wabridgeclub.com.au).

**Licensed bar open after most sessions.**

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AND PRAYERS ARE  
WITH ALL THOSE  
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