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A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS



Editorial



Summer is here and summer holidays are thinning out our numbers at our everyday sessions.

It happens every year and is part of the cycle of life, as applied to the bridge world anyway. The thinning out also applies to competitions, with usually our Christmas Congress being the last major event of the calendar. This year we had a significant event after that with the holding of a competition to select the team to represent the Bridge Association of Western Australia at the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Competition. This will be the 5th such competition and it will be held in Brisbane in February, just before the Commonwealth Games in April. Our congratulations go to the Wilson Team who won the event by a handsome margin. Team Wilson has four players who are regulars at the Club, Deanna Wilson, Cynthia Belonogoff, Fiske Warren, and Kaiping Chen, together with Alan Harrop and Jonathan Pynt. Our best wishes go with them.

Our best wishes also go with the Black Swan team of Virginia Seward, Rose Moore, Linda Coli, Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free who will be competing in the event. This is the second occasion these players have done so, having played at the 4th competition in Glasgow in 2014.

Turning to our Club competitions I said in our last edition that the Tournament Committee proposed having team competitions during the year, to increase awareness of the format. The first such

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event was held on Saturday 25th November, 2017 and we had a very good turnout with 18 teams competing. I believe all who attended on the Saturday enjoyed the afternoon's competition so watch out for the follow on events. I expect that the TC will organise more events in the new year. Possibly once a month.

Now to the contents of this edition: apart from our usual offerings and pictures of grinning winners we have an article from Fiske Warren reviewing two of the library's new books. I am sure you will find it interesting; I did. And also interesting, although for different reasons, is Peter Smith's review of a book dealing with old shenanigans in the bridge world. Amazing stuff.

Before concluding I will return to an issue that I have raised before, one close to home, and that is the continuing publication of this journal. In earlier editorials I discussed options for Trumps Plus and I was pleased to see that some members had read them because I got a number of responses at the table on the issue. It was pointed out to me, politely but emphatically, that we should not change the current format. It seems members like taking the magazine home, particularly I suppose if their photographs appear within, but even without that. Paper is good. So I don't think we will be going electronic anytime soon, apart from continuing to include a pdf on the Club web site. However, there is another option which I think I might have mentioned in the past and that is to run an electronic format in parallel. A blog for example, e.g. *WABCBlog* I think a club blog would be good but someone would have to run it. Volunteers anyone? Or perhaps all this is over-egging the pudding, given we have Trumps Plus here and Focus at BAWA. Anyway, as I say I would appreciate your views. chris-bagley1@bigpond.com is the address.

Finally, the publication team wishes you all the best for the festive season. Once again, if you would like me include anything in this eminent journal please give me a call either at home, 9447 5224, or on my mobile 0422 381 253, or you can email me at bridge@wabridgeclub.com.au.

Chris Bagley

President's Report



At our AGM in October we voted the same Management team in for a second year. This gave us great joy as we have such a

hard working and reliable group. At the meeting I talked a little about the foundation of the club and its early members. It made me think of our members today and how they support one another when facing the trials and tribulations in every day life.

We didn't have an organized Melbourne Cup Lunch due to a lack of interest this year, however many people came with platters and made their own parties. Marg Shaw ran a mini sweep, which was enjoyed by all.

The Jackpot finals took place in November. Congratulations to the winners. The BAWA Super Congress was held at our club and it was from all accounts a great success.

Following Peter Smith's Introduction to Teams Bridge, in September, we held our first club teams bridge event on the 25th of November. This was a fantastic success with eighteen teams participating. Congratulations to the Thomson team who

won with 51 imps. In the New Year we hope to make this a regular event.

We had our WABC Christmas Congress early December and our thanks to Convener Val Fleay and her assistant Pauline Kelly.

Also thank you to Director Bill Kemp our Director and his assistant Director Gwen Kremer who quietly and professionally carried out their duties. Kerry Barns did an amazing job organizing the members to bring food for the afternoon teas. Dee Sinton and Marg Shaw gave up their time to help with food preparation. Many people have said it was the best Congress they have attended. Congratulations to the winners.

We had a record number of people attend our Bridge and Christmas Party on the 12th of December. Daniel Gallop from Showcase Catering and his team served food while the presentations took place and Gus Young and his team ran the bar.

Congratulations to Kaiping Chen winning the Clements-Manford's prize for the most improved bridge player and to Deana Wilson for winning the club champion's Rosendorff Trophy.

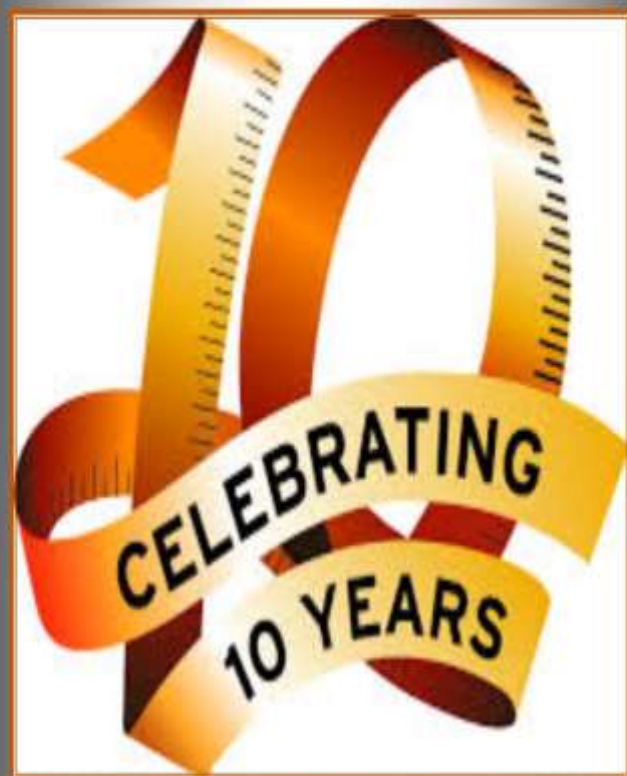
Our much-loved member Annabel Booth has retired after years of running our supervised sessions. Annabel has been an inspiration to many new bridge players. She has been Treasurer of our Management Committee and has run the office when Sheenagh has been on leave. Annabel has been an exceptional bridge player and with her long time partner Lauren Sheils has won many State and ANC events. We wish Annabel a happy healthy retirement and more quality time with her grandchildren.

Among other things in the New Year we will be looking into the financial feasibility of installing solar panels to drive our air conditioning and other electrical demands.

I wish to thank every one of our members who have put their time and effort into making the 2017 so enjoyable.

Happy Christmas to you all and may you have a very successful bridge New Year.

Dymphna Elsey



10th Year at Swanbourne

ANNIVERSARY PAIRS

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY @ 1:30pm

RED POINT EVENT

**ALTHOUGH THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO PLAYERS OF ALL CLUBS
ONLY WABC PAIRS ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE TROPHY**

**THIS EVENT WILL BE SCORED ACROSS THE ROOM SO PLAYERS
MUST ENTER TO ALLOW THE FIELD TO BE SEEDED**

There will be no side movement on this day

ENTRY FEE: USUAL TABLE MONEY

COMMITTEE STALWARTS CARRY ON IN 2018



Margaret King, Sylvia Bray, Pauline Kelly, Dee Sinton, Dymphna Elsey, Kate Nadebaum, Jan McNab, Richard Basham (Val Fleay, John Nelson)

WINE DOWN Wednesday

*Wednesday Evening Bridge at WABC
just got even better...*

The Bar will now be open before and after the evening's session. (Not during) Players coming from work can bring a bite to eat, relax with a glass of wine or beer or soft drink and take the drinks to the session with them.



HOT OFF THE PRESS

With Fiske Warren

One of the many benefits of being a member of WABC is the ability to borrow

books from the wonderfully stocked library. Our librarians do a tremendous job ensuring that all the books are catalogued and every year many new books are added to the collection. The two books that I review below are both hot off the press.

WHEN TO DRAW TRUMPS

by Adam Parrish



Beginners are encouraged to draw trumps but, as we all know, there are many hands where this is not the right thing to do immediately. In fact it can be a

complex matter and the author shows how each deal should be analysed before deciding how it should be played. In effect he is getting readers to think about how the hand should be played instead of simply launching in with the general intention of drawing trumps. He recommends that declarer should go through the following 6 steps before playing to the first trick:

What do you know about the opponents' hand (from their bidding or lack of it)?

Count your possible losers

How can you eliminate any of those possible losers?

Make a plan
Is there any reason not to draw trumps?
What should you play to trick one?

This is all well and good when reading the book and time is not an issue. But at the table, when one is under time pressure, it can be difficult to do all this, especially when one lacks experience or the director is about to call the move for the next round. Nevertheless, reading about the issues in the book and slowly working through the analysis will certainly help players to improve. With over 300 pages, the book contains many instructional chapters, with a quiz at the end of each one. The author sets out very clearly how to count one's losers (usually with the focus on declarer's hand). A32 in hand opposite 54 in the dummy initially counts as two losers, with the obvious possibility of reducing the losers to one if a ruff can be taken in the dummy. Other topics include the urgent need to discard losers and the importance of entries when considering one's plan.

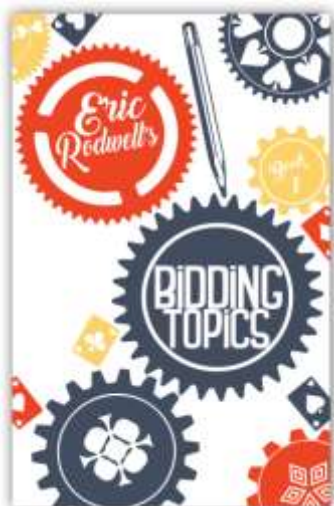
Primarily the book is aimed at intermediate players and teaching them the techniques involved. Each hand in the book considers the 6 steps above but inevitably it will be tempting for readers not to go through them all. I was certainly guilty of that while reading it. There are also a number of hands where even advanced players would need to think carefully about the best line of play. Here is one:

♠AJ1043	♠875
♥543	♥AK2
♦KQ7	♦J3
♣A9	♣KQ1084

West, after opening 1♠ and hearing North overcall 2♥ ends up as declarer in 4♠. North leads Q♠. How should West play?

There are 4 possible losers: 2 in spades, 1 in hearts and 1 in diamonds. A heart loser can be avoided by taking a discard on clubs. The usual line in the trump suit is to take two finesses but that overlooks the obvious danger that North has a 6 card suit for the 2 overcall and that South has a singleton. If declarer takes a trump finesse, North will lead J♥, covered by dummy's King and ruffed by South. South can then lead a diamond to North's Ace and ♥10 defeats the contract. A safer line is for declarer to cash A at trick 2 and continue with another spade. This guarantees the contract whenever the trumps break 3-2.

Overall, the book is one that I can recommend to those who prepared to put in some work to improve their game.



BIDDING TOPICS by Eric Rodwell

This book contains a number of lengthy articles by Eric Rodwell, many time world champion and one of the most respected bidding theorists.

The 9 topics covered are all ones that can be incorporated into any bidding system. Some are at the easier end of the difficulty spectrum, such as Check-back, Cappelletti, Inverted Minors and Roman Key Card Blackwood. The ba-

sics of these conventions are all fully covered before extra options are explained. The author poses questions that partnerships may not have considered, provides quiz questions and answers and finally he gives his opinion on the value of each convention.

Take Cappelletti as an example. The opponents open 1NT and you overcall 2♠, showing any long suit. Normally partner relays with 2[♣] which you either pass (with long diamonds) or convert to your suit. But what if your left hand opponent doubles your 2♠ bid. What does pass from your partner mean? What about redouble? Is partner's 2[♣] still a relay or does it now show diamonds? Would you and your partner agree on the meaning of these bids?

Other topics include Support Doubles and Mixed Raises (like Bergen but playable in various situations). At a more advanced level, the book finishes with Serious 3NT and Last Train conventions. These are designed primarily to help with slam investigation and were invented by Eric Rodwell and his partner Jeff Meckstroth so come highly recommended for serious partnerships at an advanced level.

This book is certainly not for everyone but is an excellent and interesting read for advanced players who enjoy adding a bit of science to their bidding.

Fiske Warren



Red Point WEEK

Monday 8th to
Saturday 13th
Of January*

Red Points*

Every Day*

Every Session*



STATISTICS FOR THE NUMERICALLY MINDED

With John Beddow

70% WINNERS

There were 23 pairs gaining 70% or more in 2017

Of the 23 pairs, John Beddow, Deana Wilson, Phil Jacobson, Margarita Hughes, Lyn Cox and David Egan exceeded 70% on two occasions.

Fiske Warren exceeded 70% on three occasions.

TEAMS OF FOUR 2017

In 2017 WABC entered two teams in the Open, three Teams in the Intermediate and two teams in the Novice for a total outlay of \$700.00

RESULTS

OPEN: 4th and 6th **INT:** 3rd **NOV-ICE:** 4th

Approximate Total Prize Money:
\$270.00

Thanks to the following conveners who ensured the matches were completed on time:

OPEN: David Burn, Sue Gammon.

INT: John Aquino, Gwen Wiles, Mal Clark.

NOVICE: Kate North, Phil Jacobson.

**Closing date for
contributions
to the Autumn
Edition of Trumps Plus**

1st March 2017

Average number of HCPs and slams for my Thursday session:

North: 10.07

South: 10.08

East: 9.98

West: 9.87

Number of possible slams

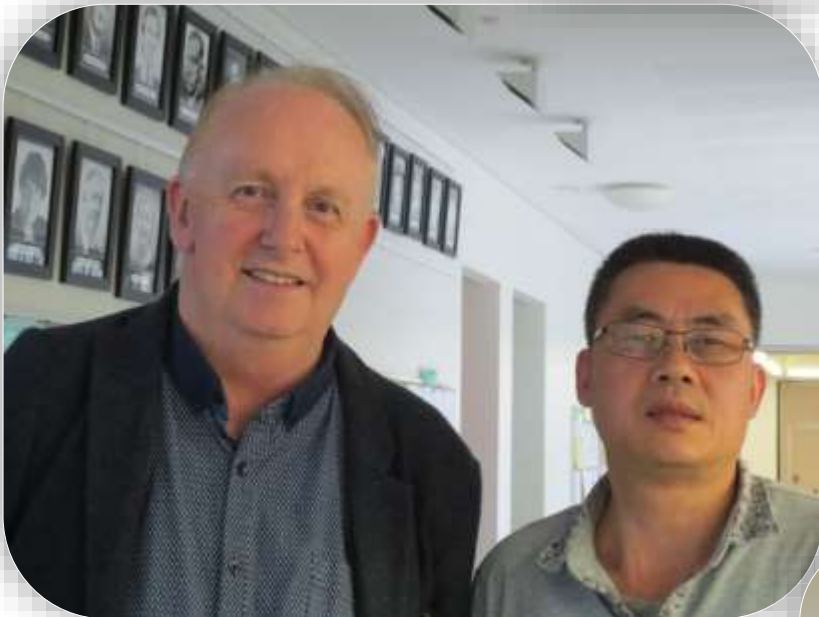
North/South: 80

East/West: 76



MENS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners:
Vinod Nasta
and Geoff Yeo
receiving *The J and A
Rigg Trophy*
from Alison Rigg



Second: Fiske Warren
and Kaiping Chen

FINAL PLACINGS:

1. Geoff Yeo / Vinod Nasta
2. Fiske Warren / Kaiping Chen
3. Flaviu Radu / Claudiu Rodina
4. Bernard Yates / Jay Medhat
5. John Aquino / Austin Gillanders
6. Chris Bagley / Dave Munro



Third: Flaviu Radu and
Claudiu Rodina

WABC PRIZEGIVING



**Winner of the
Rosendorff Cup
Club Champions
Trophy
Deana Wilson**



**Most Improved Player 2017
Clements-Manford
Honourboard
Kaiping Chen**



**Open Pairs Daytime
Champions:
Barbara L. Taylor Shield
Kaiping Chen
and Deana Wilson**



**Womens Pairs Champions and
Open Pairs Daytime
Runners Up
Jan Blight and Doreen Jones**

WABC PRIZEGIVING



Handicap Pairs Champions
Michael Berry Shield
Andrea and Michael Gaff



Swiss Pairs Champions:
Eggleston Trophy
Jill Keshavjee and Shelley Allen



Mixed Pairs Champions:
Valli Katz Shield
Marie Musitano and Jay Medhat



Campbell-Rickie Cup
Individual Championship Winner:
Namy Bodinner
with Runner Up Kate North



Evening Pairs Champions:
Firstenberg Cup
Ravi Soin and Geoff Yeo

WABC PRIZEGIVING



**Novice Pairs Champions
Benson-Brown Cup
Karen Moller and Andrea Gaff**

**Charles Pearce Cup
Above Regional Master
Champions
Patti McNamara
(Barbara Cotton)
And winners of the Wednesday
Aggregate Prize**



**Runners Up:
Handicap Pairs
Phil Jacobsen
(Julie Short)**



**Runners Up in the Womens Pairs
Championship
Jo Sklarz and Sue Gammon**

**Runners Up:
Evening Pairs:
John Aquino
(John
McMullan)**



WABC PRIZEGIVING

Jackpot Winners

Fri Am Jackpot	Kate North & Helen King
Fri Jackpot	Fran & Geoff Holman
Sat Jackpot	Jane Henderson & Kate North
Mon Am Jackpot	Rick Camins & Mary Mccomish
Mon Pm Jackpot	Pauline Hammond & Jo Sklarz
Tue Jackpot	Namy Bodinner & Sue Lendich
Wed Jackpot	Elisa Fear & Jennifer Owens
Wed Eve Jackpot	= Dave Hughes & Steve Pynt = Frans Fikke & Dave Parham
Thu Jackpot	Patti Mcnamara & Belinda Taranto



**Wed Eve: Steve Pynt
(Dave Hughes)**



**Fri am. Helen King
and Kate North**



Tue : Namy Bodinner and Sue Lendich



Sat: Kate North and Jane Henderson



Tue : Jo Sklarz and Pauline Hammond

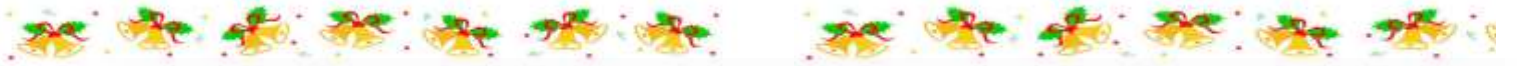
WABC PRIZEGIVING



**Thursday Jackpot:
Patti McNamara
and Belinda Taranto**



**Fri Jackpot :
Geoff and Fran Holman**



WABC PRIZEGIVING

Aggregate Winners

Mon Am	David Egan
Monday:	Audrey Stokes
Tuesday:	Ann Youngs
Wednesday:	Derek Pocock
Wed Eve:	Barbara Cotton Patti Mcnamara
Thursday:	Peggy & Tom Stacy
Friday Am :	Suzanne John & Mira Erskine
Friday:	Vinod Nasta



**WEDNESDAY : Derek Pocock
Rose Moore Aggregate Award**



**Tuesday: Ann Youngs
Judith Wilson
Aggregate Award**



**FRIDAY AM : Kitty George
Aggregate Award**

Mira Erskine and Suzanne John



**FRIDAY:
Vinod
Nasta**

**Gwen Wiles
Aggregate
Award**



Under The Table

by Avon Wilsmore
Book Review: Peter Smith

This new book arrives in the context of the cheating scandals which have rocked interna-

tional bridge at the highest levels in recent years.

Following concerns raised by Boye Brogeland of Norway in 2015, three suspect pairs caused their national teams to withdraw from the World Championships in Chennai that year.

The world's former top-ranked players, Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes (ex-Italy, but representing Monaco), have since been banned for an extended period, as have Israelis Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz, along with Josef Piekarek and Alex Smirnov from Germany.

Despite not withdrawing voluntarily, Polish pair Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski's invitation to play at the 2015 event was rescinded at the last minute by the WBF.

Suspicious about all pairs were initially raised by some too-good-to-be-true results. In a game based on percentages, it isn't sustainable to consistently beat the odds without suffering some corresponding losses. Yet, that's what these pairs were doing.

For example, on lead, Fisher-Schwartz were always capable of finding partner's strength, despite a lack of compelling evidence on many occasions. You can get lucky with an inspired lead sometimes, but not always - unless you're cheating, said the accusers. Their downfall, and that of the other pairs, came when damning video evidence exposed their illegal signalling methods related to card and equipment placement.

Going back to 2013, German pair Michael Elinescu and Entschö Wladow were found guilty of transmitting information illegally by coughing.

Previous cheating allegations at this level haven't always produced results, quite often for political reasons. But with the momentum of these convictions there's never been a better time to revisit historical suspicions and allegations against the all-conquering Italian Blue Team.

Apart from a failure in 1960 and two years in retirement they were world champions from 1957 until 1975.

For the first time, Avon Wilsmore, formerly of Perth, has assembled in one place both old and new evidence examining the legendary Italians' invincibility. By poring over and analysing all available deals from the Blue Team era Wilsmore finds correlations and raises questions which can't be ignored. Were they really so frequently 'prescient' or were many of their brilliant decisions simply informed by illegal information?

With the benefit of extensive knowledge of the Blue Team systems Wilsmore makes a strong case to suggest they may have relied on extra ways of signalling strength, length and shortage.

Their free-wheeling approach in contested auctions was a case in point. Overcalls on 4 card suits, sometimes canapé (shorter suit first) were common. Yet with 3 cards in support partner magically only raised when overcaller began with five or more. Wilsmore asks if such impeccable 'judgement' is plausible.

Conversely, Benito Garozzo, not renowned for his shyness in bidding or inattention at the table, held the following hand and heard his vulnerable opponent

deal and open 1♥.

♠ Q J 10 6 3

♥ A 9 3 2

♦ A 4

♣ 9 6

Not vulnerable, Garozzo passed(!), when lesser beings would have overcalled 1♠. Was this just 'good judgement'? Coincidentally, his partner had a singleton spade and a four-count.

Isolated incidents like this could perhaps be dismissed but Wilsmore unearths patterns where extreme views lead to net gains again and again, with hardly a failure, thus raising suspicions.

The Italians' style of take-out doubles, which could even include side-suit voids, also come in for scrutiny. This method is rightly regarded as unplayable as it makes life virtually impossible for responder. Yet this was the style of the Blue Team for many years. However, despite producing almost flawless results, even the Italians eventually abandoned this method with the advent of screens in 1975 – the first serious administrative attempt at curtailing illegal methods.

The introduction of screens also coincided with the first poor tournament by star player Pietro Forquet and his subsequent retirement from open competition at just 50 years of age. Is speculation about the use of illicit information just another conspiracy theory? After all, the Italians' long-suffering opponents, the USA, had a chance to prosecute their case at the time but were found lacking. Indeed, the Americans gained a reputation in some quarters of simply being sore losers, enhancing the Italians' legend status even further.

No, there was evidence available along the way to directly support allegations of cheating. The Gerber

Letter of 1963 and the Burgay Tape of 1976 both provide strong evidence, discussed extensively in the book. However, official inaction and the desire to avoid scandal meant that very little ever came of this.

This book is a compulsory read for any serious student of the game. Entailing eighteen months' research, it is comprehensive and compelling. Wilsmore uses a quiz format to introduce much of the material, which makes it both an interesting bridge text as well as an historical study. There is no question that some members of the Blue Team were amongst the best card players of all time. Yet a cloud has returned to cast a shadow over their results. It is up to the reader to decide whether this is deserved or not.

Whatever happens, this will be one of the most controversial bridge books ever written.



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controversial bridge
books ever written*



CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

FRIDAY PAIRS



WINNERS NS: Ted North and Bob Fergie

WINNERS: NORTH SOUTH

1. Bob Fergie, Ted North
2. Geoff Holman, Fran Holman
3. Ross Harper, Peter Holloway
4. Janis Cain, Carol Thomson

WINNERS: EAST WEST

1. Cynthia Matthews, Jill Mowson
2. Rose Moore, Linda Coli
3. Kate Nadebaum, Valerie Keevil
4. Beata Bieganski, Val Biltoft



THIRD NS: Ross Harper and Peter Holloway

**FOURTH NS:
Janis Cain and Carol Thomson**



CHRISTMAS CONGRESS



FRIDAY PAIRS



WINNERS EW: Cynthia Matthews and Jill Mowson.



THIRD EW Kate Nadebaum (Valerie Keevil)



FOURTH EW: Beata Bieganski (Val Biltoft) with convenor Val Fleay



CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

SATURDAY PAIRS



WINNERS EW: Gwyneira Brahma and Rez Karim.



WINNERS NS: Marcey Spilsbury and Meredith Goodlet

CHRISTMAS CONGRESS



SATURDAY PAIRS



**SECOND NS:Fiske Warren
and Dave Sloan**



**SECOND EW:David Matthews
and Chris Ingham**



**FOURTH NS:Dominique Ral-
lier and Linda Watson**



**FOURTH EW:Flaviu Radu
and Ping Robson**

WINNERS: NORTH SOUTH

1. Meredith Goodlet Marcey Spilsbury
2. Dave Sloan Fiske Warren
3. Mimi Packer Virginia Seward
4. Dominique Rallier/Linda Watson

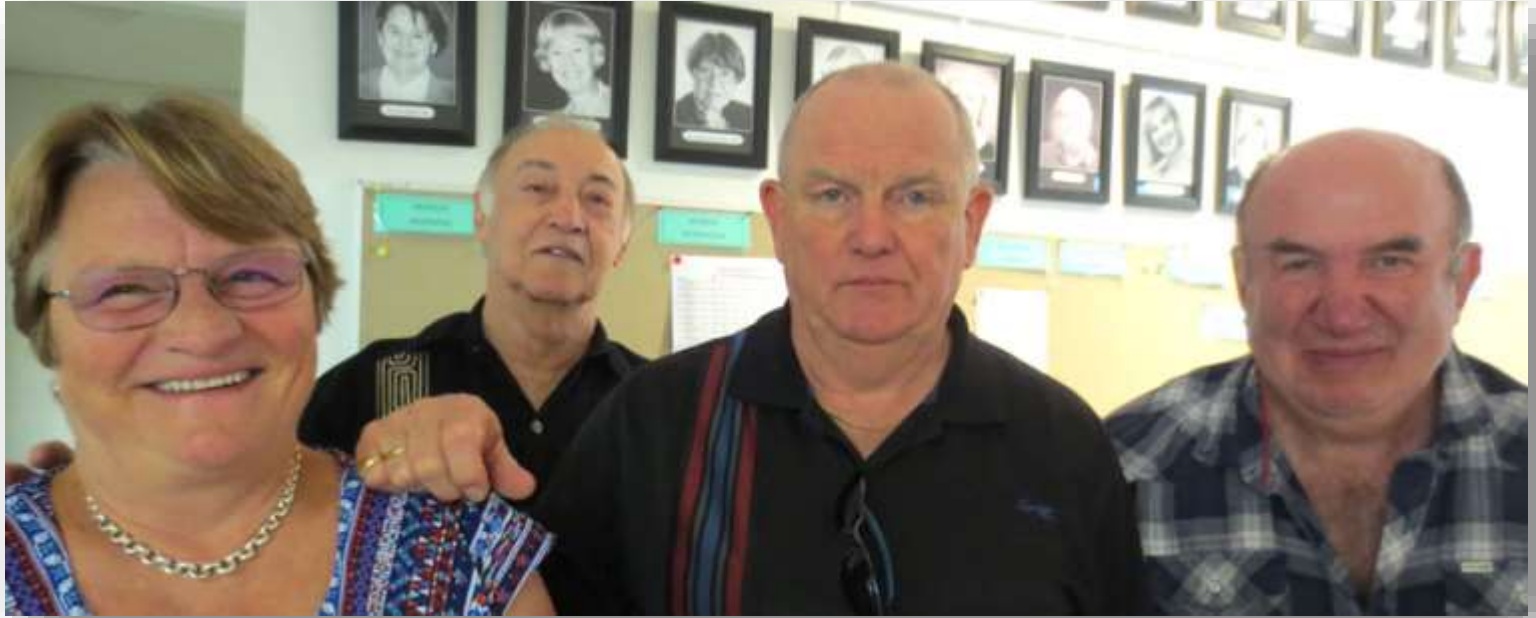
WINNERS: EAST WEST

1. Gwyneira Brahma Rez Karim
2. David Matthews Chris Ingham
3. Noriko Sakashita Ted Sakashita
4. Flaviu Radu Ping Robson



CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

SUNDAY TEAMS



WINNERS: Marie-France Merven, David Schokman, Nigel Dutton, Dave Munro



SECOND PLACE: Fiske Warren, Val Biltoft Kaiping Chen Saurav Dutta

**THIRD PLACE:
Vinod Nasta
Gary Frampton
Ann Youngs
Dave Sloan**



FOURTH PLACE:
Cassie Morin
Elizabeth McNeill
Anne Hopfmuller
David Cowell



FIFTH PLACE:
Jo Sklarz
Wendy Driscoll
Susie Futaesaku
Pauline Hammond



SIXTH PLACE:
Flaviu Radu
Diana Quantrill
Audrey Stokes
(Claudiu Rodina)



PRESIDENT'S PAIRS



WINNERS: Michael and Magdo Lawes



SECOND PLACE:
Margaret King, Jocelyn Parry

AND...



INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

WEDNESDAY 7 & 14 FEBRUARY @ 7:30pm

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

ENTRY FEE: \$15 plus TABLE MONEY

This is a fun competition with lots of different partners.



2017 WINNER

Namy
Bodinner

ALL ENTRANTS ARE DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE POLICY LISTED BELOW

WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB "NO SHOW" POLICY

Effective as of 1st August 2011

ANC RESTRICTED BUTLER WABC QUALIFYING HEAT

THE ABF ARE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR 2 PAIRS FROM EACH STATE AND TERRITORY TO PLAY IN THE ANC RESTRICTED BUTLER IN CANBERRA IN JULY THIS YEAR. WINNERS OF THE STATE FINAL WILL RECEIVE FREE ENTRY TO THE EVENT, RETURN AIRFARE PLUS AN ACCOMMODATION/PER DIEM ALLOWANCE OF \$500 PER DAY PER PAIR

SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2018

ALL DAY EVENT 10 am START

ENTRY FEE: \$25 per player

- 2 SESSION EVENT
- RED POINTS AWARDED
- CROSS-IMP SCORING
- QUALIFIERS FOR THE STATE FINAL WILL BE THE BEST PAIRS FROM BOTH NS AND EW FIELDS
- NUMBER OF PAIRS QUALIFYING IS DEPENDANT ON NUMBER OF TABLES PLAYING.
- LUNCH MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE START OF PLAY

ENTRY VIA THE BAWA WEBSITE

www.bawa.asn.au

**WABC Contact person:
KITTY GEORGE 0408 097 881**

THE BAWA FINAL WILL BE HELD ON SUN 27 MAY (& SAT 26 AM IF REQUIRED)

FOR EVERY 3 PAIRS PLAYING
1 PAIR WILL QUALIFY FOR
ENTRY TO THE STATE FINAL

**OPEN TO PLAYERS FROM ALL
CLUBS WHO HAVE LESS THAN
300 MASTERPOINTS AS AT
1 JANUARY 2018**

WABC PAIRS WHO QUALIFY FOR
THE STATE FINAL WILL HAVE
THEIR ENTRY FEE PAID BY THE
CLUB

CROSS-IMP SCORING

YOUR TABLE RESULT IS IMPED AGAINST
EVERY OTHER TABLE IN THE FIELD AND THE
TOTAL IS THEN AVERAGED TO CALCULATE THE
IMPS YOU EARN ON THE BOARD





PATRONS CUP

Mrs Helen George presenting the Patrons Cup to Jocelyn Parry.
Winner: 2017



BAROMETER PAIRS



NEW SESSION

Starting Wednesday, Jan 17 at
7:30pm

Red Point SESSION.

NB. Players must enter to play/No Side Movement

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 pre-determined 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.

Bridge Blogging



I expect you are all familiar with the term *Blog*, but maybe you haven't ever thought, just what is a blog. The term comes from the early days of the web (1997) and is an abbreviation of web log, contracted to weblog, and hence to blog. You can find many definitions on the web, of course, but the Wikipedia definition is *a regularly updated website or web page, typically one run by an individual or small group, that is written in an informal or conversational style*

Blogs are typically written by people with opinions, and it seems to me that a lot of our fellow bridge players have opinions, particularly about bridge. It is not surprising therefore that there are a lot of bridge blogs available on the web, and they can be excellent sources of useful, and interesting, insights into bridge matters.

One blog that I have come across recently is that published by the world renowned bridge expert Bobby Wolff. You can find his column at <http://aces.bridgeblogging.com/>

where he regularly posts his analyses of bridge matters, giving examples from top line events and top line players. This is an example from a couple of days ago, dated 9th December, 2017

BRIDGEBLOGGING
YOUR #1 BRIDGE BLOG RESOURCE

Aces on Bridge — Daily Columns

Dealer E, Vul None	North ♠ 9 5 4 ♥ J 9 7 2 ♦ A 10 9 6 ♣ A J	
West ♠ K J 7 6 ♥ A 10 8 5 4 ♦ 8 ♣ K 10 9		East ♠ Q 3 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 7 5 4 3 ♣ 8 6 4 3 2
	South ♠ A 10 8 2 ♥ K 3 ♦ K Q J 2 ♣ Q 7 5	

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1NT	2 ♣*	3NT	All Pass
	*Majors		

Lead: 5♥

On this next deal from last year's Blue Ribbon qualifier, the defenders were handed a chance by an opponent, and they took it. Perhaps West should have led his singleton diamond as his most passive option, making declarer's task far harder, though not impossible. West was not that clever. Instead, he led the heart five, and declarer erred by playing low from dummy. East applied the rule of 11 to cover with the six, and now declarer was in trouble.

The winning line is to cross to dummy in diamonds to go after spades, but declarer took an early club finesse, and now East-West could set up a club for their fifth winner before declarer had nine tricks.

At another table, Allen Kahn, playing

with Jeff Rothstein, did far better as declarer. A world champion West led the heart five against three no-trump, also after having shown the majors in the auction. Kahn inserted dummy's heart seven and took South's queen with the king. Kahn played back a heart at trick two, and West took his ace. A club went to dummy's jack. Kahn next played the diamond 10, a diamond to the king, and then ducked a spade, West winning the jack to clear clubs.

Kahn cashed his diamonds, ending in dummy and squeezing West, who needed to pitch either a heart or a club to concede just one trick in the ending. When he pitched a spade, Kahn took the heart jack to pitch his club queen and ran the spades for 11 tricks.

If you go to Mr Wolff's site you will see that he publishes articles such as this every day, giving us examples of the world's champions bidding and play. On December 6th, for example he cites an example involving "Peter Gill of Australia trying to bring home a delicate contract of three no-trump, in a team game". Great stuff. Highly recommended.

WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB "NO SHOW" POLICY

Effective as of 1st August 2011

- ◆ When players enter a WABC club congress or a red/gold point event they make a commitment and are under an obligation to play.
- ◆ Failure to turn up for the event, without exceptional extenuating circumstances, will result in the player being unable to participate in any future club congresses and red/gold point events until all outstanding entry fees have been paid.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE
NEW
STARTING TIME FOR
THE FRIDAY MORNING SESSION
9.00 AM
Starting 1st January 2018



**WABC
WOMEN'S
PAIRS
CHAMPIONSHIP**

TUESDAY 13, 20 & 27 MARCH

@ 1:00pm

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

ENTRY FEE: \$15 plus TABLE MONEY

2017 WINNERS: JAN BLIGHT & DOREEN JONES

LESSONS AT WABC With Peter Smith



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Peter Smith's next classes will start from:
Tuesday 6 February 2018.

As usual, there will be classes at various levels, featuring the following courses:

- ♥ Beginners - Tuesday evening or Thursday morning
- ♥ Card Play Essentials - Tuesday morning
- ♥ Intermediate Bidding - Wednesday early evening

Look out for more information on flyers around the club or see our website for details or contact Peter by email at:

lessons@wabridgeclub.com.au

NEW & REJOINING CLUB MEMBERS

October=December 2017

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

SEPTEMBER

Arianna Yusof
Grainne Hehir

OCTOBER

Minnette Ambrose
Saurav Dutta
Brian Taylor
Jan Marris
Lee Stupart

NOVEMBER

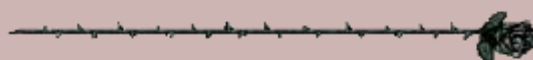
Haydn Lowe
Tricia Scolaro

DECEMBER

Mei Huang
Penny Oldfield

THOSE WE WILL REMEMBER

**Margaret Perkins
Alison Garland**



THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB

THE VERY EASY

NOVICE & SUPER NOVICE CONGRESS 2018

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

Sunday 25th February Commencing 10.00am

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

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER: TBA

DIRECTOR: TBA

ENTRIES VIA

BAWA Website 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 1st Jan 2018

Super Novice: less than 50 Masterpoints as at 1st Jan 2018

****PLEASE NOTE: PLAYERS NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH****

RED POINTS and 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



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		Ideal for the novice player.
Friday (P)	9.30 – 12.15		Ideal for the novice player.
Saturday (P)	1.30 – 4.45		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
(SUPERVISED: \$8.00 Members, \$10.00 Visitors, \$4.00 Youth players)

All results posted at www.wabridgeclub.com.au. Licensed bar open after most sessions.

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