



UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB

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CONGRATULATIONS



2018 AUSTRALIA WIDE OPEN PAIRS

Peter McCann and **Satish Bedekar** (3rd) with **Tad Bieganski** and **Jairo Giraldo** (5th) out of 1553 Australia wide pairs.

Both partnerships are new, having only formed in the past 6 months and are made up of players born in England, India, Poland and Mexico.

AUSTRALIA-WIDE NOVICE PAIRS 2018



Best WA pair – **Brian Taylor** and **Marie Finegan** with John Bayly

REQUEST ON BEHALF OF RECORDERS

In Sheila Parker, Connie Coltrona and Peter Wilson we have wonderful Recorders who have the unpleasant but necessary task of attempting to resolve matters when Members complain of inappropriate behaviour. Whilst willing to do their jobs these three people would prefer to languish with nothing to do. Most often complaints are lodged because a disagreement is caused by the Director not being called in a timely matter. Please quickly **CALL THE DIRECTOR** whenever a Law violation occurs. The Director is there to help everybody get more pleasure from our great game.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From Graham Milward

The Australian Bridge Federation recently held the Australia Wide Open Pairs competition with more than 1500 pairs playing across the country. Hearty congratulations to our Members Satish Bedekar and Peter McCann, Jairo Giraldo and Tad Bieganski, and Lynne Errington and Joanna Tennyson who placed 3rd, 5th and 32nd respectively overall! Wonderful performances.

The mentoring programme run by Allan Doig and Tad Bieganski has proven to be a great success with many positive comments coming my way. A big thankyou to all Members who gave up their time to help with this exercise.

Fiske Warren has just completed another well received series of lessons for developing players. Please let me know if you are interested in investigating the demand for some advanced lessons and planning with Fiske for it to be run.

The Committee has recently purchased new light fittings to replace our aging, flickering flouros. Many thanks to Alf Surace and John Towill for giving up a Sunday morning to complete the installation.

An application for the Club to install solar panels is with the City of Joondalup. A delay is being experienced while it is determined whether new sub-meters on Percy Doyle Reserve will allow us to be credited for electricity fed into the Western Power system. Watch this space.

A little disquiet has occurred recently over trick number disagreements and bidding card removal. Please ensure all 4 players agree on tricks won before cards are shuffled and that bidding cards remain on the table until the opening lead is faced.

Several very positive comments have come to me recently suggesting that Undercroft has become a happier place to enjoy bridge. This is excellent to hear although I also continue to witness and be informed of unpleasantness occurring between players. PLEASE comply with

Bridge Laws and refrain from making comments which may upset other people.

Happy bridging 😊

UNDERCROFT MENTORING PROGRAM

By Allan Doig.

Some time ago, in a survey conducted regarding possible programs being introduced to help newer players to advance their bridge skills, the possibility of mentoring was suggested. Tad and I got together and set a program in motion. I have tried rather unsuccessfully in the past to implement mentoring with little success. This time I tried a different approach and I contacted around twenty players who indicated that they would like to participate and contacted twenty mentors. I asked the mentees to contact the assigned mentors and arrange suitable times for a suggested three game mentoring arrangement. We've had to extend the program to in excess of twenty-five partnerships. There will be a final get together on Wednesday afternoon, September 26.



I intend to conduct a survey where participants can submit suggestions about how the program might be improved if we decide to run another one at a later date. So far, anecdotal evidence would suggest that there have been many successful relationships. A pleasing aspect of the program has been the number of people who said that mentoring seems to build better bonds within the club. Comments have been made that even after the suggested three games, the mentees feel confident to ask their mentors questions as they arise.

Once this program is completed, a suggestion has been made that we run a series of teams of three evenings with an experienced player at each table.

RESULTS

Ossie Trigwell Handicap Pairs



1st Ingrid Fredericks - Alan Rolls

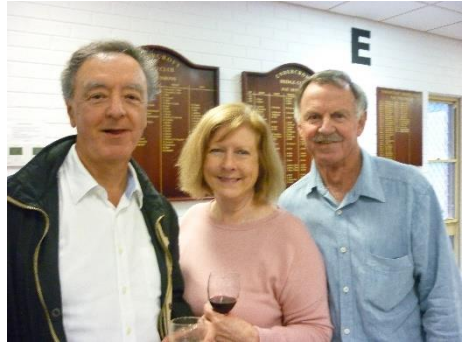


2nd Mary Gardner - Marilyn Letts
(substituting for Karen Murdock)



3rd Linda Reading - John Bayly

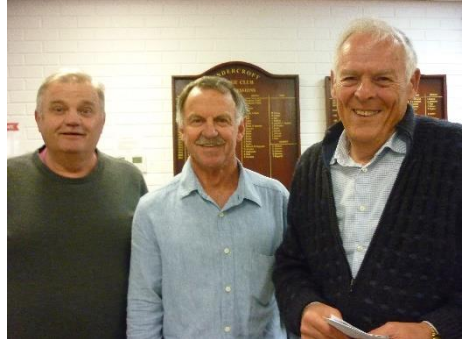
Kath Brosnan Winter Pairs



1st Jairo Giraldo & Robyn Giraldo



2nd Graham Milward & Allan Doig



3rd Tad Bieganski & Philip Oldershaw

Jim and Irene Sanderson Pairs

FINAL



1st Tad Bieganski - Carol Fensome

PLATE



1st Connie Coltrona - Armanda Torre



2nd Jean Muller - Edward Roscoe



2nd Fiona Han - Denis Gimblett
3rd Bruce Penhey - Christine Bacon



3rd Peter Stephenson - Diane Tilvern

BEST QUALIFYING

NS

Peter Stephenson - Diane Tilvern

EW

Pauline Coulter - David Coulter

Don Fraser Swiss Pairs



1st Pauline Coulter - David Coulter

John Beyfus Pairs



1st David Cowell - Ann Hopfmueller



2nd Jairo Giraldo - Tad Bieganski



2nd Jean Muller - Martin Broome



3rd Graham Milward - Allan Doig



Satish Bedekar - Peter Mccann

THE FOUR KINGS

Courtesy to John Lees

Many believe the four kings in a deck of cards represent great rulers of the past. If you face a trivia question, the following name assignments are your best bets, although these designations haven't been in use for centuries and are disputed.

- ❖ **King of Spades:** David, King of Israel from the Old Testament.
- ❖ **King of Clubs:** Alexander the Great, King of Macedonia, who conquered a vast region and lived from 356 to 323 BCE.
- ❖ **King of Hearts:** Charlemagne, King of France and the first Holy Roman Emperor, who lived from 747 to 814 AD.
- ❖ **King of Diamonds:** Roman Caesar Augustus. Some sources say the king of diamonds is Julius Caesar, not Augustus.



“SANDWICH SEAT” BIDS

By Karen Walker

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The “sandwich seat” is fourth position between two bidding opponents. The most dangerous situation is when partner has passed and the opponents have bid two suits:

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♣	Pass	1♥	?

General tips for choosing your action:

- Don't bid just because you have 13+ high-card points. Unless you have extra values, pass with hands that have balanced distribution and poor suits.

- A **one-level overcall** (1C – Pass – 1H – **1S**) may be made on minimum high-card values (10+ points), but should always be a good 5+-card suit.
- A **two-level overcall** (1C – Pass – 1H – **2D**) should be a good 6-card suit or a very strong 5-card suit.
- A **takeout double** should almost always promise at least 4-4 in the unbid suits.
- If you're 4-3 in the unbid suits, you may consider a takeout double if you have a strong 14+ points and your 4-card suit is the other major -- a hand such as ♠KJ106 ♥54 ♦AQ7 ♣A1092.
- If your holding in the unbid suits is 5-card minor and a 4-card major -- a hand such as ♠Q1076 ♥54 ♦AKJ87 ♣A2 -- make a takeout double instead of an overcall.
- Vulnerability matters. Don't stretch too far if you're red.
- **Jump overcalls** in this auction should be rare. The opponents have already exchanged information, so there's little point in preempting unless you have a very strong suit.

Recommended agreements:

- **1NT** = Strong and natural (16-18 points) with stoppers in both bid suits. Use "system on" (Stayman, transfers, etc.) for partner's responses.
- **1NT by a passed hand** = Light takeout (5-4 or longer in the unbid suits, around 6-10 high-card points).
- **Bid of RHO's suit** (Responder's major; **2H** in the auction above) = Natural (good 6+-cards, 11-16 points) -- a hand such as ♠KQ2 ♥AQJ875 ♦J107 ♣2
- **Bid of LHO's suit** (Opener's minor; **2C** in the auction above) = Two-suited takeout (5-5 in the unbid suits).
- **Jump to 2NT** = Very distributional takeout (6-5 or longer in the unbid suits).

- **Double** = 12-13+ points, usually 4-4 or longer in the unbid suits. You can double with fewer points if you're 4-5 and have strong suits.

Expert agreement:

- **Jump cuebid** of either opponent's suit (**3C** or **3H** in the auction above) = Asks partner to bid 3NT if he has a stopper in that suit.



MENTAL WORKOUT BY DAN HOWE

Source: Sarasota Journal – 2 Nov 1971

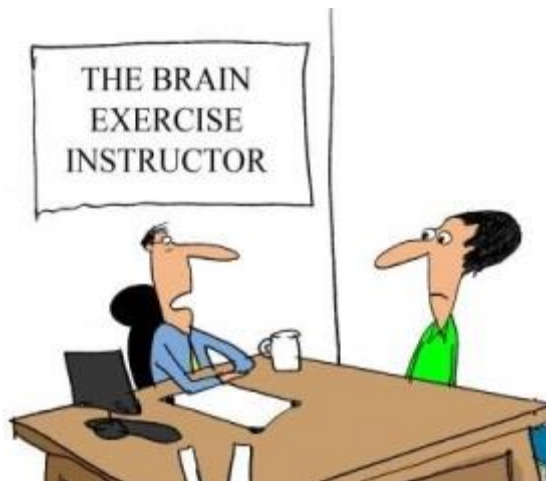
Apparently, some people really covet mental exercise, popular opinion to the contrary. At least they want it when it is just for fun, as in the game of bridge. The declarer had a bit of mental exercise on this deal:

South Dealer Neither side vulnerable

	J 10 3 Q 4 A Q J 2 10 9 8 4	
— 10 8 3 K 10 9 8 6 5 A K 6 5		K Q 8 7 5 2 5 7 4 3 Q 7 2
	A 9 6 4 A K J 9 7 6 2 — J 3	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♦	X	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass



Understandably South couldn't stand for North's penalty double of West's overcall and ran out with a high jump. West led his king of clubs, and East had little choice but to signal for a continuation. He would have preferred a small club, but West came on with the ace and then a small club to East's queen. Declarer ruffed this third club round and

now needed only a 2-2 trump break in order to use dummy's good club and ace of diamonds for spade discards.

Accordingly, he played the ace of hearts and led over to the queen. Unfortunately, the hearts broke 3-1, and he couldn't be sure which defender was out of clubs in case he tried to use the good club. So he ruffed a diamond and drew the last trump. Now it was a question for Declarer of what to do about the spades. It was up to him to sit still and cogitate. West had already shown up with three hearts and three clubs. Thus West could have only one spade at the most.

If he had a spade honor, he would be end-played and have to lead to the board in diamonds. If he had a small spade or a spade void, East would have to take dummy's ten or jack and then be on the spot himself. That is, IF Declarer played a small spade from his hand, not the ace. So Declarer did just that and made his contract. He can now go around flexing his mental biceps for all to see. You say mental biceps are hidden from public view? True.

But the most important person to show muscles to is oneself, and that's one reason people like bridge exercise.



SuperVets* Pairs

For Players Over 75 Years of Age

Sunday, 4 November 2018

Play Starts at 10.00am

This event will be held at WA Bridge Club,
7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne

There will be awards for

- ❖ The best overall Pair
- ❖ The best performer over 90 years of age
- ❖ The Best performer over 100!

Entries via BAWA Website Cost \$15 per player

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