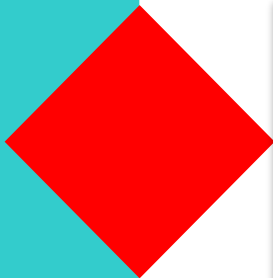


2025 Youth Fundraiser Day



Youth Bridge Fundraiser 29th June 2025

Results of the Day:

Swiss Pairs

1st Therese Garbutt & Viv Zotti

2nd Pauline Collett & Catherine Hood

3rd Dave Munro & James Steer

Best under 300 MP

Denise Baker & Sandra Veling

Best Youth Pair

Lizzie Brayshaw & Ollie Brayshaw

Restricted (Under 300 MP)

1st Wilma Coloper & Jennifer Simpson

2nd Juliana Westlake & Megan Jefferies

Such a successful day is only made possible by the wonderful support from these businesses and individuals. Angeline wishes to thank everyone for their support and generosity.

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Julie Short & friend 2 hampers

Veronica from WABC collected donations for 5 hampers

Joann Theriault Club Game with Jonathon

Chris Mulley and Jonathon Free donated Club Games as raffle prizes

Peter Smith and Fiske Warren donated 2-hour lesson as raffle prizes

Jamie Thompson - Real Bridge game at North Shore as raffle prize

Andy Hung – 2-hour lesson on BBO

ALL OTHER RAFFLE HAMPERS WERE FROM MYER VOUCHER, CASH DONATIONS AND WABC MEMBERS



President's Report

By Chris Mulley

It's been a busy few weeks in the bridge calendar for me (and I'm sure, for many of you as well). I've been over East playing firstly in the Victorian Festival of Bridge and now at the Australian National Championships in Brisbane. I've pushed the deadline (and the patience) of the long-suffering Editor as far as I am able, so it's time to put pen to paper.

I'll start with the National Championships, where the WA Women have just brought home the winner's trophy again by defeating South Australia in the Final. I'm not the kind to cheat by looking things up on the internet, but I would guess that this about the fifth time that the WA Women have won the event in my bridge memory, making them by far WA's most successful team. If you see Leone Fuller, Marnie Leybourne, Pauline Collett, Cathy Hood, Gwyneira Brahma, Stella Steer (and Allison Stralow, their spectacular Captain) around, make sure that you congratulate them on their outstanding achievement.

Speaking of outstanding things, I would personally like to thank all WA bridge players for your significant contributions to the Youth Bridge fundraising efforts. In total, in excess of \$11 000 was raised. Some of that went to further subsidise our Youth Team at the ANC; the rest will be put towards activities and training for the youth players in the coming year. Whilst at the ANC, I heard a Youth player from another State talking about how well-supported the WA Youth were financially, and that is largely due to the generous support that the WA bridge community has given to these fundraising efforts. So, on behalf of all the Youth players, I thank you.

I will be back in WA by the time you read this, limbering up for the Joan Prince Memorial Swiss Pairs, to be held in August. This is the biggest event on the bridge calendar in WA – when you read this, you may still have time to enter! This year, Sheenagh Young, the fabulous Convenor of the event, with the support of sponsors Bob

Prince and Daisy Pools have expanded the scope of the prizes available to Restricted players. This is a unique opportunity for restricted players to dip their toes into playing in an open field, whilst still competing for their own prizes. In doing so, you will see that it is not as scary as you might think and you might surprise yourself with your results.

I think it's time for me to hit the 'Send' button and try to get a good night's sleep before another few days of bridge and then the relaxing drive home to beautiful Perth. Happy bridging!

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Around the Clubs

By: Helen Rogoysky

City of Melville Bridge Club

By Ken Bownes

Ladies' and Men's Championships

In May the annual CMBC Club Championships for Ladies and Men were held over two Mondays. Prizes were awarded to the outright winners, the best pair 25-150 masterpoints and the best pair under 25 masterpoints. The ladies' champions were Clair Western and Do Dean. Best 25-150MP were Jane Bwye and Rose Symonds, and best under 25MP were Marie Quinlivan and Jill Johnson. In the men's, Dave Parham and Robert Kirberger were the outright champions, Graham Wise and Bruce Webber best 25-150MP and Paul Davis and David Lloyd best under 25MP. Jeannie Ravn was our director and she ran an enjoyable competition.



Ladies' Champions Do Dean and Claire Weston



Men's Champions Dave Parham and Robert Kirberger

Dora Wilson Handicap Trophy

On June 19 a strong field of 34 pairs battled it out for the Dora Wilson Handicap Trophy. For the second year running our winning pair was Steph

Laurie and Simon Orton who also came third outright. Margot Salter and Paul Davis put in a strong performance to come second; Bruce Webber and Graham Wise were third; Onah Lawn and Elaine Geddes were fourth; and the last of the prize winners were Phil Cunningham and David Endicott in 5th place. Honourable mentions go to Phil Bapty and Tomoko Nakamatsu who topped the outright scores and very close behind were Maree Milauskas and Cheryl Harding who were second outright. A big thanks again to our director Jeannie Ravn who put in a lot of work sorting out the movement for such a large field which resulted in a smoothly run competition.



Winners Steph Laurie and Simon Orton

Coming Events

We invite you to the coming events which are open to all players.

First Sunday of the Month Walk-in Pairs:

Sunday 6th July at 1pm.

Sunday 3rd August at 1pm.

Sunday 31st August at 1pm (In lieu of 7th September which is Father's Day.)

See the club website for event details:

www.melvillebc.org.

Rockingham Bridge Club

By Pat Ditchfield

Since 1998 the Fremantle Bridge Club and the Rockingham Bridge Club have held a yearly competition.

In 2022 it was agreed to name that Competition the Jean Dance Memorial Trophy, in honour of a valued member of both Clubs. Jean was on the Committee of the Fremantle Bridge Club and produced the 7NT Newsletter for the Rockingham Bridge Club.

The competition was held on Sunday 22nd June at Rockingham. Eighteen pairs took part. A wonderful lunch, including hot soup, was

provided and participants had an enjoyable day. Rockingham won the day and will retain the Trophy until next June.



The President of the Fremantle Bridge Club, Sue Simper, handing over the Jean Dance Trophy to Nia Parker, President of the Rockingham Bridge Club.

Maylands Bridge Club

By Ilana Meyer

Australia Wide Novice Pairs Club Results

1st: John Czerw and Ian Christie

(places 43rd Australia wide)

2nd: Dianne Ross and Roslyn Armstrong

3rd: Cynthia and Joe Witkin



Open Red Point Event—June

1st: Leo Erneste and Bernard Smith

2nd: Ilda Martin and Rod Bryant

3rd: Colleen Proser and Barbara Gold

Best Restricted Pair (<300 MP)

Ilda Martina and Rod Bryant

Best Novice Pair (<100 MP)

Dianne Ross and Roslyn Armstrong



Northern Districts Bridge Club

By Ann Hooper

We had a Red Point afternoon of bridge with a delicious afternoon tea on Monday 16 June 2025. Congratulations to the winners, Trevor and Ann Burr N/S with 62.09% and Ken and Barbara Partridge E/W with 70.93%. Thanks to all who helped make the afternoon a success.

Our Club is going well. We now have a new website which we invite you to check out should you wish to visit our Club. You will be most

welcome. Please be aware that our Red Points are for members only. The website address is site.pianola.net/northern-districts



Willetton Bridge Club

By Richard Harris

Some of our gun players did not show for the Fall pairs championships, a handicap event, leaving the field wide open.

The red point winners were:

- 1st: Phillip Hutt and Jean Marks 67.21%
- 2nd: Patricia Moore and Allan Byrne 60.26%
- 3rd: Sam Zurub and William Carnell 59.29%
- 4th= Nick Taylor and Pamela Thomson, 55.31%
- 4th= Gordon Holmes and Richard Styles 55.31%
- 6th: Richard Harris and Vijay Ahooja 53.85%
- 7th: David Spence and Margaret Henderson 51.92%

A highlight of the event was the festive board which featured Colleen Oehme's famous egg sandwiches and an innovative dish made from onion and spinach mixed into a chick pea flour with spices and fried in hot oil. These delicious tangles were served with a dob of pickle and they went off quicker than a bride's nightie.

Several of the single men took packs of the egg sandwiches home and at least one dog had egg

sandwiches for dinner that night.

Members paid \$7 for this event, including free car parking, an afternoon of bridge with cash prizes, and a festive board which included a glass of wine.



We are spoiled rotten here in the West. At the North Shore Club, Sydney, you pay \$14 for a normal session, or \$17 for Thursday night championships. Afternoon games at Manhattan Bridge Club cost \$13.

West Coast Bridge Club

By Hilary Heptinstall

Results of Club Competitions

West Coast GNOT Heat

- 1st: Terry Collins, Louis Collins, Gill Gavshon and Marita Ware
- 2nd: Stella Steer, Gwyneira Brahma, James Steer and Dave Munro
- 3rd: Karel Vahala, Anton Pol, Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood

Joyce and Norman Moody Swiss Pairs

- 1st: Wence Vahala and Anton Poll
- 2nd: Val Keevil and Kaye Nadebaum
- 3rd: Patrick Garnett and Christina Wu



Our restricted Swiss Pairs Competition (for players with less than 300 masterpoints will be held on Fridays, July 11 and 18.

GERALDTON BRIDGE CLUB INC

GERALDTON CONGRESS 2025

26th 27th and 28th September



Venue: Geraldton Bridge Club Room at Eighth St, Wonthella

JUST BEHIND THE WONTHELLA BOWLING CLUB

Director – David Burn Mob: 0409 661 010

Day	Date	Time	Event	Cost*	Included
Friday Evening	26th	6.30 pm	Welcome Pairs	25.00 per/p	Drinks and nibbles
Saturday Morning	27th	9.30 am	Pairs qualifying round	25.00 per/p	Light lunch – soup and sandwiches
Saturday Afternoon	27th	1 pm approx.	Pairs finals	25.00 per/p	
Sunday	28th	9.30 am	Teams – 2 sessions	50.00 per/p	Light Lunch

*** Payment:**

Please make payments direct to Club Bank.

BSB 633 000 Acct No: 224 451 625

Tea and coffee served all weekend

Enter on-line via ABF website or email

Convenor:

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Undercroft Bridge Club

By Sharon Dyball

On Tuesday 10th June the club held a Memorial Charity Session and Afternoon Tea in honour of the late John Bayly. John was a past President, MC Member, Director, volunteer and banker.



John was always willing to assist, and he never wavered in his commitment to helping the club move forward. He was passionate about raising money for charity. Over \$1000 was raised which will be donated to Wheelchairs for Kids.

MAY CONGRESS

Swiss Pairs:



1st: Fran Holman and Sue Grenside
2nd: John Beddow and Egmont Melton
3rd: Denise Baker and Eve Clarkson

Best Undercroft Pair
Stella and James Steer

Best Under 300MP Pair
Lynne Roberts and Rory O'Hanlon

Novice Teams:



1st: Ronnie Malthouse, Kate Sayer, Lynne Roberts and Rory O'Hanlon
2nd: Jo Wright, Nat Wright, Lisa Evans and Derek Dorwood

Open Teams:

1st: Tom Leman, Gerry Daly, Viv Wood and Marnie Leybourne
2nd: Vinod Nasta, Cynthia Belonogoff, Deanna Wilson and Andrea Peretti
3rd: Chris Jenkins, Helen Kemp, Louise Collins and Terry Collins
4th: Richard Grenside, Sue Grenside, Gill Gavshon and Chris Cullen

OSSIE TRIGWELL PAIRS



1st: Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro
2nd: Jan Kochmanski and Andrew Swider
3rd: Roberta Altmuner and Marilyn Atkins

Best Restricted Pair
Greg Mackie and Bernie Plath

Best Novice Pair
Mario Rubanathan and Mark O'Donoghue

J&I SANDERSON SWISS PAIRS

1st: Andrew Swider and Tad Bieganski
2nd: Lilia Male and Beata Bieganski

Best Restricted Pair
Willy Dadour and David Chatman

Best Novice Pair
Richard Van Proctor and Aaron Oskay

DON FRASER SWISS PAIRS



1st: Martin Broome and Peter McCann
2nd: Dave Munro and James Steer

Mandurah Bridge Club

By Ian Jones

At the Club's AGM in May, Di Schupp was awarded the honour of Life Membership. Di has made an enormous contribution to the club and retired as Treasurer after 10 years. Thank you, Di.



The Monday Best 3 out of 4 event was won jointly by pairs Ian Bailey and Mei Zhao, and Brian and Christine Taylor.

In the Australia Wide Novice Pairs, the winners were Judy Seaforth and Val Delborrello for N/S, and Sandra Ryan and Rosemary Lockey for E/W.



The Handicap Pairs championship was won by Chris Gilford and Joan Morgan, with Peter Knight and Roz Trend runners up. Bev Ford and Valerie Taylor were a close third.



The winners of the Friday Best 3 out of 4 were Doug Hardman and Bill Maley; runners up were Roman Gdowski and Jane Perry.

Fourteen teams competed in the Special Teams event in June. The winning team comprised Steve Barretto, Sandra Hardie, Florence Maltby and Roz Trend. Runners up were Di Brooks, Doug and Craig Hardman, and Jan Ovens. The Special Team were Jenny Cormack, Linda Gore, Joy Hampson and Ian Watson. Robert Coulson, Chris Gilford, Rosemary Lockey and Joan Morgan won the Restricted Teams award. Congratulations to all.



September 2025 Deadline

August 25th is the deadline for inclusion in the September Focus.

EDITING OF MATERIAL

Contributors should note that the right to modify submitted material is retained by the Editor.

Fremantle Bridge Club

By Jenny Langridge

FREMANTLE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS 2025

The Club had another very successful Congress on May 25th this year, in large part owing to the professionalism and enthusiasm of the Convenor, House manager, the Director and, equally important, the generous members who donated food and/or time to help the day run smoothly. For the first time ever, the day was run as Swiss Pairs, and huge thanks must go to Carmel O'Neill for her amazing efforts as Convenor. Many thanks go to the indefatigable Sue Simper and her tireless helper – Jenny Grummet among others – also to our Bar persons David Shade and Jody McNeill. And, finally, the day would never have run so smoothly without the very clever and patient Director Neville Walker and his fit runner Lyn.

Then of course there were the eighty players. This year, First Prize was won by Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro (pictured left with President Sue Simper). Second place went to Lilia Male and Beata Bieganski with Kimberley Zhao and Tom Lemann coming third.



The winners of the **NOVICE** section were Sue Corson and Meghan Lagdon



The best performing Fremantle pair were Sue Moonen and Bart Houwen.



MID WINTER PAIRS

June 2025 saw another popular day at Fremantle Bridge Club for its annual Mid-Winter Pairs red point event.

Winners on the day were Robina McConnell and Rohan Bandarage with Sam Zurub and Alexis Keynes coming in second.



Geraldton Bridge Club

By Theresa Wilkes

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Wayne Cupitt, a respected and much-loved member of the Geraldton Bridge Club and the broader Bridge community. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Heather, Catherine, and Tim during this time of loss.

Wayne was a **recent Life Member** and a **dedicated member of the Geraldton Bridge Club for over 30 years**. In that time, he made an extraordinary contribution to the Club—not only as a highly skilled bridge player but as an innovator, leader, and friend.

Together with his wife Heather, Wayne formed a formidable bridge partnership. Their synergy at the table won them many Championship titles, and "The Cupitts" quickly became the benchmark for excellence. Their legacy as competitors is one that inspired many.

Wayne held numerous official roles at the Club, most notably as Treasurer and Master Point Coordinator. But it was his technological expertise that truly helped shape the Club's future. Wayne was instrumental in bringing the Geraldton Bridge Club into the digital age—developing and implementing our computer systems, online programs, electronic scoring, and movement cards. He also introduced system cards to the Club, greatly improving the experience for all players. His forward-thinking

initiatives elevated the Club and ensured its continued relevance in the modern era.

Despite his serious contributions, Wayne never lost his fun-loving spirit. He was known for his quirky and memorable "odd sock" competition, eagerly taking on all challengers, including Lila. At our Christmas Luncheons, Wayne's cheerful presence behind the bar, complete with his Santa hat, became a beloved tradition.

Wayne's passing leaves a significant void—not only in our Club, but in the hearts of all who knew him. His warmth, wit, intelligence, and passion for bridge will be deeply missed.

Rest in peace, Wayne. Your legacy will continue to play on in every hand we deal.



Busselton Bridge Club

By Robyn Clifton

The Bob Brierley annual teams event was held on 19th May in at the Naturaliste Community Centre. It was a very pleasant day directed ably by Steve Rogoysky. The Busselton club were pleased that ten teams played. This event has been going for many years. In 2017 a well-respected gentleman, Bob Brierley, long-time member of the club died. His wife Pat asked the club if Bob could somehow be remembered for his long-term commitment to our club. Hence this is when the annual Busselton teams event changed to the Bob Brierley Teams Championship.

Results as follows:

1st:The Emeralds
Eamonn McCabe,
Merleine Wylie,
Linda Foard, John
Whiting.

2nd:The Saunders
Colin Saunders, Ester Saunders, Jade
Arthur, Joanne Saunders.

3rd: Cajomine
Cathy Broadbent, Micheal Stewart, Neil Reid, John
Lil



West Australian Bridge Club

By Martin Doran

It's been a busy couple of months at WABC. The Gardening Gang was out and about, you can certainly see the difference at the front of the building! There was also Charity Day, the Handicap Pairs, the Restricted Pairs Championship, and the Winter Congress. Martin was away for two weeks in China looking after the Australian Mixed Team and Sheenagh was around to keep everything ticking over.

CHARITY DAY

Thank you everyone. Charity Day raised \$7,800 and a mini-van full of clothing for the *Perth Homeless Support Group*. The afternoon bridge session was packed and some of the supervised players, who stayed on, ended up playing in the normal duplicate. Well done and hopefully not too traumatic.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

The Handicap Pairs was won by Karen McLean & Tessa Mayall from Penni Fletcher-Hughes & Prue Hart over two sessions.

The Restricted Pairs was a tie between Mira Erskine & Veronica Ntoumenopoulos and Shirley Lavarack & Ziggy Morawiec who couldn't be separated after two sessions.

WINTER CONGRESS

Another fun congress over four days with lots of home-made goodies to eat during the first two days and then cheese and pies for the last two days. The winners of the various events are listed on the WABC website. If you missed out on this congress then pencil the Christmas Congress, last weekend of November, in your diaries now.

DUTY PARTNER – FRIDAY AFTERNOONS -

TRIAL Sometimes it's challenge to find a partner and WABC does have a duty partner available on Saturday afternoons. Having a duty available is also going to be trialled on Friday afternoons in July and August. So if you are stuck and want a game then head over to WABC. Many thanks to those willing to be a duty partner.

PLANNING AHEAD

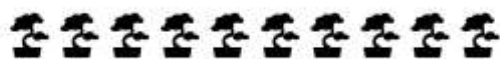
July: Red point week starts on the 7th; Gala Open Day is on the 30th from 3pm to 5pm

August: Daytime Pairs Championship; the BAWA



run Joan Prince Swan River Swiss is on the 23rd & 24th.

September: Evening Pairs Championship starts 3rd; WABC & Nedlands Men's Pairs start 4th.



2025 BAWA FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE at BRIDGETOWN

August 30 & 31

Red Point Event

Saturday – 9:30 am Duplicate Pairs (Winning Pair receive entry to BAWA Open Pairs)

Gold Point Event

Sunday – 9:00 am Swiss Teams (Best performing two pairs receive entry to GNOT)

VENUE: Bridgetown Gardens Function Centre

Robinia Way, Kangaroo Gully, Bridgetown

<http://www.wyabi.com.au/BAWAFestival@CountryBridge>

ENTRIES – MyAbf

COST – \$50 per person per day

Morning & Afternoon Tea - Please bring a plate to share

Lunch not provided (please bring your own)

DIRECTOR: TBA

CONVENOR: Josephine Dundas – Ph: 0411477194

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Bidding Two Suiter Hands

By: Di Brooks

Bridge bidding is not just based on points alone. Shape is everything. If you focus on H.C.P, High Card Points only, you will be missing out on some great contracts. Take a look at these hands recorded below.

Winter Pairs, Rockingham. Board 3 Dealer South

South	West	North	East
PASS	1D*	PASS	1S
PASS	2C	PASS	?

*playing Standard American

What can East glean from West's hand? Well, they have a good holding in the Minors and certainly has no liking for the Majors.

If West started with a 7 loser hand and East has a Trump Fit, surely their side MUST be able to make 6 Clubs. Yet players were happy to stay in 3NT or 5C.

South Deals	♠	10 7 5	♠	AK 8 6 4
E-W Vul	♥	8 4	♥	A 9 7 5
	♦	Q 8 4 3 2	♦	—
	♣	J 7 6	♣	K 10 5 2
	♠	—	♠	Q J 9 3 2
	♥	Q 6 2	♥	K J 10 3
	♦	AK 10 9 7 5	♦	J 6
	♣	A Q 9 4	♣	8 3

Points: West=15, East=14 Total=29

Another '2' suiter:

Board 9 Dealer North

North	East	South	West
PASS	1H	2D	PASS
3D	?		

East has difficulty in thinking slam is NOT on because West has passed at his turn. But that shouldn't stop him from bidding game in his second suit.

If the partnership can show West has some values, then E-W should get to 6C.

Board 9	♠	Q 8 7 2	♠	A 6
North Deals	♥	Q 5 2	♥	A J 9 8 6 4
N-S Vul	♦	A J 10 2	♦	—
	♣	5 3	♣	AK 7 4 2
	♠	J 10 9 4	♠	K 5 3
	♥	K 10	♥	7 3
	♦	8 6 5 4	♦	K Q 9 7 3
	♣	Q 10 8	♣	J 9 6

Points: West 6, East 16 Total=22

And another one . . .

Board 12 Dealer West

West	North	East	South
1NT(1)	PASS	2D(2)	PASS
3H(3)	PASS	4C(4)	PASS
4NT	PASS	6H	

(1)=15-18

(2)=transfer to H

(3)=super accept

(4)=Gerber

West Deals	♠	J 10 9 2	♠	6
N-S Vul	♥	Q 6 3	♥	J 10 5 4 2
	♦	K J 9 8 7	♦	A 10
	♣	6	♣	K Q J 10 5
	♠	AK	♠	Q 8 7 5 4 3
	♥	AK 9 7	♥	8
	♦	5 3 2	♦	Q 6 4
	♣	A 4 3 2	♣	9 8 7

So you can see that Shape plus a Trump Fit definitely gets you into some very good contracts.

Happy bridging.



When Help Would Have Helped

By: Ron Klinger
www.RonKlingerbridge.com
 Improve Your Bridge Online

East dealer, E/W vulnerable

East	South	West	North
PASS	1H	1S	3D(1)
PASS	4S(2)	PASS	5D(3)
PASS	6H		

- (1) Game invitation, heart support
- (2) Asking for key cards for hearts
- (3) Two key cards, no HQ

What would you lead as West from:

S	AQJT96
H	96
D	54
C	T98

Solution Page: 16

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MANDURAH BRIDGE CLUB

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2025 WINTER CONGRESS

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July, 2025

Mandurah Bridge Club, Murdoch and Bortolo Drives, Greenfields.

PROGRAMME

Swiss Pairs

COST: \$70 per person

Convenor: Sandra Hardie 0434 211 657 shardiembc@gmail.com

Director: Neville Walker 0418 944 077 nifty1940@outlook.com

Saturday - play commences 10:00 (please be seated by 9:45)
 Sunday - play commences 9:30 (please be seated by 9:15)

Entry and Final Payment Closing Date: 23rd July, 2025

Tea, coffee, morning & afternoon snacks provided (BYO Lunch)

Prizes will be a approximately of 50% of nett takings including special category prizes to "Home" Club Members and Under Restricted Players (<150 masterpoints)

TO ENTER FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW:
<http://myabf.com.au/go/2025MandurahWinterCongress>

Hans G Rosendorff
 Memorial Mixed Swiss Pairs
 13th and 14th September, 2025

Melville Bridge Club
 431 Canning Highway
 Melville 6156 WA

GOLD POINTS

Mixed Swiss Pairs with PQPs
 (1st 20, 2nd 14, 3rd 10, 4th 6, 5th 4 & 6th 2)

Session Times 10:00 am and 1:45 pm

*Cost: \$100 per player

*Medals presented to 1st and 2nd

*Tea and coffee available all day

*Celebrate with light refreshments at conclusion of the event (Sunday)

Director: Neville Walker

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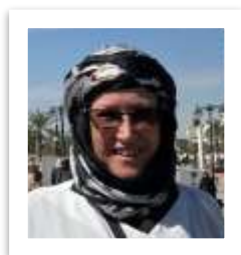
Entries via MyABF: <http://myabf.com.au/go/2025HGRMemorialMixed>



Who's Who In WA Bridge!

By Helen Rogoysky

When I approached Marnie Leybourne about being my player highlight for this edition she commented "Why me I'm not that interesting?" Well I beg to differ as I'm sure you'll agree. I found reading about Marnie's history very interesting. Also, I've found Marnie to be very helpful and approachable at the table and she has given me good advice along the way.



When did you start playing?

I learned bridge from my parents, however I didn't really start playing regularly until I came to Perth in 1996.

First home club?

Kalamunda. I used to drive down from Northam once a week to play.

Current home club?

South Perth

What system do you use?

I regularly play with Leone and Trevor Fuller, and Hamish McCracken, and we play Moscito, a symmetric relay system. However, I also play standard with other partners and occasionally Acol.

What made you interested in playing?

I enjoyed watching my parents play as a child and then kind of fell into it as an adult.

What do you like most about bridge?

Bridge is played all over the world, and I enjoy playing and meeting people. Nick Cantatore and I often visit and play at a local club when we are travelling or play when on a cruise, when it is much more social than competitive. On one cruise, we met a man who is blind, and he and his wife carry 16 packs of braille cards that everyone uses (16 boards being the usual number of boards played during a cruise afternoon). We became good friends with them, which really made the holiday extra special!

If you are not playing bridge, what else do you

like to do with your time?

Probably my main other hobby is quilting. I'm definitely an old woman!

Most memorable bridge moment?

Winning the Joan Prince/Swan River Swiss Pairs with Leone Fuller in 2019.

Most faraway place you've played bridge?

In distance to Perth, probably Calgary, Canada. However, for exotic: Syria, and playing for Australia: Poland and Indonesia.

Most memorable hand?

The most recent "memorable" hand - I held A - A8542 AKQT952. Sitting West, board 1, bidding went from my left: (2H - H&minor), 2S, (3H)... I thought about 4C but wasn't sure that it would be 100% forcing, or just bidding 6C but thought it a bit unilateral, so decided to X. Then, (5H). Leone X, (pass). Now, pass for penalties, or bid 6C? I bid 6C.

HT led and down came dummy.

Board 1		Interstate Teams	
North Deals	None Vul	♠ 7 5 2	♥ K 10 9 8 7 2
		♦ K 9 7 3	♣ —
♠ A	—	♠ Q 10 8 4 3	♥ A Q J 5
♥ —	A 8 5 4 2	♠ N	♦ Q J
♦ A 8 5 4 2	—	W	♣ 6 3
♠ AKQ10952	—	E	
		S	
		♠ K J 9 6	♥ 6 4 3
		♦ 10 6	♣ J 8 7 4

Heart Queen held. I pitched a diamond and I played a club to the Ace. North showed out! Now, I had to hope North had opened 2H holding only 4 diamonds, so led a diamond, North won King and returned a diamond, South following. Yay! Cashed heart Ace and took the trump finesse for 12 tricks. We picked up 14 imps as at the other table our teammates defeated 6C.

And for future reference, 4C in this sequence is now 100% forcing!



Grand Slam WABC June 2025

By Bridge Observer

Everybody loves bidding Grand Slams but are not too happy when they are bid against us while the rest of the field fail to do so. In fact, Grand Slams are of such a high premium that many clubs have a special list of those who bid the grand slams. This deal was from a congress and only two pairs reached the Grand Slam. One was a totally sophisticated Symmetric Relay sequence where they knew exactly what cards they had and reached 7D. The other became a little like a "kitchen sequence" as it was an undiscussed situation, with interference, which the Symmetric sequence did not have. Bid this deal with your favourite partner and I will give you the other sequences later.

South Deals		♠ A K 7	
N-S Vul		♥ —	
		♦ A Q J 7 6	
		♣ A J 7 5 4	
♠ Q J 10 5		♠ 9 8 6 4	
♥ K J 7 6 3		♥ 10 9 8 2	
♦ 3 2		♦ 9	
♣ Q 10		♣ 8 6 3 2	
		♠ 3 2	
		♥ A Q 5 4	
		♦ K 10 8 5 4	
		♣ K 9	

The first sequence I will give you is the sophisticated one, just in case you feel like climbing up the bridge ladder to fame. It was bid by Tom Lemann and Ron Cooper whose names you will constantly see on the top three list is most events. This was their sequence.

- 1D - Shows hearts. 1H - Relay.
- 2C - Shows H & D. 2D - Relay.
- 2H - longer diamonds. 2S - Relay.
- 3C - 2 -4 -5 - 2 shape. 3D - Relay.
- 3NT - 4 controls. 4C - relay.
- 4S - D & H honours. 4NT -Relay.
- 5C - club honour. 7D. I can see 13 tricks.

The four controls are two points for an ace and one for a king, and with this sequence there is no guesswork at all.

The other pair who bid it were Tim Wright and David Schokman, though, in actual fact, it was Tim who bid the slam almost single handedly. David was just like a United Nations observer, who do nothing at all, except observe!

Their sequence was 1D by David. 1H by West. 4H by Tim. You might ask why so high? Well, 2H would have been a cue raise, and 3H certainly is a splinter. So 4H had to be showing a strong hand with diamond support and first round control in hearts.

David tells me that he was not unduly impressed as half of his 12 points were in the heart suit, so he just 5D. 5S by Tim. 5NT by David, which he explains showed, in his own mind, good heart stoppers and a club stopper too. 6C by Tim. David now confesses that he thought (a very silly thought) that he may have got the 4H bid wrong and could Tim have had two strong suits in clubs and spades, so bravely supported Tim with his two little spades! All Tim's classic bidding was of little avail as David seemed to have missed it. I suppose that after 6C, he (David) should, holding the club king, have bid 7D, but most people are, in reality, a little reluctant to bid Grand slams unless we have long and strong suits. There was nothing in the play and the +2140 brought in 13.46imps.

In the Symmetric relay sequence West was happy to pass holding such good values in hearts, so they were able to proceed without any opposition bidding, though there is little doubt they had the armoury to handle that. As for Tim & David, holding half your points in your opponent's suit, opposite your partners void did not really offer any encouragement for forward moment, but with Tim's controls and high card strength there was no stopping him. Interestingly even without the ace and queen of hearts 7D cannot be defeated. They were just wasted pieces of cardboard. On this hand 7H, doubled, would not have been a bad sacrifice at all!

Favourite convention?

Cue raise. It immediately tells partner that the hand is probably yours.

Advice to new player?

Always discuss hands with your partner and agree on system amendments etc. also, don't be afraid to ask ONE good player for advice, all players like to be asked their opinion! However, only ask ONE! Two players will have 2 opinions, 3 will have 3, etc. it will be confusing. Just trust and listen to one! Also, often it isn't the answer that is important, the thought process in how they got there is more useful.

For example, you ask "What should I have bid on this hand?" The response is, say, "4H". Ask "Why? What were you thinking to reach this decision?"

That will help you more the next time that sort of dilemma greets you.

Do you play online?

I play some events on Real Bridge through the NSW Bridge Association, and sometimes some hands on BBO with friends.

What did you do for work?

I worked for the WA government until 2018, and more recently worked as an environmental consultant for a firm specialising in oil and gas projects. Before arriving in Australia (via Canada and New Zealand), I did a PhD in geography, for which I spent three years following Bedouin around in Syria as they migrated searching for food for their flocks of sheep.



Solution—When Help Would Have Helped

By: Ron Klinger
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Improve Your Bridge Online

The deal comes from the final to select the Australian 2020 Seniors' Team:

Board 48	♠ 3 2	
East Deals	♥ K 8 2	
E-W Vul	♦ A J 10 7 2	
	♣ Q 7 6	
♠ A Q J 10 9 6		♠ 8 7
♥ 9 6		♥ 10 7
♦ 5 4		♦ K Q 9 3
♣ 10 9 8		♣ J 5 4 3 2
	♠ K 5 4	
	♥ A Q J 5 4 3	
	♦ 8 6	
	♣ A K	

At one table, North-South ended in 4H. South made ten tricks, +420. At the other table, after the auction given, West led the SA and the SQ in the hope that East might be able to ruff. South won, cashed the HQ, ruffed the third spade with the HK, drew trumps, cashed CA, CK, crossed to the

DA and played the CQ, pitching the diamond loser, for 12 tricks, +980, +11 Imps.

On any lead other than a spade, 6H will fail. How much blame do you attach to West for that fatal opening lead?

Playing East for a singleton spade was risky and optimistic of West, but not unreasonable, given the strong auction by South. You might place the bulk of the blame on East? Why is that?

When North bid 5D in reply to the key-card ask, East had a golden opportunity to double to ask for a diamond lead. That was unlikely to backfire and could set partner on to the right start. One should do whatever possible to steer partner to the best lead.

Even when you have pains, there is no reason to be one.



SATURDAY BRIDGE—WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER

Nigel Dutton is writing a weekly column, it doesn't matter what level your game is this will be informative, educational and instructive and at times tongue in cheek!



Director Please!

By: Helen Rogoysky

WA Bridge has two newly accredited Congress level directors. If you have been lucky to play in a session directed by Lynne Roberts, from Kalamunda Bridge Club, then you are aware that she commands the room in a calm, efficient and approachable manner. Thank you Lynne for taking the time to answer these questions.



When did you start playing bridge?

I first played in my 20's, but only for a year or two before life intervened. I started again 30 years later, remembering nothing.

What made you interested in learning bridge?

I've always enjoyed playing cards, and grew up playing games like 500 and Canasta.

Do you have a favourite system and or convention?

RKCB - it has certainly improved the number of makeable slams my partner and I bid compared to when we were using Gerber and Blackwood.

When did you start directing?

I did the beginner's directing course in March 2023 and started directing at Kalamunda District Bridge Club shortly afterwards.

What drew you to directing?

I think all players should support their local bridge club in some way. I dreaded the thought of being roped in to kitchen duty, and directing seemed an alternative way I could contribute. Little did I know that the Director is responsible for the kitchen too!

Do you have a favourite law?

No specific law, but I like the emphasis on enjoyable bridge in the introductory statement to the BAWA Code of Conduct: 'Playing bridge should be an enjoyable experience that is conducted in accordance with the laws at all

times.'

Most common reason you are called to the table whilst directing?

Insufficient bids, leads out of turn and revokes.

Where has directing taken you?

At the club level, most of my directing has been at Kalamunda and Bayswater, along with directing odd sessions and competitions at 5 other WA clubs. I've been a trainee director at some club congresses and ABF events (thanks Neville!) and directed my first congress recently.

What did/do you do for work and does this help with your directing?

I retired as an Associate Professor in Psychology in 2023 after 20 years in a range of research, teaching and leadership roles. Transferable skills include organising, problem solving, and working with people. Managing academic staff is often referred to as being like herding cats, and bridge players seem relatively cooperative in comparison!

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

Thank-you to everyone who is supporting the development of new directors in WA, especially Dave Parham and Neville Walker.

Club Director's Seminar 2025

Friday 22nd August from 0930 to 1230

Venue: Nedlands Bridge Club

Presenter: Matt McManus

Topics: Claims, Unauthorised Information &

Subsets

Cost: Free

Places are limited so registration is required.

Further information and registration:

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Teams of 4 Results

OPEN	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Nedlands	4	2	1	1	48.12
Undercroft B	3	1	1	1	34.69
SPBC	1	1			16.88
Undercroft A	1	1			11.35
Melville	2		2		5.95
WABC	1		1		3.01

INTERMEDIATE	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Kalamunda	7	4	3		73.80
West Coast	7	4	3		68.92
SPBC	5	3	2		59.10
Fremantle	6	2	4		55.43
Undercroft B	5	3	2		54.37
Melville	5	2	2	1	53.00
Rockingham	5	2	3		52.47
WABC	5	2	3		44.46
Undercroft A	6	1	4	1	41.60
Nedlands	3	3			36.85

NOVICE A	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Joondalup	5	3	2		53.52
WABC	4	3	1		53.27
Kalamunda A	3	3			44.82
West Coast	4	2	2		39.84
SPBC A	6	1	5		39.82
Melville A	3	2	1		33.47
Kalamunda B	3	1	2		27.68
Undercroft A	4	1	3		27.58

NOVICE B	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	VPs
Undercroft B	5	4	1		75.90
Nedlands	4	3	1		62.65
SPBC B	3	1	2		23.03
Rockingham	3	1	2		22.40
Melville B	3	1	2		22.08
Kalamunda C	3	1	2		17.71
Fremantle	3	1	2		16.23

Upcoming Events

July	
Sunday 20th	BAWA State Novice Championship
Saturday 26th—Sunday 27th	Mandurah Winter Congress
August	
Friday 1st—Sunday 3rd	South Perth Winter Congress
Saturday 16th	Bayswater Open and Novice Annual Congress
Sunday 17th	Nedlands One Day Congress
Saturday 23rd—Sunday 24th	Joan Prince Memorial Swan River Open Swiss Pairs
Saturday 30th—Sunday 31st	BAWA Festival of Country Bridge
September	
Thursday 4th and 11th	BAWA Spring Online Evening Pairs
Saturday 6th	West Coast Congress
Saturday 13th—Sunday 14th	Hans G Rosendorff Memorial Mixed Swiss Pairs
Friday 26th—Sunday 28th	Geraldton Congress
Note: Times and venues are subject to change: substitutes must be confirmed by the director: read conditions of entry for the event on the BAWA website.	

70% Results—Random Search

Kalgoorlie BC	71.1%	Vicky Post and Maryke Blignault
72.50% Val Norman and Barry Aslett	70.5%	Bryan Baldock and Joyce Stribley
70% Mike Fisher and Leanne Lapworth		
South Perth BC	West Coast BC	
73.7% Nick Cantatore and Val Biloft	75.9%	Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat
73.5% Timothy Mason and Eileen Smits	73.0%	Judy Dickson and Thomas Dickson
73.2% Nick Cantatore and Andrea Peretti	71.6%	Graeme Hillier and Shirley Drage
71.9% Lynn Swersky and Dionne Koblenz	71.1%	Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat
71.7% Nigel Dutton and Geoff Cross	70.0%	Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat
70.6% Valerie Isle and Jan Blight	70.1%	Karel Vahala and Hugh Forbes
70.5% Tony Stevens and Ovidiu Calcan	Kalamunda BC	
70.2% Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro	75.3%	Elizabeth McMillen and Jenny Tedeschi
70.1% Marlene Pritchard and Carol Brownlie	Albany BC	
70.1% Jane Erzay and Gillian Salter	72.6%	Sharon Schnieder and Kay Thompson
70.0% Catherine Ferrari and Judy Palmer	71.6%	Murray Webber and Kate Boston
70.0% Tom Hou and Lillian Haagensen	70.8%	Sharon Schneider and Kay Thompson
Geraldton BC	Busselton BC	
77.0% Graham Gavin and Maureen Willoughby	70.7%	Cassie Morin and Susan McGill
73.9% Maryke Blignault and Graham Gavin		
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