



BRIDGING THE GAP

A graphic illustration of a bridge made of playing cards. The bridge is constructed from several cards, with some cards forming the base and others forming the arch. The title 'BRIDGING THE GAP' is written across the top of the bridge in large, bold, black letters.

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Hello Everyone,

Summer has left us and we are into our winter weather. I am always sorry to have the rain and the cold and look forward, once again, to welcoming the heat, but I am sure many of you would disagree and if our gardens were able to speak they would entirely disagree. They have suffered so much this year and will be enjoying the welcome change.

As we conclude the first quarter of the year, the Club is well into our own annual competitions and also the Inter- Club competitions which this year, Carole Sexton, is organising. Carole has kindly agreed to write an update on the Competition so far and will include this later in the magazine. We had many favourable comments on our Congress which was held in March. Again more details of that later. I would like to thank so many of our members who come to me with snippets of information to include in the magazine, or jokes to make us laugh, and articles on bridge. It makes my job so rewarding not only to have the information but to know that members like to participate. As I write, then so I visualise the member concerned and hope that when they read, they know it is for them, and how grateful I am to have their support. I could not close without a quote from my book of 'Inspiration' which I read so often. This time I take a quote from the chapter 'Success'.

'The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of ordinary qualities. These may for the most part be summed up in these two':

Common sense and perseverance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carole'.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone

Congress always dominates this quarter of the year and, as always, most active members, playing or not, came up trumps with labour or food or both, in support of the event. It was such a pleasant atmosphere this year and virtually nothing went wrong other than a temperamental photocopier. A big "Well Done" to Denise Borger and the team. Coupled with the increasing frequency with which our members play successfully in other Club or State events, Kalamunda DBC is now, metaphorically speaking, appearing in larger type-face on the Metropolitan bridge map. This will have been the last Congress where we have needed to borrow Bridgemates, having now acquired a further 6 to add to our original 16.

I hope you will have noticed that late uploading of results to the Web has decreased significantly. We have worked on getting a better connection to the Broadband network and, fingers crossed, all seems to be working well. We are also trialling a new scoring system that is being introduced throughout Australia with much success. Mandurah has it up and running and WABC will be switching to it shortly, as may BAWA and it was used by Bill Kemp at our own Congress this year. At first blush it looks much more user friendly and reliable than our current ASE, but we shall be treading carefully.

Many members, whether through the medium of a Busy Bee or a couple of days hard work, have combined to get the car park and paving improvements finished, led, as always, by Rob McMahon and Bert Littlechild. We shall be rounding things off by providing further shade and by planting a tree to replace those taken down ...but no honkey nuts this time!

I'm also a little concerned about the vulnerability of our site to fire and believe that we should take the opportunity through this winter to cut back on some of the vegetation, particularly at the rear of the building. Watch this space for details and your opportunity to assist.

You will see elsewhere in this addition that Len Pratt has settled happily into his new home "over east". He keeps in regular touch with some of us and regularly looks at the results page on our website! He has also got a dog for company again.

Our best wishes for a speedy return to the Club have been sent to Anne Spring, who we are really missing. Jamie Paterson who, as you know, is coping with treatment for a throat tumour, is manfully appearing at the card table whenever he can and I know that we all admire his spirit and wish him full recovery. The early signs are hopeful and all fingers are crossed.

Keep playing well.



AUSTRALIA DAY 26TH JANUARY 2014, but celebrated by the Club on Monday 27th January

This is the first of our Social Functions for 2014. Anita, as always, had everything in hand and she together with Carole Littlechild and Carole McMahon, organised a Sausage Sizzle in order to celebrate the occasion. The theme was 'Come dressed as an Australian' We all put on our thinking caps, but none more so than Jeanette Kaic who was the best 'Dame Evans' substitute that I have ever seen. She won the prize for the best dressed and so well deserved it.

A happy day was had by all, with plenty of raffles, great sausages and onions (somehow they always taste better at the club!) and good bridge.



The Chefs!



Worthy Winners, Mike, Jeannette and Sita



HAPPINESS IS!!!!!!!



OUR MYSTERY LADY - Yet again I ask the Question. Who is it? Any guesses? Would you have any idea who this may be? No clues but the answer to the question later.....



HI EVERYONE,

I HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM LEN PRATT AND ATTACH BELOW A PHOTOGRAPH OF LEN STANDING ON THE PORCH OF HIS NEW HOME. LEN HAS NOT AS YET JOINED A BRIDGE CLUB BUT THAT IS SOON TO BE ON HIS AGENDA. UNTIL NOW HE HAS BEEN BUSY SETTLING INTO HIS HOUSE, DISCOVERING THE CLOSEST SHOPPING CENTRE AND GENERALLY GETTING A FEEL OF THE AREA. LEN IS DELIGHTED THAT HE LIVES WITHIN EASY REACH OF HIS SON WHICH AFTER ALL WAS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE MOVE. A PHOTOGRAPH OF ALL THE CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT ON THE DAY WE SAID GOODBYE TO LEN, HANGS ON THE WALL IN A STRATEGIC PLACE IN HIS HOME AND IS IN CONSTANT VIEW.

IN ALL IT SEEMS THAT LEN HAS SETTLED WELL IN GOSFORD AND HIS PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS: 5 HAYNES STREET, WYOMING NSW 2250 AND HIS EMAIL ADDRESS IS : leonardpratt@hotmail.com

LEN WILL BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE IN TOUCH. I WILL BE WRITING A PIECE IN THE NEXT B.T.G. ON LEN FOR THOSE MEMBERS UNABLE TO ACCESS THE NEWS BOARD IN THE CLUB ROOMS.



This was a card I posted on the notice board at the Club. I felt sure all of you will be interested to know of Len and his recent move and to hear that he is very successfully settled. Len has very recently joined a Bridge Club and in his letter to Garth, says that we are not the only club who has difficulty in reducing the

noise level . The Director where he is now playing, is always asking members to keep their voices down! We are all so happy for you Len, and look forward to the next communication from you.

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Directors' Corner

We all have different styles when it comes to playing bridge. Some count their cards in fours and threes, some, one at a time. Others arrange their cards with red and black alternate, others do not. Some play their cards from a great height and with vigour, others press them onto the table so that the corners distort and others hold them below table level and slip them furtively over the lip onto the playing surface.

Well we're all different and that's a good thing but it's not such a good thing when it comes to claiming tricks. Some do make an attempt to explain why they think opponents should just roll over and let them have their way, others say, pointing to the table, "they're all good" and there's at least one of you that just lays his cards down and waves at them! There are also one or two who claim quite early and give a long rambling explanation which is difficult for opponents to follow .

Please, good people, there is only one way to claim tricks, and I can do no better than to quote the relevant Law:-

"A claim should be accompanied AT ONCE by a CLEAR statement as to the order in which cards will be played, of the line of play or defence through which the claimer proposes to win the tricks claimed" (I think that's terrible English, but never mind!).

When this happens, play ceases immediately. Opponents and claimer's partner – keep your cards close to your chest...don't wave them around for all to see. If you agree with the claim, no problem. If you don't, call the Director and do nothing until he or she gets there.

If the claim is contested, the Director will first require the claimer to repeat what he or she said when making the claim and will then ask the opposition what their objections are. The Director may ask for cards to be placed face up on the table at that time.

Basically the Director will not accept any amplification from the claimant that wasn't in their original claim if there is an alternative reasonable line of play that would be less successful. It is easy for the claimant to be wise after the event particularly if the other cards have been faced.

Specifically, if a trump in opponent's hand is not referred to and if it looks as though the claimant had forgotten about it AND a trick could be lost to that trump in any normal play, bang goes at least one trick in the claim. There may be more because the opponents now have the lead. If there is still a trump out, the claimant must specify how they are going to deal with it.

Any award from the Director will be based on common sense. Arguments from either the claimant or the opponents which presume that the other would play in a particularly stupid and unlikely way will not be allowed to hold sway.

But please make it easy for everybody. It is good manners to claim when it is crystal clear that the opposition can take no more tricks off you whatever they do. Just make sure that the claim covers all the points and is short and clear....and no more "they're all good"s!

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Some 'smilies'

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint!

Mark Twain

Only Irish Coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat!

Alex Levine

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty....but everything else starts to wear out, fall out or spread out!

Phyllis Diller

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THE KALAMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

Our Congress which is always held in March, was this year, probably, the most successful of all. A great deal of hard work went into the organisation, and our heartfelt thanks to Denise who was again the Convenor. Denise says though, that she could never have done it without the massive help from so many of the members, some of whom gave up their day, in order to assist in the kitchen or to be on hand to help the Director Bill Kemp.

Denise and the Club were inundated with thanks and congratulations. So many of bridge players living away from the Hills so enjoy a day in the country and our Club does lend itself to just this. Seating on the patio was great, the whole area had been trimmed and tidied by other hard working members and the ambience was tangible. Let me not forget the food. Jean- Paul Tedeschi was in overall charge of this part of the Congress and, he, together with the members who so ably assisted him and the Club, were congratulated on the presentation of the food, and the slick manner and speed in which it was presented. Our members did us proud and we thank them all.

Below are a selection of photographs of Prize Winners and it was good to see that Kalamunda had their share too. Many Congratulations to everyone.



Swiss Pairs Winners
Elizabeth McNeil and Dave Munro from South Perth Bridge Club.



In 2nd Place Swiss Pairs
Gerry Daly from Kalamunda Bridge Club and Viv Wood from W.A,B.C.



Winners of the Teams
Phil and Kathy Power from Mandurah Bridge Club, Heather Williams from Nedlands, and Jan Blight from WABC.



Teams in 3rd Place
Nick Moniodis, Gordon Brown, Sheila Pryce, and Joe Louis all From Kalamunda Bridge Club.

Each year our Bridge Club enters into the Metropolitan Inter-Club, Teams of Four Championships. **Carole Sexton** is organising the Teams Matches and she has kindly compiled a report to date.

METROPOLITAN INTER-CLUB TEAMS-OF-FOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Metropolitan Inter Club Teams of Four Championships is a BAWA sponsored competition. The competition is organized and conducted by the BAWA Clubs Sub-Committee. The State Master point Secretary has afforded the competition B4s status as provided by the ABF Master point Scheme. There are three divisions, Open for players with over 500 master points, Intermediate for players with 150 - 500 mas-

ter points and restricted for players with under 150 master points. Red master points will be awarded for each match to the members of the winning team at the rate of 0.42 MPS per player. If the winning margin is less than 4 IMPS, the Master points will be shared by both teams.

At the beginning of the competition a draw is arranged and games are played as drawn, either at home or away. In the Intermediate division there are eleven teams entered, making ten matches and of those ten matches five are played at home and the remaining five are played away. In the restricted division there are nine teams, giving four home matches and four away matches. Prize money is awarded to the first, second and third placed clubs. (Not to individual players)

Finals are played. The team that finishes first hosts the team that finishes fourth and the team that finishes second hosts the team that finishes third. The winners of these matches then play off in the Grand Final.

Kalamunda District Bridge Club has entered two teams for 2014. One is in the restricted division and one in the intermediate division. At the time of writing, Kalamunda Restricted Division had only played one match against South Perth which they won. There are four matches scheduled to be played in the next few weeks. In the Intermediate Division, there have been four matches played, three wins and one loss.

Carole 21st May 2014

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Some Inter Club competition results to date:

Individual Championship held in January:

1st Nick Moniodis

2nd Peter Clarke

3rd Gerry Daly

Best players for the month for February were joint winners: Jamie Paterson and Stephen Thyer and Peter Clarke.

Position of Kalamunda Pairs in our Congress:

Swiss Pairs: Gerry Daly and Viv Wood (not Kalamunda) 2nd, Alf and Sheilagh Dupont 8th and Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce 10th

Teams: Gordon Brown, Sheila Pryce, Joe Louis and Nick Moniodis 3rd. This is the first time a Kalamunda Team has been placed in the top three. In 5th place Ruth Ledger, Peter Clarke and Alf and Sheilagh Dupont.

Best player for the month of March was George Bozanich.

Ladies Pairs Championship:

1st Wendy Harman and Carmen Jackson

2nd Carole Sexton and Cherry Zamudio

A tight finish here!

Mens Pairs Championship:

1st Guy Gaudet and Stephen Thyer

2nd Joe Louis and Nick Moniodis

Best player for the month of April was Stephen Thyer.

Inaugural Daytime Teams Competition:

1st Gordon Brown, Ian Brown, Anita Davis and Brian Davison

And a close second:

2nd Jamie Paterson, Ian Medlycott, Guy Gaudet and Stephen Thyer

Congress, BAWA, and other results of Club Members:

2013: Local Master Rank: Jamie Paterson came 9th Nationally, with 33.85 master points.

Stephen Thyer in the Club Master ranking came 4th Nationally, with 33.21 master points.

WABC Novice Pairs in March, Joanne Payne and Peter Cameron came 4th.

Melville Congress in March, Gerry Daly and his partner Viv Wood came 3rd and Sheila Pryce and Anita Davis came 5th.

BAWA 2014 Open Pairs, 8th, Alf and Sheelagh Dupont.

Quips to make you smile from world known personalities :

‘I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back’

Zsa Zsa Gabor

‘I don’t feel old, I don’t feel anything until noon and then it’s time to take my nap’

Bob Hope

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: ‘No good in a bed, but fine against a wall’

Eleanor Roosevelt

I was married by a judge, I should have asked for a jury!

Groucho Marx

Don’t worry about avoiding temptations. As you get older they will avoid you!

Winston Churchill

And the Cardiologist’s diet: ‘If it tastes good, spit it out’

One of the Sydney Newspapers prints an article each day from Ron Klinger. Just recently at the end of the of the article was printed the following:

There are two rules for winning at Bridge:

1. Pick up Good Hands
2. Bid them to the limit.

#1 is more important!!!!!!!

Tommy Cooper has a never ending supply of jokes and here are just two:

Apparently, 1 in 5 people in the world are Chinese. There are five people in my family, so it must be one of them. It’s either my Mum or my Dad or my older brother Colin or my younger brother Ho-Cha-Hu but I think its Colin!

They left a little note on the windscreen. It said ‘Parking Fine’ So that was nice!

And.....this is the one which made me laugh. It could be because I have friends, to whom this applies. May be, you do too!

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car.
A Satnav is a driver’s friend, it tells you where you are

I have a little Satnav, I’ve had it all my life,
It’s better than the normal ones. My Satnav is my wife!

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive,
“It’s 30 miles an hour it says”, you’re doing thirty five.

It tells me when to stop and start and when to use the brake
And tells me that it’s never, ever safe ... to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red and when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front and all those at the rear,
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught,
So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort.

Ah well you see it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things and keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages and my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then I could turn the voice box off!!

So there you are guys, one for you! But beware, 'he who laughs last, laughs longest' - I am on the lookout for something for we, deserving, girls!

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Did you have any idea at all who our mystery person may be?.....



Yes it is **Heather Jewell-Tait**, one of Kalamunda District Bridge Club Founder members, and who is still, an active and popular member today.

Heather was born in England in Birkenhead in 1928 and she had two sisters, Anne and Elizabeth.

When I asked Heather where she and her sisters were brought up, with an expansive gesture, Heather said they lived in various counties but went to school at Cheltenham Ladies College.

Heather enjoyed school and played Tennis. Swimming Pools were closed due to the war, but other sports included Lacrosse and Cricket. Heather's face creased into a huge smile while describing cricket...'that horrible, hard ball thrown at you with force'. This was not a favoured sport. However Horse Riding, away from school, was the absolute favourite, and Heather owned her own pony and her own horse.

In 1946, Heather left school and started out into the big wide world. Firstly came modelling. Heather trained as a model and modelled for Jaeger the famous fashion house, but as time went on, living and working in London became less and less enchanting, and Heather longed for the outdoors, for her riding and the horses she so loved and for the farming life she had always known. Heather returned to the country, and agreed to manage a farm for friends where she was also able to ride. Next, came a cooking adventure. Heather joined a friend in providing Corporate Dinner Parties. This, she said, was great fun and she and her friend had great experiences. Finally still with her love for the land, Heather returned to farming and managed her Father's farm.

It was, at about this time, that Heather met her husband Clive, who was a friend of a friend. Clive had been a soldier in Korea and on his return to England on leave from Hong Kong, Clive invited Heather to his

brother's 21st Birthday Party. Just three weeks later Clive and Heather were MARRIED! That must be one of the quickest courtships on record!! Just at this point in the conversation, Clive came into the room where Heather and I were enjoying a cup of coffee. Clive added that their sixty two years of marriage have been wonderful and they have a very satisfying and a very active life. There is absolutely no doubt about that as Clive at eighty six years of age, had been in the garden all day chopping down trees. But I digressAfter their wedding, Clive had to return to Hong Kong and both Heather and Clive flew back, and I am sure, although Heather did not say, it must have been to the amazement of his friends, as communications in those days were not as they are today. Clive and Heather moved to Hong Kong for three months but by this time daughter Elizabeth was on the way and Heather was advised, medically, to return to England for the birth. Heather sailed on one of the P &O liners and Elizabeth was born in England in the November.

Heather stayed with her parents until Clive returned to England permanently and the family of three moved to the Cotswolds. Clive took a course at Cirencester, the Agricultural College in England, after which he and Heather bought a farm in Sussex. Edward their son was born six months later, Jamie their second son was born in 1965 and the family remained farming until 1966.

Clive was very adamant that he would like to emigrate to Australia and the family arrived on 17th October 1967. Elizabeth so wanted to bring with them her goat, Shandy, but to her horror this was impossible, but Nellie their dog made the arduous trip, involving a lengthy sea journey and quarantine. Heather with a shudder, said that the family first stayed in an Hotel named Forest Place. Not, I understand, the most desirable residence, but it sufficed while the family found their feet. Next, to Applecross, for four weeks, and then to a house, which they bought at 82 Mundaring Weir Road. This was the start of their lives in the Hills. Clive sold houses during the day and went to Night School in the evenings to study as a Chartered Surveyor. On completing his course, Clive worked for a company but eventually started on his own and remained as a Chartered Surveyor until he retired.

In 1974 Heather and Clive bought an Orchard. A house of sorts was on the property but they decided to build a home suitable to their needs. Heather by this time was less occupied with growing children and it was she who ran the orchard and once again had her own horse and enjoyed riding. In addition to this, and as a side line, Heather and a friend catered for Directors' lunches. As Heather says those were happy years. Heather had joined the Bridge Club at its inception but in the early years had little time to play, but faithfully remained a member. As the years wore on Heather came back to Bridge and has been playing at Kalamunda and in the city since then. In 2005, Heather and Clive sold their orchard and have retired to their present house in Benbullen Way where they live 'happily ever after'!

Their children Elizabeth, Edward and Jamie have spread their wings with Edward now married and living and working in Sydney. Elizabeth and husband Alan in Kalamunda with their family now adults, and then Jamie with his children also living in Kalamunda. Heather sat so comfortably in her chair when she indicated as to how blessed she has been in her life and with her family.

News of Members and their travels:

Gordon reported that Sheila Pryce is on a two month holiday to England and has not been able to keep away from the bridge table. She and a partner managed to win on a normal club night at the Stamford Bridge Club and a win in the interclub teams with new partners each time.

Carole Sexton's visit to Adelaide:

If while on your travels you find yourself with a spare day while in Adelaide, why not visit Maggie Beer's Farm at Nuriootpa. I have just returned from a week end in Adelaide and travelled up to Pheasant Farm to visit the Farm Shop and to have lunch. Despite a sizzling day, of over 40c, enjoyed the day immensely. The drive up was pleasant and the journey took us through the Barossa Valley. We passed through the historic towns Gawler and Tununda. Both towns are surrounded by rolling hills, covered in lush green grape vines. The trip took us an hour.

The Farm shop has a great, casual restaurant, serving almost 100% local produce. Our lunch was a picnic basket of several different pates, two different and delicious salads and bread rolls baked on the premises, all washed down with a very good dry white wine. Due to the heat we could not picnic beside the lake, but

sat in comfort in the Farm Shop with a view of the Lake. We watched the birds, fish and tortoises while we ate. Due to time constraints, (plane to catch) we were unable to stay and partake of the free cooking demonstration which takes place each day. Instead we loaded up with goodies and headed back to the Adelaide airport for the flight home.

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An email hot off the Press: I have just received this from Len Pratt and thought you would enjoy it!

Hi Cherry

Thank you so very much for your e-mail. The name of my new bridge club is The Central Coast League Club Bridge Club (CCLCBC). To become a Member you have to join The Central Coast League Club. I paid the princely sum of \$10 for 3 year's membership. I then paid an associate's subscription of \$6 to become a member - this is because I had already paid the ABF affiliation fee via KDBC. Table money is \$4. It has about 200 members and plays every afternoon except Sundays. There is also an evening session on Mondays. The members are very friendly and made me most welcome.

Although the club is associated with the CCLC, it doesn't, unfortunately play in it's palatial premises. We have a room about twice the size of KDBC's foyer although for big events the Club can obtain a room in CCLC. I am currently playing in a GNOT round with 12 tables. Talk about musical chairs. A Pairs event with that number of tables is unthinkable.

The Club is very strict on starting times and insists that every player has a System Card. I found that a bit embarrassing as for the first 3 sessions I played with different partners with different systems and I didn't have a System Card. I have been very fortunate in finding an Acol player - Alan. When we sit down to play the opposition looks at our System Card and note that we are playing Acol - raised eyebrows!

Regards, to all members of KDBC.

Regards,

Len

Garth Scotford has just returned from a holiday in Turkey and has promised to give us an account of his travels in the next copy of the BTG

Rob and Carole McMahon are due back from Canada any day now and we look forward to hearing their news.

Kerry Elliman has been on an extensive touring holiday and Kaye Prance has been visiting relatives in the U.K. Look forward to your news too.

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And so I conclude and a very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the magazine. I would love to hear of visits you may have to other regions or other parts of the world, news of bridge events you have entered either here in W.A or elsewhere and contributions you would like to be included in the magazine. I will always try my best to put them into print.

Once again, a big thank you to Margaret McRobbie, who spends a great deal of her time at our social Functions, taking photographs, and also a huge thank you to our sponsors who are always on hand with prizes for raffles.

Go well until next time. Happy Bridging!



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