



Bridging the gap

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EDITORIAL

As you can see I have decided to 'cut myself back to size' after the lengthy editorial in the last issue.

Two of our club members obviously have their priorities in order. Hans Rosendorff decided to take a siesta the Wednesday before last after a 'heavy lunch' and woke up too late to get to the club by public transport so elected to pay the extortionate sum of \$10 taxi fare - our company is highly valued!! John Price playing in the State Teams Selection Tourney received a phone call from his wife, Marie to say that the baby's arrival was imminent, but he was so caught up in the excitement of the final evening's scores that he couldn't tear himself away - how's that for devotion !!!

I should like to welcome Chris Teague back to the fold and hope to see a lot more of her at the club in future.

Just over a year ago during the break between sessions, Roy Goddard took a flying leap through the plate glass door of the C.T.A. Bridge Club, had to go to hospital and had 18 stitches in his leg. Although sympathetic, Chris Peck could not understand how anyone could do something so silly; she now knows - unfortunately the hard way. The week-end before last, while holidaying at Yanchep, she ran down a sand dune and slid through a glass door and had 26 stitches in her leg. Chris you didn't have to beat Roy by that much, a simple one stitch would have done!!



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Club Results - 13 April ' 77

Another 70% top - Prince/Rosendorff - 13% ahead of 2nd place ... a good win for Johnson/Johnson, ahead of more fancied pairs ... good scores for McLean/Tee and Chisholm/Sales ... notable failures for Kalabirds (48.7%), Peck/Peck (38.9%), Turley/Turley (48.1%) again, and Manser/Richardson (42.8%).

N/S		E/W	
Prince/Rosendorff	71.7	Johnson/Johnson	60.8
Hubbard/Pratt	58.3	Charters/Charters	59.7
McLean/Tee	54.0	Frugte/Hopper	56.7
Hart/Manser	50.8	Clark/Goddard	55.8
Essers/Nymeyer	50.0	Chisholm/Sales	51.1

CLUB PAIRS KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP - 2nd Round- This was the draw -

Addison/Wilson v Hopper/Rahimtulla
Clark/Goddard v Prince/Rosendorff
Dickson/Wilkinson v Cox/Price
D'Rozario/Prince v Clark/Goddard (L)
Eldred/Godden v Ramsay/Teague
Hart/Manser v Peck/Peck
Doepel/Doepel v Charters/Charters
Manser/Richardson v Johnson/Johnson

There was only one surprise in this round (in my opinion, Mr. Publisher), D/Rozario/Prince played an IMP's tie with the Kalabirds; The two ladies only went through on a count back of winning boards. The remaining results reflected the pairs' relative form.

Winners were: Addison; Prince; Cox; Eldred; Peck; Charters & Manser. The draw for the $\frac{1}{4}$ finals is interesting (the figure in brackets is Agg Champ Av):

Charters/Charters (54.4)	v	Peck/Peck (52.1)
Manser/Richardson (49.4)	v	Prince Rosendorff (57.8)
Addison/Wilson (54.2)	v	Cox/Price (55.5)
Eldred/Godden (45.3)	v	Clark/Goddard (L) (57.1)

It is difficult to look past the form pairs, Charters, Prince, Cox and Clark although Addison/Wilson will not be easy to beat.

State Team Selection Tourney

Last Thursday was the final qualifying round of the Tourney to select the three pairs (Womens-and Open) to represent Western Australia later this year in the National Championships being held in Perth.



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State Team Selection Tourney (Cont'd)

With a lot of pairs endeavouring to make the cut-off from seemingly hopeless positions the bidding and playing was, to say the least, flamboyant and large amounts of IMPS changed hands frequently.

Kalamunda club members had mixed fortunes, Clive Godden playing with Haydn Lowe and Hans Rosendorff playing with Malcolm Smith both qualified for the second year in a row, as did Charlie Frugte but this time with Max Petrich as his partner. The bad luck story must go to Bob Prince and John Prince who finished on plus 41 IMPS (normally twice as many as required to qualify), but only finished in 6th position just 2 IMPS short. In the ladies section John Goddard and Aleda Clark, after finishing second last on the first week, stormed in to finish second overall and qualified for the second year running.

The Finals take place over two week-ends in May and we wish all participants from K.D.B.C. good luck.

Club Results - 20 April '77

2 in a row for Prince/Rosendorff... Messrs. Clark/Goddard sustain their charge on the Agg Champ with 3rd consecutive high score ... Is it a Hubbard/Pratt revival?... Very good scores for Fearne/Lyhne, Ramsay/Teague, Hopper/Rahimtulla; very bad scores for McLean/Tee (39.1%) & Hart/Manser (48.9%)... amongst the many yo-yoes, the most spectacular are Johnson/Johnson & Manser/Richardson respectively down and up 15% on last week!

N/S		E/W	
Prince/Rosendorff	60.5	Hopper/Rahimtulla	62.3
Clark/Goddard	58.9	Charters/Charters	61.8
Hubbard/Pratt	57.5	Manser/Richardson	58.0
Ramsay/Teague	55.7	Fearne/Lyhne	54.1

HOW TO KEEP YOUR PARTNER HAPPY

If partner plays the hand well be sure to compliment him but be very brief. A simple "well played" or "nicely done" is sufficient. Don't deliver lavish praise because there are very few hands which merit praise anyway. Don't overdo it. You will annoy a good player if you congratulate him for what was really a fairly routine play. (Some dummies compliment declarer for fine play when he makes an early claim) It is a good idea to try and praise partner once or twice every session it is good for his ego!



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If partner blows the hand, be brief. "Hard luck", or "tough hand" or "ugly hand" are sufficient. Often it has nothing to do with luck. But if you both know what happened, don't pretend it didn't happen. It is vital for the chief offender to admit the foul-up quickly and briefly. "Sorry, I blew it" is adequate. An equally brief acknowledgement from partner is a good idea e.g. "That's OK..... forget it". You both know it is not OK, you both know it had nothing to do with luck, but follow this or a similar formula, it pays dividends in the long run.

If partner presses you for a comment, fend him off with a "I'll tell you later". If he is sensible he will drop it.

If you were dummy and declarer says "Could I have made the hand?" don't get involved. Fabricate an answer like "Sorry, I wasn't following the hand" or "I'm not sure, let's work it out on paper afterwards". Remember declarer play is declarer's business, no one else's. If you find fault with his line he may get upset or depressed.

With some casual partners you have to tell an outright lie to satisfy them. Swallow your pride. Pretend ignorance or laziness.... "Sorry I miscounted the tricks" or "I forgot the king had gone" are the sort of replies which are most suitable for some partners. Tell him the real truth in the post session post mortem if you feel it is important.

CLUB PAIRS KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP - 1/4 Finals

Well - how wrong can I be? I only picked one winner and even here, Cox/Price had no difficulty in defeating Addison/Wilson, 57/20. Peck/Peck maintained their reputation for unpredictability by defeating Charters/Charters comfortably, 63/24. But the other matches were tremendous surprises and have set the competition alight. Clark/Goddard, with a 12% form advantage, last to the now occasional partnership of Eldred/Godden in a very close match, 54/44. The Prince/Rosendorff pair, a successful blend of "young" Australian impulsiveness and "old" Teutonic sagacity, with a 8% advantage and riding high for the Aggregate Championship on 57.8%, were put out of the competition by the modest ladies Manser/Richardson 39/31. And so the competition continues to surprise: confident pairs 'get done' and underdogs triumph. Here is the draw for the Semi-Finals.

Peck/Peck v Cox/Price - Eldred/Godden v Manser/Richardson
Would anyone care to predict the finalists or the ultimate winner after the previous results? The only thing that seems to be certain is that nothing is certain.



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