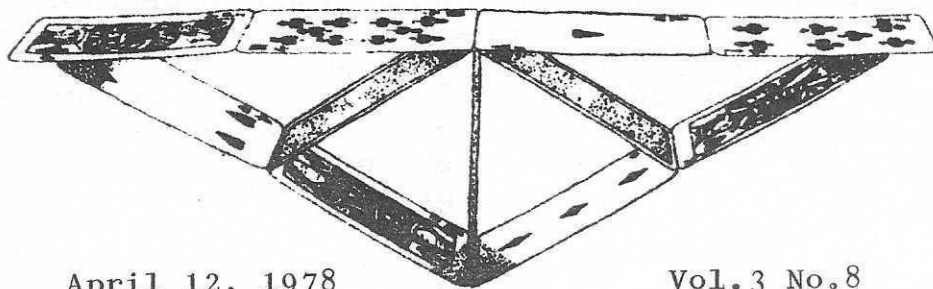


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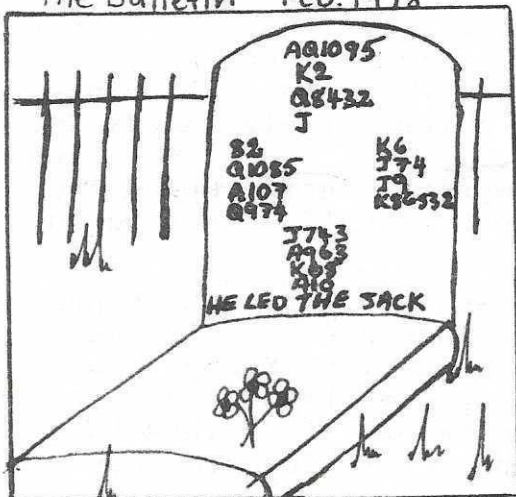
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EDITORIAL

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Happy birthday to B.T.G.! Our magazine is now officially three years old, in case you didn't know.

B section players last week were not a very contented bunch. To quote Wilma Hafkamp: "We feel like naughty children pushed in a corner!" Two tables, we all felt, was rather a waste of time. However, TD Mike Hopper apologises for not including the two tables in the A section, and I am assured that when there are so few players in future, there will only be one movement.

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Club Results - March 29, 1978 (14 Tables)

A Section: de Blank/Loveland 60.7%; Turley/Turley 59.7%; Frugte/Helliwell 59.5%; Hopper/Martin 56.5%; Chisholm/L'Herpinier 54.4%; Clark A/Goddard J 53.9%; Helfgott/Mandavy 53.9%.

B Section: Burgess/Burgess 63.9%; Berry/Mizen 62.0%; Hallam/Thompson 60.2%.

The first month of the new experiment; four of the five sessions were played with A and B sections in operation. The new list is a collation of all scores, regardless of which section pairs played in. Amongst some notable performances, I give pride of place to that of Renton/Renton. They are comparative newcomers to duplicate and they appear to have revelled in the environment provided by the B section. From their previous 11 sessions of 'all-in' bridge they had averaged less than 40% and were really struggling. This month they have returned 51.5% over all five sessions (54% in the four divided sessions) and improved by a considerable 3.9% to win the inaugural award for the Most Improved Pair - congratulations to John and Anna!

Also enjoying the less competitive section are the temporary pairing of newcomer with veteran; Rosina Berry and Rex Mizen have averaged 54.9% over four sessions. Two other newcomers have shown compatibility in limited opportunities to play together and averaged over 51% to improve 27 points. Tyros, Burgess/Burgess, have made a comparatively successful entrance into competitive bridge as a pair with 53.1%. Even the tail enders, Bechelli/Duncan, improved again, up another 0.4%. The less competent pairs have obviously benefited in this first month of the experiment.

On the contrary, amongst the A status pairs, the tendency has been towards lower scores. Indeed some pairs have been devastated. Chief losers have been Clank/Kirby, down a disastrous 4.2% to 52%. Also having some trouble are the title challengers, Price/Prince, who dropped 21 points to 57.9%. Last year's State womens reps, Clark/Goddard, have failed to cope with the new situation so far and dropped 16 points to an abysmal 50.7%. Lowest A status qualifiers, Haggard/Stephens, have also struggled and could only average 48% for the month. The one success story has been by de Blank/Loveland; their rise of just 0.4% is the only one recorded by an A status pair! (These two are new club members but experienced competitors, they will provide welcome competition in our club).

No less than 32 pairs are listed this month; another 6 new partnerships made their first appearance. Roy Goddard comes in twice; he averaged 50% with Max Turley (practising for an unsuccessful stab at the Teams Selection Tourney) and

scored a dismal 42% with P. Hart. Roy would probably have preferred to remain anonymous. New members Ian and Kay Moore can be well satisfied with 40% after their month in duplicate and Lee Brinkley achieved a creditable 50% in partnership with rare visitor, Barbara Hart.

Average Top was a respectable 63.2%, the lowest for six months.

KIBITZER

Club Results - April 5, 1978 (8 Tables)

A Section: Clark A/Goddard J 60.4%; Charters/Charters 55.8%; Addison/Wilson 54.6%.

B Section: Hafkamp/McLean 58.3%; Haggard/Tully 52.8%.

K0: de Blank/Loveland beat Eldred/Shieff 50-34.

Separate Tables: The following tables are the first list of averages obtained solely from play in the separate sections:

A Status

B Status

de Blank/Loveland	52.6	Berry/Mizen	54.9
Hopper/Martin	55.7	Renton/Renton	54.4
Price/Prince	53.9	Burgess/Burgess	53.1
Chisholm/L'Herpiniere	52.6	Ramsay/Teague*	45.7
Goddard R/Turley M	50.0	Gartner/Hardman*	45.7
Addison/Wilson	49.8	Moore/Moore	40.3
Clark/Kirby	48.8	Bechelli/Duncan	39.3
Haggard/Stephens	48.3		
Hubbard/Pratt	47.9		
Clark/Goddard	45.6		

* Both pairs played all sessions in A section.

Comment: The bottom half of the A section is a revelation. Some pairs are obviously having difficulty adjusting to the new situation. As these are the lists on which promotion and relegation will be based, some famous pairs must look to their laurels in April to avoid a change in status.

ROVING AROUND - After two gruelling weekends of bridge, the State Teams Selection Tourneys have been completed and six new faces and one new partnership are among the twelve players selected. The teams (subject to ratification) are LADIES: Min Freedman and Dorothy Krantz (a new pairing), Ruth Hansen and Debbie Rosman (first time in although they won the National Pairs title last year) and Verra Butcher and Mabs McCulloch. The Kalabirds failed to make the team by a mere 3 points. It's tough at the top!

OPEN: Clive Godden and Geoff Johnson (first time in), John and Gerry Heuer (second time in) and John Kemp and John Nicholas (first time in). I am sure the Ladies Team will give a good account of themselves as usual, but the Open Team is very raw but the experience gained will be tremendous for all concerned. Non-playing captains will be appointed by Council next month.

AN OTHER

LETTERS:

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed publicity leaflets and posters relating to the Darwin Bridge Congress to be held on May 20/21, 1978.

We would appreciate your assistance in giving as much publicity as possible to your members and to other interested persons, in the short time available.

It is unfortunate that our preparation time has been so limited, but I am confident this will not affect the quality of the Congress.

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