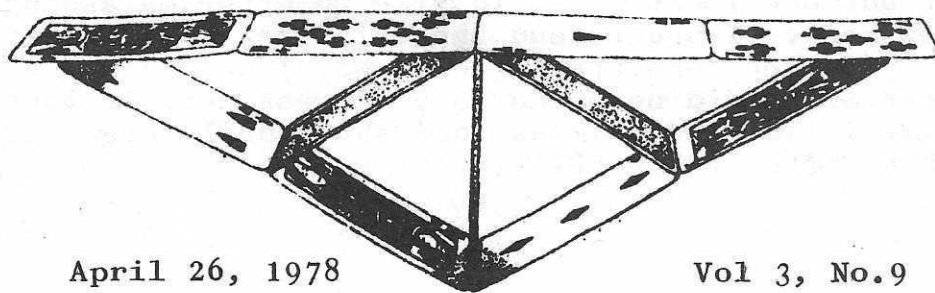


Bridging the gap



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EDITORIAL

At our Management Committee meeting last Friday, a decision was made not to compel players to have a meal included in their Congress entry fees for Saturday and Sunday competitions. Accordingly, the sessions will be \$3.00 each or \$12.00 for all five sessions, but one can, of course, still have a meal at the venue. And to those of you who do decide to eat there, you may or may not be pleased to hear that due to circumstances beyond my control, a side of beef will not be served on both nights!

While still on the subject of committee meetings and suchlike, I am informed that Roy Goddard and Bob Prince are resigning from the General Committee, and Aleda Clark from the Congress Committee. I wonder why!

Yet another outcome of the meeting - I shall be publishing the names of the "duty dummy" for some weeks ahead. Here is the first batch: Tonight Cyril Graham (non-committee volunteer)

3rd May John Prince

10th May Max Turley

17th May Maureen Ward

24th May Don Chisholm

(Think Wouldn't it be lovely if every pair made the same sacrifice that the committee members are obliged to make?)

My thanks to Joan Doepele for her letter to the editor in this issue. Read it - it's well worth it.

Last but not least I should like to offer my apologies to Maureen Ward. I understand she felt that my remarks about the "kitchen committee" (Vol.3 No.7) were aimed at her. I certainly did not mean to embarrass her, in fact, at the time I didn't even know that she usually organises the tea and coffee voluntarily.

SHE

LETTERS:

Dear She,

Admittedly my partner and I (ouch! not my partner - just I) am not amongst the fastest or best or most consistent bridge players in the club, but I enjoy the challenge of playing the A-movement - just the same as I used to enjoy the challenge of each hand in the 'old' system, regardless of who our opponents were (from the mightiest of the 'thems' to the lowliest of the 'us-es', to use Peter's apt terminology). I honestly can't see the need for any division.

Has the range of scores on any particular hand become significantly less incredible? I know this used to arouse the ire of those who can't bear to see a 'top' slip through their fingers because of some "fool" bid or "idiotic" defence. Has it ceased to happen?

How can 'us' learn from 'them' if 'they' and 'us' don't play together?

Isn't dividing the club a bit unsociable? Surely the sociable aspect should be to the fore in a club - whatever sort of club it is. Those who like fiercely competitive bridge have ample opportunity for this in extra-club events.

However, if divided we must be I'd far prefer to see the division not along the lines of "A" and "B", but of "S" and "Non-S", with me playing the "Non-S" (non-smoking) movement!

JOAN DOEPEL

Club Results - April 12, 1978 (13½ Tables)

A Division: Helliwell/Martin resume partnership, successfully for once Price/Prince lose more Aggregate ground

..... more spectacular failures: Clark/Goddard tie with Clark/Kirby on 46.5%; Haggard/Stephens 43.1%; Eldred/Shieff 36.1%.

Helliwell/Martin 65.8%; Barnett/Farka 60.1%; Chisholm/L'Herpinriere 59.0%; Addison/Wilson 57.6%.

B Division: Berry/Mizen better previous week by over 20% - in their Farewell Performance? Graham/Valentine & Renton/Renton maintain their improvement.

Berry/Mizen 64.4%; Graham/Valentine 60.0%; Renton/Renton 56.7%; Hart/Hafkamp 54.4%.

PAIRS KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP - 78

I have extended the draw for the first round in order to:

1. accommodate the entry of our President, who was absent at the time entries were being accepted,
2. correct an error (another error) on my part when I over-looked the entry of Clark/Goddard,
3. anticipate the likely intentions to compete of players overrun by the club's notorious affliction - partnership fluidity; I substituted Berry/Berry and Hafkamp/Mizen for Berry/Mizen. These pairs may forfeit without penalty if they do not wish to compete.

The full draw:

Goddard/Hart	v	Ramsay/Teague
Charters/Charters	v	Peck/Peck
Turley/Turley	v	Price/Prince
Hallam/Prince	v	Hubbard/Pratt
Clark/Kirby	v	Graham/Valentine
de Blank/Loveland	v	Eldred/Shieff
Gartner/Hardman	v	Chisholm/L'Herpinriere
Berry/Berry	v	Renton/Renton

Byes

Addison/Wilson
Burgess/Burgess
Doepel/Doepel
Hafkamp/Mizen
Hopper/Martin
McCullough/Weston
Clark/Goddard
Haggard/Stephens

Results to date

de Blank/Loveland	d	Eldred/Shieff	50-34
Peck/Peck	d	Charters/Charters	63-37
Hallam/Prince	d	Hubbard/Pratt	36-30
Ramsay/Teague	d	Goddard/Hart	54-34

when the likes of Rex Mizen and Beatrice Webster are putting the tables away and setting up the desks and chairs.

KIBITZER

It will be seen that the new competition has started in a delightful way and these early results have set the tone for a surprising event. I doubt if anyone in the club (apart perhaps from the respective winners) would have predicted those first four wins. Provided they can be kept apart, my forecast for the semi-finals is Peck/Peck; Turley/Turley; Hopper/Martin and Addison/Wilson. Of course, the beauty of the competition is that any of these may be drawn together in an early round, and only one pair can win.

P. HART

Club Results - April 19, 1978 (12 Tables)

A Division: Turley/Turley 66.0%; de Balnk/Loveland 51.8%;
Addison/Wilson 59.4%; Hopper/Ward 57.6%;
Chisholm/L'Herpinriere 54.9%.

B Division: Hafkamp/Mizen 69.1%; McCullough/Weston 53.2%;
Bechelli/Duncan 50.8%; Berry/Berry 50.8%.

WISHFUL THINKING ???

- I wish the players berating their partner at my table would use more colourful language; it makes it more interesting.
- I wish some players would not persist in treating the TD as if he was a human being; it undermines the authority of our more enlightened members.
- I wish Bob Prince would formally concede the Aggregate Championship to Hopper/Kirby who racked up 59% in the first 29 weeks of the competition and then just stopped competing; it would ease my conscience.
- I wish Hart & Hopper wouldn't direct so often; its so boring.
- I wish players in the A section wouldn't talk to the players in the B section; it disturbs their passivity and undermines their separateness.
- I wish those players who can't bear to go back to their tables without a cup after the break would hide them more effectively afterwards; it makes the clearing up more enjoyable.
- I wish that those fit, strong males who energetically engross themselves in passionate discussions of hands at the end of every session would get out of the way quicker

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