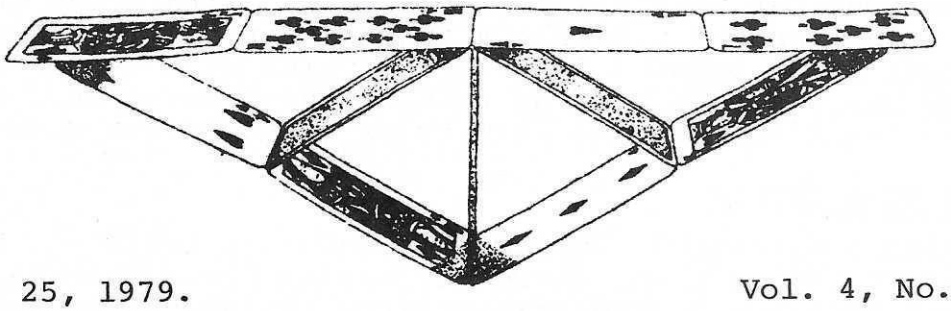
# Bridging the gap



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## KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

Our Congress is being held this coming weekend, and we expect it to be a roaring success. (Who said 'ssh!) I am sure that most, if not all of the A Section players will be competing so my message this week is directed particularly towards the Bees in asking for their support at at least one of the sessions. Come and try your 'hand' at winning the Flitch or the Odds and Ends, or maybe a Walk In Pairs event. Don't forget you have to be in it to win it, as they say. See you there!

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DUTY DUMMY

April 25 - David Stephens, May 2 - Mabel Teague,
May 9 - Eric Tee, May 16 - Jack Thompson,
May 23 - Audrey Townsend, May 30 - Joan Valentine.

CLUB KNOCK OUT COMPETITION RESULTS

Wednesday, April 11 - Berry/Berry d. Candy/Ward, 58/40; Essers/Numeyer d. Townsend/Townsend, 54/43; Goddard/Kirby d. Burgess/Burgess, 46/40, and McCullough/Weston d. Hopper/Martin, 47/45.

Wednesday, April 18 - Chisholm/L'Herpiniere d. Brown/Graham, 75/36.

Some hard fought battles took place as can be seen from the close scores, and special congratulations must go to the McCullough/Weston pair who so narrowly defeated Hopper/Martin

in what must surely be the cliff hanger of the year.

It was discovered recently that Fearne/Webster were inadvertently left out of the draw, so this pair went into the hat together with all the other pairs with a bye in the first round, and as a result a further first round match will take place between Barnett/Valentine and Fearne/Webster. History has now been made as this is the largest ever entry for the Knock Out, having 11 matches in the first round.

LEAGUE TEAM RESULT

Following a disastrous Wednesday evening at the Club, the Hart/Pratt combination, obviously saving their stamina for the next evening, joined Prince/Kirby (Kalamunda Bronze) in a league teams match against West Coast Turquoise. The match was closely won by Kalamunda by 11-9 points. Our team were never ahead until the very last board when Brian and Ellen bid, and made, a small slam, whereas on the other table the opposing team had only bid game, making two overtricks. Kalamunda were down 24 points at half time, and finished 76-74!

CLUB RESULTS

Wednesday, April 11, 1979. 11 tables.

1st: Prince/Stephens, 63.5%, 2nd: Elliott/Elliott, 60.8%,
3rd: Ramsay/Teague, 58.7%.

Wednesday, April 18, 1979. 12½ tables.

N/S: 1st: Gartner/Hardman, 65.7%, 2nd: Peck/Peck, 61.4%,
3rd: Berry/Hubbard, 53.5%.
E/W: 1st: Frugte/Hopper, 68.1%, 2nd: D'Rozario/Ward, 64.2%,
3rd: Bartley/Bartley, 57.5%.

Saturday, April 21, 1979. 4 tables.

1st: Sales/Tee, 64.3%, 2nd: Ramsay/Teague, 62.7%,
3rd: Wathen/Webster, 61.1%.

ROVING AROUND with A.N. Other

The B.A.W.A. 150th Anniversary Congress saw KDBC members well to the fore in attendances by providing 96 player sessions over the Easter week-end out of the 700 attendances. In the opening event, Joan Goddard playing with Jessie Braid, one of the four who made the trip from Esperance, finished

a very creditable 6th. In the next event, Don Chisholm and Michel L'Herpiniere put up our colours by collecting the bronze medal for 3rd place. In the four walk-in pairs events, although we had good attendances from our members, not one of them was able to notch a place. Every one was won by pairs who would regularly run a place in our Wednesday night sessions. In the Ansett Pairs, Claudine and David Charters showed their mettle by finishing 2nd in the first qualifying round and thus qualified for the final, but could not carry on their good first session.

In the Easter Pairs 1st session, a new partnership of Joan Goddard and John Price fired very well, and finished 1st in the afternoon session but just failed to hold on to their lead and got pipped on the post in a photo finish by Carol and Derek Pocock, and thus only a silver medal.

Our one gold medal came when a scratch team of Karen Haggard, Noel Moses, Wilf D'Rozario and A.N. Other put several noses out of joint by winning the Boans Teams event from several other far more fancied teams, including 23 State representatives, 3 of whom are International players. As I have said many times before, it is not the brilliancies that win events but just making fewer idiotic errors. It was a very expensive win for A.N. Other as his wife went off to Boans to spend the $30 voucher first prize, and bought an item costing $95 - so $65 extra outgo arose!

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LOOKING AT THE TWO-SECTION SCHEME - Is it worthwhile?

The premise on which the two-section scheme was based was that the intermediate section would provide a haven for less competitive, less competent players. It was hoped that, consequently, the separation would provide a field in the Advanced section wherein scores would be less subject to fliers, skill would prevail, competition would be more balanced and, thus, scores would be closer and Tops would come down.

Now that three-quarters of the competitive year has gone, I have examined the results so far to see if the premise has been proven.

Average Winning Percentages (5 June 1978 - 28 March 1979)

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| All in movement | (41 scores) | - | 64.5% |
| Intermediate Section | (10 scores) | - | 62.8% |
| Advanced Section | (10 scores) | - | 65.1% |

These statistics show that, so far, the lower Tops have come in the section which excludes the more competent players. The Advanced section field have provided the higher winning percentages and, by inference, the wilder scores. The results, so far, are the reverse of what was expected!

With the benefit of hindsight, I can argue that the less competitive among us do not strive for good scores and Tops as intently as the Advanced pairs may be expected to, and, therefore, acquire lesser scores. The Advanced section attracts pairs who must not be denied; those pairs whose form is poor, but who choose to play against 'better' players in order to improve their own game will inevitably get their fingers burned as they learn. In doing so, they donate points to the winner. So the higher Tops, brought about by the combined results of 'pushers' and gifts, would seem to be unavoidable, certainly under the present set-up, if not always.

So while the scheme has not produced the hoped-for effects, the effect it does seem to have had has not been detrimental. The original premise must remain valid: we must provide an alternative environment when it is wanted.

The interim summary is, in my opinion, that the two-section scheme is an attractive feature which we should look forward to retaining.

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