



Bridging the gap

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EDITORIAL

Hart here. Due to other commitments the Editor has handed this issue over to me, so brace yourselves.

That other commitment is, of course, the National Championships. Joan and her partner Aleda are playing for WA in the inter-state competition as well as playing the trials to select a National team. This is a really marvellous achievement and I congratulate them. I wish them and all the other State representatives successful competition.

On the domestic scene, you will all by now be aware of the debate over the Aggregate Pairs Championship. I made my opening statement in the last issue and Bob's reply is herein. When my letter hit the Birdge tables several members commented to me on the matter and I'm sure there were many other comments made when I wasn't present. Why won't those people go public? Here is a perfect opportunity for you to make a constructive contribution to your club. If only onw of those commenting could find 15 minutes to commit that opinion to paper in a note to BTG, he or she would be doing the club a great service. The comments of anyone on this or any other issue are most welcome - remember, BTG is your magazine, for your contributions - so pull your b++++y fingers out.

And now for something completely different...questions I have asked myself, put to you in the form of a quiz.

1. Why do so many of our club members, competent members, habitually play so slowly?
2. Why can I never get a good score against Doepel/Doepel?
3. Why can't we find more Tournament Directors?
4. Why don't we ban smoking at the club?
5. Why can I never get a good score against Gartner/Hardman?



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6. Why won't people come to the club in time for a prompt 7.30 start?
7. Why does Claudine stack her cards that way?
8. Why are people so rude as to actually stop and light a cigarette when it is their turn to bid, before bidding?
9. How is it that Ramsey/Teague can play a 41% session and yet defend against me like Chin/Lim?
10. Why won't someone else volunteer to score a session?
11. Why won't people listen to the TD?

All entries for the quiz should be sent to the Editor. First prize is a session at the club with me: Second prize is two sessions at the club with me: Third prize winner get me for a regular partner.
Club Results - 17th August '77

Ramsey/Teague achieve that big one they have been promising for several weeks....Clark D/Goddard R make a welcome and successful reappearance...Borgia/Sales, D'Rozario/Prince E fly very high... No score between 54% and 47% - nobody plays average Bridge..... Charters/Charters continue scorching pace in Aggregate Champs - its a pity they're so slow...Ramsey/Teague 64.6%; Charters/Charters 60.7%; Hopper/Kirby - 60.4%; Clark D/Goddard R - 57.8%; Borgia/Sales - 56.2%; D'Rozario/Prince E - 55.8%; Addison/Wilson - 55.8%.
Club Results - 24th August '77

Not so much a session, more a reunion...Reappearances of Clark A, Goddard J, Eldred C and Bartley J - welcome back, each...Benefit session for Hart/Helliwell (People are kind)...Success has not spoiled Brian Kirby - they are exhibiting signs of consistency... good scores for Doepel/Doepel (52.3%) - (they got 80% against Hart/Helliwell!)...poor score for our new PRO and Mrs PRO (47.0%). Hart/Helliwell - 66.0%; Chisholm/L'Herpinier - 59.5%; Clark D/Goddard R - 56.9%; Hopper/Kirby - 55.8%; Hubbard/Pratt - 54.9%; Essers/Numeyer - 53.0%; Clark A/Goddard J - 53.0%.
Comments from the Committee Meeting

1. We still await a response from the RSL about their Hall.
2. If we can raise 4 tables we will hold a heat of the BAWA Statewide Simultaneous Open Pairs on Friday 16 Sept.
3. If we can raise 4 tables we will hold a regional heat to BAWA State Mixed Pairs Championship on Friday 7th, 14th October.
4. We will hold some sort of Bridge function on the middle Saturday of the Kalamunda Week in October.
5. We will hold a Christmas function similar to that held last year; we will try to find a better venue.

Dear Peter,

Tis with sad heart I find it necessary to reply to your open letter



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Re the Aggregate Pairs competition which I felt somewhat defamed. However having been on many committees with you and worked closely with you for many years I have come to know your attitudes and in this case I chose to believe that you said what you said for the good of the game and not to personally attack me. Frankly I would hate to think of my reaction if it were otherwise.

To get to the meat of the subject I feel that while you may have a point about the conditions of the competition you had no right to suggest that at any stage either myself or either partners concerned were "Pot Hunting". To clear the facts when Ray and I pulled out at the end of the competition last year it was because Ray was playing in a snooker competition and this year Hans pulled out as he was appointed W.A. Womens Team captain and Wednesday evening was the only night compatible to all members for a Regular Training session, and in fact I was assisting.

Peter, I have been modestly successful in several fields in my life due mainly I feel to hard work and dedication to the duty at hand, and while luck always plays a part in life is not a primary factor. Therefore when success comes and someone points and says "Aha", it could easily be construed as sour grapes and certainly shows a very negative attitude. Knocking is an Australian pastime and at times (used correctly) can make people stop and think (which you have certainly achieved here) but it must not be negative or personal. You have, in your letter erred both in fact and in attitude and I sincerely hope you have not damaged your standing with the club members, for we all know that your intentions were honorable. Who knows, had we been able to play on we may have been able to improve our percentage.

Bob.

Picture the scene. Bridge tables as far as the eye can see, with hundreds of incantations at the tables from the fours gathered around them. The muttering of 1 spade double redoubles hearts clubs diamonds and pass are hissed out. What is it? A Tournament Directors' nightmare of the return to spoken bidding. All the Congress wants and the pairs and of individual events of the National Championships have verbal bidding and many WA players have commented about how horrible it all sounds. It is hoped that we can educate the Eastern States players to advance with the times and take the lead given by Western Australia. Silence is indeed golden.

The National Championships are well under way and the Mixed



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Pairs event went to Pauline Gumby and Ron Klinger (Editor of "Australian Bridge") of NSW from Felicity Beale and Ian McCance of Victoria with Norma and Jim Borin third. Lily and Charlie Lim were WA's best placed pair finishing fourth. In the Congress Mixe Pairs Margaret and Bill Blagg.

Absent Friends

The Richardsons were duly seen off by some club members (about 2½ tables worth). Brian was bedecked in a dashing new suit and Lynn was resplendant in - what else? - a King of Clubs T-Shirt. All the rites were effected: libation; incantation and making of marks (a couple of jugs of Swan; "I had a hand last week where dummy has..." and several beer mats were covered with hands). By the way, if you have been unable to obtain your usual supply of Vegemite recently, please be patient. Lyn is introducing a new taste sensation into the USA. Kraft are working overtime to replenish all suburban stores in Perth. And did you know that Lynn has lodged 36 stamped envelopes with the club secretary in order to ensure receiving copies of BTG?

'Richardsonville, Illinois (pop 90,005) is the location of the new American branch of the KDBC. It was previously known as Champaign/Urbana, Illinois (pop 90,000) and was famed as the location of the University of Illinois. Things can change. The onset of Kirsty, Jason and Dale may made the twin towns a disaster area, eligible for Federal Funds under the National Emergency Plan - one day with the kids can seem like a catastrophe, but 18 months...Lets hope the local lodge of the National Guard is AOK.

Richardsonville is due south of the American Windy City on roughly the same latitude as Madrid. Here are a few approximate equivalents to help everybody compare the locations:

Richardsonville

To Chicago

= Perth

to Bunbury

Richardsonville, as the eagle flies, to Phoenix, Arizona

= Perth, as the Kookaburra flies, to Wyndham (ie still in WA).

I wonder how far it is to the nearest Bridge Club? That is, to the nearest branch of the KDBC? How big can the District get? We now have USA, Tasmania and Greenmount. It will be interesting to see where M. Cos, Esquire Carries the club colours.

Any'ow; America - make the most of your opportunity to savour a couple of old colonials; Richardsons - haste ye back.

Peter.



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