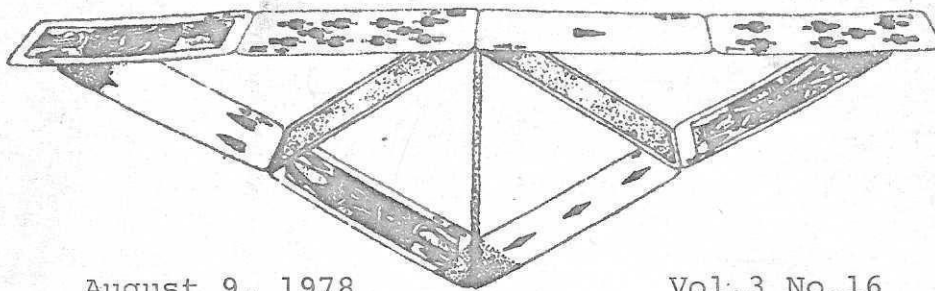


Bridging the gap



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EDITORIAL

K.D.B.C. ought to take lessons from Canning on how to run a Congress. What a pleasant weekend of bridge it was, with attendances high at all sessions and the organisers friendly, helpful and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Our friend, Kibitzer, deserves a sound pat on the back for winning the Open Pairs with a visitor from the East. Maybe we should all do a little more kibitzing!

As promised in the last issue, here is Peter's article which I urge you to read carefully and please for once let's have some sort of response, whether positive or negative. I believe the first committee meeting of the year was a little stormy. I was supposed to attend the meeting but unfortunately was unable to go. Everyone's keeping awfully quiet - I wonder what went on!

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CLUB RESULTS: July 26, 1978 - 10½ tables

N/S: Hopper/Prince E 66.9%; McLean/Tee 56.5%; Graham/Valentine 53.9%; Turley/Turley 53.9%.

E/W: McCullough/Weston 62.2%; Frugte/Pratt 58.6%; Helliwell/Martin 55.1%; Haggard/Stephens 53.0%.

ON TWO SECTIONS

The almost unanimous support given at the AGM to the 2-section experiment establishes it as yet another important addition to the list of this Club's successful innovations in local (and perhaps, national) bridge. We were first with the popular format of our Christmas function, a pairs knockout competition, Bridging the Gap, the Aggregate Championship, and Duty Dummy. The major adverse criticism of the 2-section thing comes from

me and it is that the scheme, as originally operated, particularly the promotion and relegation between the two sections, gave me work which was disproportionately heavy in comparison to the benefit to, and interest of, the majority of members. So the scheme has been modified and now operates as follows.

We already have the aforementioned Aggregate Championship. The 2-section arrangements have been incorporated into the ground rules of that competition and its statistics will be used to apply the little control needed. We have drawn an imaginary line at 52%. If your form is above 52%, you may only play in one prescribed section; if your form is below 52%, you may play in either section. Promotion and relegation between being a restricted pair or not will occur automatically in accordance with, and in direct response to, pairs' current form as it fluctuates from month to month. It doesn't matter how often you play or in which section you play if your results improve sufficiently you become restricted but if your results are poor, you are able to choose your movement. 'Form' is the latest progressive average score of a pair, expressed as a percentage, and it is published monthly in the Aggregate Championship tables.

We are uncertain what to call the two distinct levels of form. Accordingly, we publish herewith our suggestions and will wait to gauge which receives the most favourable response.

Sections		Pairs	
A / B		A Status/B Status	
Advanced /	Intermediate	Advanced /	Intermediate
Gold /	Silver	Gold /	Silver

The figure of 52% has been chosen because, in our experience of this Club, that represents the level of competency above which pairs would be capable of consciously taking advantage of less competent or competitive pairs in order to improve their own scores in an illegal way, if, I hasten to add, they felt so inclined. Pairs who are restricted will be annotated '+' in all club publications so that members may monitor results and be aware of the correspondence between form and achievement.

The other modification to the original scheme is a result of your demands expressed at the AGM. Normally running of two sections depends on there being enough pairs for both; if there are not, the TD runs a single section movement. Henceforth, if, by the last week of any month, there has not been a single-section session then the TD must run the last week as a single-section session. You are asked to co-operate with

the TD in any single-section session if he asks you to move in order to carry out rudimentary seeding.

We must all remember that the objective of the scheme is to provide a movement in which newcomers and less competitive players can play and make their mistakes away from the sneers, gloating and scathing criticism which comes from some of our more accomplished so-called ladies and gentlemen.

P. HART - p.p. M. Hopper and M. Turley

CLUB RESULTS: August 2, 1978 - 13 tables
Turley/Turley⁺ 68.5%; Hubbard/Pratt⁺ 63.1%; Chisholm/
L'Herpinier⁺ 60.2%; Berry/Berry⁺ 53.7%; McLean/Tee⁺ and
Goddard/Kirby⁺ 52.6%.

PAIRS KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP - 3rd round (quarter finals)
In the battle between two Advanced pairs, Chisholm/L'Herpinier⁺ played steadier bridge and defeated Addison/Wilson⁺ 67-21. The following week saw the other three matches all played. All the E/W pairs won, by widely varying margins. Hopper/Martin⁺ overwhelmed McCullough/Weston (Advanced, on the strength of July results) 79-11, Haggard/Stephens beat Renton/Renton comfortably 60-33 but Hallam/Prince⁺ only squeezed past Ramsay/Teague 49-48, after two recounts. So the draw - tonight - will involve three Advanced pairs and one, currently anyway, not.

P. HART

AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIP - July
Three of the sessions were 'all-in' and several pairs found this to their liking. We have the remarkable situation of 5 pairs starting the new competition around 56% or better!

Helliwell/Martin +	57.4%	McLean/Tee	56.0%
Hallam/Hallam +	56.6%	McCullough/Weston	55.8%
Elliott/Elliott	56.1%		

For Helliwell/Martin, realisation of their obvious potential (have they conquered themselves at last?); for Hallam/Hallam, (up 1.3%) solid evidence that even Margaret will find hard to disbelieve; for Elliott/Elliott, glory; for McLean/Tee, reassuring achievement with Simplicity; for McCullough/Weston, can not being President make so much difference? All are to be congratulated but far and away the best performance is that of the Elliott/Elliott combination. This is the first month of the new competition so in order to sort out the most improved pair for July I have added this month's scores to last year's aggregates, as if the competition was continuous. The calculations put the Elliott/Elliott performance into

proper perspective. On a projected form figure, they have gone from 44.6% after one month to 51.2% after the second month!!! That is an increase of 6.6%. It is a remarkable change of fortune which I hope they can sustain. Apart from these 5 pairs, the other two Advanced are Turley/Turley 53.7% and Berry/Berry 53.0%. That puts four married couples playing cards together very successfully in the top seven pairs in July. After the 53% level there is a drop to around 50%. Clift/Fatin & Graham/Valentine have improved 5 points, Gartner/Hardman fell slightly, Townsend/Townsend had a bad month and lost 2.6% while Ramsay/Teague & Hafkamp/Mizen marked time. I welcome the fact that 13 of the 14 listed pairs are regular partnerships; can I hope for continuing continuity? Average TOP was very high at 65.7% compared with 63.8% for the previous year: attendance averaged 10.8 tables. Roll on, next month.

KIBITZER

ROVING AROUND WITH A.N. OTHER

Oh, Peter, you are not just a pretty face! You really joined the "thems" by taking off the Canning Districts Open Pairs trophy and put yet another KDBC member's name on it. Current and past members of our Club have won it more often than any other club. Good work, Peter; you can do it if you try. There is a rumour afoot after the last two Congresses that you have found your metier and will not be lowering your standards at KDBC Wednesdays in future. Watch those red points mounting. Charlie Frugte, playing with Leiv Bornecrantz, ran third in the final, Cecil Sales playing with Mrs Mullins were third in the consolation and highest placed of all KDBC pairings were President Don Chisholm and Michel L'Herpinier in fourth spot. In the Open teams, the motley lot of Karen Haggard, Clive Godden, Wilf D'Rozario and A.N. Other handed over a good lead to all the other rated teams in the p.m. session and were equal 8th but a scintillating performance in the evening session by all team members saw them only just fail to take the trophy by drawing their match against Lim/Lim/Pearson/Schokman, and finishing 2nd to them. If we had won the match 5-3, the trophy would have been ours. In the South of the River Pairs, Claudine and David Charters finished 3rd and our best placed pair in the Champagne Pairs were Freda McLean and Eric Tee, closely followed by Angela and Jim Elliott attending their first Congress, both pairs getting in the red points awards.