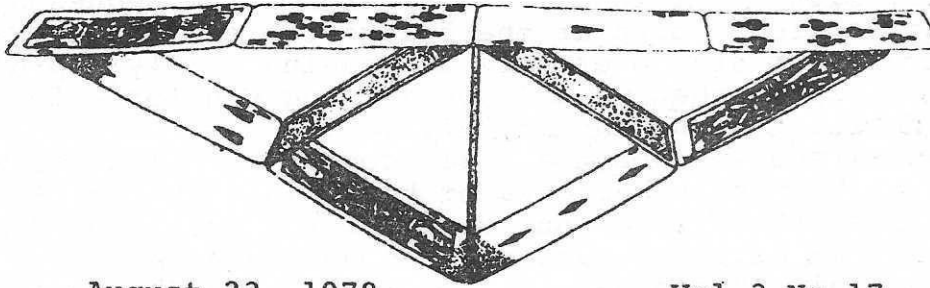


Bridging the gap



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EDITORIAL

What is to be done with the late-comers? Last week all the tables and chairs had been set up by 7.20 pm, and yet play only began a good twenty minutes later. I believe the T.Ds should take a firmer stand and insist that play starts on schedule, after all, there are only a few who consistently arrive late, so why do the rest of us have to sit around twiddling our thumbs!

I have a letter from Lyn and Brian Richardson, who are presently in the States. Lyn was the first editor of B.T.G. and set a standard that subsequent editors have tried hard to attain. B.T.G. circles the globe and is read by all discerning bridge players! Hi there, America!

A reminder about forthcoming Club events:

Open Pairs - 14, ¹³ 21 and ²⁰ 28 September.	)	Here's hoping we
Individual - 19 and 26 October.	)	have plenty
Mixed Pairs - 9, 16 and 23 November.	)	of entries.
Christmas Party - Friday, 8 December.		

Duty Dummy Roster - Tonight - Len Pratt.

31 August - Pat Hubbard;	7 September - Julie Bechelli;
14 Sept. - Rosina Berry;	21 Sept. - Gerald Berry.

Depending on how many entries there are for the Open Pairs, the duty dummy may be scrubbed for the duration of this event.

She

Dear She,

Greetings from some wandering ex-members of KDBC.

A big hello to all our old mates at the Club. We really miss the friendly atmosphere of the Wednesday night session - both at the bridge table and afterwards. However, our stay over here is passing fairly rapidly and we anticipate that we will be joining you for bridge on the first Wednesday in July 1979.

We have received about a dozen copies of B.T.G. so we have some, albeit sketchy, news of happenings in the Club. We are somewhat split on our views of the merits or demerits of the two division system. The female side of the partnership is against it (and would love the idea of the first Wednesday in July of next year being a one division night), while the male side of the partnership feels that it may well assist in both improving the skill of the less able AND remove some of those wild scores from the position where they could unduly penalise too many players. We will be interested to hear whether the incoming committee retain the scheme.

Bridge in this community is rather different to bridge in Perth for the following reasons: (1) three out of the four clubs are run by individuals as business propositions - the fourth is run by the university; (2) you do not pay a membership fee to join a club - you join the American Contract Bridge League which sanctions the game in the clubs; (3) table money in the local games is \$1.50; (4) all players must have system cards - a copy is enclosed for perusal of the Tournament Committee and others; (5) hands are not recorded on the travelling score sheets - so there is no record if the hand is misboarded; (6) results are displayed in matchpoints - nobody appears interested in percentages; (7) the standard of directing varies, in this community, from the competent to the almost hopeless - and they are all licensed by the A.C.B.L.; (8) the standard of behaviour of some of the players has to be experienced to be believed - rude comments, accusations and private understandings between partners while not an everyday occurrence happen too often for comfort, and the directors are doing little about it (take a bow KDBC and BAWA directors). Despite some of the apparent shortcomings, we play in one of the local clubs, and have met some very "nice" people.

We see from BTG that there are quite a number of new faces at KDBC. Glad to see that the club is still growing and we look forward to seeing you all again upon our return. Kind regards and best wishes to all,

Lyn and Brian Richardson.

CLUB RESULTS: Aug. 9, 1978 - 10½ tables.

N/S: Hopper/Prince, E. 59.1%; Barnett/Farka 58.8%;
Ramsay/Teague 55.6%, and Frugte/Turley, M. 55.6%.
E/W: Helliwell/Martin 63.3%; Chisholm/L'Herpinriere 61.7%;
Essers/Numeyer 55.0%; Haggard/Hart 54.2%.

Who said we have eliminated ridiculous scores? Try these for size.

Last week we had two sections but even that seemed to make no difference (I regret). In the Advanced section, there was this nonsense.

(1) All tables except one had N/S in 3 NT, declarers and respective defenders sweated blood and matched wits to extract the maximum score from their pips - in the proper pursuit of duplicate bridge. "One overtrick or not might make the difference between an average or an above-average score." But they could have gone for another coffee. At the other table, one West (a fairly recent graduate to Advanced) chose to interpose at the 2-level, vulnerable, only a 5-card and an Aceless 10 HCPs. The double was automatic and N/S picked up 1100, thanks very much, to make a mockery of the efforts of every other pair in the movement.

They had some "fun" in the Intermediate section, too.

(2)	4Sxx	by N	+	3	=	+	2230
	6S	by N	+	1	=	+	1860
	4S	by N	+	3 (twice)	=	+	710
	5Hx	by W	+	1	=	-	1050 !!

You pride yourself on bidding the cold slam and find you have been outscored by a pair who only bid the game. Ho hum!

(3) 1 NT by E/W making and 3 NT by N/S going 2 off on the same board. The HCPs were 14 opposite 6, and 13 opposite 7.

(4) 5H made six and 4H went 2 light.

I could go on but that would be just gilding the lily.

I can only hope that we persist with the two sections and reduce the frequency of such debacles.

P. HART.

CLUB RESULTS: Aug. 16, 1978 - 14 tables.

Advanced: Hopper/Martin 62.8%; Turley/Turley 60.1%; Gartner/Hardman 58.9%; Goddard/Kirby 58.0%; Addison/Garside 56.9% and Chisholm/L'Herpinriere 56.9%.

Intermediate: Hafkamp/Mizen 66.2%; Clift/Fatin 63.3%; Bechelli/Candy 61.4%.

KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

Herewith the draw for the semi-finals:

Chisholm/L'Herpinriere +	v. Haggard/Stephens
Hallam/Prince +	v. Hopper/Martin +

ROVING AROUND WITH A.N. OTHER

There is little to report on happenings outside our Club. Three State Championships, the Open Teams, Women's Pairs and Men's Pairs are now under way. The Open Teams event is the smallest entry for 18 years with only 18 teams competing. Teams bridge is the purest (and, in my opinion, the best) form so why so few entries? There is no all KDBC team but we have a smattering of competitors. In the Pairs events, we have a bigger participation, and the two Roys (Goddard and Helliwell) got off to the best start finishing 7th out of 28. On the Congress scene, the next in line is the one day Swan Districts Sunday on 24 Sept. commencing at 10 a.m. Shortly after that is the Queen's Birthday Congress to be run by the WABC. Full programme and entry forms will be available shortly.

The Youth Team Selection tourney is being held this weekend - anyone who is under 30 on 31 December 1978 is eligible to compete. Entries to me.

A new mini no-trump was born recently when dummy, about to table his cards (after dinner) remarked: "I don't know what you bid 1 NT on - I have 3 aces and 4 kings." Whereupon declarer said: "Well, if you want to know I bid it on 1 jack, 2 queens and 5 cocktails!"
