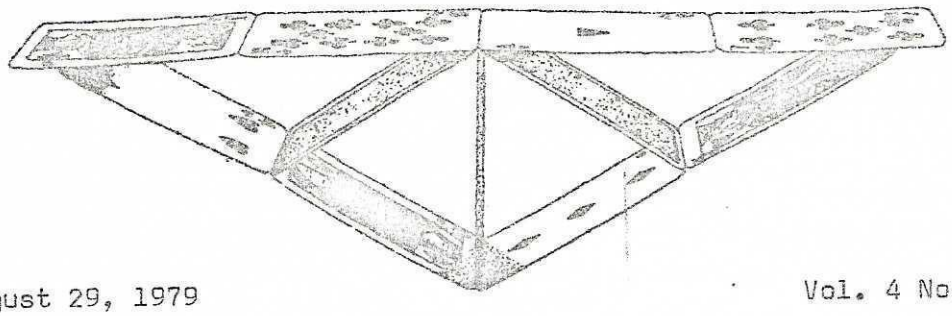
Bridging the gap



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KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

The new Club premises have suffered a minor setback with the Shire Council's decision against providing us with a self supporting loan. Whilst they have not yet written to us it was reported in the Kalamunda Reporter that the Council budget would not be extended to accommodate our proposal. However, all is not lost. A telephone call to the deputy Shire Clerk confirmed that whilst there were no funds available we could still negotiate a parcel of land in Ledger Road. They have decided that Longfellow Road is out of the question and although Ledger Road is not quite so central, a block down the hill towards the horse stud could be quite peaceful and convenient. One of the lady members made an excellent suggestion that we investigate a transportable type building. Investigations are now in hand and a strong possibility lies with a Jennings Logan unit which can be purchased in a series of panels which we can erect ourselves and save a great deal in cost which should encourage those members who feel the financial burden resting on their shoulders. The packages are sold to the handyman, and we have quite a number of those, together with many handygirls. More in the next issue.

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DUTY DUMMY

August 29 - Don Chisholm; September 5 - no dummy;
September 12 - no dummy; September 19 - no dummy;
September 25 - Grayce Curtis; October 2 - Jim Elliott.

Please note that there will be no duty dummy during the Mixed Pairs competition.

CLUB RESULTS

Saturday, August 11, 1979 - 2½ tables

1st: Turley/Wilson, 67.5%; 2nd: Prince/Knight, 52.5%;
3rd: Banks/Brown, 47.5%.

Wednesday, August 15, 1979 - 11 tables

1st: Chisholm/L'Herpiniere, 70.0%; 2nd: Hart/Pratt, 60.8%;
3rd: Farka/Knott, 59.4%.

Wednesday, August 22, 1979 - 13 tables

North/South: 1st: Turley/Turley, 69.1%;
2nd: D'Rozario/Ward, 58.6%;
3rd: Eldred/Shieff, 55.5%.
East/West: 1st: Berry/Berry, 60.0%;¼
2nd: J.Burgess/A.Townsend, 59.3%;
3rd: A.Clark/R.Goddard, 58.6%.

Saturday, August 25, 1979 - 4 tables

1st: Ramsay/Teague, 57.7%; 2nd: Burgess/Burgess, 56.0%;
3rd: McCullough/McLean, 54.2%.

Here we go again! May has had a little sojourn and returns to the fray looking as fit as a fiddle, and with Mabel commences to show us the four corners of the table!

AND NOTE SATURDAY NIGHT HAS BECOME POPULAR AGAIN - ROLL UP, FOLKS!

TEAMS MATCH

Chisholm/L'Herpiniere/Addison/Wilson defeated Essers/Numeyer/Hafkamp/Mizen, 15/5.

LEAGUE TEAMS

Kalamunda Purple team of McCullough/Weston/Teague/McLean defeated Canning White, 20/-2. Fantastic, girls!

ADVANCED PAIRS

Congratulations to the new partnership of Audrey Townsend and Jan Burgess who have graduated to the upper league with some excellent scores. Keep it up, girls ..... L'Herps and Chissie are starting to look over their shoulder!

THE NEW SCORE SHEETS

The redesigned travellers are very popular and our thanks to Angela Elliott for her suggestion of an extra column in which to record the lead. Players are interested in their progress and that opening card tells much in the way contracts are lost and won. The red and green printing has been introduced to enable two sections to be played and

Peter Hart is working away merrily on that subject.

ARE YOU "BETWEEN PARTNERS"?

The Duty Dummy scheme (DD) is being misused as some Club members are treating it as a right when, in fact, it is only a privilege. Members performing the duty are becoming disenchanted. Perhaps then it is appropriate to restate the terms of reference. The DD exists to provide a guaranteed partner for a member who, in an emergency, has been deprived of an arranged game and who has taken all reasonable steps to make alternative arrangements, without success.

These conditions are just not being met. People do not wait for emergencies. People make no attempt to organise a game for themselves, let alone "reasonable" attempts. Every week, the T.D. is beset with singles who come along secure in the knowledge that the DD is obliged to sacrifice his/her own game, go home, and surrender his/her partner to a session of bridge of dubious quality, doubtful satisfaction and debatable pleasure.

I do not understand why the "singles" do nothing to improve their position themselves. They seem to expect the T.D. to act as matchmaker, go-between, partnership consultant. Heaven knows that the T.D. has his hands more than full at this Club coping with latecomers, organising knockout matches, teams matches, accommodating the less mobile, and soon, setting up two sections, parrying irrelevant small talk, making his own social contacts, appeasing his long, long, long suffering partner and marshalling his resources for his own game. Pairing off singles is an unnecessary extra burden. The problem is not mitigated when the singles pretend preferences. I kid you not! I shall never forget a recent session when one single chose not to play with the other single, went home and thus obliged the DD to go home too, while his partner had to play with the lone single!

I have two suggestions which may help reduce the problem. The first is to provide space in the magazine for singles to advertise their availability - a lonely hearts column (a singleton spade column?). No doubt the editor will make hay of the possibilities - the mind boggles at the opportunities to compose ads. My second suggestion is for the appointment of a Partnership Agent, a social secretary, or some such euphemism. If you need a partner, you leave your name and telephone number with the agent. If anyone else calls, the agent passes on your name and number. The rest is up to the members themselves. The success of the suggestion would depend on finding a suitable agent. Is there a Club-minded person reading this who will volunteer?

Has anyone further ideas? We must solve this problem for all our sakes.

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(The only thing missing is the big, big sigh! BNN)

COMING EVENTS

Club Mixed Pairs Competition - Wednesday 5th, 12th, and 19th September.

Club Open Pairs Competition - to be played in October; more details later.

TABLE GOSSIP

"I say, you did well last week." "Did we?".
"Yes, you came well up the charts." "Really - good heavens, my partner was asleep most of the time!"

"I think we should have a swimming pool at the new Club."
"Why?" asks partner.
"Well, you could take time out for a dip."
"But I don't know how to swim."
"Exactly!"