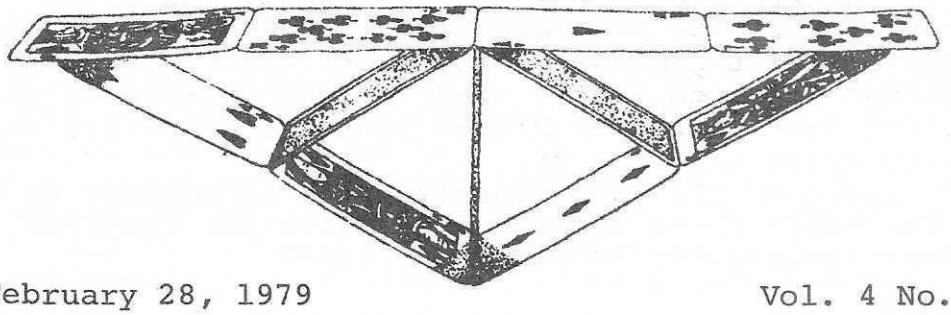
Bridging the gap



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KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

Some people find a strange mental relaxation in a game of bridge whilst others play as though their lives depended on the result of a hand. If a player is suffering from pent-up emotions, he or she is almost certain to reach breaking point at the card table. As was the case of a misdemeanour by a South player which brought forth an indignant blast from a lady club member that a bridge-minded jury would have acquitted North of murder!

Then, of course, there is that wonderful person, who for the love of the game turns up every time the Club is open and plays Goren with X, Acol with Y, Precision with Z and 'common-sense' with A, with astonishing results!

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DUTY DUMMY

February 28 - Michel L'Herpiniere, March 7 - Connie McCullough
March 14 - Brian Kirby, March 21 - Freda McLean,
March 28 - Ray Martin, April 4 - Rex Mizen.

CLUB PREMISES

The all important Council meeting took place on February 26. The Council Executive Meeting was held on February 8, with favourable recommendations, followed by a Finance Committee meeting, and finally the full Council meeting. Hopefully, our President will have some news to impart this evening.

DOWN IN THE FOREST SOMETHING STIRRED ....

Yes, that prolific young and up and coming writer at present in the wild Eastern States has written again. He is in Mirimbah until March 6, then off to Melbourne and has left his address at 12/16 Cromwell Road, South Yarra, Victoria 3141, in case anyone wants to write. Then off to Mooroopna, thence to Sydney for the Australian Bridge Federation A.G.M., and then back to Perth on March 25.
Constantly aware of the Club organisation, he reminds us to complete the entry forms for the Open Pairs and Knockout competitions immediately 's'il vous plait'!

CLUB RESULTS

Saturday, February 17 - 5½ tables

1st: Shieff/Stephens, 75%, 2nd: Ramsay/Teague, 66.14%,
3rd: Ward/Ward, 54.16%, 4th: Hyland/Hyland, 51.56%.

Wednesday, February 21 - 14 tables

North/South:
1st: Helliwell/Martin, 66.0%, 2nd: Addison/Wilson, 56.9%,
3rd: Turley/Turley, 54.9%, 4th: McLean/Tee, 54.6%.
East/West:
1st: D'Rozario/Prince, 64.6%, 2nd: Candy/Ward, 61.7%,
3rd: Barnett/Kirby, 53.2%, 4th: Elliott/Elliott, 51.4%.

Saturday, February 24 - 3½ tables

1st: Wilson/Turley, 62.5%, 2nd: Webster/Wathen, 57.3%,
3rd: Ramsay/Teague, 55.2%, 4th: Banks/Sales, 48.3%.

DUTY DUMMY

Did you hear about the person who did not know what day break was? Suddenly, it dawned on him!! Well, such was the realisation of all those singular players who noted that Pete the Hart was duty dummy on Feb. 21 - and shuddered. That day has now passed by but I am sorry to say that you have it all to come again, and far, far worse - because, of course, any spare player would have played with Len Pratt (Peter's partner) and NOW THE WORST WILL HAPPEN WHEN LEN IS DUTY DUMMY. (Exit, with heavy sigh) He's not so bad really - behind that beard lies ... two beds of sharpened teeth!! So any visitor likely to join our club should avoid the day when BTG notes Len Pratt as duty dummy!

"WHEN CARDS TURN UP TRUMPS"

Playing cards at one time were much more than a medium of gambling or a form of entertainment. From the time they first appeared in Eastern Europe in the 14th century, playing cards, or rather their illustrations, were used as vehicles or political satire, social comment and the like - or as forerunners of the modern press.

If this wasn't enough to irritate the Church and other authorities of the time, the cards were viewed as the devil's subtle way of diverting the attention of people away from God and morality to a life of cheating, drunkenness, and squabbling.

Indeed, the Church issued a decree in Florence in 1376 - the first mention of playing cards in Europe - banning them from general use. It is from this early opposition that playing cards received their alias of "the devil's picture books".

Later, they received even stronger condemnation in 16th century England. Playing cards were described as "lures to harlotry and damnation" and in 1576 John Northbrooke, of Bristol, wrote a treatise to prove they were "the mother of idleness, loitering, blasphemy, infamy, shame, penury and confusion".

Oliver Cromwell's Puritans went even further. They saw to it that card players were fined, whipped, or even branded with scalding irons.

For all this zealous opposition, playing cards managed to survive and develop the huge following they enjoy today.

And anybody lucky enough to have a set of old cards - whether from the time they first appeared or to even some packs issued in the early 1970s - would find themselves not so much at the door of Hades but of Happiness, moneywise at least. In the past three years, a revival of interest has sent the prices of most old playing cards up as much as six-fold. At an auction to be held in March, one Scottish pack is expected to fetch around $3,520. Dated 1693, the cards were printed from copper plates, hand coloured and picture various coats of arms. The auction will also feature a rare heraldry pack from France, a "Greeks and Turks" pack from Germany made in 1750, and an unusual set of 40 "Apache" cards from the U.S. with primitive designs based on their Spanish ancestors. These are usually found today only in museums and are expected to fetch around $1,500.

(to be continued)

HAND OF THE WEEK

Last Wednesday, Board No. 6 brought out the following results. Dealer is East, with East/West vulnerable.

	North	
	S 652 H KJ109 D A43 C 642	
West		East
S J104 H Q5 D KQJ5 C AQ93		S 983 H A8632 D 107 C K105
	South	
	S AKQ7 H 74 D 9862 C J87	

Results

N/S	E/W	C	By	Res.	N/S	E/W
1	13	1NT	W	C+2	-	150
2	1	2H	E	-2	200	-
3	3	2NT	W	C+1	-	150
6	8	1NT	W	C	-	90
7	10	2C	W	C	-	90
8	12	3C	W	-1	100	-
9	14	2H	E	-2	200	-
10	2	4Hx	E	-4	1100	-
11	5	2H	E	-2	200	-
12	7	1NT	W	C	-	90
13	9	2NT	W	C+1	-	150
14	11	1NT	W	C	-	90

P.S. Don't forget to enter NOW for Club competitions.
Entry forms on the notice board.