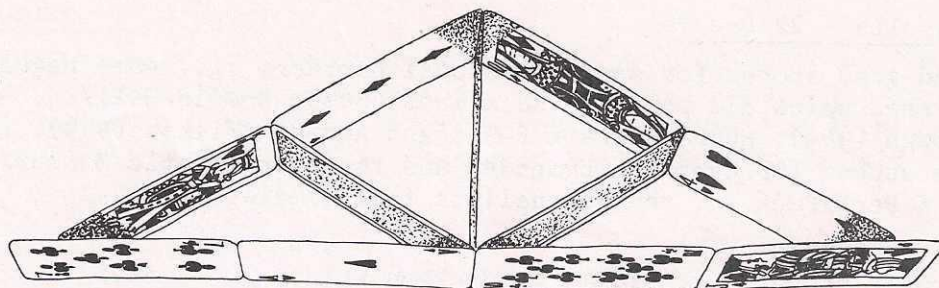


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EDITORIAL

Happy New Year, Everybody, and Better Bridge in '77!

Here goes my first attempt at filling Lynn's shoes (and I'm worried about the smallness of my feet). The Kenworthy Trophy, the Aggregate Pairs, the Knockout Cup, the Open Pairs, the Mixed Pairs, the Individual and the Open Teams: these are the competitions run throughout the year by the KDBC. The first three mentioned are run on normal club nights and attract almost full participation by club members. The others, which are run on a second night, have only averaged 30% participation over the last two years.

Why is this so? Are Kalamunda players less interested in competitive bridge than members of other clubs? Do they feel that they stand little chance of winning and therefore do not bother to enter or is it simply that they haven't the time for more than one night of bridge in one week? Whatever the reasons, I am concerned that we are not getting the same support as in years gone by. I would like to hear comments on the competitions and any suggestions for altering the format in order to attract more entries. I will publish comments and prod the conscience of the Tournament Committee in order to improve things generally.

I have a request from Peter Hart: Someone has 12 of the old square duplicate boards and also someone has the club 'Groner' (a yellow covered book on Tournament Direction), but not necessarily the same person. Please check your bookshelves and cupboards, we need them. If they are returned promptly (within 2 weeks) there will be no punishment, but the club reserves the right to take and shoot hostages if the missing items are found after the expiration of the amnesty.



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Club Results - 22 Dec 76

Tops and good scores for some occasional partners some regular established pairs did poorly - Kalabirds (50%), Brodie-Hall/McCullough (45%), Hubbard/Pratt (49%) and Addison/Wilson (44%).... notable succes for Eversden/Eversden and the ever-erratic Manser/Manser & Peck/Peck ... the journalists fail completely.

N/S		E/W	
Frugte/Hopper	61.2	Jackson/Whincup	59.2
Eversden/Eversden	55.8	Manser/Manser	56.6
Peck/Peck	54.7	Baxter/Doepel	55.1
McLean/Tee	54.6	Cox/Price	54.3

Coming Attractions:

Inter-Club League Teams: (entries close 31st Jan '77) and must be made through the Club.

Members are invited to nominate themselves in pairs and may indicate preference for teammates. The Tournament Committee will make the final selections and allocate teams to appropriate divisions.

Partner Exchange Bureau

Each Wednesday Joan and I get one or more phone calls from members seeking a partner for that session. Theoretically we should note their phone number and preferred system and pass the information on to anyone else who phones. This is all we are required to do and all we have been limited to by the committee. But we don't. We ring around, perhaps as many as 9 or 10 people, trying to match partners. It is both time consuming and, over the year, costly but we don't mind doing it for the sake of the game.

It annows me if we arrange for someone to come along, sometimes they have travel over a long distance, only to find that the other partner has subsequently made other arrangements or decided not to come and has not bothered to inform us in time to contact the third party and prevent an unnecessary journey and disappointment.

It annoys me even more if we eventually find a partner for a caller only to be told, 'Oh, I don't like him' or 'Oh, she's not good enough'. This is the height of rudeness and an obnoxious form of snobbery. We do not feel encouraged to continue the service in the face of such abuse.

Please be fair with us and co-operate in order to preserve this valuable service and help all club members.

Roy Goddard.



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Club Results - 29 Dec 76

Frugte/Hopper make it 2 weeks in a row (its getting quite a common occurrence), Peck/Peck get a rare top.... Ramsay/Teague up high in exalted company.... holidays start to knock partnerships about, for the statistician this is the silly season Addison/Wilson save their monthly bacon with 55.0%.

N/S		E/W	
Peck/Peck	60.2	Frugte/Hopper	64.8
Cox/Richardson	58.9	Hubbard/Pratt	63.0
Ramsay/Teague	58.4	Helliwell/Martin	56.6
Clark A/Godden	58.0	de Blank/Loveland	55.9

Notice in Bridge Club (Not this one)

"Will ladies responsible for making tea kindly empty tea pots and kettles, then stand upside down in the sink".

Aggregate Pairs Championship - December Commentary

Partnership flexibility is as rampant as ever, 3 new pairings appear this month and nearly half the field have no previous form. My spies inform me that there are several fresh pairings in the pipeline in the immediate future, all guaranteed to make this job more difficult. When the Tournament Committee comes to select teams for the Inter-Club League Teams, this table will not be os much assistance.

We are half way through the year and the competition seems to have settled into a predictable pattern. The shooting stars continue to flash at or near the top of the table: Frugte/Hopper is the latest and most illustrious pairing to do so whilst Jackson/Whincup have made the most of their severely limited opportunities. It really is a pity that the club does not get the benefit of regular competition from the like of these, they would make some of the "regulars" have to watch their step and they would give the club great strength in interclub matches.

But at the moment all that these 'flares' do is crowd the top of the table and confuse the issue. The real competition is between Cox/Price and Clard/Goddard: in December the girls consolidated their average despite a disastrous performance in a concurrent competition elsewhere and Cox/Price recovered from a 47% at the beginning of the month. Of the several pairs who could be considered challengers, Prince/Rosendorff did not play, Dickson/Wilkinson & Charters/Charters are there or thereabouts, Goddard/Prince has not, after all, survived Adelaide, Goddard/Godden has shown tremendous potential but was, alas, only a cop-gap, Helliwell/Martin have yet to fulfill their potential.



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Hubbard/Pratt are up another 2% and may be mounting a charge and Addison/Wilson have gone into a curious decline since September.

Elsewhere on the table, there were modest gains by Peck/Peck (1.2%), Curtis/McLean (1.3%) and Eversden/Eversden (1.1%) and notable losses by Brodie-Hall/McCullough (1.4%), Barnett/Farka (0.9%), Chisholm/Sales (1.0%) and Bartley/Bartley (1.6%). If you are not mentioned your form has remained virtually unchanged! Mention of Eversden/Eversden reminds me to note that at this stage they are, again, the champion attenders having missed only one week; not bad for a pair of octagonarians.

No less than 13 of the 20 pairs who played 3 or more times this month averaged over 50% and 8 of these were 54% or better -strong stuff. The average top has been pegged back again and is below 64% for the first time this year and the average number of tables per session is up over 11½ for the first time this year. Generally speaking the club thrives.

Kibitzer

New Year Resolutions - For Players-

1. I resolve to read those neglected chapters in my bridge book, just to satisfy my partner.
2. I resolve to smile sweetly at partner no matter how often I am crucified by him/her.
3. I resolve to congratulate partner when he/she finally finds the correct line of play even though it is the last board.
4. I resolve to acknowledge the presence of the opposition before continuing the fight with partner.
5. I resolve to give in graciously if partner proves me wrong, although he/she never will.
6. I resolve to limit the number of times I point out my brilliance to partner to only once per board.
7. I resolve to submit comments, articles and most of all, criticism to this magazine.
8. I resolve to help those idiots who are incapable of using the coffee machine without making a mess.
9. I resolve as a committee member to assist as often as I can, voluntarily and graciously.
10. I resolve to resign myself to the fact that all T.D.'s are bumptious egomaniacs whose antics and announcements have to be put up with before I can continue my fight with partner.

For Directors-

1. I resolve not to call 'Change' until all players have had sufficient time to conduct a post mortem.
2. I resolve to recognise that all bridge players are entitled to their own stupid opinions.



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