



Bridging the gap

KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

As you are no doubt aware I have not been at the club recently (due to the fact that State Team training sessions are being held on Wednesday nights) and this makes it very difficult to know all the comings and goings of everyone, therefore, I need your help until after the A.N.C. in early September to produce this bi-weekly saga.

One piece of news which reached me through the grape vine was that last week on his way to Bridge John Price was pulled up by the constabulary and had nearly talked his way out of a ticket when Mike Cox stopped to help!! He then got booked. Well done Mike.

Annual General Meeting

The Presidents Report:-

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year ended 30th June 1977, which in my opinion has been a year of significant advance.

Your club entered into the Congress arena on its own this year and although it was not a financial success in that it did not bring in any profits, a venture of this nature is not of a short term nature but a long term investment in the future of this club. The many bridge players from other clubs commented very favourably and while we have set ourselves the problem of maintaining an extremely successful Congress with the same high standards in future years, I am sure that future committees will cope more than adequately.



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Secondly, your club members in the past twelve months have risen to new heights in this extremely competitive game. In this period we have had a "home grown" pair attain State representation and I am sure you will all wish Aleda Clark and Joan Goddard every success in the National Championships which commence in 6½ weeks. Their absence tonight is because they are training with the other members of the team under the watchful eye of non-playing captain Hans Rosendorff. For those of you that are not aware of the fact, Aleda and Joan are the first non W.A.B.C. past or present members to have qualified for State representation.

During last year your Club also had a team that reached the finals of the State Open Teams Championship, and in State pairs events, club members are now always appearing in the finals. In this year's State Individuals, Club members finished 1st and 3rd.

During last year, in the League Teams, two of your teams won their respective divisions and the Kalamunda Bridge Club is now well respected in all fields of bridge. In the administration of the game, members of this Club are respectively the President and Vice President of the State body controlling bridge, both the W.A. councillors of the Australian Bridge Federation are members of this Club and the editorship of Bridge West, the State's official media is in the very capable hands of one of your members.

It has been a sad year in some respects as we have lost the very useful services of Chris Manser who has served on both your full Committee and the tournament committee in the past years. Judith Manser is off to join her husband on the Apple Isle next week. Lynn and Brian Richardson are off to the States in a few weeks and the loss of Lyn will leave a tremendous void in our ranks. As an agitator for action, she has given much to the welfare of members of this Club. I trust that on the return of the Richardsons from America that her batteries have been re-charged and she will again take the role of chief stirrer. All organisations need someone like her for the good of the members. Who is going to act in this capacity for the next two years?

Another who will be leaving our shores shortly is the balding old man who has one great advantage in that his name is Michael. He has done sterling work as your treasurer for the past two years and it is pleasing to note that Britain's trade gap has been reduced considerably, not I trust, Mike, at this Club's expense. He will be a great loss to this Club and as he nears retirement perhaps he might consider that his former boss has done a wise thing in making W.A. his permanent home. I believe it is Foreign Office policy to retire its staff off at 60, so he has only got a few months to go. No more shall we hear his dulcet voiced steel beams and PATIOS—Rich malvinate wood in dulcet voiced steel beams and on the tables, please! Drawn colorbond. Just one of our range—all at low low prices.

Your Committee has worked very hard for your benefit in the past year but I do not propose to mention them individually but can assure you that they have been an excellent bunch to work with and I sincerely trust that they will again give of their abilities in future years.

Your Club is now almost 7 years old and has ceased to be a baby Club and is now flexing its muscles. However, even now it is a growing child (of which I know a little) and it has to be nurtured. For the newer members you might be interested to know that we started with 15 members and have now topped the 70 mark. Your Club is well known for its atmosphere of friendliness and general bonhomie. Let us keep it that way clap clap clap clap!!!!

M. Hopper.

Snippets from the meeting.

There were several evocative comments from the floor. Mrs. D. Wilson made her regular forthright comments on, paid TD's (for), smoking (against), slow play (against) and increased her field of fire to include "The Building" business (very much against). Dorothy has personally researched the problem of alternative accommodation; proof of this was the detailed list of such alternatives which she presented to the meeting. It was delightful to see that she continues to show her concern for the club in such a positive manner. It is a pity that other members do not 'take a leaf' out of her book and take a more concerted interest in this club.

Comparitive newcomer Cecil Sales was dramatically critical of the lack of support given by male members to those who are continually seen to move the tables and chairs before and after each evening's Bridge. Perhaps the new committee should consider taking up his suggestion that membership be denied to those who choose not to help.

Club Results - 6 Jul 77.

Here begineth a New Year - with 70% for Dickson plus a presidential candidate the front runners are an encouraging mixture of established and "novel" partnerships Hafcamp/Mizen away to a terrific start (52.6%) Cox/Price start their swan song with a miserable 49%.

Dickson/McCullough	69.8
Turley/Turley	63.0
Chisholm/L'Herpiniere	57.3
Hart/Prince E.	57.3
Hubbard/Pratt	57.0
Hopper/Kirby	54.2



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Comming Attractions.

South of the River Congress - August 6th and 7th at Cannington High School.

Australian National Championships.

To be held at the Parmelia Hotel starting 25th August to 3rd September.

Club Results 13 Jul 77.

The session following the Annual General Pantomime - sorry - Meeting the atmosphere is frivolous the banter is frothy and the Bridge is, to put it mildly, heady. Because of this, and the crass imbalance of the curtailed movement, the session does not count, nor does it warrant Local Points. For the record, the high scorers are:-

N/S		E/W	
Peck/Peck	67.5	Turley/Turley	62.5
Brodie-Hall/McCullough	56.7	Hart/Helliwell	59.2
Chisholm/L'Herpinere	53.3	Hubbard/Pratt	53.3

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Last Saturday four of The State Women's Team (Aleda and Joan and Vera Vahala with Lilly Lim) beat a challenge team comprising, Charlie Lim and Leiv Bornecrantz with Clive Godden and Wilf D'Rozario. The margin was quite massive (42 IMPS) considering the mens team included one member of this years State Open Team and one member of the 1975 State Open Team.

Well done girls.

Due to lack of space I will be continuing "How the Bridge Association of Western Australia was formed" in the near future.



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