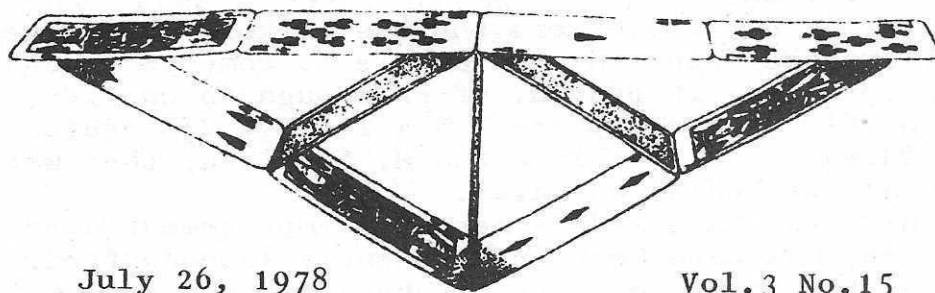


Bridging the gap



July 26, 1978

Vol.3 No.15

KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

There is so much news for BTG this week that not only do I have to cut my editorial down to a bare minimum, but unfortunately one of Peter's articles will have to wait until the next issue. I say unfortunately for it deals with how the 2 sections will be run in future.

For those of you who could not or would not (shame on you!) attend the AGM I have published the President's Report, which is well worth reading.

I offer my thanks to Jan Burgess who has offered to take over the typing of BTG. No one, however, has yet offered to relieve me of the Editorship. Surely there's someone amongst you who has something to say!

SHE

Club Results:- July 12, 1978 - 10 Tables

Hit or Miss session - nobody plays average - nothing between 55 & 45% N/S nor 55 & 48% E/W...dream session for Hallam/Hallam and highly successful night for Ramsay/Teague, McCullough (relieved of the Presidential cares?)/Weston and Berry/Berry.....

N/S Addison/Wilson 68.8%; Loveland/Martin 59.4%; Goddard/Hart 58.0%; Ramsay/Teague 57.1%.

E/W Hallam/Hallam 71.9%; Hopper/Prince E 66.1%; McCullough/Weston 58.9%; Berry/Berry 55.4%.

AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIP - 1977/78

The best club pair in 77/78 was M. Hopper & B. Kirby. Their average score was 59.1% maintained over 24 sessions. It is a record winning average and represents a spectacular performance, particularly since they started "cold" and knew from the beginning that the partnership faced a limited life. Brian proved a splendid foil for Mike who is one of

the most experienced and able players in the State. Their arrangement ended in January so the 59% was set up for other pairs to shoot at but at the same time, of course, it was never put at risk.

J. Price and B. Prince were the most likely challengers but they started late and were unable to compete enough to maintain form nor, it proved, often enough to qualify.

Championship runners-up are M & R Turley, $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ behind with 56.6%. Third are J. de Blank and M. Loveland; they were almost another 2% behind on 54.8%.

Addison/Wilson have made a marginal improvement over last year's form; Charters/Charters, recently Rosendorffed, are 2% down on the last two years; Hubbard/Pratt are also 2% off their previous form; McLean/Tee have improved over $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, thanks to simplicity, and are above average; Gartner/Hardman are also back above average, just; Ramsay/Teague are fractionally below average; Eversden/Eversden still hold their form and Hafkamp/Mizen have progressed 2.5%.

So much for the pairs. Here are some general observations on the competition. 17 pairs completed the minimum number of matches but there are 50 pairs on the non-qualifiers list, several more than in any previous year. In addition, there were no less than 109 pairings who played less than 3 times. The 109 pairs were combinations of only 54 players.

KIBITZER

Club Results:- July 19, 1978 - 11 Tables

Some freak distributions played havoc with some form.

A (Advanced?) Sec Helliwell/Martin 65.6%; Goddard/Kirby 53.1%;
McLean/Tee 52.6%; Gartner/Hardman 52.1%.

B (Intermediate?) Sec Clift/Fatin 65.9%; Elliott/Elliott
64.3%; Burgess/Burgess 59.5%.

ROVING AROUND WITH A.N. OTHER

A round trip of nearly 6,000 miles to be where the action is - this year Brisbane for the Australian National Championships - saw WA's poorest performance since my arrival in Australia. As usual the ladies did better than the Open but finished 6th out of 7 in the teams, winning 5 matches, drawing one and losing 6. The Open Team finished in bottom place 6th of 6 (Tasmania not sending a team), winning 2 matches & losing 10. In the Pairs, no all WA pair made the final in the Open (the grand old man HGR playing with a Queenslander did) and only 1 women's pair, M. Freedman & D. Krantz, made the Women's final. Dorothy then suffered oyster foot poisoning and Toby Manford took her mother's place in the finals with

Min and finsihed a very creditable 5th. In the masochist's event, the Individuals, G. Johnson finished runner up, and in the Mixed Pairs only Min Freedman and HGR made the final but faded after a tremendous qualifying session. ACT shocked the pundits by winning the Women's teams and taking out their first National title - when will WA's turn come?

COMING EVENTS - South of the River Congress Sat/Sun 5/6 Aug. State Open Teams Championship commencing Monday Aut.7. State Women's & Men's Pairs Championships commencing Thurs. August 17.

As mentioned before, all State events will be held at WABC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to present to you my report for the year ending June 30, 1978.

The year may be likened to the traditional curate's egg "good in parts". Fortunately, the good parts were very good and included the brilliant performance of Aleda Clark and Joan Goddard during the National Championships held in Perth in 1977 and the continued success of Mike Hopper in State events. The club also has this year the distinction of having one of its members, Bob Prince, as President of the Bridge Association of Western Australia.

Kalamunda Club provided 8 of the 42 teams entered in the BAWA League Teams Competition in 1977, and many of its members have played and achieved success in the various congresses held throughout the year.

Our year began badly with the departure interstate & overseas of a number of our members. For some time the attendances at the weekly sessions were poor and entries for the usual club competitions were fewer than usual. As Peter Hart frequently remarked, apathy appeared to have descended on the club.

At its first ordinary meeting the Committee was confronted with the withdrawal by B. Prince of the financial support so generously given by his firm, QAS, to the magazine Bridging the Gap, since its first issue on March 31, 1976. A letter of resignation from the editor, Joan Goddard, was also received at that meeting.

Bridging the Gap, did not however suffer an early demise as, thanks to the efforts of M. Hopper, P. Hart and E. Prince, working under difficult conditions, not one issue of the magazine was ever delayed. Then, in January 1978, Karen Haggard, a new member, kindly agreed to take over the editor-

ship. With the help of her sister-in-law, Louise Tully (who, though not a member of the club, has done all the typing for Bridging the Gap since that date)* Karen has continued to provide us with her thought provoking editorials.

Towards the end of the year Mike Cox, our former Treasurer, left Australia. Mike had brought to his Office as Treasurer such a degree of professional diplomacy that it was almost, if not quite, a pleasure to give him money. The club has been extremely fortunate in having as his successor David Hallam, whose amateur diplomacy (to coin a term) and professional skill have been of inestimable value to us all. Early in 1978 the club suffered a great loss by the death of one of its most valued members, Doroth Brodie-Hall.

The apathy to which reference has been made earlier seemed to disappear after a well attended and enjoyable Christmas Party. Attendances continued to improve and membership increased - we now have over 80 members. Some of these new members may be termed "graduates" from Roy Goddard's classes, and I hear that Pat Hubbard has some promising players - possible future members - in her High School group.

To return to the simile of the curate's egg, our Congress was not one of the good parts. It did not, for a variety of reasons, repeat the success of last year's inaugural Congress but I am sure that we will have profited from the experience.

As President, I have been fortunate in the office bearers of the Committee and having as a committee member Mike Hopper with his experience as immediate past President has provided continuity and has been of great personal help to me. One cannot praise too highly Peter Hart's enthusiasm and contribution to the club. I can pay the whole Committee no greater compliment than to say that committee meetings to some of which I looked forward with a certain amount of trepidation invariably proved to be profitable, stimulating and even pleasurable occasions.

There occurs a crisis in the history of most organisations and our club has been no exception. It has, however, come safely through its crisis.

No organisation can remain static, so, of necessity, this year has been one of innovations and experiments - some successful - such as the introduction of monthly trophies for the most improved pair, others not so successful - the introduction of money prizes - others still under review; the introduction of 2 divisions, and the provision each Wed. of "a duty dummy".

(continued)