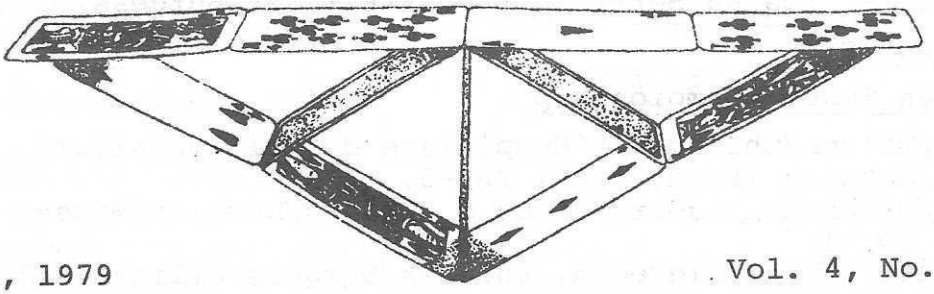
Bridging the gap



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KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

A real feast of news for this edition, and firstly we must welcome back Brian and Lynn Richardson from their overseas sojourn in the United States where bridge is indeed 'big business'. They will meet old friends, and many new faces, too, and we hope that they will soon settle in and enjoy themselves at KDBC again.

The Aggregate Championship is completed for another year and must be classified as the cliff-hanger of all time. Don Chisholm and Michel L'Herpiniere, Ray Martin and Roy Helliwell battled it out all year to arrive at the final evening of Wednesday, June 27, 1979, with just a hairline between them. Congratulations to both partnerships for providing such excellent competition. Kibitzer's report follows and I understand he is looking for a new calculator!

Don't forget the AGM at 7 p.m. on July 11. Sadly, several officiating members have decided not to stand for the committee again, and they are Mike Hopper, Ellen Prince and Max Turley. Don Chisholm will relinquish the Presidential chair and will be sorely missed in this role which he has carried out with great distinction over the past twelve months. Travels with a Coke will be taking up more time this year. We do thank all four for their undying efforts to make the Club tick successfully and for making it such a very pleasant place.

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DUTY DUMMY

July 4 - Eileen Addison, July 11 - Di Barnett,
July 18 - Gerald Berry, July 25 - Don Burgess,
August 1 - Rosina Berry, August 8 - Jan Burgess.

CLUB RESULTS

KDBC Open Teams Championship

Addison/Wilson/Chisholm/L'Herpiniere d. Hallam/Hallam/Johnson/Johnson (Peck, sub.) 20/-5.
Haggard/Stephens/Goddard/Kirby d. Essers/Numeyer/Mizen/Hafkamp 20/-1.
Hart/Pratt/Hopper/Eldred d. Burgess/Burgess/Elliott/Elliott 19/1.

Wednesday, June 20, 1979 - 14 tables

N/S: 1st, Martin/Teague, 69.7%, 2nd Elliott/Elliott, 54.3%, 3rd, McLean/Tee, 54.0%.
E/W: 1st, De Blank/Loveland, 67.5%, 2nd, Berry/Berry, 55.8%, 3rd, Clift/Fatin, 53.9%.

Saturday, June 23, 1979 - 3 tables

A teams movement was played.
1st: Candy/Duncan/Burgess/Burgess.

Wednesday, June 27, 1979 - 12½ tables

N/S: 1st, Addison/Wilson, 63.6%, 2nd, Helliwell/Martin, 63.1%, 3rd, Turley/Turley, 61.9%.
E/W: 1st, Chisholm/L'Herpiniere, 74.5%, 2nd, Burgess (2) 63.1%, 3rd, Hart/Pratt, 51.0%.

Saturday, June 30, 1979 - 3 tables

A teams movement was placed.
1st: Hart/Pratt/Burgess/Burgess.

KDBC KnockOut Championship - Second Round

Berry/Berry d. Hafkamp/Mizen, 55/21
McCullough/Weston - walkover.

Draw for the Third Round of the Knockout Championship

All matches to be played on or by Wednesday, August 1, 1979.

North/South		East/West
Berry/Berry	v.	Essers/Numeyer
Chisholm/L'Herpiniere	v.	Elliott/Elliott
McLean/Tee	v.	Gartner/Hardman
Eldred/Shieff)		
or	v.	McCullough/Weston
Barnett/Valentine)		

AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Two weeks ago, I showed how close the struggle was. Chisholm/L'Herpiniere led from Helliwell/Martin by 0.1%. In the session played that night, my point was demonstrated when Helliwell/Martin scored 64% and leapfrogged their rivals to be in front by 0.2%.

Last week was the last session. I played with the statistics beforehand to discover who had to do what in order to win. The figures showed that, if Helliwell/Martin played to Form (58%), Chisholm/L'Herpiniere would have to score over 67% to beat them to the title. In the event, Helliwell/Martin did much better and played 63% bridge, so Chisholm/L'Herpiniere had to do proportionately much, much better.

It was the most exciting piece of scoring I have ever had to do. It soon became clear that Chisholm/L'Herpiniere had, indeed, had a very good session. Their score realised quite enormous proportions: it translated into 74.5%!! This has only been topped once this year. So then I moved to the Aggregate calculations.

Helliwell/Martin averaged 58.2%, an increase of 0.2% on their already high average, and a difficult target for Chisholm/L'Herpiniere. Was a 75% session big enough? I checked the figures and rechecked them. They averaged 58.3%!! So that one session in June raised their Form by 0.5% to give them the title by 0.1%. In fact, when I took it to two decimal places, it was 0.09% - 58.31% against 58.22%. What a remarkable result. My calculator tells me that if Helliwell/Martin had totalled 3 more match points or Chisholm/L'Herpiniere had totalled 4 fewer match points over the whole year, the positions would have been reversed. In practical terms, that could translate into only one trick on any one board during the whole year. That is an incredibly small margin. Helliwell/Martin played about 480 boards; Chisholm/L'Herpiniere played about 800 boards. No doubt, the four players can recall occasions when they could have exercised better judgement or played a hand differently to gain or save that extra trick. Surely there is a lesson on the importance of every trick here for all of us.

My sympathy to Helliwell/Martin. To lose the title by a trick or two over 22 sessions must be very disappointing. But the struggle has brought them into more active involvement in the Club activities and I look forward to the stimulus of their competition next year. My congratulations to the winners who have, at last, eliminated much of their unsteadiness. Perhaps we will all suffer less of the Gallic recriminations in future. What a championship!

KIBITZER

THE DEMISE OF THE CTA BRIDGE CLUB

It is with regret that the above Club is no more. It lasted just over 4½ years and under the Chairmanship for that whole period of Gordon Wilsmore, it was responsible for setting new standards in the Western Australian Bridge scene. However, the city centre is not now the place for a bridge club, or any other club it would seem, as all clubs of whatever type are finding the financial problems are insuperable, and attendances have been dropping at alarming rates.

The Club was formed by a group of radicals who were not satisfied with the then administrators of State Bridge - W.A.B.A. - who frequently could not see the wood for the trees. It had a number of credits - the biggest single session event, 50 tables at its opening - ooh, what a night that was, it really was - the introduction of Swiss Pairs to this State, new ideas were given trial runs, some of which have now been adopted as standard practice. R.I.P. C.T.A.

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ROVING AROUND with A.N. Other

No Congresses to report on but two imminent, this week-end Macabbi's and two weeks hence, Canning Districts. The latter has been a good one since its inception and has always been a good hunting ground for our members - don't forget to take the trophy back, Peter - and a large contingent of KDBC members is expected. On the State scene, the Women's and Men's teams are almost concluded and reports of those Championships will appear two weeks hence. The BAWA Swiss Pairs attracted a substantial number of our members and it will be interesting to see how they perform. The InterClub Open Teams is scheduled for July 16/23/30. Are there 4 pairs who are interested in representing the Club in this event for just three Monday evenings at Dalkeith? KDBC did win this event in January 1972. Almost time to win it again!

NEW CLUB PREMISES

The Council have written requesting financial statements for the previous two years, this year, and our forecasts for 1980. This information has been submitted, together with a final request to be allowed to build in Longfellow Road.

July is Budget time at the Council and we should know soon when we can proceed. The drawings are to be submitted for Council approval in order that no more time is wasted.

A letter has also been sent to the Council inquiring about the Youth, Sports and Recreational grants that will be allocated during July. A little extra help would come in handy - even for the purchase of some chairs!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Fred and Bente Hansen, who have come to us via Roy Goddard's classes. We hope they are settling in and enjoying themselves on Wednesday evenings.

THE EVERSDENS

Thanks again to the Eversdens for sending some flowers last Wednesday. It is good to know that we are not forgotten by these two generous people who are now unable to come to the Club. Does anyone have news of them?

AND, LASTLY, ... but certainly not least ..

Bon Voyage to Beatrice Webster who is flying to the U.K. on Friday, July 6 for a few weeks' holiday. Are you planning to get some bridge in, as well, Beatrice?

AND LEASTLY ..... but certainly not last ..

As one flies out, two others flew in - with Max and Ruby Turley looking tremendously well after their visit to the U.K. They spent a week in dear old Devon, where one has to keep fit and healthy in case those Spaniards come across the Channel again! Welcome back - it's good to see you again.

STOP PRESS

The heartiest of congratulations to David Stephens for graduating as a Class B tournament director - the highest award for directing in the State. Don't we have some clever dickies at KDBC! Well done, David! We really will have to be on our mettle when he returns from Darwin.

B.T.G.

As we approach decision time at the A.G.M., perhaps there is an aspiring editor who would like to take on B.T.G., for, say, the next 20 issues.

Mr and Mrs Bulla Nulla Nulla have enjoyed being editor and sub editor, and thank the support writers for their very valued assistance throughout the past 20 issues.

We have aimed to record, report, and involve members in the news, and hope you have enjoyed the reading.

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