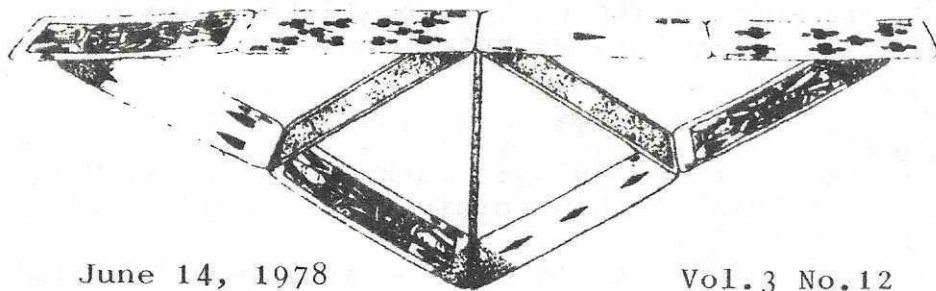


Bridging the gap



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EDITORIAL

You are all aware, no doubt, that the AGM is drawing near, at which time a new committee will be elected. The members of the present committee are: Office Bearers - President Constance McCullough, Vice President Don Chisolm, Secretary Ellen Prince, Treasurer David Hallam; Committee Members - Mike Hopper, Chris Peck, Bob Prince, Peter Hart, Max Turley, Roy Goddard, John Price. Apparently the constitution allows for a maximum of 7 committee members, which is what we have at the moment. I hear that a committee consisting of 11 members is proving somewhat unwieldy, considering that our over-all membership is relatively small. It might be an idea to cut the number down to 3 or at the most 5 members, besides the office bearers. So please don't nominate people unless they are agreeable. Those of you who might like to be on the committee, take a look at the constitution, so that you know exactly what you are letting yourselves in for. How about a showing of some of the newer members, like Jan Burgess, John Renton or David Stephens?

Something else for you to think about for the AGM is the nomination of possible captains of the Open & Women's State Teams. In this issue please find a copy of the Sec. of BAWA's letter concerning this matter.

Seen any good advertising lately?! Brian Kirby says when he goes into town, his wife and kids are staring at him from all the hoardings in Perth. He can't even watch the telly in peace!

Anyone in need of a fun weekend. Albany is establishing a new club over June 24/25. Please speak to Bob Prince this week. Esperance will be also holding a similar bridge pro-

motion weekend sometime in August. A reminder that the Maccabi Congress will be held on the first weekend in July.

Not only club glasses and T-shirts; buy one or two & stick 'em somewhere! The club Logo-stickers are now available - get 'em while they're hot. Don'ts the man to see.

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Club Results: May 31, 1978 - 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tables

A Div: Gartner/Hardman 59.4%; Clark/Kirby 57.6%; Hart/Pratt 56.9%; Chisholm/L'Herpiniere 54.5%; Helliwell/Martin 54.5%.

Gartner & Hardman do the old "Bottom-to-Top-in-2-weeks" trick again - for the umpteenth time (said Dick Hardman: "It's crazy") ... first 6 pairs all male ...

B Div: Banks/Sales 59.7%; Burgess/Burgess 58.3%; Bechelli/Duncan 51.4%.

Banks/Sales complete a purple patch ... best yet for Burgess/Burgess ... complete collapse for Hallam/Hallam - bottom with 38.9%.

AGGREGATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMENTARY - May 78, Chapter I

What a remarkable month! I don't quite know where to start. For instance, our own special "disease" of partnership fluidity reached epidemic proportions with a record 36 pairs listed - no less than 13 of them are first listings this year!! For instance, the best performance this month by far is the 58.6% of Cecil Sales & his visiting partner, Mrs. J. Banks. Tremendous bridge from a partnership of convenience. For instance, the winners of the Most Improved Pair award are again from B Div. - Graham/Valentine. I hinted at their potential which was hindered by previous partnership commitments.

Well, those "f'rinstances" are only sideshows. The main feature of this merry, mad May is the change in fortunes of so many pairs. Sixteen of them suffered setbacks in form, a very large proportion. Only 6 pairs managed to improve. The only big improvers are the aforementioned Graham/Valentine - up 1.5%, Bechelli/Duncan - up 1.3% and old faithfuls, Hafkamp/Mizen - up 1.1%. All, you will note, are B status pairs. The other 3 - I hesitate to use the word "improvements" - gains are 0.1% by Haggard/Stephens, the lowest ranking A status pair; 0.2% by Clark A/Goddard J, incredibly the next lowest ranking A status pair; 0.5% by McLean/Tee, back into the fray after illness. Not exactly spectacular advances, are they?

Chapter II - Now, whether you approve of the 2 divisions or not, look at those figures for a moment. In a nutshell, a couple of B status pairs are rising up the B status rankings; practically all the other pairs are now finding it difficult to hang on to their form, in both divisions. The leading long-term form figures are lower, and still declining. The weekly winning scores are hovering on the brink of normalcy and the club is becoming more competitive. You have to play well to score well; the "gifts" are fewer. In table terms, competitive auctions are critical, an overtrick is of great value and defeating a contract can add maybe 2% to your score. Such factors may be said to encourage us to play better, to respect each other more and to properly appreciate the merit of good play, proved by scores. On the other hand, they might be said to discourage the old bonhomie & friendliness for which this club is renowned. Remember, the experiment, for that is what it is, is to be reviewed at the end of this month. Make your opinions known, preferably in writing, to the sub-committee, Messrs. Hart, Hopper & Turley.

Bear in mind the following points:

1. KDBC only plays one session per week (lack of TD's - another story).
2. KDBC members have an extremely wide range of competences which must be accommodated.
3. Once we get past 14 tables, the movement would have to be split anyway. Isn't it better to make the split on an organised basis?
4. Once more, yet again, I repeat and reiterate, that any B status pair can play in the A movement whenever and as often as they wish.

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Dear Secretary,

The Management Committee of BAWA has decided that a panel of names for the Captancy of the Open & Women's State Teams be formed for future selection.

It would be appreciated if your club would please submit names of your suitable members as Captains of the Teams, at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

H.G. ROSENDORFF
Secretary

Club Results: June 7, 1978 - 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ tables

A Div: Charters/Charters 61.0%; Addison/Wilson 60.6%; Price Prince 57.8; Chisholm/L'Herpinier 57.2%; Clark A/Goddard J 54.6%.

B Div: Berry/Berry 58.7%; Clift/Fatin 52.4%; Hafkamp/Mizen 51.6%.

ROVING AROUND WITH A.N. OTHER

The WABC Congress over the Foundation Day long week-end saw plenty of our members in action. In the Opening Pairs, C & D Charters brushed the Gibson desert sand out of their hair and won the prize for the highest placed pair who have not achieved State Master ranking. In the Congress Pairs pride of place goes to Madam President, C. McCullough playing with F. McLean who were the only KDBC pairs to make the finals. Unfortunately they did not make a placing but our good friends, Canning Districts provided the winners in P. Hammond (an old pupil of mine) and H. Lander. In the Teams event, L. Petrich (a former member and pupil) playing with Max, Leiv Bornecrantz and A.N. Other took out first place from some fairly competent teams.

In the State events, the Women's teams is nearing the end of the qualifying rounds and Aleda and Joan (playing with V. Vahala, V. Biltoft and L. Lim) lead the way and look certain to make the finals. In the Open Pairs, C. Lim, an international player, playing with A.N. Other, won the first session of the final but fell away badly in the 2nd session and will be hard pushed to get back in contention.

PAIRS KNOCK OUT INTERIM REPORT - Addison/Wilson defeated the Kalabirds by 5 IMPS; Ramsay/Teague defeated Turley/Turley by 5 IMPS; Hallam/Prince defeated Clark/Kirby by 9 IMPS; and what has to be the result of the round, if not of the competition, Renton/Renton beat the defending champions, Peck/Peck by 9 IMPS. These then, are the upsets. Elsewhere, in an all B status match, McCullough/Weston defeated 61 to 24, even after a recount and the combined experience of Hopper/Martin proved beyond the capabilities of Burgess/Burgess to the tune of 65 IMPS. Remaining matches are both A v B: Chisholm v Doepel, de Blank v Haggard. Who will forecast the winners?

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