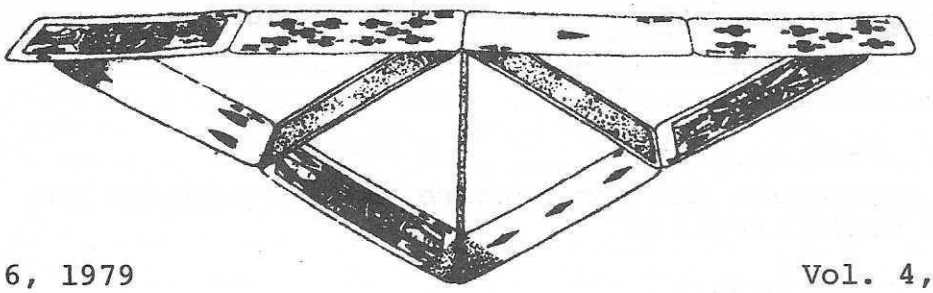
Bridging the gap



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KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

We are fast approaching the end of another year of bridge, and the Annual General Meeting is just around the corner. Now is the time for those aspiring organisers to start thinking about becoming a Club committee member, or a member of that all important House Committee. All members will join me, I'm sure, in thanking Pat Weston, Maureen Ward and Connie McCullough most heartily for their behind the scenes organisation of the refreshments which we enjoy at half time. The introduction of chocolate biscuits has been most welcome, and dangerous, as one can lose a hand reaching into the tin for the last one!

Please think seriously about how you can help in the running of this Club.

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DUTY DUMMY

June 6 - Pat Weston, June 13 - Maureen Ward
June 20 - Mike Candy, June 27 - Jill Mitchell

..... and back to the start again, with

July 4 - Eileen Addison, July 11 - Di Barnett.

..... how time flies!!

CLUB RESULTS

Wednesday, May 23, 1979 - 11 tables
1st: Chisholm/L'Herpiniere, 65.5%, 2nd: Addison/Wilson, 61.3%
3rd: Hopper/Stephens, 60.9%.

Saturday, May 26, 1979 - 4½ tables

1st: Hart/Hart, 61.1%; 2nd: Hopper/Mizen, 60.4%;
3rd: Sales/Tee, 54.9%.

Wednesday, May 30, 1979 - 13½ tables

1st: McCullough/Weston, 60.1%, 2nd: Hart/Pratt, 57.8%,
3rd: Fearne/Webster, 57.6%.

Saturday, June 2, 1979 - 2 tables

Even an earthquake did not perturb eight stalwarts who played a teams evening.

KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP

Three matches were played on Wednesday, May 30, and the results were as follows:

Essers/Numeyer d. Haggard/Stephens, 74/71
Gartner/Hardman d. Addison/Wilson +, 59/51
McLean/Tee d. Ramsay/Teague +, 61/46

The previous week, Elliott/Elliott d. Goddard/Kirby, 47/33.

The competition is providing plenty of surprises. Four Advanced pairs, the defending champions, and last year's losing finalists have already been knocked out - and we are still only in the second round.

MOST IMPROVED PAIR FOR MAY - AGGREGATE PAIRS

Congratulations to Rotha Fearne and Beatrice Webster on becoming the most improved pair for May. Did you also note that they ran third on Wednesday, May 30, with a resounding 57.6%!

THE AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIP - MAY

Eleven months down - one to go! After the brief whirl of the Individual (my thanks to my partners and opponents for their contributions), we can refocus on the long hard grind of the Aggregate Championship. Who are to be "The Best Club Pair"? With just four weeks to go, the contenders are:

Chisholm/L'Herpiniere,	played	35,	form,	57.8
Helliwell/Martin,	"	19,	"	57.7
De Blank/Loveland,	"	19,	"	56.5

Other pairs have similar, or better scores, but only these three can satisfy the requirement of having played in more

than 40% of all sessions (i.e. 20 scores). (A tip there for pairs two and three to turn up during June - otherwise ... BNN)

Regardless of whether you think the competition, as it is currently regulated, is able to discover "The Best Club Pair" (and therein, dear BNN, lies another article), all members must be aware that their decisions and actions in the next four sessions will have a vital bearing on the destiny of the championship. And this is, of course, particularly so when they sit down against the three contending pairs.

And what of these famous pairs? Chisholm/L'Herpiniere have the runs on the board, but - they dropped back 0.8% in April, and barely held their own in May. They could only manage 46.7% last week! Can they hold up, knowing how important each board is now? Helliwell/Martin, sometime State Champions, have resumed after Roy's LSL, with just enough weeks left in which to qualify. Their record is not reassuring: Nov 1978 - -0.9%; Dec 1978 - -1.7%; Jan. 1979 - +1.1%; Feb. 1979 - +1.0%; May 1979 - -0.2%. Can they sort out their complexities and steady the ship? De Blank/Loveland had been around 57.5% for three months, and were my favourites because of their apparent steadiness (and the fact that I could never get good scores against them). Then, last month, they collapsed with 53%, and 43% (and Len and I picked up 70% against them, on errors of judgement). They dropped from 57.5% to 56.5% in the May ratings and have now a lot of work to do to recover that lost Form. There are factors which hint at frailty in each pair. Whom do you favour?

Whatever the result, we can all rejoice in the rejuvenation of the Aggregate Championship. For the first time in many years it really is a competition right to the finish. We will not have a repeat of the questionable manoeuvering of recent winners. Who knows? We might even have a repeat of 1972/1973 when Hart/Teague had to outscore Hubbard/Pratt in the very last session of the year in order to win the championship from that formidable pair.

So, let's go to it, all of us.

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ROVING AROUND with A.N. Other

Between earthquakes, the W.A.B.C. held their Foundation Day Week-end Congress, but I am unable to report any earth shattering performances by KDBC members. The best pairs

result was Claudine and David Charters, who again qualified for the final and finished a very creditable sixth. Charles Frugte and partner finished third, and Roy Goddard and partner also made the final, which was won by Vera Vahala and Tuck Men Chin.

In the Opening Pairs, the highest placed KDBC pair, yes again, the Charters, who this time were well down the list. The teams and walk in pairs entrants from KDBC also failed to excel, leaving it a barren weekend for prizes.

The next Congress is at Macabbi (always a pleasant one) on Saturday evening, 7th July, at 7.30 p.m. a one session teams, and Sunday afternoon and evening, a 2 session pairs event. Perhaps we can get back into the top spots where we should be. The programme, and entry forms, will be available shortly.

THEY MADE IT, DESPITE .....

"They went to the top last Wednesday night,
But on their way had a terrible fright.
With all other tables in four spades cold,
This timid pair were not so bold.

"'One spade', wrote South, after the deepest thought,
'Two clubs', from North, with look distraught,
'Let's make it three', wrote South with a look
toward heaven,
And, lo and behold, they ran out seven!"

(I must have led the right card, too! - BNN)
