



Bridging the gap

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EDITORIAL

Wouldn't it be nice if the Tournament Director of the evening introduced all newcomers and visitors to the Club each week !

It really is grand to see new faces at the Club, even if some people feel terrified. However, a great big welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Burgess, Mr. & Mrs. Swallow, Mr. & Mrs. Kerkhoff and Mr. G Adjuk.

It should be pointed out, that if any newcomers wish, it can be arranged that you can play without joining in the general movement, simply by making one appendix table. We will put one experienced pair with you all evening and it will be a better way to be introduced to the vagaries of Duplicate Bridge. Please ask the Tournament Director if you wish to take advantage of this service.

Our illustrious President's chariot has been seen broken down twice in the streets of Kalamunda - unable to force its merry way home. However, it is felt that to strand such a grand old timer as Rex Mizen on one of these occasions is a bid rough Mike! Perhaps a new battery or alternator would help?

It has been noted that when Anne Marie Rahimtulla and Mike Hopper play they always sit in that corner and either Mike is frightened to share her beauty with the rest of us, or he doesn't like to move. May it be suggested that as, in that position, Anne Marie's only view is of Mike and a brick wall, that they move around.



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While on this subject there are a couple of other pairs that fairly regularly sit in precisely the same position each week. Perhaps the Director could play a Reverse Mitchell where all the east west pairs remain stationary and the north south pairs move.

QUIP FOR THE WEEK

There was a bridge player named Lee,
told his partner "Between you and me,
a signal's alright, but it isn't polite
for you to keep kicking my knee."

Club Results - 16 Feb 77

Clark/Goddard 68.2%; Turley/Turley 62.1; Farka/Jackson 60.4;
Manser/Richardson 58.1; Hart/Manser 58.1%; Price/Richardson 57.6%;
Ramsay/Teague 56.1.

Bridge for Beginners

Twenty students have enrolled for the beginners classes currently run on Tuesday evenings at Kalamunda High School.

They range from people who have played some form of whist, to a few who have never played any card game at all. If the attentiveness and enthusiasm was any indication, then the first evening was a success.

B.A.W.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Last Friday night the Annual General Meeting of the Bridge Association of Western Australia was held at the Perth Bridge Club. Mr. Hans Rosendorff and Mr. Bob Prince were re-elected unopposed as your President and Vice-President. Some newcomers were elected to the other executive posts, namely, Mrs. Helen Hawkins as Secretary and Mr. John Lester as Treasurer. It was confirmed that Mrs. Barbara Lindsay-Taylor would join Hans Rosendorff, Bob Prince and Mike Hopper on the 1977 A.N.C. (Australian National Championships), and congress organising committee. All clubs were asked to help this group in organising the social aspect with the very large volume of interstate visitors expected.

The meeting of the Council of B.A.W.A. that was held immediately after the A.G.M was yet another example of the necessity for this body to have an Executive Management Committee.



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Too much time was spent discussing trivialities and not enough getting on with the real business of the association - that is, the efficient running and organisation of bridge in this state. Our President could be well advised to keep this in mind at future meetings. We should all give him help and backing toward efficient management.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

K.D.B.C. - The Individual Championship starts this Friday, 4.3.77. Late entries accepted tonight.

State Events - State Team Selection Tourneys start Thursdays, March 31st, April 7th, 14th, 21st. (4) weekends May 7/8th and May 14/15th. Closing date for entries March 26th.

Congresses

Metropolitan Clubs Congress this coming week-end. March 5th, 6th and 7th - final entries to Mr. Hopper tonight.

Arrangements are under way for Kalamunda Club Congress for 29th, 30th April and 1st May.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

In the last issue we told you that Roy Goddard and Bob Prince, representing your club in the Champion of Champions event had not got off to a good start, in fact 9th out of a field of 10. However, we are pleased to report that on the 2nd night of the event they won and after 3 nights managed to consolidate to obtain 3rd overall. Well done fella's.

Club Results - 23 Feb 77

Eversden/Eversden 62.9%; Penny/Penny 62.9%; Charters/Charters 58.6%; Cox/Price 58.6%; Frugte/Prince 57.9%; Prince/ Rahimtulla 56.4%.

Aggregate Pairs Summary - February

Perhaps the doves of The Establishment will be even more a-flutter when the concerned pairs see the league table this month. At the top, over 10 pts. clear of the field are Turley/Turley on 59.3%: how do you like them apples? A bit behind are Prince/Rosendorff on 58.1% but they can be happy with a lift of 10 pts. The other four front runners all moved up like a set of formation dancers, to remain grouped around 54 - 56%.

They, and those senior officers from the BAWA may like to ponder this: as from tonight, there are 18 playing dates left; Turley/Turley have played 6; $6 + 18 = 24$ and the minimum qualifying figure is 22; AND T & T are out of the Knockout. Can they maintain their form? Ponder, you Cox/Prices, Kalabirds, Helliwell/Martins and Addison/Wilsons, ponder well.



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Aggregate Pairs Summary - February (Cont'd)

In an almost exact reversal of last months results, the top half of the league ladder moved up, except for two pairs and the bottom half moved down, except for four pairs. Down went Hubbard/Pratt (0.5%) and Jackson/Whincup (1.2%), and up rose Ramsay/Teague (0.2%), Eversden/Eversden (0.3%), Fearne/Lyhne (1.3%) and Hafkamp/Mizen (0.2%). Incidentally, Ramsay/Teague have locked metaphorical horns with Gartner/Hardman again on 49.4%. Elsewhere on the ladder Manser/Manser seemed intent on signing off with a bang and proceeded to drop 2.0% and Hopper/Rahimtulla demonstrated a possible reason for hiding in that corner (down 1.2%). But Clark/Goddard (the gentleman, that is) zoomed up 2.6% to become a pair not to be sneezed at any more. By the way, well done Fearne/Lyhne; 1.3% improvement is no sneezing matter either. The current Knockout Competition has started and the erosion of tables has caused us to play a couple of Howell movements and the Top has been a little high on those two weeks. The average top has trembled up 0.1% to 63.8%.

Kibitzer.

B.A.W.A. Regulations

Opening Lead Face-Down

- (a) The opening lead shall be made face down.
- (b) This gives the partner of the player on lead the opportunity to ask questions about the bidding without the danger of being thought to influence his partner's lead.
- (c) If he has no questions to ask, he indicates that the lead may be turned over.

(Note: There is the additional advantage in making the opening lead face-down that, if the lead is made out of turn, there is no need to invoke Law 54. The card is simply picked up.)



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