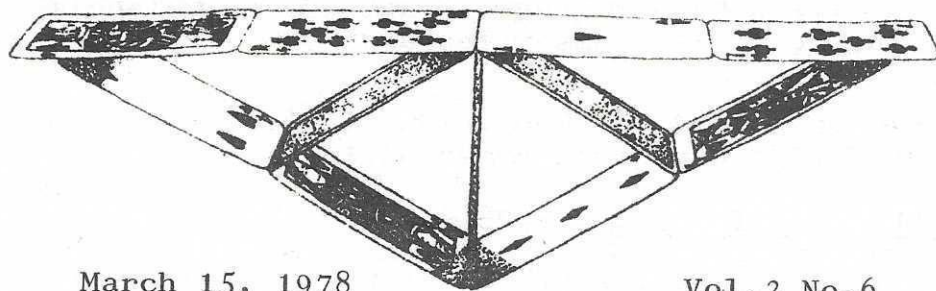


Bridging the gap



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EDITORIAL

Who noticed the gap last week? (Not "Bridging the Gap" either!!) I'm talking about Mr. & Mrs. E. Eversden, who were conspicuous by their absence. I have no idea why they didn't come, but a little bird told me that they are not going to attend our weekly sessions anymore. Once again, I don't know why but I do hope that the two movements haven't offended them. This is the first time since I joined the club in November that they have not turned up, and I believe that they have hardly ever missed a session since the club was formed. Whatever their reasons were, they were missed by all and I do hope we see them again soon.

The other day I was complaining bitterly to my husband that our neighbour kissed his wife three times every morning and waved to her until he disappeared around the corner.

"Why can't you do that?" says I.

"OK", says he, "if you insist, I will. But I hardly know her"

SHE

Club Results - March 1, 1978 (11 Tables)

The last of the 'old-fashioned' sessions before the great experiment ... Normal tops but substantial wins for regulars Addison/Wilson, and blow-ins, Hart P/Stephens ... unusually good scores for Ramsay/Teague, Gartner/Hardman (1 week too late to save their status) and Essers/Numeyer - unusually bad

scores for Clark D/Kirby, a lousy 45.0%, Price/Prince, a mere 56.4%, and Doepel/Doepel, a forgettable 35.7% ... Overall, is this the end of an era?

N/S: Addison/Wilson 64.3%; Frugte/Pratt 59.1%; Chisholm/L'Herpinriere 57.5%; Ramsay/Teague 57.3%; Teague/Teague 57.3%

E/W: Hart P/Stephens 64.4%; Hopper/Martin 61.6%; Essers/Numeyer 55.7%; Gartner/Hardman 54.1%

PAIRS KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP - 1978

The KO is another innovation by the club to provide attractive competition wherein less competitive pairs can take advantage of a good single session and progress at the expense of demonstrably better pairs who might be expected to beat them over several sessions. Pairs to play each other are drawn by ballot and sit stationary throughout the session. They play the same boards as the regular movement, their score is compared against the average for the whole movement on each board, and the net difference is rescored on the normal teams scoring scale known as International Match Points, IMPs for short. The pairs with most IMPs go into a fresh draw for the next round.

The title holders are Chris & John Peck who won when their form was 52% and they ranked 9th in the club. Other 'unlikely' winners were Aleda & Dan Clark in 75/76, when they were playing 51% bridge and in the classic case, Rotha Fearne & Barbara Hart, who sustained a marvellous run in 72/73 although they could manage 49% in that years aggregate competition. Noetworthy giant-killing matches from the past are Peck/Peck over Cox/Price 56.1%, Gartner/Hardman 50.6% over Charters/Charters 54.2%, Fearne/Hart over Teague/Teague 54.8% and what I consider to be the greatest performance so far, Judith Manser & Lynn Richardson 48.8% over the all-conquering Prince/Rosendorff 58.5% last year.

We have to introduce one regulation to cover the current system of separate tables: The home pair (the first named in the draw) shall have choice over which section their KO table shall be appended to, except that the base movement shall have at least four full tables.

Matches are played on an opportunity basis as soon as is convenient for both pairs. Results obtained in KO matches

are not counted in the aggregate competition nor in the new status reckonings. The competition is different. It adds a welcome touch of spice to club life by reintroducing luck into duplicate bridge.

I hope you will all enter again this year: Entries will close next week, March 22.

P. HART

Club Results - March 8, 1978 (11 Tables)

Division Day ... two movements, two sets of results, (twice the work for the statistician), twice the interest

B Division (4 Tables): A new set of circumstances bring forth new norms of performance but in any standard of competition, 64.8% must be a considerable triumph - so step forward Renton/Rneton with the inaugural win, not bad for beginners ... names old and new in the list of points winners

Renton/Renton 64.8%; Graham Thompson 63.9%;

Berry/Mizen 53.7%; Burgess/Burgess 53.7%.

A Division (7 Tables): Single session results are notoriously atypical but this inaugural competition produced a corking set which justify some close scrutiny.

Look at these:

63.9% Hart P/Peck J	The pair least likely to.....
59.7% Helfgott/Mandavy	Competent visitors from 21 Tate St.
56.9% Haggard/Stephens	Only scraped A status by 0.1%
56.3% de Blank/Loveland	Occasional visitors from Swan Districts - now attracted to KDBC enough to join.
55.8% Hopper/Martin	A remarkable phenomenon -----
55.9% Chisholm/ L'Herpiniere	Normality at last!!
52.4% Goddard R/Turley	A partnership of convenience - "Let's go out to the loo and talk systems".
49.0% Doepel/Doepel	Defiant and critical, but constructively so.
47.6% Price/Prince	Their first go at a 'good' club field and - their worst performance.
43.4% Addison/Wilson	Almost unbelievably, their worst score since September 1976.
42.0% Gartner/Hardman	Hesitant competitors, sampling the set up.

39.9% Harvey P/Prince E But they enjoyed their game.
38.9% Hubbard/Pratt Inexplicable - I'm speechless.
38.2% Fearn/Lyhne Again, what can I say - they were
game, but misguided.

They really are some odd results. The only pair within a cooe of form is Doepel/Doepel and there are some quite extraordinary failures by the very pairs who would be expected to benefit from the set up.

Editors Note: The editor does not accept responsibility
for P. Hart's comments. SHE

General Comments

I have heard nothing but approving noises from those who took part, from both sections, particularly from people like Don & Jan Burgess who settled comfortably into the haven of the B Div. movement. This section provided an ideal spot for newcomers, Ian & Kay Moore, who were making their first ever foray into the world of duplicate. Without the 2 divisions it would have been almost impossible to provide them with a game, so already the system has proved worthwhile.

Play was very slow, and in both sections. Div. B only played six 3-board rounds and Div. A started the last of 12 rounds some minutes after 11p.m.

The separation (The Great Divide?) has inflicted casualties in the club. Those club stalwarts, the normally imperturbable May Ramsay & Mabel Teague, are very upset by the split. In particular, I believe, they do not agree with the concept of calling a spade, a spade. The committee had to make an arbitrary decision about the dividing line between A and B status, endeavouring to find a reasonable balance of numbers and playing ability in the 2 groups of players. We regret that they are offended: I can only repeat that status does not depend upon length of club membership but on proven playing ability. And anyway, any pair, be they A or B or XYZ status, can choose to play in the A section as often as they wish, and can do so without being labelled presumptuous or obsequious or whatever. I hope that we will see them back at the club soon.

Constructive Criticism: John Doepel suggests more inter-status mobility with promotion and relegation of 2 pairs from each level. This seems to be a worthwhile idea.