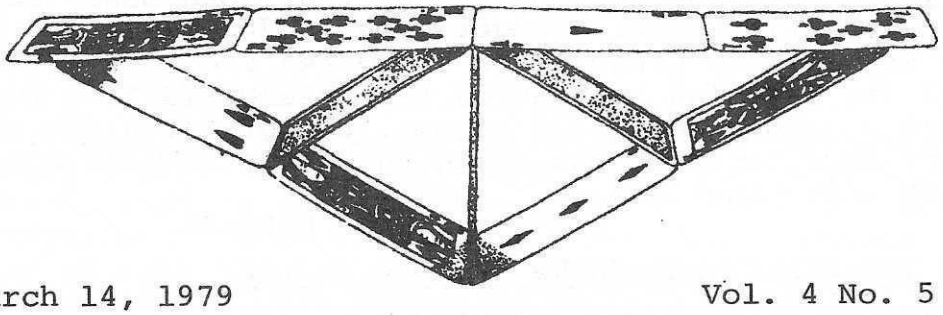
Bridging the gap



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KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

The Intermediate, or B Section, has not been operating just recently, mainly through lack of players and a wish of most Bees to play in the advanced area. An alternative plan of action is in hand but it requires further consideration. The idea is for the A section players to all play in one direction in the movement, whilst the remaining players play the opposite way. This is right for a Mitchell movement but may prove a little difficult for the Howell. Hence the extra study period. It's Peter Hart's idea, has considerable merit, and I throw it into the magazine for thought. At least the basic theme is right in that players of similar standard will compete against one another, and that can only mean higher standards.

Your thoughts are welcome.

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DUTY DUMMY

March 14	- Brian Kirby,	March 21	- Freda McLean
March 28	- Ray Martin,	April 4	- Rex Mizen
April 11	- Ellen Prince,	April 18	- May Ramsay

CLUB PREMISES

The Kalamunda Reporter published the news that the Council had approved our project and suggested a fifth site adjacent to the Gooseberry Hill school in Ledger Road.

By telephone call to the Shire, a secretary advised that we

could appeal against that site if we so desired and request another discussion by Council of our number one choice in Longfellow Road. She went on to say that loan money was unavailable until Council budget time in July - so for that we must wait. The Council had suggested Ledger Road for our hall for planning reasons as the area would have two halls and a school and would become, therefore, a centre of community facilities. The Building Committee will continue its investigations.

D. BURGESS

DOWN IN THE FOREST SOMETHING STIRRED .....

..... nothing stirred this week!

CLUB RESULTS

Wednesday, 14th February. 12½ tables

NORTH/SOUTH: 1st - Chisholm/L'Herpiniere, 71.7%,
2nd - D'Rozario/Haggard, 63.3%,
3rd - Ramsay/Teague, 56.9%.
EAST/WEST: 1st - Hart/Pratt, 61.6%,
2nd - Helliwell/Martin, 58.6%,
3rd - Banks/Curtis, 57.3%.

Wednesday, 28th February. - 13½ tables

NORTH/SOUTH: 1st - Addison/Wilson, 63.2%,
2nd - Helliwell/Martin, 62.7%,
3rd - Ramsay/Teague, 61.8%.
EAST/WEST: 1st - Chisholm/L'Herpiniere, 62.9%,
2nd - Gartner/Hardman, 58.8%,
3rd - Essers/Numeyer, 57.7%.

Saturday, 3rd March. - 4½ tables

1st - Burgess/Burgess, 62.5%, 2nd - Stephens/Turley, 61.1%,
3rd - McCullough/McLean, 52.8%, 4th - Ramsay/Teague, 51.4%.

Wednesday, 7th March - 10½ tables

NORTH/SOUTH: 1st - Martin/J. Ward, 60.8%,
2nd - Candy/M. Ward, 58.1%,
3rd - Barnett/Valentine, 53.3%.
EAST/WEST: 1st - Chisholm/L'Herpiniere, 70.4%,
2nd - Combes/Wathen, 55.6%,
3rd - Banks/Loveland, 51.3%.

Saturday, 10th March - 5½ tables

1st: Addison/Wilson, 59.4%, 2nd: Sales/Tee, 54.2%,
3rd: McCullough/McLean, 51.0%.

A DOLLAR TO-WARDS THE SWEAR BOX?

Loud exclamations were heard in the otherwise peaceful hours of Saturday night as the half table pair of Maureen and John Ward, busy as ever, tidied up the coffee, biscuits and drinking cups. Unfortunately the four armed coffee machine let fly at John who experienced a very hot shower to the accompaniement of some desperate oaths. John apologises, but after all, it was b..... hot!

BAWA OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER - February 1979.

There is a copy of this newsletter available for each member and it is well worth reading, especially as there are some travel bargains. It records the elected BAWA office bearers, to whom we send our congratulations - especially to Bob Prince who, as a most successful President, takes another term of office.

BRIDGE GOES TO THE COUNTRY

The first country congress was held by the Esperance Bridge Club, under the auspices of BAWA, between 3 - 5 March, 1979. The bridge was not always of the highest standard but the enjoyment, hospitality and refreshments were second to none. The Open Pairs was won by Marie and John Price, with Joan Goddard and Bob Prince running second. These same four made up the team in the Open Teams event which came second, and in the Farewell Pairs played on the Monday morning (I can't help feeling that playing bridge in the morning is somehow illicit and frightfully decadent!), Fran and David Coles outscored the Price/Prince combination to win and thus ensured that the recently re-elected President of BAWA left for Perth with a hat-trick of seconds.

The Congress was rounded off most successfully when Price/Price and Goddard/Prince pledged their respective prize monies to the provision of perpetual trophies for the highest ranking country pair in the major pairs and teams event in future country congresses. We all look forward to next year. A full table also came across from Albany Bridge Club. Be warned that Albany is having a bridge

weekend on 19/20 May, 1979. I recommend it to you, sight unseen.

PETER HART

WHEN CARDS TURN UP TRUMPS (contd.)

Cards, in some form, existed in China as early as the 11th century and developed from the Oriental game of chess. They are believed to have been brought to Europe either by returning Crusaders or by travelling gypsies. But more than likely, cards, like gunpowder, were invented independently in both East and West.

Despite the church's opposition, playing cards spread quickly from Italy to Spain, Switzerland, Germany, England and France. Each country gradually introduced its own suit system and regional designs.

The number of cards in a pack also varied from country to country. The number ranged from 30 to 97, but some Indian packs contained up to 10 suits and 360 cards.

Early cards were painstakingly hand painted by commissioned artists and bought as collectors pieces, mainly by the very wealthy. With the introduction of wood block printing in the 15th century, they were produced in larger quantities, and soon became available to the public at large.

Early stencilled cards were usually single-ended and square cornered with plain backs. The familiar double-ended design and patterned backs did not become a feature until the latter half of the 18th century.

The new designs were introduced mainly to overcome cheating since plain backed cards soon show marks and are easy for the smart card-sharp to identify.

Before long, the potential of cards for more serious and functional purposes other than playing was realised. Initially, the backs of cards were used for dinner invitations, memos, IOUs and, in times of economic stress, money.

(to be continued)