



Bridging the gap

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EDITORIAL

As always, I like to report on the various comings and goings of Club members so would mention that we will not be seeing Chris Manser at our Club in future. Chris has moved on to greener, wetter pastures, namely Tasmania, and Judy will be joining him shortly. We wish them both success and happiness in their new life together.

On behalf of Aleda and myself I would like to thank Hans Rosendorff for all the time and effort he put in to harnessing the natural, and sometimes costly, aggressiveness of our game.

I have to report another incident in the saga involving cars and getting to the Bridge Club. Pauline Harvey apparently had a car crash on her way to Bridge last week. Fortunately there were no bones broken and Pauline was unhurt.

ON THE MAP

Our own Kalabirds Aleda and Joan firmly placed our Club on the State Bridge Scene when they led the rest of the field in the Women's Team Selection Tourney a lot of the way and finished in first place, ahead of such redoubtables as Vera Vahala, Lily Lim, Min Freedman and Dolly (Marian) Masel, with many other former State representatives way down the list. At one stage it looked as if they were going to go through the 9 gruelling sessions undefeated but Aleda got a trick in front of herself and trumped Joan's Ace and handed Vera Vahala and Lily Lim a nice fat bonus of 12 IMPs which was their losing margin.



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They also lost to Kerry Harveson and Helen Hawkins when the field stopped in game and the H's bid and made the undefeatable slam for a 13 IMP pick up, which would have squared the match if bid by the field. After these two successive losses, they had slipped to third place but renewed efforts on the final day (when 84 boards were played) saw them overtake Min and Dolly and wind up the competition with a commanding win over the fourth placed pair.

I have heard tremendous plaudits from all and sundry about their performance and take a certain amount of self-satisfaction for "fixing" the partnership early last year; to me the writing was on the wall last year as in the early stage of the partnership they were able to make the finals and be the only pair to defeat Claire Grigg and Uschi Husten in last year's competition. Incidentally, they are the first pair who have made a state team who have never been members of the W.A.B.C. (formerly W.A.B.A.). In addition I would add that the support given Kibitzing by a number of our members during the trials helped enormously and I trust that even greater support will be given at the Nationals.

In winning the event, they have earned automatic entry to Stage II of the trials to select an Australian team which are to be played immediately after the National Championships here in the West. Today the State, tomorrow, the Country and then the World? Congratulations, girls. We are all with you.

Michael Hopper.

Club Results - 11 May 77

First mention to Manser/Richardson who finally get it all together.. four tops in five weeks for Prince/Rosendorff and another big gap behind them... splendid night for Fearne/Harvey and Peck/Ward (again)... failures for Clark/Goddard, 48% and Addison/Wilson, 45%.

N/S		E/W	
Prince/Rosendorff	65.9	Manser/Richardson	58.9
Hopper/RHT	57.5	Charters/Charters	58.6
Turley/Turley	55.2	Fearne/Harvey	58.0
Clark/Goddard(L)	53.0	Peck/Ward	57.3

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Foundation Day Congress - June 4,5 and 6 at W.A.B.C. Clubrooms.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS (Cont'd)

State Events - State Open Pairs (8) Thursdays - Stage 1: June 9,16.
Stage 11: June 23,30 July 7. Stage 111: July 14,21,28. Closing date for entries June 4.

K.D.B.C. - Club Open Pairs will provisionally be held on 10th, 17th and 24th June, Friday nights.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Relief: that is my main reaction to the success of the Kalabirds.

There has come about a revolution in Bridge in W.A. It has happened in the face of an entrenched Establishment which was all but Victorian (in the English sense of that word). Several members of this Club have been, shall we say, prominent revolutionaries, having much to do with the reorganisation which has taken place; dreaming up new ideas and putting them into operation. But until now, players who are members of only this Club have made little impression at the table. (This automatically excludes AN Other who is a separate case. He was here and made his mark before this Club was formed).

Back in Oct. 76 (Vol.1, No. 13) I said that the spirit of the Club was the sum of the spirit of each member. Similarly, all Club members may take some credit for the playing success of the girls. Their formative Bridge was played and developed in the weekly sessions against us, even before they were partners; their game was forged in numerous social Bridge Bashes in diverse homes. So, even if you usually got bad scores against them, those results were helping to inform the girls' game. They were able to discuss, criticise and analyse our actions, good and bad, and modify their own game accordingly.

Thusly, through Aleda and Joan, this Club has made its very own mark at the table in this State. We are grateful to them for putting our competitive money where our administrative mouth has ever been.

Kibitzer.

CLUB RESULTS - 18 May 77

Top to almost bottom for one Richardson while the other half takes over...
Top for simplicity (McLean/Tee) and heady results for Eldred/Kirby and Peck/Peck.. two bad weeks in a row for Addison/Wilson (44.6%).

N/S		E/W	
Price/Richardson	61.9	McLean/Tee	60.4
Peck/Peck	57.8	Eldred/Kirby	59.3
Helliwell/Martin	55.6	Charters/Charters	55.1
Prince/Rosendorff	52.3	Clark/Goddard	54.2



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'77 League Teams Competition

Kalamunda Teams continue to run hot and cold in this competition. Hubbard/Pratt, Prince/Hopper after losing their first match to a strong 21 Tate St. 2/18 lost to last year's champions West Coast 6/14. Doepel/Doepel, Parker/Richards beat Canning Districts 17/3 but then lost to Melville 2/18. Turley/Turley, Ramsay/Teague lost to West Coast but then surprisingly beat the 21 Tate St. second team 14/6. Clark/Goddard (M), Helliwell/Martin won their first match 18/2 but lost their second to Canning Districts 7/13. Manser/Richardson, Eldred/Jackson, having already won one and lost one, were on the receiving end in "The Massacre of Mundaring Creek", losing to Peck/Peck, Johnson/Johnson by 20/-5. The raw IMPS score was 118/3; does anyone know of a more emphatic result? Manser/Richards, Eldred/Jackson then lost their next two matches to 21 Tate St. 20/0 and Undercroft 16/4. Peck/Peck, Johnson/Johnson lost to 21 Tate St. 20/-4 but went on to beat Neerlandia 12/8.

PROBLEMS OF THE RESPONDER

(extract from "How to win at Duplicate Bridge" by Marshall Miles.

The responder has the primary responsibility for guiding the bidding. He knows that approximately 26 points are required for game in a major suit or no trumps. When responder has 6 - 10 points, he plans to make only one constructive bid, leaving the initiative to opener. With 11-12 points responder should plan to make two constructive bids so as to invite game, while allowing opener with a minimum hand to stop at a part score. With 13 or more points, responder should see that game is reached. Of course, if proper bidding were as simple as just outlined, anyone who could count points would be a top notch player. There are still problems in reaching the proper game contract, stopping at the right part score contract if game cannot be bid, avoiding trouble on misfit hands, and deciding which cards will be useful and which will not. Sometimes it is necessary to distort the picture of your distribution in order to avoid giving a false impression as to your general strength and vice versa. Sometimes you must make a bid which is not the best possible thus enabling the partnership to reach or stay out of game, but it is a bid which if passed will provide an excellent part score contract. Some bids are more encouraging than others within the same range. When responder has just enough strength to bid more than once, he must plan ahead to determine what sequence of bids will best describe his hand.

Roy Goddard.



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