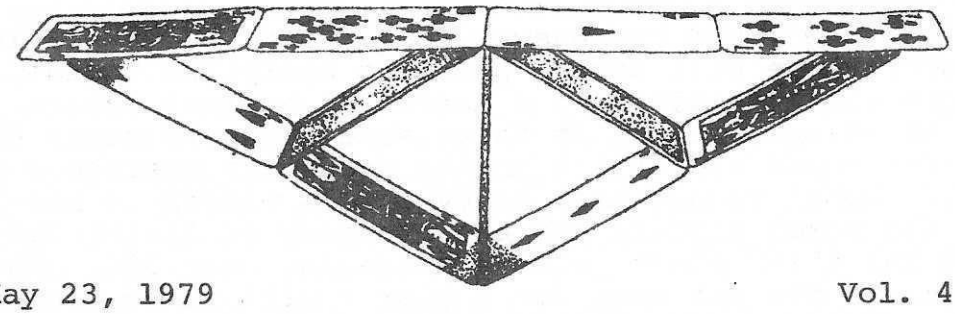
Bridging the gap



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KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

Winter draweth nigh but I don't believe anyone noticed the chill in the air as the last two weeks have been occupied by the cut and thrust of the Club Individual Championship. It began and finished with moans and groans, mixed with a moment of glee as some untoward contract was made, completely against the running, for a top. Players leapt to dizzy heights during the first session only to plunge back to normal levels the next time. Our hearty congratulations to Peter Hart, who outpaced us all to finish on top and win the title.

Some 15 players still had the energy to visit Albany over this past weekend from KDBC and we shall have something to report in the stop press column. All this makes our Club a popular spot - long may it continue!

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DUTY DUMMY

May 23 - Joan Valentine, May 30 - Beatrice Webster,
June 6 - Pat Weston, June 13 - Maureen Ward,
June 20 - Mike Candy, June 27 - Jill Mitchell.

CLUB RESULTS

Wednesday, May 9 and May 16, 1979 - Club Individual -

(see centrefold for results)

Saturday, May 19, 1979 - 3 tables

1st: Ramsay/Teague, 58.8%, 2nd: J.Burgess/M.Ward, 56.3%, 3rd: Candy/Duncan, 52.5%.

THE CLUB INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Peter has now found the answer to all his bridge-playing for the future. He will change partners every two boards, a complete individualist and a master at musical chairs. Congratulations, Peter, it takes some doing to score 65% in the first round and 64.17% in the second to average a mere 64.59%. Mabel Teague held on by a slim margin to her 2nd spot, and Karen Haggard did the pressing to finish 3rd, both second and third place getters averaging over 59%. The marbles are now put away for a year - will it be your turn next year?

A.N.O.

ROVING AROUND with A.N. Other

KDBC bridgeurs are obviously not early risers as only one pair, Eileen Addison and Dorothy Wilson played at the Neerlandia one-day Congress breakfast session at 9 a.m. on a Sunday morning. The mind boggles! They qualified for the final but unfortunately did not hoist our logo to the top of the flag, the winners being Tony Bouwer and Frank van Gorkhum, a home based pair.

However, although sparsely represented at Neerlandia, the boot is on the other foot for the Albany weekend where we shall be only second in numbers to Albany, 15 of our members making the trip.

FURTHER FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I have been thinking about the two-section scheme. It is an excellent concept but, alas, it is self-defeating in practice in the present state of the Club. There just aren't enough beginners around. But we have proved the idea and can keep it in our armoury of arrangements. Without an automatic two-section scheme, our number of tables can only be accommodated with Mitchell movements and their limitations (you only play half the field and there are two winners). I have devised a scheme whereby we will always have a two section session in which the one field will always play a Howell movement (superior because you play all the field and there is only one winner) and the other field will frequently play

a Howell movement. The scheme is this. Provide two sections separated only by TIME. The first fourteen pairs available create a 7 table Howell and start playing immediately the field is full. The remainder make up a second movement as they straggle in. Simple?

The scheme suggests to me some advantages and disadvantages.

Advantages

1. The prompt arrivers will always be rewarded with a prompt start, a Howell movement, and a reasonable finish.
2. Latecomers will only disturb fellow travellers.
3. There will be an incentive for, and status in, promptness.
4. Existing grafted-on schemes (KO, MIP, Kenworthy and the Advanced/Intermediate rankings) will be unaffected.
5. The set up would lend itself to prestige-building variations e.g. sessions wherein the field in the first movement can be selected on merit of Form.
6. Tardy arrivals will be more public and this may discourage such tardiness.
7. The arrangement can be readily adapted to vary the size of the first movement (i.e. 6 or 8 tables) depending on the realised demand.
8. The TDs' organisation of sessions will become easier.

Disadvantages

1. The Advanced/Intermediate two section arrangement will disappear.
2. The second field may have to play fewer boards.
3. The duty TD (and partner) would have to play in the second section while directing both.
4. The regular two sections would double the consumption of score sheets and bidding slips.

The advantages appear to overwhelm the disadvantages, but I am biased. The main thing is that it would solve the problem of TDs having to wait to see how many pairs are going to dribble in before starting the movement. This problem has been with this Club always and anything which will do anything to reduce it must automatically commend itself to all concerned members. I have introduced the suggestion in BTG before raising it in committee so that members can discuss, plan, and express an opinion to committee members before they consider it at the next meeting.

P. HART

Please may we have members' comments asap - BNN

For the Book of Records - On Wednesday, April 11, 1979, for the first time at the Club a totally flat board was recorded - all North/Souths being in a contract of 4 spades, played by South, making one overtrick for a score of 650.

CLUB KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION - 2nd Round Draw

North/South		East/West
Hafkamp/Mizen	v.	Berry/Berry
Eldred/Shieff	v.	Barnett/Valentine
Essers/Numeyer	v.	Haggard/Stephens
Ramsay/Teague	v.	McLean/Tee
McCullough/Weston	v.	Johnson/Johnson
Goddard/Kirby	v.	Elliott/Elliott
Addison/Wilson	v.	Gartner/Hardman
Ferguson/Wathen	v.	Chisholm/L'Herpiniere

CLUB RESULTS (contd.) - Saturday, May 12, 1979

1st: Ramsay/Teague, 60%, 2nd: McLean/McCullough, 58%, =3rd: Hafkamp/Mizen, 57%, =3rd: Ferguson/Wathen, 57%.

LEAGUE TEAMS RESULTS

Kalamunda Bronze (Hart/Pratt/Prince/Kirby) lost to West Coast Turquoise, 4-16; Kalamunda Blue (McCullough/Weston/Teague/McLean) defeated Gosnells White, 11-9.

STOP PRESS - REPORT FROM ALBANY

The Kalamunda contingent was as large as all the rest of the other Metropolitan Clubs put together and the friendliness of the locals plus the Braids and the Coles, who travelled from Esperance, made it an enjoyable weekend for those that played. In the Open Pairs, Karen Haggard and Wilf D'Rozario won comfortably from joint seconds, Joan Goddard and Bob Prince, and Gwen Johnson and Val Noble. In the Swiss Teams, Joan and Bob, coupled with Marie and John Price, went through undefeated to take 1st prize, with Freda McLean, Ray Garside, and the Yovich's filling 2nd place. KDBC makes its mark yet again!!