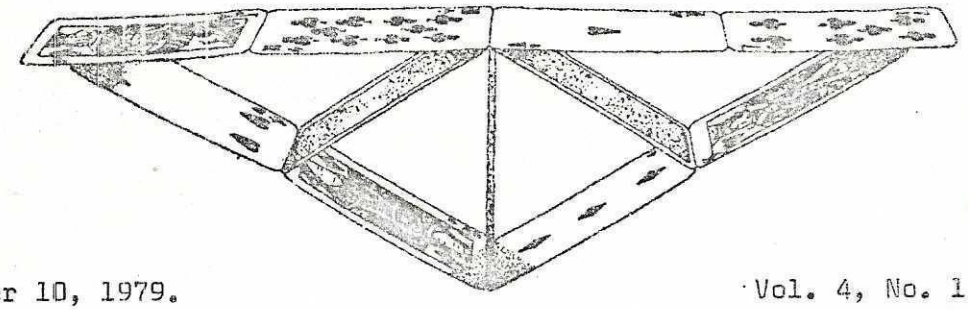
Bridging the gap



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KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

EDITORIAL

Happy birthday K.D.B.C.! September 30 has passed and the Club celebrated it's ninth anniversary and in doing so of course remembers the Kenworthys and the Hoppers who started it all. We remember too all the stalwarts who who over those years who have made it the successful and enjoyable place that it is today. Next year when we reach double figures we must make a firm note in our own history books by doing something rather special. Any ideas? Well there is just under 12 months to plan so let us have some suggestions in the meantime. Deus Volens we should certainly have our own premises in which to celeberate by that time.

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DUTY DUMMY

October 10	-	Rotha Fearne	October 17,	-	no dummy *
October 24	-	no dummy *	October 31,	-	no dummy *
November 7	-	Angela Elliott	November 14,	-	Margaret Ferguson

* There will be no duty dummy during the Open Pairs Championship.

CLUB RESULTS

Wednesday 26th September - 11½ Tables.

	N/S		E/W	
1st	Fearne/Thompson	55.5%	J. Burgess/A. Townsend	65.6%
2nd	Gartner/Hardman	55.3%	Essers/Numeyer	56.7%
3rd	Eldred/Shieff	54.5%	Graham/Sales	56.3%

Well done Rotha and Jack for coming top of the N/W pairings. You'll be pleased to note that B.T.G. can report the results correctly even if the Sunday Times can't!

CLUB RESULTS (cont'd)

Wednesday 3rd October - 13 Tables.

	N/S		E/W	
1st	L'Herpiniere/Renton	60.0%	Hart/Pratt	63.0%
2nd	Addison/McLean	56.8%	Essers/Numeyer	59.6%
3rd	Candy/Pondevie	56.6%	Hansen/Hansen	55.7%

KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Having tossed a few cabers, thrown the haggis and danced the Highland fling (not with the aid of bagpipes thank goodness) the Scottish four of Berry Berry Elliott Elliott settled the last semi final with the Berrys defeating the Elliotts 48-31. The centrefold this week shows the results of this contest to date and we await the result of a ding dong battle in the final.

CLUB OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Don't forget this competition starts on October 17. Tonight is the last night for registration. This is a handicap tournament also.

W.A.B.C. CONGRESS.

Kalamunda players did very well in this Congress and are to be congratulated The Opening Pairs was won by Karen Haggard and Mike Hopper. In the Walk-in Pairs Claudine and David Charters came home in first place and in another section Lee Soots and Roy Goddard were equal first. The same pair also came first in the evening session and won the aggregate.

COMING EVENTS.

Members are invited to Swan Districts on October 23 for a Social Bridge evening commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Also there is a Bridge evening at Undercroft on October 13, starting with Sherry at 7.00 p.m. and the occasion is in aid of Telethon. The ladies are requested to bring a plate and the gents a bottle.

Further ahead still - in fact during the first week in December there will be the State Simultaneous Pairs Competition and during next year there will a State Rubber Bridge Competition.

For further details please contact Peter Hart.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Christmas Party is not far off now so will you please start thinking about those small prizes for the Tombola. Jan Burgess will be pleased to have them as soon as possible.

CLUB PREMISES.

Nothing of substance to report except that all systems are still going strongly and the pieces are coming together very well. It won't be long now before we have the final designs and costs and we can really get underway. Meantime our bank balance becomes more and more healthy from excellent club support and makes us that more certain of succeeding this time.

NEW FACES.

A sincere welcome to the Kacso's and Messrs. Brereton and Murray. I hope you will have to forgive your editor for not knowing your Christian names at this moment. We all hope you enjoyed playing and meeting us and we look forward to you becoming regular opponents.

Incredible as it is .....three players have been in and out of hospital before you could say seven no trumps! Mike Hopper and Maureen Ward were adjacent bed mates in rooms 34 and 35 and were quickly despatched and even quicker was Celly Eldred. They are all fighting fit again so that is good news. As I approached the reception desk at Kalamunda Hospital with 'Get Well' cards from K.D.B.C. to Maureen and Mike the lady behind the counter said immediately "Ah you must be from the Bridge Club"!! Good gracious it is impossible to escape from 'The Game'! I believe Don Chisholm is about to visit hospital too, so we wish you well Don.

A NEW HANDICAP COMPETITION.

At a recent committee meeting, it was suggested that we should have a handicap competition wherein the opportunity of winning would be available to all, irrespective of ability. The existing handicap competition - The Kenworthy - is rather complex, time-consuming to work out, has little impact on club affairs and is demonstrably open to manipulation.

I propose that we restruct the Kenworthy. The new competition will be based on old faithful - the Aggregate Championship - but have monthly winners, rewarding once only scores in a stipulated regular session, and necessarily, limited to regular pairs.

The winners will be that pair who, on the first Wednesday in each month, return the score to which produces the highest margin over their last known aggregate form.

This will usually be the figure pertaining at the end of the previous month. This is, in effect, the same as giving a pair a handicap based on their form every month but saves the technical and pointless, exercise of calculating and producing a separate set of net results.

The structure is simple : if your form is 48.7% and you score 59.0% your handicap result is + 10.3, if that is the best handicap result you win. It is immediate: you play against your last known form, usually freshly obtained after last week and the result is known. It is limited to pairs who have known form: only regularly playing pairs can compete. It tends to automatically disadvantage the higher graded pairs: if your form is 48.0% it is easier to overscore by 10% aggregate points to 68%. Finally, it is clearly beyond fixing.
To sum up, the idea is a slight modification of the existing scheme, the only difference being the reduction of the time element to one session instead of a month's results. It will co-ordinate neatly with the planned all-in session on the first Wednesday of the month, when the proposed two section scheme begins operating in December.

It will help illustrate the concept if you look at last week's results. Hank Essers and Tony Numeyer overscored their form of 47.9% by a massive 11.7% aggregate points and would have won ahead of Bente and Fred Hansen whose 55.7% result was exactly 10% aggregate points ahead of their form. The results of both pairs were surely outstanding and the "winners" played bridge which was clearly prize-worthy.

So, everyone will have a chance. You must be in it to win it.

P. HART.