

# BRIDGING THE GAP



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## CRABB'S KALAMUNDA



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Following the AGM we have arranged for the windows to be cleaned twice a year. This arrangement will then be reviewed.

As you will know I spent two months in the UK visiting friends and family. I had the opportunity to visit a number of bridge clubs and talk to members of their committees so have returned here with a few ideas to put before our committee. Watch the next issue!

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### **Sponsorship**

An anonymous member has donated funds for a prize for the winners of President's Day this year. Their generosity is much appreciated.

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### **Publicity**

There was a mail drop with the lessons /coffee offer on the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Cherry, we discovered that some of the flyers had not been delivered. Following negotiations with the Echo they agreed to give us two free quarter page colour adverts as compensation. We arranged for one of these to be changed to a strip advert on page two in the Sept 30<sup>th</sup> issue (on the notice board). We can use the other when we see fit.

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### **Competitions**

We have obtained a ruling from BAWA regarding the use of substitutes in pairs' competitions. If you know you cannot attend one of the sessions you may nominate a substitute and this is acceptable providing, in the opinion of the director, the substitute is not significantly better than the player they are substituting.

Next year the evening competitions will be held on a Thursday with the exception of the Open Pairs which will be on the Wednesday. This avoids conflict with BAWA events and so will enable more members to attend. Thanks go to Bente who organised the schedule.

We are also introducing a new competition for beginners and novices. There will be a handicap team event. Pairs will enter and the top seeds will pair with the bottom seeds and so on. In theory this should mean everyone ties! It is anticipated this will encourage new players to have a go! In addition the novices' competition is being rescheduled for two Thursday evenings to give it the prominence it deserves.

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### **Beginners Classes**

A near disaster! Your president talked about recruiting thirty (I would have been happy with twenty five) but we had thirty six enquiries and thirty five enrolments. This meant we were short of packages, books and boards. Thanks to sterling work by Jean Paul and Sue Collinson all was well by the second class. It seems none of the learners noticed. Bit like the swan - serene on the surface and feet going madly beneath. We now have at least six mentors attending each session so thanks to everyone who is giving up their time.

The club's future depends on our keeping these learners and the mentors are the most important part of the programme.

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### **Social bridge**

These sessions recommenced on the 10th of October and are being incorporated into the lessons.

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### **Congress**

The dates for the congress are March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note them in your diaries. The pairs' event will be over two sessions on the Saturday. At the lunch break the field will be divided into two according to the morning scores. Each division will receive prizes. This will mean that in the afternoon the "stronger" players will have their competition and the "weaker" ones theirs. Hopefully this will encourage more of our new players to participate.

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### **Birthday party**

I think all those who attended our 41<sup>st</sup> birthday party will agree it was a great success so thanks to Anne who organised it. The club paid for the lunch to thank the members for their support in the last year which was much appreciated. Normal service is likely to be resumed next year.

For those who know Sandra Pettersen, you will be happy to hear she is about to get married. She and Bruce have purchased a house in Hilary's so unfortunately the club is losing a member and I am losing a partner (and yes I have known about the relationship for over a year!)

At the birthday party Nina Lytton bid 3NT and was doubled by Gerry Daly and she made it. She wanted it announced at

the session but will have to make do with this! I don't think it fazed Gerry who is having a fairly stellar year.

In August he and his partner entered the Swan River Swiss pairs . This prestigious event attracted ninety six top pairs, including several who had flown over from the Eastern states. He and his partner won.

Gerry followed this by winning the GNOT finals held at Nedlands with different partners. By winning this event Gerry and his partners won a trip to play in the finals on the East coast. Even then Gerry was not finished. He won the current state event which qualifies him for the national final and also a bursary to cover the cost of the trip - again to the other coast.

Not satisfied with these successes he returned to the club to help us celebrate our forty first anniversary. Two events were held, morning and afternoon, and Gerry (with me tagging on) won both events.

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### Directors

Alan is now running training sessions for new club directors so thanks to Ruth, Gordon, John, Jean-Paul, Carole and Alan for volunteering to take on this role. We will certainly need the extra directors when the club expands and increases the number of playing sessions.

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### Opening leads

What would you lead?

The bidding is

North	East	South	West
-----	1NT	2H	Pass
Pass	Pass		

You (West) hold

S Q86    H 85    D K742    C K963

Answer

Lead the 5H. Your side has considerable HCP in view of partner's 1NT opening, so cut down the enemy's most likely source of winners-ruffs.

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### Bridge Teasers

You are in a suit contract and West leads the 3. What card do you play?

	North	
	7 6 4	
3 led		J played
	South	
	K Q 5	

The King is the card to create ambiguity for West. Placing their partner with the Queen West may again lead away from the Ace when they regain the lead (of course they should not have under led the Ace!)

The same problem but different cards

North  
J 10 4

3 led

5 played

South  
A Q 9

In the above, put up the jack from dummy as though trying to induce a cover and so overtake smoothly with the Queen when East plays low. When next on lead West may continue the attack expecting your ace to fall. That way you make 3 tricks with the King with West!

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### Jokes (courtesy of Alan)

These are genuine court exchanges  
(American of course!)

Q: What is your date of birth?  
A: July fifteenth.  
Q: What year?  
A: Every year.

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Q: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?  
A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

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Q: This myasthenia gravis-does it affect your memory at all?  
A: Yes.  
Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory?  
A: I forget.  
Q: You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

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Q: How old is your son - the one living with you?

A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q: How long has he lived with you?

A: Forty-five years.

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Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning?

A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q: And why did that upset you?

A: My name is Susan.

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Q: Sir, what is your IQ?

A: Well, I can see pretty well, I think.

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Q: She had three children, right?

A: Yes.

Q: How many were boys?

A: None.

Q: Were there any girls?

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Q: Can you describe the individual?

A: He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q: Was this a male, or a female?

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Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q: But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless?

A: It is possible that he could have been alive and practising law somewhere.

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