



Bridging the gap

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EDITORIAL

Hart again. Our real Editor and her partner qualified (I nearly said, "duly qualified") for the 3rd (Final) stage of the Australian Women's Team Selection Trials, thus Joan was unable to devote the necessary considerable time to the production of this issue of BTG. So I continue to suffer the joys of Editorship - and you continue to enjoy suffering my Editorship, don't you?

The Kalabirds were part of the team (Lim/Vahala, Freedman/Masel) which carried the colours of W.A. into the final of the interstate teams event; they were beaten by a strong Victorian team. The Open team (Ashworth/Firstenberg, Chin/Lim, Lathbury/Lever) also reached the final and also lost, by the tiniest of margins. Do not be surprised if Joan and Aleda have a rest from bridge now the circus is over. In 10 days they have played around 700 boards - as many boards as we play at the club in 30 weeks, and at a slightly more competitive level, and at a faster rate. The prescribed rate during the Bridge-Fest was 8 bds per hour; at this Club we gallop through $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ bds per hour, as long as the TD keeps cracking the whip.

I am delighted to have received replies to my quiz - they are printed below. See how much more lively and interesting BTG is when others contribute. About the Aggregate Affair, Hart the Editor has been urged to advise Hart the reformer to let the two open letters plead their respective cases but I cannot in all conscience do so. I (the Editor) include herein a letter from him (the reformer) to me (the Editor) and while I (the Editor) do not necessarily agree with his (the reformer's) views, I (the Editor) think he (the reformer) has the right to reply. We both think the business should not be allowed to be swept under the table.



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For there is still the problem of resolving the minimum number of qualifying matches. Perhaps we should take a leaf out of Bob the Hawke's book and demand a referendum, or do a Fraser and hint at an early poll. But what should the minimum be? 50%, 75% or 33 1/3%? Or should we use a different criterium; total local points won could be used, or average local points per attendance, or some combination of any of these? Or is it a storm in a tea cup and should we simply let the competition continue unchanged and let who will, win? Or should we have an Extradordinary General Meeting, or should we leave it to the Management Committee, or should we leave it to the Tournament Committee, or should we form a special sub-committee? Or should we hire an expert consultant to decide for us? Or should we just write a letter to the 'West Australian' and forget about the whole thing?

I have received news from our branch in America but that will have to wait a while - suffice to say they are alive but struggling to get the branch going.

THE EDITOR'S QUIZ - Submission No. 1.

"Answer to Pete's Quiz, Q 2; Because Doepel/Doepel are better bridge players than Hart/x. Note: Doepel/Doepel top 66.4% v Hart/Helliwell top 66.0%.

John Doepel

Submission No. 2.

"You request answers to your quiz - I refer to No. 4.

Ban smoking? No please don't' that would be just as selfish as wanting to smoke all through the evening. Allow me to comment on the report of the Annual General Meeting by 'Bridging the Gap'. I did not ask for smoking to finish. All I asked was that smokers allow non-smokers the courtesy of oxygen until after half-time.

Secondly, two weeks ago at Dalkeith, two players (both from Kalamunda) smoked all through the first half, despite a rather large notice from the Committee asking players not to smoke until after half-time.

Thirdly, quite by chance I played at Melville. There were eleven tables, and on some tables a notice read: 'Kindly do not smoke at this table.' Everyone was friendly and charming - consideration for others was taken for granted.

Answers to Q 6 and 8: Because they are rude." Dorothy Wilson



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Submission No. 3.

"Dear Peter, Before answering your quiz in BTG Vol. 2 No. 18 of 18th August in the same lighthearted fashion as it was presented, I want to assure you that I have taken every precaution to render myself ineligible for any of your generous prizes, even if mine is the only entry.

This has been done by giving alternative answers, and answering one question with another.

- Q 1: I do not know.
- Q 2: Could it be that you underestimate the efficiency of their system and/or their skill in play?
- Q 3: Perhaps because acting as TD must be the most difficult and unrewarding task in any type of club.
- Q 4: Possibly because the 'offenders' might switch to chewing gum or taking snuff.
- Q 5: See answer to Q 2.
- Q 6: The baby sitter is late; the car won't start, or the Port is sent round once too often.
- Q 7: Claudine can probably see the state of the game better when her cards are stacked at 90 degrees so to speak, just as I am unable to adjust when, in a Howell movement, North is changed 90 degrees for the benefit of the stationary couples.
- Q 8: Probably gamesmanship, but is it any worse than those who put their cards face downwards, fold their arms and bow their heads in an attitude of prayer when it is their turn to bid or play? (Perhaps they are praying, Ed).
- Q 9: These steady players must be allowed an occasional lapse. Even Homer nods!
- Q10: See answer to Q 3. Scorer's task is equally unrewarding. After all if the score is posted and one is at the bottom of the list with a very low percentage the obvious conclusion is that the scorer has made a mathematical error.
- Q11: Most of the time they do, but can they be always to blame if, while waiting for a specially favoured table to finish a hand, they are never certain whether the playing TD has finished giving a lesson to his partner or has concluded a lively discussion at his table and has begun to address the room? (Do I detect a note of malice in this answer? Yet another reason for my disqualification).

Signed: A LOL



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Comments: It is encouraging to see some members giving such serious consideration to my thoughtful, in-depth probe into some vital facets of club affairs. The competition will remain open until further notice to allow the matters to be aired fully and to allow somebody to come forward who does not mind winning a session or six with me. Incidentally, for the record John has volunteered several times to do the scoring: he shall have it soon. Ed.

Club Results - 24 Aug 77

An enormous win for McLean/Tee, cuts their losses on the month Ramsay/Teague bounce right back and good scores for Addison/Wildon and Chisholm/L'Herpinere modest success for newcomers Johnston/Ward, the rest are nowhere. McLean/Tee 68.5%; Ramsay/Teague 61.7%; McCullough/Turley M 60.7%; Addison/Wilson 56.8% Chisholm/L'Herpinere 56.2%; Hart/Krasenstein 55.8%.

Club Results 7 Sep 77

Hubbard/Pratt back at the top with a cheap win all the active front runners score well ... big scores for the Eversdens and occasionals, Moffatt/Wright ... some strange new pairings - I wish people would sort themselves out.

	N/S		E/W
Hubbard/Pratt	58.1	Turley/Turley	61.8
Cox/Price	57.1	Chisholm/L'Herpinere	57.7
Eversden/Eversden	54.0	Moffatt/Wright	55.9
Ramsay/Teague	53.1	Helliwell/Krasenstein	53.6

Aggregate Championships - Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am disappointed by Bob's letter in the last issue of BTG. He claims to choose not to treat my original letter as a personal attack, which indeed it wasn't and then makes a stab at countering a personal attack.

The gibes about sour grapes and Knocking are completely out of place. I did not then deny neither do I now deny, nor will I ever deny his playing ability, his wins, his success in several fields, modest or otherwise. My purpose is to expose what I consider to be a flaw in the constitution of the competition as exemplified by Bob's winning in the manner I recounted. The club must decide whether it is prepared to tolerate such circumstances and, if not, decide how to prevent a recurrence.

Sincerely,



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