



# Bridging the gap

KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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## EDITORIAL

Hart again, again; the real Editor is indisposed.

"There's a kind of hush all over the world" says the old Pop song ... particularly in KDBC, says I: anybody else noticed the change? Yeah, for the better, you say. I disagree, for two reasons: firstly, from the competitive point of view, those who are currently not playing regularly are all in the 55% or better bracket, and that is the sort of competition we need; secondly, from the social point of view, they are lively personalities, and that is the sort of sociability we need. If 'lively' occasionally equals 'provocative,' so what? It is a small price to pay for the overall sense of growth and progress which characterised this club until recently. We seem to be suffering from a collective ennui. We didn't have enough tables to run a heat of the Statewide Simultaneous Pairs; or for a regional heat of the State Mixed Pairs; the Club Mixed Pairs has been put back (Fri 7,14,21 Oct) in order to try to coax enough pairs to enter for a respectable movement to be organised. I wonder how many people will play in The Teams later this year? We are in the Doldrums.

There was a regrettable incident last Wednesday over the vexing point of explanations of calls. Once more I quote from the Laws: 'When explaining the significance of partner's call or play in reply to an opponent's inquiry, a player should disclose all special information conveyed to her through partnership agreement or partnership experience; but she need not disclose inferences drawn from her general bridge knowledge and experience. (p.53)' This does not entitle you to interrogate an opponent; this does oblige you to appraise an opponent of all the inferences you take in the light of partnership agreement or experience. The important work is 'partnership'—this extends beyond the scope of general bridge knowledge.

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Opponents are entitled to the same information as is available to the partnership as the result of partnership understanding or agreement. This is why the question about a call or play must always be, 'What do you understand by your partner's bid (or pass, or lead, or discard, etc)? And you are only entitled to an explanation of an agreement or understanding; you are not entitled to a description of either hand. Again from the Laws: 'A player should maintain at all times a courteous attitude towards her partner and opponents. She should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player, or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.' And again: 'Furthermore, the following are considered breaches of propriety: (g) Summoning the Director in a manner discourteous to him (the Director) or the other contestants.' And, while we are there, sub-para (f) of the same section reads: 'Looking intently at any other player during the auction...' So there.

To sum up, all it needs is for those people who consider themselves to be ladies, to act in the manner which will prove it. If in any doubt, call the Director, courteously.

Club Results 14 Sept 77

First win for Addison/Wilson, struggling to find form this year, and for Clark D/Goddard R, on a rare visit ..... Peck/Peck have very good session; Cox/Price (46.7%) and Helliwell/Martin (44.0%) have very bad session... Ramsay/Teague continue their fine run, and - 4th place for two occasional ladies.

N/S		E/W	
Addison/Wilson	57.9	Clark D/Goddard R	61.6
Peck/Peck	57.3	Chisholm/L'Herpiniere	60.7
Ramsay/Teague	56.0	Turley/Turley	58.0
Gartner/Hardman	55.0	Hart B/Prince E	56.4

Aggregate Championship Commentary - August

There is more substance to the list this month - 21 pairs - but there are still come conspicuous absences there, or not there as it were. Some 'fresh' pairings are making a bid for headlines before the established tigers return to the fray but out in front, and setting a cracking pace, are the old firm of Charters/Charters. After a 59.0% month they are on 58.7 and 10 points clear of something called Hart/Helliwell. You will see that 'fresh' is used figuratively for, while the latter may be a fresh partnership they are not exactly Best Spring Lamb, are they?



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Turley/Turley have started this year in sparkling form too, 56.8% is a 10 point improvement on last year. They entered the competition too late to play enough matches last year but they will obviously be contenders this time. And these three pairs have come in in front of the year's original pacemakers, Hopper/Kirby, who are steady at 56.2%.

Around 53.0%, commendably far ahead of any previous form, are Ramsay/Teague and Doepel/Doepel. Other noteworthies this month are: Brodie-Hall/McCullough who average Average; notwithstanding a spectacular 68% on the last night, McLean/Tee dropped 28 points to sit on 49.8%; Gartner/Hardman have made a lousy start to the year with 46.6%; Eversden/Eversden have come in at 48.1% - incidentally, their absence from the list last month was the first since Sept 72, they hadn't missed a monthly ranking for 5 years, not bad for a pair of octagenarians? Can there be anyone like them in Perth?

And the average TOP this month was higher at 63.7% lifting the progressive figure 9 points to 63%.

By the way... Here is an interesting development in the competition. You all know well that the minimum number of matches in order to qualify is more than 40%. 40% of 52 weeks = 20.8 weeks; 20.8 weeks rounded out = 21 weeks; more than 40% = 22 weeks, minimum. This year the AGM was held on a Wednesday and, because the inequity of the shortened movement played afterwards meant that the scores could not count towards the Aggregate Champs, 1977/78 will be a 51 week year. 40% of 51 weeks = 20.4 weeks; 20.4 weeks rounded out = 20 weeks; more than 40% = 21 weeks, minimum. Another of life's little surprises! But what does that do to the Hart - Prince confrontation?

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#### Club Results -21 Sept 77

Cox/Price improve 20% to hit the top and Eldred/Shieff come good at the 3rd attempt... another, and bigger success for Gartner/Hardman... Hart P and Tee E celebrate not having to play together... Charters/Charters (40%) have one of those sessions; Chisholm/L'Herpiniere have second successive 60%; and Hopper/Kirby seem to have taken root on the 55% level.

Cox/Price 66.7%; Eldred/Shieff 63.4%; Gartner/Hardman 61.1; Chisholm/L'Herpiniere 60.2; Hart P/Prince E 57.4; McLean/Tee 56.5; Hopper/Kirby 55.1.



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BRIDGE MEMORABILIA. I came across this curio the other day.

"The players examine their hands. When they talk, they do not look at each other, but concentrate entirely on their cards.

1st Man; (humming softly as he sorts): Pom-pom-pom-pom, pom-pom-pom, pom-pom-pom-pom, pom-pom-pom-pom, pom-pom-pom-pom...

2nd Man; (whistlin through his teeth): SS, ss-ss-ss-ss, ss-ss-ss, ss-ss-ss, ss-ss-ss, ss-ss-ss, ss-ss-ss-ss...

1st Lady: Bub-bub-bub-bub, bub-bub-bub-bub, bub-bub-bub, bub-bub-bub-bub - whose call?

2nd Lady: Your callikins.

1st Lady: (still engrossed in her cards): My little callikins, well, well, well - my little callikins. Let me see, then, let me see - I think - I think - I think-a-pink-a-pink - no bid.

1st Man: One cloob.

2nd Man: (dropping into Irish): Did ye say one cloob?

1st Man: (dropping into Irish): I did that.

2nd Man: Er hat ein cloob gesagen. (Singing) Er hat ein cloob gesagen, er hat ein cloob... One hearty-party.

1st Lady: Two diminx.

2nd Lady: No bid, no bid.

1st Man: No bid-a-bid-bid.

2nd Man: Two diminx, is it? Two naughty leetle diminx. This, I think, demands a certain amount of consideration. (Drums finger on table.) Yes, yes, my friends, beaucoup de consideration.

2nd Lady: (after a pause): Your call, partner.

2nd Man: I know it, I know it, I know it, I know it, I know it, indeed, indeed, I know it. (Clacks tongue.) I know it, I know it, I double two diminx.

2nd Lady: He doubles two diminx. 1st Man: He doubles two diminx.

2nd Man: I double, I double, I double two diminx.

1st Lady: Very well than, have at you. Two no trumpets.

1st Man: Ha, ha! 2nd Man: Ho, ho! 1st Lady: He, he! 2nd Lady: H'm,h'm! They revert to their pet noises as they consider their hands."

This is the basis of another of those competitions which are proving so popular amongst members. The idea is this: Provide an explanation for the above sequence/ Answers should be handed to me in writing, or they may be dictated to me in person or over the telephone. I did not make the thing up, neither, to the best of my knowledge, is any club member included in the thing (no matter how familiar one of the persons may be). First prize; the winner will watch me play a session at the club: Second prize; the winner will watch my partner during a session at the club: Third price; the winner will watch all my opponents during a session at the club. By the way, the previous competition is still open - what about having a go at all those rude and provocative statements designed and built to suit your exact work operation, economically. And I'm running out of partners.

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