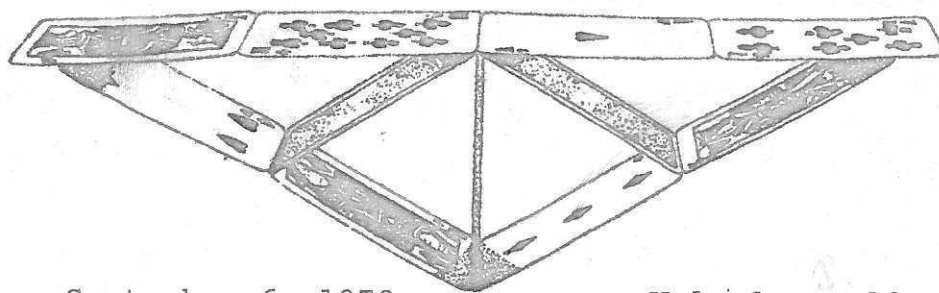


Bridging the gap



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EDITORIAL

Well, it has been almost two months now since I said I was resigning as editor of B.T.G. and I've had no one coming forward to take over the job. I didn't really expect anyone to, knowing the general lethargy which can be applied to most members of this Club, but is this really the demise of B.T.G.? As I have said before, I have nothing more to say and so this is my last issue. My grateful thanks to Peter Hart, without whose contributions B.T.G. would cease to be anyway. What will happen when Peter goes into the country next week? It seems doubtful that the other members will contribute enough to fill a hundred and fifty lines.

There will be a Tournament Directors course run by Hart, Hopper, Penny and Soots on Sunday 15th and 22nd October at W.A.B.C. from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Anyone who is at all interested in directing, the entry fee is \$3. Please see Peter or Mike. And if there are any players who would like a "fun" session on either or both of those afternoons, do go along - it's free! The trainee T.Ds are to be put to the test during these sessions, so anything goes.

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CLUB RESULTS: August 23, 1978 - 12 tables

Advanced: Clark A/Goddard J.⁺ 72.7%; Hopper/Prince E.⁺ 57.2%; Banks/Thompson 56.8%; Chisholm/L'Herpinier + 54.9%; Gartner/Hardman 54.6%.

Intermediate: Renton/Renton 66.0%; Clift/Fatin 63.2%; Graham/Valentine 53.5%; Hafkamp/Mizen 53.5%.

CLUB RESULTS: August 30, 1978 - 12½ tables

Advanced: Hopper/Martin + 59.6%; Chisholm/L'Herpinier⁺ 58.8%; Farka/Jackson 55.8%; Addison/Wilson + 55.8%; Teague/Teague 54.2%; Goddard/Kirby + 52.9%.

Intermediate: Gartner/Pondevie 59.5%; Fearne/Webster 58.3%; David/Tully 58.3%; Townsend/Townsend 56.6%.

AGGREGATE PAIRS COMMENTARY - AUGUST

Step forward please, Rotha Fearne and Beatrice Webster, for this month's success story. These two would be the first to admit that they are not amongst the best players in the Club and they sort of drifted into a casual partnership in July. They sort of played a sort of bridge and returned a sort of average of 39%. Despite such an unpromising start they persevered and, lo and behold, this month they have improved out of sight. They averaged 48% and qualify as the Most Improved Pair with a handsome gain in Form of 5.1%. Good onyer, girls!

Almost equally spectacular was the improvement of two more 'old-timers', Hafkamp/Mizen. They averaged 54% in August and raised their Form by 4.5%, another most encouraging return from the Intermediate section. Elsewhere amongst the Intermediates, Townsend/Townsend gained 4% and Gartner/Hardman, playing only in the Advanced section, gained 2.4%. Lastly, I take pleasure in reporting that newcomers, Clift/Fatin, improved their Form by 2.5% and, in doing so, rose above the 52% barrier. So they are now an Advanced pair and may not play in the Intermediate section in September. We wish them well in the more competitive section and we hope they have more success than some they follow.

Someone gave the Form tree a good shake in August and several Advanced apples tumbled down. Elliott/Elliott and Berry/Berry only achieved 52%-plus in July; playing in the more competitive fields in August they have been unable to maintain the necessary Form. They could only average 47½%, slipped below 52% and are therefore no longer limited. They may play in the Intermediate section to gain more experience if they wish, but they may choose to continue in the Advanced section and learn the hard way. This choice is also given to McLean/Tee who had a poor month and forfeited their Advanced standing. It is notable that they are averaging 55% on odd numbered months and only 45% on even numbered months! The other 'fallers' are Hallam/Hallam who had an unbelievably bad month.

All of this means that only Helliwell/Martin 58.6%, Turley/Turley 57.9% and McCullough/Weston 52.8% survive as Advanced

pairs from July into August; they are joined by some established 'big guns' newly qualifying in the current competition - enter, playing well, Hopper/Prince E. 60.8%, Chisholm/L'Herpiniere 56.3%, Addison/Wilson 56.0% and Hubbard/Pratt 55.4%. Add the promoted pair, Clift/Fatin, and there are only 8 pairs playing regularly at the Club just now whose current form is over 52%. One other pair who should be but aren't is the combination of Goddard/Kirby. They are an odd exception and I use that word purposely: on three even-dated sessions they have averaged 54.5% but on the four odd-dated sessions they have averaged just 46%! Perhaps they should start playing by the calendar and then we would see the form expected of two ex-champions.

TOP was down at 64.2% in August whilst tables (attendance) were higher at 12½ per session.

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ROVING AROUND WITH A.N. OTHER

Flu and travel fatigue were the major reasons why our pair, Karen and David, did not qualify to represent W.A. in the Youth Championships in Canberra next January. Five sessions of 28 boards each over one week-end is enough to test the fittest. However, Karen battled on with great courage and with only one session left, She and David still had a chance to make it, but it was not to be. Better health and luck next year.

State Championships are in vogue. In the Women's Pairs, Aleda Clark in a new partnership with Ida Lever, finished 6th in the qualifying rounds and go on to battle in the finals. Claudine and Celestine did not make the cut-off. In the Men's Pairs, neither Roy Goddard and Roy Helliwell, nor David Charters and Gary Shieff made the cut-off and our only representative is Charlie Frugte who finished 7th playing with Morrie Herman.

In the State's premier title, the Open Teams, Charlie Frugte, A.N. Other and 3 others finished top of their qualifying section and go on to the Second stage. Roy Helliwell and Ray Martin playing with the Hansens failed to make the final 8, but should win the Consolation section.

League Teams Report: A request has been received from the secretary of the League Teams that all teams who have outstanding matches to play them as soon as possible as you only have 2½ months to complete the season. Most teams have now completed 6 of their 9 matches and the present positions of our teams and the various division leaders are: Div. I, leaders are Neerlandia 93 Victory Points (5), Kalamunda Gold

31 VPs (6), Kalamunda Silver 53 VPs (6). Div. II leaders are The Aces 76 VPs (5), Kalamunda Bronze 76 VPs (6), Kalamunda White 29 VPs (6). Div. III leaders are Melville Red 105 VPs (7), Kalamunda Blue 41 VPs (5). (Figures in brackets are number of matches played.)

COMING EVENTS:

Neerlandia Survival Competition. Five Tuesday evenings commencing Sept. 19. Be a lifesaver and help this club get back into the swing of things.

Swan Districts. Sunday, Sept. 24. One day Pairs Congress to be held at Midland. KDBC always has been well-represented in the past and will again be there in force this year. Entry forms now available.

State Mixed Pairs Championship. Thursdays commencing Sept. 28. If there are sufficient entries, KDBC could hold a Stage I heat in the Hills. Get your entry in soon.

State Wide Simultaneous Pairs. 11 - 18 Sept. This is an event run by BAWA where clubs run a heat during the week, all competitors playing the same hands. The results are then scored over the whole field and pairs placed. If there are sufficient players to warrant a heat (minimum of 4 tables), a heat will be held by KDBC on Friday, 15 Sept, or Sat. 16 Sept. If insufficient, you are invited to play at one of the clubs running a heat. At the conclusion of play, all competitors will receive a booklet of the hands played. Red Master Points awarded to the top third of the field.

THE 'IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN HERE' DEPARTMENT.

Tournament Directors can be confronted with situations which would test the wisdom and sanity of a saint. This Club provides frequent incidents; here is a recent one:

The opening lead is made. Dummy plays, yes, plays a card. The two other players contribute a card to the trick and it is quitted without comment. The opening leader, who retained the lead, leads again and Dummy again plays a card from her hand. It is only at this point that someone realises that something is Not Quite Right.

As T.D. you are not required to comment on the mental capacity of the players, only to give a ruling!

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