



BRIDGING THE GAP

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EDITORIAL

Hello Everyone,

From a very cold and very wet Perth! We are told the coldest in twenty years and I do not doubt that for one moment. Sitting on the top of a Hill is so much colder. Always quite a relief to go down the hill and into warmer climes!!!

Our AGM has passed with Denise Borger still our very able President, and very much the same Committee with a few changes here and there but more of that later in the Magazine.

We are in the throes of four more lessons from Fiske Warren but this time for Intermediate Players, and on four different topics. The Club is delighted to have the assistance of Fiske and his expertise and hope that we, the players, are able to make full use of his tuition. I do not think I am alone when sometimes I look at my hand and try to visualise firstly what Fiske would suggest I bid and then secondly what Fiske would suggest I should lead. Do not always get this right but hope it is improving!!! In addition, new lessons with Fiske for beginners, commence in October so should you know of anyone who would like to learn bridge, please ask them to contact Jenny Tedeschi.

Our Club rooms have had a mini Face lift with books and files being placed in cabinets and our trophies so proudly displayed with lighting, in the trophy cabinet. I have had several members and visitors who have commented on this to me and I believe it is all due to Denise's fair hand. A great addition!!
My Quotation for this edition:

'It's faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes life worth living'
Oliver Wendell Holmes (1841-1935)

Cherry Zamudio

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the Annual General Meeting behind us, we are under way for another 12 months. Some new members have come on to the Management Committee, and the Sub-Committees have been appointed for continuing the smooth running of our Bridge Club.

Our club has a long history of club members participating as a vital part of the team that keeps our clubrooms in good order. This was in effect once again on Tuesday 13 September for our Busy Bee to clear away deadfall to reduce the risk of bushfire.

The day dawned fine, windy and cool, 9° – perfect gardening weather. And what a team of willing workers we had! Trailers, tools, chainsaws, loppers, rakes, gloves, willing hands and food! All of the problem areas were cleared and then a bit more. Trees and bushes trimmed, leaf litter and gum nuts removed, brick paving repaired, and a general wash down!



Denise Borger and John Shinnick

Kaye Prance



Joe Louis

Of course it was tiring, but who would expect it to be so enjoyable to work hard together with such a great and varied group of friends? This type of activity is a fantastic opportunity to meet a different side of the people I play bridge with.

Nice to meet Jim Stivey, Lorraine Stivey's husband. I did thank Jim for his generous contribution on the day.

Bill Kemp is usually the Director at our annual Congress. Bill has mentioned, more than once, that Kalamunda Club has an impressive number of volunteers helping out over the Congress weekend. Bill further noted that other (western suburbs) clubs with far more members scratch to get anyone to volunteer for anything.

You might have seen the flyer on the notice board for South Perth Bridge Club, which shows their table money as \$7, and \$9 for visitors. Our club finances remain healthy even though our table money is \$5 and \$6 for visitors. This is because many significant tasks are undertaken by our volunteer club members. Since becoming a club member some of these that I have noticed are:

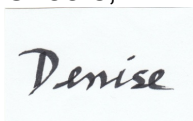
- Toilet facilities remodelled to include a Disabled Toilet;
- Painting of toilets after the remodelling;

- Regular Busy Bee work to maintain the grounds;
- Additional voluntary offers towards outdoor gardening, cleaning and maintenance;
- Dealing Boards;
- Kitchen Remodelling;
- Plumbing work on pipes blocked by plant roots - on more than one occasion;
- Main Hall and Kitchen ceilings cleaned of mould;
- Removing old Air-conditioners and patching up the walls;
- Sausage Sizzle on the Second Saturday of the Month;
- Events for Celebration, involving a “bring and share meal”;
- Maintenance of Computers and Bridgemates;
- Set up and Maintenance of Club Website;
- Instruction and nurture of New Members to our Club via Lessons, the Supervised Monday Nights, Mix ‘Match days, small groups at home; and
- Furniture cabinet/shelves to hold drawers of dealt playing boards.

Yes, we have paid for resources, but so much voluntary labour has been donated to achieve all of this work. I am certain to have overlooked some other achievements that have taken place during the last 10 years, and plead that those involved do not take offence at this oversight.

In conclusion, I would encourage all members to bring all concerns, requests and ideas to the attention of any of the Management Committee. And most important of all – keep enjoying your Bridge!

Cheers,



For your Information, should you need to contact any of the Committee Members listed below:

The Bridge Club Committee Members

Management Committee:

President – Denise Borger

Vice President- Carole Littlechild

Secretary- Carole McMahon

Treasurer – Rob McMahon

Committee Members: Cherry Zamudio, John Shinnick, Kaye Prance, Peter Daniel, Kerry Elliman

Competitions Sub-Committee:

Chairman – Alan Harper

Secretary – Cherry Zamudio

Committee Members: Denise Borger, Mark Goddard, Peter Cameron, Bent Hansen

Social Sub-Committee:

Carole Littlechild, Carole McMahon, Kerry Elliman, Kay Prance and Sheilagh Thomas

Sub-Committee in order to re-write the Club Constitution, Club By-Laws and Competition Regulations:

John Shinnick, Peter Daniel, Denise Borger, Peter Cameron, Elizabeth Bazen

I saw the following in one of my books:

Whenever you find yourself doubting how far you can go, just remember how far you have come.

Remember everything you have faced, all the battles you have won and all the fears you have overcome.

The context in which it was represented, was not bridge, but as I read, the more and more I could see it as applicable to bridge.



Guessing time again!!!!

Such an earnest face!!!!

For this edition of our Magazine I have asked a male member of the Club to be our special personality. **From this photograph do you have any idea at all who he may be?**

DIRECTORS CORNER

1. Speed up Your Un-necessaries

The session timer is set to give you around six and a half minutes to get to your new table, say hello, count your cards, sort your cards, bid and then play and score up. If you are playing multiple boards in a round, which you usually are, that figure gets condensed because you are not moving between boards. The clock is usually set for 13 minutes for a two board round, but it will be 19 or 20 for a three board and probably 25 for a four board.

This makes it vital that you spend as much time as possible bidding and playing at the expense of all the other ancillary jobs. Here are a few tips :-

- Take the cards out of the board and count them while making your greeting.
- Sort your hand into the 4 suits rapidly. Practice doing so at home. Some players are taking an incredibly long time to do this simple task. **DO NOT** pick them up one at a time and slot them into your hand ...that could give too much away to your partner about how many you might have in each suit.
- *at this point you should be no more than 20 seconds into your game*
- Glance at the board carrier to see if you are on lead. Don't waste time asking "Is it me to bid?" If it says it's you, it's you.

- Leave your bidding cards on the table until the lead is made. This removes the necessity for the person on lead to ask what you bid.
- During the bidding, **don't** keep collapsing your hand and then opening it all up again when it is your turn to bid. You may not even realise you are doing it but several of you do.
- Lead as soon as the contract is agreed. **Don't** ask "Is it me to lead?" Work it out quickly for yourself (which you can only do if all the bids are still on the table!) and **don't** write anything in your personal scorer first and, if you're North, don't enter the contract into the Bridgemates first. Nothing is more important than making your lead.
- Dummy, you must put your hand down as soon as the lead is made. Again no writing in your personal scorer or entering anything into the Bridgemate until you have done that.
- Dummy, please **do not** take half an hour to get your hand down in four nice straight lines. Please don't lay your cards down one at a time. Again practice at home getting hold of 3 or 4 cards in the one suit and running them onto the table with your thumb. Provided every card is visible and things aren't too untidy for partner, precision alignment is not necessary.

And now you can make your entries as you wait for play to come around to you again and you have the maximum possible time to play well without feeling rushed.

2. Be Careful with your Aids

I know that, for a number of reasons, it is not possible for certain players to hold all 13 cards in a fanned formation in one hand. This may be a temporary or permanent condition and is the reason why the club provides card holders or you bring your own.

If you are one such, please be aware of the dangers of unintentionally giving a mass of information to your partner. Such devices would not be allowed in serious competition without screens between all four players at the table. To avoid any problems

- Put all the cards in the rack unsorted. Don't put all the hearts on one end and all the spades on the other etc. at this point.
- You can then sort them into suits but don't leave gaps between each suit.
- When you play a card, close up the gap immediately. If you don't do this partner can see where you played your last card from and deduce how many you have left in that suit, particularly if it is near the end. I have had to sit and wriggle on a number of occasions when it is quite obvious, even to me as opposition, that you only have, say, two trumps left and it must be even more obvious to partner.

Don't get me wrong. I'm delighted that this simple little tool can mean that people's playing lives are so easily extended. Just remember however that you must be careful not to give information away, whether to your partner or to your opposition.

3. Does the Punishment fit the Crime?

I use that phrase in jest, because Bridge Laws, accidentally infringed, are not a crime and neither is the rectification done with retribution in mind, only fairness.

However, there are three mistakes made at the table for which the "penalty" **seems** out of proportion to the "offence", and when I apply the rectification I can see from players' faces that they think it's all a bit harsh.

The first is fairly common. If, for example, you are looking for Aces with Blackwood and you bid 4NT over your oppositions' 5C, that is, of course, an insufficient bid. Most such bids can be put right by bidding the same suit at the correct level but if the bid, as this one is, is a convention (i.e. you didn't really want to

play in 4NT) you can't put it right by 5NT which would probably be King asking in your system and therefore doesn't mean the same thing at all. So there is nothing you can now bid that will allow your partner to bid again. What you have to do is replace the illegal 4NT with ANY other legal bid...but in the knowledge that your partner will not be able to respond to you during that hand. So you may Pass or you could even bid the slam that you were looking for off your own bat...it's a bit of a gamble!

The second is doubling your partner. Yes, I've done it...we all do it...we get carried away with a good hand but balanced when partner has opened and we think "I know, I'll get him to bid his best suit"

Wrong!!

What happens next? Well you must pick up the double and substitute a legal bid in the knowledge that your poor partner cannot bid again in that hand. Again you have to think that you may only have that one bid if the opposition just pass thereafter...so make the most of it. It's a bit of a gamble again!

Finally, there is our good friend, **The Bid out of Turn.**

If a) there has been no other bid, and b) it is a proper bid and not a Pass, and c) it is made by you at the turn of your partner or your left hand opponent, and d) it is not accepted by your left hand opponent, you must pick your illegal bid up and your poor partner again must pass for the whole hand. You may get the chance to bid properly later if your opponents make a bid, but you will have no idea at all what is in your partner's hand. It's that gamble again!!

So, yes it does seem harsh, but it is done because your mistake has given a lot of information about your hand to your partner which he or she shouldn't have. In the last case above, you have told your partner that you have an opening hand and perhaps no 5 card major or perhaps balanced. If the bidding had gone in the right order, you may not have been able to show this so clearly. So it isn't enough to get you to put your bid away and ask the right person to bid...there has to be an adjustment so that non-offenders (your opposition) are not disadvantaged in any way.

Play well



SIGNS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

Cocktail Lounge in Norway: *Ladies are requested not to have children in the Bar*

In a City Restaurant: *Open seven days a week and weekends*

The followingparticularly for our ex-African members:

On the main road to Mombasa, leaving Nairobi: *Take notice: When this sign is under water, this road is impassable*

On deciding upon a wine:

Simple rule of thumb:

If it tries to eat us.....Serve with RED

If it runs away from us.....Serve with WHITE

NEWS OF CLUB MEMBERS.

Jack Gates has been very unwell and has spent time in hospital. We wish him well and a speedy recovery. So many people have asked after Jack and Naomi as we have missed seeing them at the bridge table on a Friday. We hope you are able to come back soon.

It has been good to see Audrey Totterdell at the bridge table again. Look forward to seeing more of her in the future.

Jean Paul and Jenny Tedeschi have just returned from a five week holiday in Europe. Diane Smith too has recently returned from a lengthy holiday. Welcome Back!

SUPERVISED BRIDGE

Our Supervised Bridge Sessions on a Monday evening continue to be well supported and so appreciated by so many of the regular participants. We have many members who give a helping hand at these sessions but Anita Davis is the co-ordinator of these Mentors and it is Anita who organises not only this evening but other days when she personally, is able to help some of the newer players to bridge at small group sessions. I asked Anita if she would mind me coming along to one of the Monday sessions to talk to some of the members.

Derrick Johnston arrived first, collected his newly purchased name badge and told me he first came to the club in February of this year. Derrick came to Fiske Warren's set of beginners' lessons and feels at the moment, the Monday sessions are sufficient in order to build bridge knowledge.

Cliff Wells, Barbara Bibby and **Jean Rackham** are other Monday Supervised regulars despite playing in regular sessions but each one of them said they feel Mondays are so helpful to members who know the basics, yet still have so much to learn. It crossed my mind at this point, ...***Do we ever stop learning?!!*** **Trevor Williams** and **Gladys Lourvanij** have also been members for some time and Gladys tells me she has been playing bridge for twenty years intermittently and her first lessons were with Audrey Townsend. **David Harris** plays regularly on a Monday evening and also plays successfully in regular sessions. David had particular praise from Fiske at a recent lesson when he was the only one in the room to come up with the correct answer!! **Frankie Verbunt** travels from Midland each Monday in order to attend and is looking forward to more lessons with Fiske Warren in the future. **Bernadette McStravich** is another fairly new member to the club and she plays regularly with **Evonne Sarich** who unfortunately was unable to attend last night.

Bruce Cowan also had lessons with Audrey Townsend twenty or so years ago and has gone full circle and is now enjoying bridge once again. **Sherrill Duncan** who has been playing for eighteen months is another Monday regular and she played this year in our Christmas in July function. **Wendy Dodd** is from Chidlow and is a very enthusiastic participant as is **Lorraine Stivey** and **Veronica Minton**. Veronica travels from Koongamia and she learnt Rubber Bridge fifty years ago but has since enjoyed lessons with Fiske and now plays in regular sessions with Lorraine. My final meeting was with **Joanne James** and **Cora Brown** just as they were enjoying a cup of coffee during the first 'sit out'. Both of these members were very enthusiastic and said they always tried to attend the Monday evening session.

It was all in all a very gratifying hour or so. It was so good to see so many happy faces and so many people, earnestly, trying to improve their bridge. We look forward to seeing many of these faces in our regular sessions soon. It does demonstrate though, the benefit of Supervised lessons, where knowledge is gleaned in an 'easy' atmosphere. No wonder they are so popular.

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB - CHRISTMAS IN JULY This event was held on **Saturday 23rd July** and it was also the

70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY of **RORY and VAL O'TOOLE**, which we celebrated in style with a cake in their honour. Such a milestone in their lives and we were delighted to share the day with them.



Rory giving his Speech



Denise serving Val and Rory with their cake!



The Christmas Luncheon Table



George Bozanich and Sheilagh Thomas



Jane Pike, Garth Scotford and
Marie-France Van Hall



Margaret McRobbie, Jim Steel, Anita Davis
and Jacqueline Keir

P.S. Jim Steel is soon to be married and hope we may have a photo of that in due course!!!

It was all a very happy day but unfortunately on this occasion only thirteen Tables of bridge.

The Winners were as follows:

North/South

- 1st. Alan Harper and Jackie Harper
- 2nd. Ian Brown and Ian Medlycott
- 3rd. Mary Pepper and Michael Pepper

East/West

- 1st. Rory O'Toole and George Bozanich
- 2nd. Garth Scotford and Cherry Zamudio
- 3rd. Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown

A Police recruit was asked during an exam ... "What would you do if you had to arrest your own Mother?"
He answered "Call for backup"

A cop pulls a guy over for weaving across two lanes of traffic. He walks up to the driver's window and asks "you drinkin?" The driver replied "Well that depends – you buyin?"

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Most Consistent Player

- June:** Winner Stephen Thyer and Runner-up Gordon Brown
July: Winner Joe Louis and Runners-up Gordon Brown, Sheila Pryce, Diane Smith
August: Winner Bente Hansen and Runner-up Carmen Jackson

Most Improved Pair from All Sessions

- June:** Winners Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown and Runners-up Eleanor Rowley and David Harris
July: Winners Kerry Elliman and Kaye Prance and Runners-up Helen Brown-Cooper and Mary Simmonds.
August: Winners Elizabeth Houghton and Sita Weggelaar and Runners-up Joe Louis and Nic Moniodis

Day Time Pairs

- 1st Ann Todd and Carmen Jackson
- 2nd Guy Gaudet and Joe Louis
- 3rd Anita Davis and Eugene Murphy

Mixed Pairs

- 1st Carmen Jackson and Mark Goddard
- 2nd Mark Pezzali and Carole Dickie
- 3rd Nicolas Moniodis and Betty Roberts

GNOT

- 1st Marie-France Merven, Nigel Dutton, Gerry Daly, Viv Wood and Stephen Thyer
- 2nd Peter Cameron, Doug Hegarty, Alf Dupont and Sheelagh Dupont

Mens and Ladies Pairs Cumulative

- 1st Gordon Brown and Brian Davison
- 2nd Bente Hansen and Wendy Harman
- 3rd Carol Dickie and Betty Roberts

OTHER CONGRESS RESULTS

BAWA:

State Swiss Pairs

- 1st Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller

Open Teams

- 7th Alf Dupont, Sheelagh Dupont, Suzanne Gammon and Mark Doust

Restricted Swiss Pairs

- 10th Anita Davis and Sheila Pryce (They came 1st in the first round)
- 14th Nic Moniodis and Betty Roberts
- 18th Joanne Payne and Stephen Thyer

Our mystery personality is



We have reached the section in the magazine where we have guessed either correctly or incorrectly who our mystery member is. In this instance, I believe it is not as difficult as some as the same facial expressions remains today.....Yes it is **JOSEPH GUY GAUDET**

Guy wrote me some notes and I have gratefully used those and we have also been able to chat to him about his life and his family:

Joseph Guy Gaudet is the eldest of four children and has one sister and two brothers. When I asked Guy the names of his siblings he said all of the boys were named Joseph and his sister is Monique. Immediately my very first question was 'What happened when one of your parents called 'Joseph' and all three boys came running at once. Guy laughed and said that it was common in Mauritius to name all the boys with the first family name the same but each of them had a second name and it was this name which was used in daily life. Guy, with a smile said the problem came when they all wanted to open bank accounts as there were three Joseph Gaudet's applying!!

Guy was born in Port Louis, Mauritius and studied at the Brothers Catholic College until the age of twelve and then moved on to Royal College until the end of Year 12. After leaving school, and for one year, Guy taught Maths and Physics to pupils at the school and then took up an appointment with Barclays Bank where he stayed for four years. In order to obtain more experience and to move on in life, Guy then studied Accountancy for three years with ACCA (an English Correspondence Accountancy Degree) always thinking in his mind that he may one day end up in England and having this particular degree may help him. But the best made plans have a habit of changing!

During these years, and both of them at a young age, Guy met his wife to be Josee Vilbro and they were married in Quatre Bornes, a town in Mauritius. They have three children. Marie-Christine and Genevieve who were born in Mauritius and their son Brian was born in Australia. But here I am leaping ahead. It was quite by chance that Guy and Josee filled in their forms for immigration to Australia. An Uncle had made a decision to move and in collecting his application forms he collected some for Guy and Josee and other members of the family. Guy's father was very enthusiastic and he and Guy's Mother also applied. A multiple move for the Gaudet and Vilbro families, but spread over a number of years.

So began life in a different part of the world, with a different National Language and a different culture. No easy adjustment for many and always a challenge for new immigrants anywhere.

Guy continued with his studies and he obtained a Diploma in Accountancy from Perth Technical College in 1969 while working for Peter Wright who was a partner in the Partnership of Hancock and Wright. But yet came another move and another rung of the ladder mastered. This time it was to the Australian Taxation Office in Perth. Valuable experience was gained and Guy stayed with the Taxation office for ten years when he resigned to join the Accountancy Firm of C.P Bird Associates as a Tax Manager for the South West, based in Katanning and this is where Josee came into the business picture, as Guy's typist!!!

Finally, the next move was a predictable one, and in 1982 Guy branched out on his own, in his Accountancy Firm – J.G. Gaudet and Associates which today he still runs in some small way. Guy tells me that Josee became his efficient unpaid Secretary! During this time Guy was awarded a Post Graduate Diploma in Accountancy from the West Australian College of Advanced Education, a Master in Business Administration from Monash University and thereafter tutored and lectured in Taxation Law at Edith Cowan University.

Guy and Josee have been blessed with two grandchildren Jade and (little) Guy, both of whom were born in Australia. Guy's face was full of smiles when he was speaking of his family and said how delighted they are and how fortunate they are to have such a close united family and see them regularly. Many members of both Guy's and Josee's families immigrated to Australia over the course of some years and although Guy's and Josee's parents have now passed away they still have many members of the family in Perth.

So began retirement and it didn't just take the shape of walking the dog! I asked Guy if he has any hobbies and with a smile he said bridge, reading, gardening and cooking. For anyone who has been lucky enough to have sampled some of his meals, this has to be one of his real achievements.

The next question was 'What about sport?' and here Guy's face came alight. In his early years at school he was passionate about soccer and when still at Royal College he captained a College Selection Team and played the Burnley Football Club, a 1st Division English team. Guy tells me at half time the score was Burnley 1 and College Selection 0. At full time the score was Burnley 11 and College Selection 0!!!! But the boys were happy as they each received a cap, a shirt and a soccer ball and had gained valuable experience! In later years for Guy there was no time for soccer but those days at College, hold special memories for him.

Thank you Guy, that was, I believe, a great journey for you down memory lane, and a little insight for us into the man we endeavour to beat at bridge. What would one do without bridge, without the interaction between members and without a different challenge in life? In a career it is all about advancement and achievement and when it comes to it the same can be said of bridge. Nothing changes!!!!

Reflection:

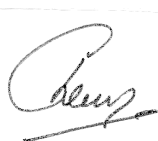
In Years past - Cooking outside was called camping. Seaweed was not a recognised food, Prunes were medicinal and surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed!!!

Those were the days....or were they?

Once again I come to the end of this edition of Bridging the Gap. If I have omitted any results or information or you have any suggestions on articles to be included, please contact me. I would be delighted to try to assist.

Having been to the Supervised Class and seen the enthusiasm for bridge and for learning we do encourage more and more of the players in that group to come to join us in regular sessions. Kalamunda is a very friendly bridge club and members would welcome new faces at the tables. As promised I will make sure that copies of Bridging the Gap will be available to you and in that way you may get to know the club more, feel you know a little more of the members and come to play bridge with us.

Until next time, all the very best,



Cherry Zamudio

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