

MANDURAH BRIDGE CLUB

Newsletter WA1

March 2014



Well it's all happening a new Website, a new computer programme, and a new Editor: and with the sobering thought that the AGM is not all that far off. Who will steer the ship for the next few years and who will be the crew of committee members - it is an important event in our calendar and should be given some serious consideration by all. Sure it will all work regardless but a smooth running, prosperous club where members enjoy playing the game of Bridge is a happy club.

Director's Call

i) New Director I am delighted to welcome Jean Field to the directing panel. Jean has joined us from WABC where she has had many years experience directing large fields and her experience and knowledge will be of great benefit to us all.

ii) Time Limits Members will be aware that during recent weeks Directors have been strictly enforcing time limits to complete each round. The majority of players complete play within the prescribed time so this has not presented a problem for them. Those who have in the past who been granted the luxury of playing incomplete boards at the tea break or after play will no longer enjoy the time advantage they have had over other members. If dummy is not down by the time the three minute warning bell rings the Director will remove any incomplete boards from

the table and award 50% to each pair. For a second instance by a pair the same day the opposition will be awarded 60%. If a pair at a table is unable to complete their boards within the prescribed time due to the late arrival of the opposition at their table then they will be awarded a 60% score on the incomplete board.

It goes without saying that any deliberate attempt to slow down play will be viewed very seriously and a pair that engages in such conduct can expect to receive a severe penalty.

iii) System Cards Because of the increasing sophistication of bidding systems used at the club it has been agreed that players who play other than a very basic ACOI or Standard American System will be required to have a system card at their table for **all sessions** they attend. **This includes regular green point sessions.**

If your system includes such things as Multi Twos, transfers over the minors, unusual No Trump opening calls, inverted minors, or if you play Precision or any other special system then make sure you comply with this requirement. Doing so will ensure that the Director is able to make the correct decision in the event of a dispute.

Note that carrying a System Card does not remove your obligation to alert all calls as required by the ABF alerting regulations.

Neville Walker - Convenor

“One advantage of bad bidding is that you get good practice at playing atrocious contracts.”

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ANNUAL FEES Are now due and will be collected prior to play - Preferable payment is by Bank deposit.

**Deposit to Westpac Bank BSB
036 -157 Account 440148**

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FROM the PRESIDENT:

New Editor: On behalf of all Members and the Management Committee I extend a welcome to our new editor, Wal Aldridge. In welcoming Wal, I once again acknowledge the tremendous effort Ian Jones, our retiring editor, has made for our Members.

Ian produced the Club's first Newsletter in September 2009. **Well done Ian and thank you.**

Since the November 2013 Newsletter the following has occurred:

Golden West Congress - An outstanding success due to the contribution of Members. Neville Walker and the catering team led by Lynda Ford and Ross Proudfoot deserve special congratulations. A thank you to all who contributed. Catering for the GW is a successful financial event on the Club's calendar and would not succeed without the **strong support of our Members.**

The Rockingham Vs Mandurah Cup - The annual tournament was staged with 80 participants. The Mandurah Team, led by Ian Jones, was victorious. The number of wins is equal, 4 all and, no doubt this year's match to be held at **Rockingham will create a large amount of interest.**

Christmas Function - The Club award night was well attended and enjoyed by all. Photos of the night decorated the Club rooms for weeks after, and on the TV screen. Liz Chamberlain was the winner of the Alan Crevald Trophy for Most Improved Player. Once again the catering team led by Lynda Ford and Paddy Larkin provided **a superb meal.**

Alan Mason Master Point Award - For 2013 was again won by Doug Hardman and I had pleasure in presenting it to Doug in January. The Master Point Award is based on the **calendar and ABF points are accumulated until 31 December.**

Annual Charity Day - Midway Community Care, who cater for the needs of the intellectually disabled in the Peel region, was once again the recipient of the Club's Annual Charity day in January. A cheque for \$730 was presented to a representative of this worthy cause.

Summer Congress - February commenced with our Summer Congress and again another outstanding successful Congress and we thank our many helpers, including Neville Walker and assistant Director Jean Field, and Caddies Rodger Hampson and John Griffiths.

Bridge players at Congresses consume copious amounts of food and once again Club Members donate and provide to ensure no one is hungry. The team as usual led by Lynda

Ford and an army of volunteers, including Ross Proudfoot and Laurie Hayes.

CALENDER

March	Jackpot Week	Starts 3rd
	Daytime open Pairs	10th, 17th, 24th
	Wednesday Best of 3/4	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
April	Jackpot Week	Starts 7th
	Thursday Evening	Best 3 out of 4
	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	
	Restricted Red Points	8th & 15th
	Less than 100 MPs	
	Club Teams Championship	12th

Know the Convention

Stayman - Sam Stayman's tournament partner George Rapee introduced the artificial 2 Club response to partner's 1 NT opener. However, George was less interested in popularizing the conventional treatment than enjoying the benefits of its use, generously allowing Stayman to be used as his namesake in 1945. Throughout the years, the Stayman convention has been one of the top three conventions in the game of Bridge.

"I would rather see the hand you bid, Partner"

Ever heard a player say things like these?

Ten things a bridge player would never say ...

1. This club (playing area) is always the right temperature – never too hot or too cold.
2. Free coffee? No thanks.
3. Cool! A four-board sitout.
4. No, I don't think tournament fees are too high.
5. I can always count on my partner to remember every convention on our card.
6. No gossip, please. I'm not interested.
7. More new Alerts! More new Alerts!
8. One thing I can say about bridge players – they sure know how to dress.
9. No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way.
10. I don't feel like bridge today, thanks. I'd rather jog and work out.

– Marilyn White, Toronto

MEMBERSHIP

Membership currently stands at **283** and growing. In order to maintain these figure and reduce wastage particularly with new players, several additional measures are being implemented. Mentoring programme will be introduced on Monday mornings, and for those transending from Mondays to Thursdays, partners with be made available and a duty rostered player will be also be on standby. Liz V would be pleased to hear from Club members who wish be a Mentor or be on standby for Tuesdays or Thursdays.

There are a few members who are having health difficulties at present and your consideration, thoughts and prayers will help.

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COMING EVENTS

WABC Novice Swiss Pairs	23rd March
Bridgetown	22nd & 23rd March
Bunbury Congress	26th & 27th April

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CONGRATULATIONS

Jean McLarty and Eugene Wichems for gaining 1st Place in the Nation Wide Pairs Blue Ribbon Event

Congratulations to, to the following Club Members at the Summer Congress

Bill and Jenny Maley who came 2nd in the final of the Pairs.

Jean McLarty and Phil Power were 5th in the Plate.

Doug and Vera Hardman 6th in the Plate.

Gerald Merven and Trish Anderson were 3rd in the First Consolation.

Brian and Ursula Elson 2nd in the Second Consolation.

Carole Hazeldene and Graeme Perry together with Corrie Davis and Michelle Burman were the best Mandurah Pair in the Teams, coming 9th overall.

Robina McConnell and Eugene Wichems together with their partners finished equal 14th in the Teams.

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"Don't go 3 unless you hear from Me"

Wendy Hanson

APPOINTMENT

Due to the increased workload on Treasury the Management Committee has appointed a part-time bookkeeper to help record and

coordinate Club finances. This bookkeeper has been sourced from Nicola Smith's Bookkeeping and will be under the direction of our Treasurer.

LESSONS

Lessons have commenced on Wednesday mornings and due to vacancies the Club has decided that members who wish to attend for revision or refreshment can do so at very reduced rates (\$35 for 6 sessions) A good opportunity to get back on the basics and improve ones game skills.

"It's not the ability to play difficult hands that makes a winning player - It's the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones"

