

Report by the President to the Annual General Meeting

12 December 2015

I am pleased to present my final report as President of the SABF.

There were a number of highlights for the SABF this year. The ANOT attracted record numbers with the growth in participation of players eligible for restricted events being particularly strong. This augurs well for the future as the potential for growth in ANOT numbers is much greater than is the case for the more experienced player cohort.

The inaugural State-wide Pairs' event was an outstanding success with most SABF affiliated clubs taking part. Particular thanks go to Phil Gue for this initiative and the hard work put in by him and others to make it such a success.

This year also saw the SABF Management Committee commit to a range of new activities designed to support smaller affiliates in areas such as teaching, director training and marketing. Details of these activities have been made available to all affiliates and will commence in 2016.

Total player numbers also grew slightly in 2015. The details are in the table which follows. Once again, the main highlight for the year was SABA's success in growing its members. SABA is now Australia's largest bridge club thanks to it's the success of its "satellite" model, a model which other clubs throughout Australia are looking to emulate.

	2015	2014
S.A. Bridge Association	1180	1,088
Adelaide Bridge Centre	215	283
Glenelg Contract Bridge Club	146	143
Bridge In The City	95	96
Gawler & District Bridge Club	87	71
St Vincent Contract Bridge Club	42	38
Blue Lake Bridge Club	34	43
Bridge In The Barossa	53	42
Riverland Bridge Club	37	29
Mt Gambier Bridge Club	38	36
Reynella Bridge Club	37	37
Broken Hill Bridge Club	25	28
Whyalla Bridge Club	13	17
Stepbridge	28	27
Port Pirie Contract Bridge Club	14	14
TOTAL	2,044	1,992

I would also like to take this opportunity to make a comment in my capacity as SABA's representative on the Australian Bridge Federation Council. Under Bruce Neill's able leadership, the ABF has made significant and important progress in several areas. To my mind, the most important is the application of energy, time and money into growing bridge among new and inexperienced players. The ABF deserves to be commended for its foresight and the professionalism its Management Committee members have brought to the table.

My final task as President is to recognise the contributions made by our unsung heroes. Before taking on this role, I had a vague impression of the benefits us players enjoyed as a consequence of the efforts of a few. Coming to see what happens first hand was a revelation.

I do not see how bridge could survive in this state in its current form without the enormous contribution made by David Anderson. His dedication, skill and corporate memory are without peer and I want to take this opportunity of acknowledging my personal indebtedness to him. Similarly, Phil Gue commits so much time and energy to bridge across South Australia that I wonder at how he finds time to run his club. Phil is particularly dedicated to growing bridge at the grass roots level and has achieved considerable success that often goes unnoticed. [cont over]

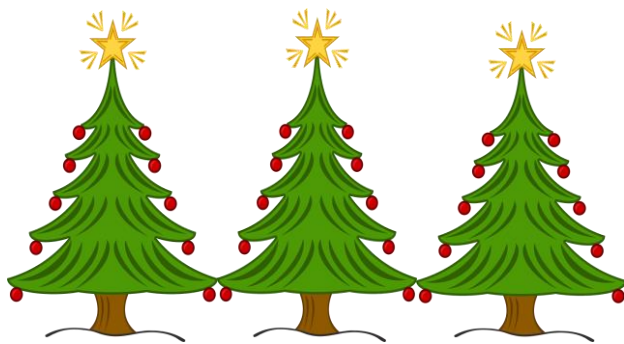
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Thankfully, there are many other dedicated souls giving generously of their own time. Jinny Fuss, Adel Abdelhamid, Barbara Travis, Evan and Jill Allanson, John Zollo, Gary Deaton, Barbara Marrett, Peter and Sue Moller are names that come readily to mind. I apologise in advance for the ones I have missed.

Last, I want to acknowledge the hard work of the Management Committee members. In particular, we all owe Paul Walker, our Treasurer and Margaret Walters, our Secretary a great debt. The reality is that their respective jobs are much more onerous and, on occasions dreary than the relatively light and simple load of being President. They also bear a disproportionate share of the grizzles and sniping that too often plague community-based associations such as ours. The way they keep applying themselves speaks volumes for their commitment and professionalism. They deserve all of our thanks.

Tim O'Loughlin



HELP NEEDED!

The SABF Management Committee is still looking for skilled members who would like to assist with the following specific tasks.

- Editor for the SABF Newsletter
- Grant applications
- Publicity and marketing
- Convenor of State-wide Pairs for 2016
- Liaison with smaller clubs

If you would like to help with one of the above please contact one of the members of the Management Committee.

Youth Bridge

South Australia won the 2015 Interstate Youth Teams, beating Queensland in the 40-board final. The team of Lauren Travis-Shane Harrison, Jarrad Dunbar-Sam Schulz and James Lawry-Jack Markey included four experienced players with a pair of newcomers. One exciting hand from the event happened in the first match:

Dealer: W	North	
Vul: E/W	♠ AJ109	
	♥ AKQJ1073	
	♦ -	
	♣ J5	East
West		♠ 2
♠ 7653		♥ 64
♥ 852		♦ AK9843
♦ J10		♣ Q986
♣ K743	South	
	♠ KQ84	
	♥ 9	
	♦ Q7652	
	♣ A102	

As North, I opened 1H, and was excited to hear a 1S response from Shane Harrison. Playing Exclusion Keycard, I could bid 5D to ask for keycards in all of the suits except diamonds – exactly what I needed. The excitement got to my head, though, and I bid 4D as a splinter instead. When Shane keycarded, I showed 2 keycards, and we settled in 6S. Still a decent effort, but we missed the grand slam!

Youth sessions are run once a month on a weekend afternoon at SABA. Information will be sent out to registered players and clubs. We are always looking for more participants, so please encourage any young people to attend. We welcome new players as well as those with more experience.

Students are encouraged to come and learn bridge at Bridge Week at SABA from 4-9 January; beginners' lessons will be run throughout the week and be taught by Lauren Travis.

We are hoping to establish a schools program and competition in 2016; if you would like to help or have any contacts, please let me know.

There is a SA Youth Bridge Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/352576681605775/>.

For more information, please contact me by email at laurent@gmail.com or by phone on 0449 692 325.

Lauren Travis

ANC Restricted Butler, Fremantle July 2015

By Terry Pearson

Earlier this year, John and I won one of two generous travel subsidies offered by the ABF to restricted pairs to go to the Australian National Championships in Fremantle and compete in the Muzz Buzz Restricted Butler Pairs. Restricted in this context means each player has fewer than 300 masterpoints. We no longer qualify in this category, but we urge those who do to enter the qualifying trials event next year.

The highlight of the bridge part of the trip was a thoroughly entertaining match against the eventual winners, Tomer and Lavy Libman, and although we didn't do quite enough to bring it home, we were the first pair to play them who put up any serious resistance. Not finishing in the top ten overall was disappointing; we didn't always hit the right games and we missed a few too many slams to be serious contenders.

One of the slams we did make, however, was on this quite interesting board in which the choice of slams highlights the difference between matchpoint and Butler scoring.

Dealer: W

Vul: Both

	<u>North</u>		
	♠ AK1098		
	♥ AQJ1086		
	♦ -		
	♣ 95		
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>	
♠ 9		♠ QJ7643	
♥ 952		♥ 74	
♦ QJT8632		♦ K75	
♣ A7		♣ 82	
	<u>South</u>		
	♠ 2		
	♥ K3		
	♦ A94		
	♣ KQJT643		

Many people play almost all of their bridge at duplicate with matchpoint scoring, where slam in a minor may be a bottom if the rest of the field has found slam in a major or in no trumps. Butler pairs, on the other hand, has its origins in teams bridge, which means you are scored as if you are playing a teams' match where the 'other team' is the average in the room in your direction.

At Butler scoring, bidding slam in a minor instead of a major or bidding slam in a suit instead of no trumps will cost very little, so you can afford to choose the soundest slam instead of the slam that will score best at duplicate.

My practice of gathering up our bidding slips has finally paid off – some months after the event, I can be absolutely sure that on this hand we were saved the trouble of choosing between a major and a minor suit slam by never discovering our 6-2 heart fit. I was sitting North, and West opened 3D in first position. When I review the hand now, a bid of 4D suggesting a strong major two-suiter seems like quite a good idea, but on the day I doubled. East passed, partner bid 6C, and that was the final contract. Deep Finesse tells us that 6C is unassailable on any lead and, indeed, on the lead of ♠5, partner had no trouble collecting 12 tricks.

The ANC website reveals that, in both the Restricted and the Open fields, the slam bidding was fairly evenly divided between 6C and 6H (with a few outliers going off in 6NT, 7C and even, on one occasion, 6S – that must have made for an interesting post mortem!) Everybody makes 6C. The main difference between the two fields was in the success rate of those who found themselves in 6H. In the Restricted field, three out of four pairs made on a spade lead, with one going off on a diamond lead. The preponderance of spade leads might reflect that Wests in the restricted field were less likely to open 3D. In the Open room, five pairs played 6H by North, with four going off on a diamond lead and one making on a spade lead, while two pairs played 6H by South on the lead of the ♣A, one making and one going off. And that last bit is particularly interesting because the only sure defence to 6H is to begin with two rounds of clubs. We know that only because we have looked at the hand double-dummy, of course – let's see what might happen in the real world.

On a spade lead, declarer may well simply draw trumps and lead a club towards the table, hoping for things to work out – and they will! The ♣A may be singleton, and if so, declarer is back in business.

Even if it is not, a careless defender may unthinkingly take the ♣A at the first opportunity, and then the contract cannot fail.

And on this particular lie of the cards, things are about to work out for declarer in a big way. The opening spade lead and three rounds of trumps have stripped West of all their safe exit cards. West cannot now benefit from holding up the AC because they will have to return a diamond, and declarer will end up back on the table running the clubs! On a diamond lead, however, a declarer who rises AD at trick 1 is doomed because now there is no throw-in position in clubs: West can hold up the AC and safely exit in diamonds. If the defence starts with AC and a club continuation, West cannot be thrown in no matter how declarer proceeds, and I believe this is the defence Deep Finesse contemplates when it says that 6H can be held to 11.

Back to the question, then, of the Butler scoring – how did the results stack up? In the Open field, the datum was +610, and 6C and 6H making both yielded +13 IMPs. In the Restricted field, the datum was slightly higher at +680, reflecting that a larger proportion of the field settled for a making game in either hearts or clubs. We scored +12 for 6C, and although 6H making was worth +13, 6H one off would have been -13, regardless of whether the defence was insightful or unwitting! I should add that although Butler scoring eliminates the 'tops and bottoms' effect of matchpoints, an extra IMP here or there is not entirely irrelevant – even one IMP per board adds up over a 12 or 14 board match, so if a major suit slam and a minor suit slam are equally sound, there is still every reason to prefer the major suit or, of course, NT over a major suit. But if there is any risk, preferring the minor might pay off.

We didn't spend the entire trip playing bridge, of course. Other highlights included hitting the second-hand bookshops and enjoying a wander through the markets, but best of all was visiting the Little Creatures Brewhouse bar and sampling their Return of the Dread Stout – available on tap, even! This is now my second favourite stout and I have since bought a box of it, contributing to the dream of a tourism-led economic recovery.

You may wonder why I didn't buy a box of my favourite stout. I didn't have to – it's one of John's home brews!



Thanks again to the ABF for making the travel subsidy available and I encourage all players under 300 masterpoints to get to grips with Butler scoring if they haven't already done so and compete in next year's Restricted Butler qualifying event for a chance to win a travel grant to go to Brisbane and play at the 2016 ANC.

Terry Pearson

Greetings from Gawler

What a busy but successful year 2015 was for the Gawler & Districts Bridge Club. Congresses held in March, May and our very successful Teams Congress in November kept us busy. Also throw in the Australia Wide Pairs and Australian Wide Novice Pairs along with Bridge for Brains Challenge and the Flying Doctor charity day, we continued to be very active.

Wednesday Club Champions:

- Ian Ramsey and Earlston Gniel.

Friday Red Section Club Champions:

- Jim Hayes and Mick Koziol.

Friday Blue Section Club Champions:

- Peter Burke and Rhonda Koziol.

Congratulations to all the above winners and players for 2015.

Our bridge year takes a holiday break from 16th December and will resume on 13th January 2016. The Club recently donated \$1000.00 to the Pinery Fire Appeal -a terrible ordeal close to Gawler. You can expect another busy 2016.

We look forward to the Inter-Club Challenge again in March 2016. The Easter Pairs Congress in April/May and our popular teams Congress in November. The dates, times, venues and flyers will be notified early in 2016.

Our 2016 Bridge Program includes all the activities enjoyed in the previous year. Our Beginners Program will commence in February 2016, after a very successful Beginners in 2015.

Watch this space for new and exciting Gawler Bridge Club Activities and check out our website:

www.gawlerbridgeclub.org.au

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at the Gawler Club. **Jeff Williams, President**



SABF RESULTS

2015 OPEN TRIALS QUALIFYING

1. Mike Doecke & David Parrott
2. Nicolas Croft & Joachim Haffer
3. Philip Markey & Lauren Travis

2015 MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP Section A

1. Alison & Gordon Fallon
2. Erica Ji & David Lusk
3. Gamini Amerasinghe & Anne Harris

2015 MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP Section B

1. Wendy Hopkins & John Smith
2. Bob & Leonie Clarke
3. John & Terry Pearson

BRIDGE IN THE CITY CONGRESS - A SECTION

1. Gopal Hingorani & Angela Norris
2. Alison & John Sturgul
3. John & Terry Pearson

BRIDGE IN THE CITY CONGRESS - B SECTION

1. Geraldine Eitzen & Gloria Rishworth
2. Joan Clayton & Geoff Fauser
3. Herb & Marg Neumeister

2015 STATE TEAMS PHASE 2

1. David Anderson, Roger Januszke, George Smolanko, John Zollo
2. Russel Harms, Philip Markey, Jeff Travis, Justin Williams
3. David Cherry, John Horowitz, Howard Melbourne, David Middleton, Joff Middleton, Zolly Nagy

2015 STATE TEAMS FINAL

1. Russel Harms, Philip Markey, Jeff Travis, Justin Williams
2. Peter Chan, Attilio De Luca, Joel Gue, Phil Gue, David Lusk
3. David Anderson, Roger Januszke, George Smolanko, John Zollo

RESTRICTED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Bill Bradshaw & Rob Chattaway
2. Ian Sando & Roger Spence
3. Liz Robertson & Judy Zollo

STATE PAIRS QUALIFYING

1. Russel Harms & Jeff Travis
2. Roger Januszke & John Zollo
3. Mike Doecke & Joachim Haffer

STATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 – FINAL

1. Roger Januszke & John Zollo
2. Jarrad Dunbar & Philip Markey
3. Paul Hidson & Justin Williams

CONSOLATION STATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Phil Gallasch & Joff Middleton
2. William Keyte & Tim O'Loughlin
3. Rita Pringle & Ralph Smith

GAWLER SWISS TEAMS CONGRESS

1. Adel Abdelhamid, Linda Alexander, Jeff Fallon, David Lusk
2. Alex Bremner, Judy Hocking, Kevin Lange, Bill Lockwood
3. Gamini Amerasinghe, Rosemary Grund, Anne Harris, Erica Ji

2015 STATEWIDE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Raymond & Rita Jones
2. Andrew Eddie & Warren Neill
3. Chris Barnwell & Stewart Kingsborough

TEAMS OF THREE

1. George Bartley, Paul Bartley, Mary Co, Philip Markey
2. Helen Fleet, Robert Fleet, Joachim Haffer, Helene Maddern
3. Peter Chan, Bruce Hendry, Julia Hendry, Jean Matthews

SABF Tournament Regulations Clause: 12.4

Unless specified otherwise, a pair competing in a Butler Pairs competition is expected to be represented at all sessions. Failure to attend, or to provide a substitute, may result in the player concerned being barred from the rest of that competition, and the one following. [There is a similar requirement for teams' events].

SABF EVENTS

2016 SABF Club Congresses

Sunday 14 February	SABA	Swiss Pairs Congress
Saturday 12 March	Gawler	Inter-Club Challenge - Pairs
Friday 25 March	Edwardstown	Golden Bunny Teams
Sunday 5 June	SABA	Rotary Pairs
Saturday 23 July	Tanunda	Barossa Bridge Congress Pairs
Sunday 24 July	Tanunda	Barossa Bridge Congress Teams
Saturday 3 September	Glenelg	Glenelg Congress
Saturday 27 August	Loxton	Riverland Congress – Pairs
Sunday 28 August	Loxton	Riverland Congress – Teams
Sunday 12 October	Edwardstown	Bridge in the City Congress
Saturday 5 November	Gawler	Gawler Teams Congress
Wednesday 31 December	Adelaide Bridge Centre	New Year's Eve Congress

SABF Events January – April 2016

The full **Calendar of Events for 2016** is available online at:-

http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/docs/Calendar_of_Events/SABF_Calendar_2016.pdf

Daytime State Teams Venue: SABA Wednesdays 10.30am	3 February; 10 February; 17 February; 2 March
Daytime State Teams – Final and Consolation Venue: SABA Wednesdays 10.30am	9 March; 16 March; 23 March; 30 March (Final); 6 April (Final)
Open Trials Final and Plate Venue: SABA Thursdays 7.30pm	4 February; 11 February; 18 February; 3 March; 10 March; 17 March
Open Trials Final Venue: SABA Monday 7.30pm	15 February; 29 February
Under Life Butler Pairs Venue: SABA Thursday 7.30pm	4 February; 11 February; 18 February
SABA GNOT Qualifying Venue: SABA Thursdays 7.30pm	31 March; 7 April; 14 April; 21 April; 5 May
Women's State Team Trials Venue: SABA Fri, Sat, Sun	7.30pm Friday 1 April; 9.30am Saturday 2 April; 10.00am Sunday 3 April
Seniors State Team Trials Venue: SABA Fri, Sat, Sun	7.30pm Friday 15 April; 9.30am Saturday 16 April; 9.30am Sunday 17 April
Youth State Team Trials Venue: SABA Saturday 9.30am	Saturday 16 April
ANC Restricted Butler Trials Venue: SABA Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 17 April
Autumn National Teams Venue: Wayville Showgrounds	Thursday 28 April – Monday 2 May

DRESS CODE

Players are asked to observe the dress code of the venue at which SABF events are held.

At SABA where most SABF events are held the dress code is:

“All clothing must be neat and clean. No bare feet or thongs, tank tops or brief shorts.”

SABF Matters

2016 Management Committee

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- David Anderson
- David Parrott
- Phil Gue
- Carole Foreman
- Bob Clarke

Contact members of this committee about issues relating to the timing, format, and organizing of SABF events.

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Copy deadline for the next issue is **1 March 2016**



2016 Under Life Butler Pairs

Venue: SABA

Starting: 7.30pm

Played over 3 weeks

Thursday 4 February, Thursday 11 February, Thursday 18 February

Entries close Monday 1st February. To enter: Complete the nomination form on the SABA noticeboard; enter online at the SABF website; or email David Anderson at revoke1@live.com

Entry is restricted to an even number of pairs and players under Life Master ranking as at 30th September 2015.

2016 ANC Restricted Butler Trials

Venue: SABA

9:30am – 5.00pm Sunday 17 April

Eligible players will have less than 300 MP on 31 December 2015

The first 2 placegetters will be given free entry into the ANC Butler Pairs which will be held in Brisbane in early July 2016. The ABF will also award \$2,000 to each pair to cover travel and accommodation costs.