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Report by the President to the AGM

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This has been a good year for bridge in South Australia with many highlights.

First, there was our hosting of the Australian National Championships. This event was run superbly by its convenor, Deb Wellman, a view endorsed by all who took part in it. Deb was ably supported by David Anderson as Director and by a large and enthusiastic band of volunteers who did everything from caddying to raising sponsorship. The ANC was also supported by various side events initiated by Phil Gue and by the subsequent ANC Butler pairs, run by Di Marler with her usual professionalism. All of the South Australian teams performed well, particularly South Australia 2 which won for the second year in succession (Philip Markey (C), Mike Doecke, Joachim Haffer, Howard Melbourne, George Smolanko, and Justin Williams).

Another pleasing result was the ANOT which recorded a small increase in competitor numbers. This was no mean feat as the crowding of events into the first half of the calendar year has created greater competitive pressures for attracting players, particularly players from interstate. The outcome was a credit to Di Marler who applied her customary energy and knowhow to the challenge.

Another highlight was an increase in the number of registered players of 10%. SABA led the way with important contributions coming from Bridge in the City, Gawler, Reynella and Stepbridge. The details are shown in the table below:

	2013	2012
South Australian Bridge Assn	957	815
Adelaide Bridge Centre	234	229
Glenelg Contract Bridge Club	145	161
Bridge In The City	129	115
Gawler & District Bridge Club	45	48
Blue Lake Bridge Club	43	42
Bridge In The Barossa	40	40
Riverland Bridge Club	34	35
Mt Gambier Bridge Club	34	34
Reynella Bridge Club	40	28
Broken Hill Bridge Club	28	27
Whyalla Bridge Club	17	17
Stepbridge	24	16
Port Pirie Contract Bridge Club	14	11
TOTAL	1,784	1,618

In my report last year, I said that three challenges stood out: growing the game in South Australia; improving the offering of SABF membership; and effective harnessing of the energies of those involved in the SABF to meet the two challenges.

The 10% growth in player numbers is an outstanding achievement from our member clubs who are in the front line of growing the game. Over the medium term we are also expecting a contribution to player numbers from our application of the funds provided by the State Government's Positive Ageing Development Grant. Ably led by Phil Gue, the program is providing subsidised classes to over 60's. At the end of its first 12 months, classes will have been held in Pt. Lincoln, Port Pirie, Adelaide (with the SABA, ABC, and Glenelg clubs), Gawler and the Barossa.

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Work on the second challenge, improving the offering of the SABF took longer to get around to than I hoped. However, we got there in the end and have now communicated a new suite of benefits for clubs choosing to join or remain members of the SABF. In addition to their members getting access to ABF benefits, clubs affiliated with the SABF are now being offered benefits such as:

- Provision of pre-dealt hands with instructional booklets
- Free teaching from professional teachers
- Access to the subsidised beginner's course for over 60's
- Rulings from nationally accredited directors
- Promotional support for the special events and congresses run by affiliates
- Loan of Bridgemates for congresses
- Discounted rates for board dealing
- Financial support for marketing activities
- Use of a template constitution prepare especially for bridge clubs.

One further initiative that deserves a separate mention is the decision to hold a Statewide pairs competition in 2014.

The SABF will prepare a set of hands to be used in a single competition across the State. Participating clubs will be sent these boards and the results will be scored up on a Statewide basis. The boards can be used at the regular sessions of the clubs or as a special event. An instructional booklet will be provided with the boards.

These benefits can be provided only because the SABF is served by many people with the commitment and energy to share the joy of the game with as many people as possible. I want to pay tribute to them all and particularly to the members of the SABF Management Committee: Evan and Jill Allanson, David Anderson, Peter Chan, Jinny Fuss, David Parrott, Peter Teubner, Paul Walker and Deb Wellman. These people serve the State's bridge community tirelessly and without recompense, we are all in their debt.

Finally, this meeting sees Deb Wellman step down from her role as SABF Treasurer. Deb has done a mighty job and leaves us in excellent financial health with net assets of \$94,000 and cash on hand of \$76,000. We wish her well and thank her for a wonderful contribution not just to managing the money but also to the broader activities of the SABF Management Committee.

Tim O'Loughlin

Grand National Open Teams: 2013 the all Adelaide Grand Final

The GNOT (Grand National Open Teams) is a national GOLD point teams' event, conducted annually by the ABF (Australian Bridge Federation). Each state conducts heats to choose teams and these teams are subsidized to attend the finals to represent their state. The finals have been held in Tweed Heads (NSW) for the past few years. South Australia is entitled to send four teams to the finals. Two teams are chosen from SABA: Adelaide 1 and Adelaide 2. The Regional Team is selected from the players from all other SABF clubs and the Provincial Team is comprised of players who are under Grand Master. In 2013 the teams selected to represent South Australia were:

Adelaide 1:

Howard Melbourne and Joe Haffer
George Smolanko and Mike Doecke

Adelaide 2:

David Lusk and Attilio de Luca
Peter Chan and Phil Gue and Joel Gue

SA Regional:

Andrew Hill and David Shilling
William Keyte and Tim O'Loughlin

SA Provincial:

Adel Abdelhamid and Rebecca Poon
Milton Hart and Sharmini Hoole

The GNOT final is conducted as a knockout competition with the losing teams relegated to the recharge competition. The top two teams from the recharge play off against the last two teams that lose in the final for the right to play in the Semi-Finals.

This year Adelaide 1 and Adelaide 2 went through undefeated to reach the Semi-Finals where they played and defeated Melbourne 1 and Sydney 2 respectively. Finally, Adelaide 1 and Adelaide 2 played each other in the Grand Final. It was an all-day final in which they played 64 boards. Adelaide 1 had a very strong second quarter result (79 to 11) and was ultimately victorious beating Adelaide 2, 162 to 109.

Margaret Walters

GNOT 2014

Coming to a club near you
Ask for dates and times
Get a team together – join in the fun!

The 2013 Gawler Teams Congress - David Lusk

With excellent congresses being held annually at Loxton and Tanunda, it seemed as though a gem closer to home had been forgotten when the Gawler and Districts Bridge Club cancelled their 2012 Teams Congress and their 2013 Pairs Congress in November and June respectively. Fortunately, the 2103 teams event attracted 16 teams in what we all hope represents something of a renaissance.

Not only was this a good sized field but it was also a fairly competitive one with the top five or 6 teams boasting a fair level of experience and, in some cases, recent success. The winning team (Nic Croft-Justin Williams, Paul Hudson-David Lusk) was unbeaten through the 6 round Swiss facing perhaps their biggest test in the final round against David Anderson-Sharmini Hoole, Attilio De Luca-Susan Emerson who were running third going into the final round. The result left the door open for the team of Mark Fairlamb-Margaret Walters with Pam Morgan-King-Glynn Evans to take second place. The team of Carol and John Foreman with Maggie and Nick Truscott overcame a serious set-back two rounds earlier to finish third. The award for the top local team went to fourth place getters, Mick Kozol and Val Paltridge with Elston Gniel and Ian Ramsey.

There was an interesting contrast in bidding and play on this fourth round hand. Playing standard American, South opened 1NT, as has become common practice, and was invited to game after North transferred to spades, with the final contract being 3NT.

Vul: Nil

Dealer: North

North

♠AK962

♥73

♦1094

♣Q53

West

♠74

♥KJ85

♦J72

♣KJ72

South

♠Q10

♥AQ1092

♦KQ6

♣A109

East

♠J853

♥64

♦A853

♣864

With no knowledge of South's hearts, Paul Hudson led the led the ♥5. Declarer won with the 7 and started on spades. After Queen, Ace of spades, declarer tried the King and, finding the bad break, continued with a fourth spade. Discards became an issue at this stage and a heart followed by a club was not ideal. In with the Jack of spades, East played his remaining heart. Declarer took the Ace of hearts and played Ace and another club. Hudson rose with the King of clubs and tried the ♦Jack. East ducked this and declarer, still desperate to reach the board, won and played a low diamond to dummy's 10. East now took his Ace and planted declarer firmly in hand with his remaining diamond and he had to concede two heart tricks. Declarer probably has alternative ways to manage. Playing low on the second round of hearts would have put West on lead with few good options and leading his top diamond from hand would have created a bigger challenge for East. I guess that the interesting aspect of the defence was the effort to keep declarer away from his winning spade.

At the other table, Nic Croft, playing Acol, opened 1♥ on the South hand, eventually reaching the same contract. This time West led the ♣2. This effectively dashed all real hope of reaching the spades if they did not break 3-3, so Croft decided to play on hearts. He was not displeased when West took the first defensive trick in hearts because West really didn't like being on lead. He came out with a spade and East Jack fell to the Queen and the contract suddenly became easy.

When Mark Fairlamb and Margaret Walters faced the eventual winners in the opening round, they did well to reach 5♣ after the opposition warned them away from the inferior 3NT.

SABA

243 Young Street, Unley

Swiss Pairs Congress

Sunday 16 February 2014

9.30am start

To enter phone 8373 3995

Email: sa.bridge.asn@bigpond.com

Vul: N/S
Dealer: North

North		
♠96		
♥A10943		
♦AQ9		
♣Q53		
West		East
♠1075		♠AJ8432
♥J765		♥KQ2
♦6543		♦1082
♣K9		♣4
	South	
	♠KQ	
	♥8	
	♦KJ7	
	♣AJ108762	

After North's 1♥ opening, East made a weak jump overcall in spades with Walters bidding 3♣. West's raise to 3♠ clearly suggested to North-South that 3NT was a poor option. After North bid 4♣, it was easy to reach the winning contract. Declarer may have worried that 6♣ had been missed and was no doubt happy to discover that the club finesse was failing.

It is interesting that the current fashion of one day congresses is to some extent belied by the comparative success of week-end events in regional centres such as Loxton and the Barossa. Clearly events such as the Riverland Congress make more sense as a week-ender, given that it is 3 hours away from Adelaide. It is hard to see why the Gawler events would be better placed to draw more players if they put the Pairs and Teams back together as was once normal. Whatever the decision, these events are always played in good spirit and the legendary hospitality alone should attract players from all around in their droves. My advice does not change: mark the Gawler Congress(es) in your diary and do yourself a favour by turning up next year.

Bridge in the City

Edwardstown Bowling Club, Raglan Ave,
South Plympton

Golden Bunny Teams

12.30 Friday 18 April 2014

To enter phone 8270 1693

Email: suejohnp@chariot.net.au

2013 Inter Club Pairs Challenge

Forty-eight pairs participated in the Inter Club pairs challenge hosted by SABA on 24 November 2013. This was a handicapped event and all funds raised were donated to the New South Wales Bushfire Appeal, a total of \$700.00.

The outright winners were Justin Williams and Marc Deaton. Despite their winning with 66% in the morning session and 69% in the afternoon session, Justin and Marc finished only 10th after the handicapping was applied. The handicapping was very hard to beat!

Winners of the event were:-

1. Darryl Couzner & Xue Kui Ji
2. Steve Box & John Kocbek
3. Len Bell & Rod Moritz

Justin reported the following hand where he sat West.

Vul: N/S
Dealer: North

North		
♠		
♥6532		
♦KJ97		
♣A10962		
West		East
♠K72		♠AJ9853
♥AK974		♥QJ108
♦852		♦104
♣K3		♣5
	South	
	♠Q1064	
	♥	
	♦AQ63	
	♣QJ874	

Marc, as East opened 2♦ (weak, both majors), South passed, 4♥ from west, back to South, who has to decide whether to balance with a X. They chose to pass. 4♥ went 2 down, 6♣ NS is cold (even 7♣, in fact, but there is a fair bit of work to do for that). Surprisingly, this was only a 58% board.

This was a really enjoyable day. Well done to SABA for organising it and for their generosity donating the profits to the NSW Bushfire Appeal.

Margaret Walters

Triumph or Tragedy

There's always one hand that causes a flurry of excitement in every tournament. In the Women's Teams at the Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra this year, it was Board 8 in Match 8. This is the hand:-

	North	
	♠-	
	♥AJ964	
	♦AKJ7	
	♣AK96	
West		East
♠J64		♠93
♥K105		♥Q8732
♦Q103		♦852
♣Q853		♣1074
	South	
	♠AKQ108752	
	♥-	
	♦964	
	♣J2	

As East/West, my partner and I were merely spectators during the bidding. North opened with a strong 2♣ and South kept bidding spades. Finally, North insisted on 6NT and South acquiesced.

On lead against 6NT by North, what were my options?

A spade through dummy's suit? This could be really wrong if declarer has none.

A heart into declarer's suit? Out of the question!

A diamond? If I lead the 5 or the 2, partner might think I've got something in diamonds. The 8, followed by a lower card, and partner might get the wrong count on the hand.

What about a club? The ♣7 seemed like the least misleading for partner and if partner is finessed of a club honour, the ♣10 might be a winner. So the ♣7 it was.

When the dummy hit the table, I was very glad I hadn't led a spade. Dummy's ♣J was covered by partner's Q. The ♣A and the ♣K were played and, as I hoped, my ♣10 was a winner. After considering those beautiful spades in dummy, I exited with a heart. With no entry to dummy, declarer could make only 9 tricks.

Fortunately for us, our teammates (Alison Fallon and Barbara Marrett) have good partnership understanding and after a key-card enquiry Barbara as North put her partner into 6♠. This, of course, rolled in giving our team 15 imps.

Then the stories from other tables started to circulate; one hapless East leading against 6NT lead a spade and 13 tricks later, North entered 1020 into their scorebook. (I didn't confess to partner that I had even considered a spade.) In the Senior's, there was the 6NT played by South and West lead a low club away from their queen. The ♣J was the entry they needed to the spades in dummy and again 1020 was the final score.

The most bizarre story was from one North who accidentally played in 4♥ and made! The explanation ... she passed what her partner thought was a cue bid. 4♥ making was a much better result than the unmakeable 6NT, but far from the delicious 7♠.

Reviewing all of the results from the 22 tables in the Women's:

1 X 7NT – and it made on a spade lead!

2 X 7♠ - making.

4 X 6NT – one North made on the spade lead.

9 X 6♠ - all making 13 tricks.

5 X 4♠ - as above

Then there was the 4♥ making 10 tricks.

Margaret Walters

2013 SABF Club Congress Results

Glenelg Swiss Pairs Congress

Saturday 31st August

Section A

1. Peter Chan & John Zollo
2. Attilio de Luca & Marc Deaton
3. Justin Williams & George Smolanko

Section B

1. Yvonne Dennis & Sandy Leach
2. Bronny & Peter Colmer
3. Alex Bremner & Bill Lockwood

Section C

1. Cecily & Obbie Reisiger
2. Adil Alkhoury & Amal Babashaq
3. Sylvia Newton & Eileen Seaborn

Riverland Congress, Loxton

14 & 15 September

Pairs - Championship

1. Paul Hudson & Justin Williams
2. Phil Markey & Jeff Travis
3. Helen Boomsma & Gayle Cowan

Pairs – Plate

1. Ella & George Lupul
2. Regina Fitzpatrick & Nola Andriske
3. Grace Altschwager & Margaret Phillips

Teams

1. Phil Markey, Justin Williams
Paul Hudson, Jeff Travis
2. Phil Gue, Margaret Walters
Tim O'Loughlin, William Keyte
3. Dianne Marler, Maciek Zurawel
John Puskas, Julie Savage

Clarence Park Congress

Sunday 13 October

1. Brian Poole & Carmel Thompson
2. Carole & John Foreman
3. Jim & Shirley May

Bridge in the Barossa Congress

19 & 20 October

Pairs

1. Colin Twelftree & Jim Burke
2. John & Alison Sturgul
3. Tim O'Loughlin & Peter Chan

Pairs – Consolation

- 1st N/S Brian and Carolyn Leach
- 1st E/W Jill Allanson & Eunice Kampman

Teams

1. Carole & John Foreman
Genieve Page, Ken Nixon
2. Margaret Walters, Mark Fairlamb
Tim O'Loughlin, Keith Barrie
3. Alison & John Sturgul
Jean Eddie, Leone Szabo

Gawler Teams Congress

Sunday 10 November

1. Justin Williams, Nicolas Croft
David Lusk, Paul Hudson
2. Glynn Evans, Pam Morgan-King
Mark Fairlamb, Margaret Walters
3. Nick Truscott, Carole Foreman
Maggie Truscott, John Foreman

New Year's Eve Congress

31 December, Adelaide Bridge Centre

A Grade

1. Peter Chan & CT Song
2. Robert & Tania Black
3. Alison Marrett & Alison Fallon

B Grade

1. Peter de Krey & Thelma Charlesworth
2. Ella & George Lupul
3. Rita Skinner & Sally Gibbs

C Grade

1. Alec Harris & Elaine Kenny
2. Colin & Heather Brown
3. Erica White & Brian Woods

**Gawler Bridge Club
Inter-Club Pairs Challenge
Handicapped**

Sunday 23 March

Gawler Recreation Centre, 1 Nixon Terrace, Gawler

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SABF Matters

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

This newsletter will be published quarterly. Email bridge articles and advertisement for SABF club events to the editor at margaret.walters@bigpond.com
Copy deadline for the April issue **13 April.**

Autumn National Open Teams

Thursday 1 May – Monday 5 May

Venue: Wayville Showgrounds

Open, Senior, Women and Restricted Swiss Pairs

Thursday 1st May 2014 — 10.00am to 6.15pm

Friday 2nd May 2014 — 10.00am to 6.15pm

Open and Restricted Teams

Saturday 3rd May 2014 — 9.30am to 6.45pm

Sunday 4th May 2014 — 9.00am to 6.00pm

Open Grand Final

Monday 5th May 2014 — 9.00am to 5.00pm

Graded Swiss Pairs (including 0-99 master point section)

Monday 5th May 2014 — 9.30am to 4.30pm

*Restricted Pairs - under Life Master as at January 1st 2014.

*Seniors - born before 1st January 1956.

*Restricted Teams —for players under Life Master as at 1st January 2014, one Life Master permitted per team.

Email entries to : anot@abf.com.au

EVENTS - Organise your 2014 bridge diary

2014 SABF Club Congresses

Sunday 16 February	SABA	Swiss Pairs Congress
Friday 18 April	Edwardstown	Golden Bunny Teams
Sunday 23 March	Gawler	Inter-Club Handicapped Pairs Challenge
Sunday 25 May	Gawler	Pairs Congress
Saturday 5 July	Tanunda	Barossa Bridge Congress Pairs
Sunday 6 July	Tanunda	Barossa Bridge Congress Teams
Saturday 6 September	Glenelg	Glenelg Congress
Saturday 13 September	Loxton	Riverland Congress – Pairs
Sunday 14 September	Loxton	Riverland Congress – Teams
Sunday 12 October	Edwardstown	Bridge in the City Congress
Sunday 9 November	Gawler	Gawler Teams Congress
Wednesday 31 December	Adelaide Bridge Centre	New Year's Eve Congress

SABF Events January – May 2014

The full list of events is available online at:

http://www.sabridgefederation.com.au/docs/Calendar_of_Events/SABF_Calendar_2014.pdf

Open Trials Final and Plate Venue: SABA Thursdays 7.30pm	30 January; 6 February; 13 February; 20 February; 6 March; 13 March
Open Trials Final Venue: SABA Monday 7.30pm	3 March
Daytime State Teams Venue: SABA Wednesdays 10.30am	5 February, 12 February, 19 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March, 2 April, 9 April
Seniors State Teams Trials Qualifying Venue: SABA Saturday 9.30am	15 March
Seniors State Team Trials Venue: SABA Fri, Sat, Sun	7.30pm Friday 28 March, 9.30am Saturday 29 March, 10.30am Sunday 30 March
Youth State Team Trials Venue: SABA Fri, Sat, Sun	7.30pm Friday 28 March, 9.30am Saturday 29 March, 10.30am Sunday 30 March
Women's State Team Trials Qualifying Venue: SABA Sunday 9.30am	6 April
State Singles Championship Venue: SABA Monday 7.30pm	7 April, 14 April, 21 April, 28 April,
Women's State Team Trials Venue: SABA Fri, Sat, Sun	7.30pm Friday 11 April, 9.30am Saturday 12 April, 10.30am Sunday 13 April
Autumn National Teams Venue: Wayville Showgrounds	Thursday 1 May – Monday 5 May
State Swiss Butler Pairs Venue: SABA Thursdays 7.30pm	8 May, 15 May, 22 May, 29 May

GNOT Qualifying

Thursday 20 March – SABA – GNOT Qualifying	Thursday 10 April – SABA – GNOT Qualifying Thursday 24 April – SABA – GNOT
Thursday 27 March – SABA – GNOT Qualifying	
Thursday 3 April – SABA – GNOT Qualifying	
Sunday 24 August – Edwardstown – GNOT Regional Final	