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From the President

STOP cards—friend or foe?

As a result of the changes to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge as at 1 June 2008, many of you will have been trying to grapple with the use of the STOP card. The inclusion of this rule was to appease our friends across the Tasman, but the ABF has relaxed it such that it is at the discretion of the States as to whether the rule is applied or not—especially for written bidding.

When this topic was discussed at SABF Management Committee level, it was agreed that the use of STOP cards for “pre-emptive” type hands only was not the correct interpretation of the rule. We therefore agreed that STOP cards would be used for all jump bids, whether they be opening, overcall or as a response to partner’s bid. While this has clarified the use of the STOP card, it is a rule that we will all take some time to become familiar with.

STOP cards protect both the “thinkers” and the players who tend to make a “quick” pass with no points. Now all players must wait a reasonable time before making a further bid.

The SABF will continue to ask that STOP cards are used at all State Events, so we all need to become familiar with their use as soon as possible.

It will be left up to individual clubs to decide if they wish to use Stop cards.

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The future of State Bridge in SA

For the past 8 years an agreement has existed between the SA Bridge Federation and SABA covering the rights to administer State Events. SABA has successfully run State Events in SA for this period paying a fixed fee to the SABF for this privilege.

Now that the SABF is established as a body with the administrative and financial wherewithal to carry out these duties, those tasks previously carried out by SABA will return to the SABF to administer. This will free up a considerable amount of money for SABA and at the same time put the onus of promoting bridge at State level upon the members of the SA Bridge Federation.

Remember that the SABF is made up of representatives from all affiliated clubs—namely, SABA, Glenelg, Bridge in the Hills, Bridge in the City, Adelaide Bridge Centre, Broken Hill, St Vincents, Gawler, Reynella, Whyalla, Barossa Bridge and Blue Lake Bridge Club. Whilst not all of these clubs have representatives on the Management Committee, they do have a say in any decision making.

How will this affect you, the players? In the short term, nothing will change, except that there will be some additional State Events slotted into the calendar on Monday nights. We are hoping that you will all embrace this change and show your support of this new era in bridge by committing to playing at least one Monday night State Event.

The SABF Management Committee will be actively marketing these new events by offering incentives to players to participate. Watch the notice board at your club for further information.

Grey Power – SA Style

The South Australian Seniors Team played a lone hand in maintaining South Australia's reputation at the ANC in August. There was no easy ride for the team that was favoured by many to hold onto the 2007 title with relative ease. The team of Bob Bignall, Roger Januszke, Peter Chan and David Lusk with Alison and Gordon Fallon looked comfortable qualifiers on paper, but the road to success was hardly smooth.

Match 1 v ACT, Board 20

Dealer: E

Vul: All

North

♠ AQ32
♥ J5
♦ 82
♣ AKQ73

West

♠ 10764
♥ Q
♦ AQ75
♣ 10964

East

♠ J95
♥ 109862
♦ 104
♣ 852

South

♠ K8
♥ AK743
♦ KJ963
♣ J

In the opening match against the ACT, both sides reached a hideous 6NT contract. Alison Fallon found the winning spade lead, ruining declarer's communication. At the other table, a club lead gave declarer a legitimate chance. After winning in hand, declarer has the remote play of cashing a top heart which must bring down the singleton Queen or it's all over. In the end, a defensive blunder looked a better chance, so declarer led a low heart. West had no trouble. This was a 3 IMP swing to South Australia but if South had played a top heart, he gets to 11 tricks and West is squeezed without the count on the run of winning clubs and hearts.

Match 2 v WA: Board 14

Dealer: W

Vul: Nil

North

♠ K9764
♥ Void
♦ Q72
♣ Q9653

West

♠ 1054
♥ 10963
♦ A65
♣ J102

East

♠ AQ3
♥ KQ872
♦ J83
♣ 84

South

♠ J8
♥ AJ54
♦ K1094
♣ AK7

West North East South

Manford Januszke Clements Bignall

Pass Pass 1♥ 1NT

Pass 2♥ (trans) Pass 2♠

Pass 3♣ Pass 3NT

With a probable 2 stoppers in hearts, Bignall accepted the invitation to game and was able to keep his losers to just four. The contract of choice at the other table was 5♣. As is usual in these situations, 3NT was the successful choice. This was one of the few successes in a match where SA lost by 19 IMPs.

Match 5 v Vic: Board 9

Dealer: E

Vul: N-S

North

♠ J
♥ J932
♦ J53
♣ AKJ86

West

♠ 10632
♥ 1085
♦ KQ64
♣ 94

East

♠ K54
♥ Q7
♦ 9874
♣ Q753

South

♠ AQ987
♥ AK64
♦ A10
♣ 102

After a bye and a maximum win against Tasmania, South Australia were looking to consolidate against Victoria.

Grey Power – SA Style—Cont'd

This hand virtually decided the match. The Victorian pair reached an ambitious 6♥ and received the opening lead of the ♦King. Declarer took the first trick in hand and laid down a top heart. West carefully parted with the 8 and East, perforce, the 7. Perhaps it was a little naive of declarer to now cross to dummy and pull the Jack but that is what happened and any remote chance of making this thin contract evaporated when the 10 was left out as a winner. Bignall and Januszke played safely in 4♥ at the other table, netting 13 IMPs to SA in the biggest swing of the match.

Match 6 v Qld: Board 6

Dealer: E	North		
Vul: EW	♠ A103		
	♥ K1063		
	♦ 108543		
	♣ 9	East	
West		♠ 2	
♠ Q7		♥ AQJ	
♥ 8752		♦ AKJ7	
♦ Q92		♣ 107654	
♣ KQJ2	South		
	♠ KJ98654		
	♥ 94		
	♦ 6		
	♣ A83		

Peter Chan overcalled 3♠ on this hand over 1♣ and David Lusk's raise to 4 was routine. Chan made 4♠ when the player on lead failed to play a trump. The actual lead was the King of clubs. As a result, Chan was able to ruff clubs twice on the table to manage a total of 9 trumps and the club Ace. At the other table the Fallons were much more in the auction, finding their way to the good 5♣ contract and sealing a double game swing for SA when South led a spade, missing any chance of a diamond ruff.

After the first two losses, South Australia managed four wins to end the first round robin with a slender lead but with five other teams still very much in contention.

After a first round bye, the team had its worst result in the event, losing by 21 to last-placed Tasmania.

In the next match, Bob Bignall found his way home in a 4♠ contract against a potentially devastating 5-0 break.

Match 10 v NSW: Board 15

Dealer: E	North		
Vul: EW	♠ AJ82		
	♥ 8		
	♦ 87		
	♣ AK10742	East	
	West	♠ Q7854	
	♠ Void	♥ K976	
	♥ AQ1053	♦ J5	
	♦ K963	♣ J8	
	♣ 9653		
	South		
	♠ K1093		
	♥ J42		
	♦ AQ1042		
	♣ Q		

After 1♦ from South and 1♥ by West, North's negative double advertised the spade fit. The North player for NSW pushed towards slam but signed off in 5♠ when he discovered that there was a key card missing along with the Queen of trumps. Peter Chan sat very quietly in the East seat, happy to take 100 when declarer drifted two light.

At the other table, Bignall found himself in 4♠ from the North seat and had to play very carefully to make. The defenders started with two top hearts and Bignall ruffed and tried the diamond finesse. When this lost and West continued hearts, Bignall's instincts told him that the spades were not likely to break. He ruffed the heart low and cashed A-K of clubs, throwing a diamond, and then a top diamond before ruffing a diamond with the Jack. East was free to overtrump but whether he played back a trump or a heart, declarer had to make the remaining tricks.

Grey Power – SA Style—Cont'd

Match 11 v ACT: Board10

Dealer: W

Vul: All

		North		North	
		♠ J106	♥ K987	♠ --	♥ 9
		♦ Void	♣ AKJ532	♦ --	♣ AJ5
West	East			West	East
♠ K98432	♠ Q75	♠ K98	♠ --	♠ K98	♠ --
♥ J10	♥ Q543	♥ 10	♥ --	♥ 10	♥ Q5
♦ A654	♦ 103	♦ --	♦ --	♦ --	♦ --
♣ 8	♣ Q964	♣ --	♣ --	♣ --	♣ Q9
		South		South	
		♠ A	♥ A62	♠ --	♥ A6
		♦ KQJ9872	♣ 107	♦ 7	♣ 10

West	North	East	South
Chan	Mendick	Lusk	Kahler
2♦ (multi)	3♣	3♥ (p/c)	6♦!
All Pass			

Chan led the ♥10 and declarer won in hand and produced a high diamond. Chan refused the first round and won the second. Declarer, obviously pleased with the sight of the ♦10, won the spade switch with the Ace and started running trumps. Lusk (East) was running into difficulties, realizing the importance of keeping length in both clubs and hearts. After East had parted with all spades and one heart, declarer tackled the clubs suit prematurely and could not establish a twelfth trick as Lusk had retained all clubs.

At the other table, Gordon Fallon reached 6♦ with only a little more science than the opposition but his play was much more thoughtful. West led the ♣8 and Fallon immediately suspected a singleton. He won in dummy and played a spade to the Ace before embarking on trumps. As before, West took the Ace on the second round, this time exiting with a heart. Fallon took that in dummy, ruffed a spade in hand and ran all of his diamonds. These cards remained with one trump to play:

When South led the ♦7, he could safely part with a club from dummy but East was in serious trouble. He chose to discard a heart but Fallon led a club to dummy and, when the Queen failed to fall, played a heart to hand dropping the Queen and ten under his Ace. His 6 became the fulfilling trick. That fine piece of declarer play netted his side 16 IMPs in a match which SA won by just 21.

The second round robin rather duplicated the first, with South Australia winning all but its first two matches to qualify on top. The IMP total of +130 was not inspiring but it yielded 107.2 Victory Points. The opposition was to be the ACT, a team which tasted success two years ago in Adelaide.

We all know that teams bridge is very much about bidding games. Let's say that you open 1NT (11-14) on these cards, Board 1, nil vul,:

♠ 9632
♥ KJ96
♦ AKJ
♣ 106

Partner applies Stayman and raises your 2♥ bid to 3♥, inviting game.

Well, it's only 12 points but it is an excellent 12, so why not bid 4♥? At pairs you should not. At teams it is worth a go. That is what happened when Chan invited and his cards were:

Grey Power – SA Style—Cont'd

♠ KQ85
♥ AQ107
♦ 62
♣ 943

The major suits broke well and the Ace of spades was on-side, so SA racked up 420 and a 6 IMP swing when game was not bid at the other table. Interestingly the ACT pushed to game two boards later with far poorer prospects of success and were doubled, giving up 500. So the secret is not whether to push but when to push.

This hand appeared in the second set of the final.

Board: 12
Dealer: S
Vul: E-W

North		West		East	
♠ 10	♥ 84	♠ 7432	♥ AJ96532	♠ KQJ96	♥ Q
♦ Q52	♣ KQJ10984	♦ J8	♣ Void	♦ K97643	♣ 2
South					
♠ A85	♥ K107				
♦ A10	♣ A7653				

South opened 1♣ and, after action from West, found himself in 5♣. West led the Ace of hearts and gave his partner a ruff at trick 2. Now it looks as though declarer must lose a diamond. Peter Chan appeared to err by switching to a small diamond. After much thought, South played low and scored the Queen in dummy before claiming the balance. It was remarked upon by all concerned that it was rare to score the two of trumps when it was the only one outstanding. When Roger Januszke reached the same contract, he had to play it doubled. The early defence went the same way but East then shifted to a spade. Januszke won, cashed his top heart throwing a diamond, and proceeded to

run off all of dummy's trumps. This was more in the hope of an error rather than that of achieving a genuine squeeze. The latter eventuated however as East had to ultimately throw the a top spade or unguard the King of diamonds. The lowly 8 of spades scored the 11th trick for +550 and a 4 IMP swing.

Finally, this hand was a case of the more you do, the worse it gets, for the ACT's Ross Chrichton.

Board: 1 (3rd Stanza)

Dealer: N	North		
Vul: Nil	♠ QJ9854		
	♥ 5		
	♦ AQ43		
	♣ 74		
	West		East
	♠ 103		♠ 6
	♥ J9		♥ KQ10864
	♦ KJ		♦ 107
	♣ AKQJ986		♣ 10532
		South	
		♠ AK72	
		♥ A732	
		♦ 98652	
		♣ Void	

West	North	East	South
<i>R Chrichton</i>	<i>Lusk</i>	<i>P Chrichton</i>	<i>Chan</i>
--	2♦ (multi)	Pass	4♥ (p/c)
5♣	5♠	6♣	6♠
7♣	X		

Lusk led the Ace of diamonds to be safe and then switched to a spade. Chan won and played Ace and another heart for Lusk to ruff and collect 800. Chan's judgement was good (once again) and Chrichton's eventual decision saved 180.

Unfortunately for Ross, Alison and Gordon Fallon were allowed to play in 5♣ undoubled at the other table and SA gained 12 IMPs.

From the outset, SA built on their 3 IMP carry-over. The ACT pegged them back in the fourth and last sets but never quite challenged. Including slow play penalties, South Australia won by 23 IMPs.

2008 Interstate Teams—SA Representatives

This is a photo of the successful team:- (from left to right) Alison Fallon, David Lusk, Roger Januszke (PC), Rob Bignall, Peter Chan and Gordon Fallon.



Interestingly, Roger Januszke is the only member of the victorious team from 2007 to taste victory again in 2008. Will we see his photo again in 2009?

SA was also represented by these players at the ANC:-

Open Team:

Left to right: Justin Williams, Paul Hudson, Joe Haffer, John Zollo, Phil Markey, Luke Matthews



Although the Open Team managed to win 7 of their 12 matches, and were in first place after the first robin of matches, they succumbed to the pressure and finished in 4th place.

Women's Team:

Left to right: Linda Babiszewski, Ann Clarke, Wendy Andrews, Heather Motteram, Lauren Travis, Barbara Travis



The Women's Team also won 7 of their 12 matches and likewise finished in 4th Place.

Youth Team:

Left to right: Jarrad Dunbar, Alex Dunbar, Andrew Brady, Freya Wilson, Phil Sellars



In their first year in the team, Jarrad and Alex Dunbar were the first non-metropolitan players to represent their State in the Youth Team. The boys hail from Whyalla—where they are a regular pair always competing against adults. As there were only 6 teams in the Youth Championship, the teams played three rounds of 5 matches. SA won 6 matches, drew 1 and also finishing in 4th place.

Country Congress Draws the Crowds

The recently held Victor Harbor Congress boasted a field of 40 tables. Many of those playing are social bridge players who like to get together for the camaraderie and fun of playing bridge amongst friends. The Club Committee and other volunteers turned on an event that will no doubt be much sought after in coming years (a personal mailing list has already been put together) - especially if this inaugural event is anything to go by. The event was held at the Victor Harbor Hotel in their function room on the ground floor. Space was never an issue—just have a look at the playing area -



An early start of 9.30am on both Saturday and Sunday, with no play on Saturday night was welcomed by most, although there were a few who weren't firing until after the first few rounds. The hospitality was second to none with a substantial lunch (including fantastic cheese and biscuits at both meals) enjoyed by everyone. The Congress was won by Carol and John Foreman—seen here with Sarah Dawes, President of Victor Harbor.



It seemed to be the day for victories by husbands and wives because Heather and Rob Motteram were first in the Plate.



Final placings went to:-

Final:

- 1st — Carol & John Foreman
- 2nd— Luke Matthews & Agnieszka Szremska
- 3rd—Judy & Graham Quinn

Plate:

- 1st—Heather & Rob Motteram
- 2nd—Emily Coats & Teenie Moriarty
- 3rd—Gerry Krawtschenko & Jenny Stein

Consolation 1:

- 1st N/S—Barbara Harrington & Steve Spong
- 2nd —Jane Noble & Sue Warhurst
- 1st E/W—Pat Mitchell & John Elliott
- 2nd —Norma Estcourt-Hughes & Sally Luke

Consolation 2:

- 1st N/S—Betty Halliday & Helen Price
- 2nd—Pat Pellew & Verity Sangster
- 1st E/W—Cherry & Roger Trengove
- 2nd—Marjorie Scammell & Helen Shannon

The event was directed by Barbara Travis who was ably assisted by her daughter Lauren.



Name the Bridge Personalities

Find the full names of 11 bridge personalities scrambled in the grid below. Send all correct entries to the Editor and go in the running to win a bottle of wine or another suitable prize for our younger readers. Hint—the names are those by which they are best know. There are 3 international celebrities, 3 national celebrities, 2 well known administrators and 3 local celebrities—one (female) no longer playing.

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The Editor will accept bribes—with all monies received going to the Youth Bridge Fund.

Quick Quiz

Answer the following questions, send your response to the Editor and another bottle of wine (or something non-alcoholic for our younger readers) could be heading your way.

1. This person holds three Presidential Titles—who is he and what clubs/organisations is he the President of?
2. What club is the newest member of the SA Bridge Federation family?
3. Which clubrooms would you normally find Lois Duke playing at?
4. If you were standing on Winona Avenue facing West whose clubrooms would you be looking at?
5. What club's name is a palindrome?
6. Where is the ANC being held next year—State and venue?
7. How many times has David Lusk represented South Australia in Interstate Teams at the ANC—can you name what teams he has played in?
8. Who was in the Open Team representing Australia at the Olympiad in 1960?
9. Bridge developed from what other card game?
10. Who was the first editor of the SABF Newsletter and what club did he/she represent?

A couple of these questions will really test your memories!!!

David Lusk tells me that he will also accept bribes in giving you the answer to question 7. Looks like the Youth Fund may be much richer in the near future.

Recently Affiliated Reynella Runs First Congress

2009 seems to be a year of firsts with Reynella Bridge Club hosting their inaugural congress at their club rooms on Sunday 20th July.

Another congress that offered the average player a very pleasant day of bridge in comfortable surroundings with a very generous lunch—all included in the entry fee.

Sylvia Newton and her volunteers know their way around the kitchen—as can be seen here:-



Places in this Swiss Pairs event were taken out by:-

A Grade:

1st Jackie Franco & John Smith

2nd Sue Phillips & Di Marler

3rd Marie McMahon & Peter Williams

The winners are seen here with Sylvia Newton, President of Reynella Bridge Club:



Reynella is just another example of the clubs who are all about giving players value for money. Whilst prize money is generous, they spend more of their income on catering—thereby ensuring that their customers come back year after year. Well done—Reynella!

First place in the B Grade were two players who play at Victor Harbor—Pat Mitchell and John Elliott—they can be seen here receiving their prize from Sylvia.



Other prize winners were:-

B Grade

2nd Deidre Burnett & Joan Foord

3rd Maree Barbary & Gloria Rishworth

C Grade

1st Maurice Friling & Ralda Oxley

2nd Roz Durrant & Anne Pitcher

3rd Ron Postlethwaite & Jo Zerk

When we were 3

Sue Phillips reflects on the 3rd Birthday Congress at Clarence Park and welcomes you all to the 4th Birthday Bash on 12th October—go to Diary Dates for more details.

A full day of bridge, a fantastic lunch, birthday cake and fun, fun, fun!!!

Just look at all the fun everyone was having last year!!!!



Diary Dates

- Sunday 14th September **GNOT Regional Final**
At Adelaide Bridge Centre, Glen Osmond Road, Frewville
Entry by club nomination only
Start time 9.30am—lunch available for purchase
Phone: 8379 2044 for more information
- Sunday 21st September **Youth Fundraiser—Swiss Pairs Congress**
At SABA Clubrooms, 243 Young Street
Start time 9.30am with BBQ lunch included for \$25/head
Phone: Phil on 0414 370 843 for more information
- Saturday 4th October) **Barossa Congress**
Sunday 5th October) At Tanunda RSL Hall, Tanunda Oval
Start time Saturday Pairs 10.00am & 2.15pm
Start time Sunday Teams 9.30am & 1.45pm
Cost: \$40/pair Saturday— \$80/team Sunday
Lunches can be ordered at the venue
Phone: Jill or Evan on 8563 3204 for more information
- Sunday 12th October **Clarence Park 4th Birthday Congress**
At Clarence Park Bowling Club
Starts 9.45am with lunch included for \$25/head
Phone: 8270 1693 for more information
- Sunday 19th October **Grand National Pairs State Final**
At SABA Clubrooms, 243 Young Street, Unley
Start time 9.30am—entry by club nomination only
Phone: 8116 7282 or 0414 689 620 for more information
- Sunday 26th October **St Vincents Congress**
At Moana Hall, Nashwauk Crescent, Moana
Starts 10.00am with light lunch included for \$20/head
Phone: Beryl on 8322 2902 for more information
- Sunday 2nd November **Gawler Teams Congress**
At Elderly Citizens Hall, 14th Street
Start time 9.30am with lunch included for \$20/head
Phone: Lois at 8522 4682 for more information
- Sunday 9th November **Bridge for Rotary**
At SABA Clubrooms, Young Street, Unley
State time 10.00am with lunch provided for \$20/head
Phone: Jackie 8293 7330 for more information
- Thursday 18th December **SABF Christmas Party & Speed Ball Pairs**
At SABA Clubrooms, Young Street, Unley
Phone: 8116 7282 or 0414 689 620 for more information