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The Kids Instructing the Teachers

By Chris Mulley

Continuing the trend of lowering the age for Seniors' bridge, I was playing with WA Youth player Cesca McGrath as the House pair in the Seniors' Butler. In Match 9, Cesca played Board 4 in 4♥ from the West seat.

Brd 4	♠ J4		♠ KQ
Dlr W	♥ K754		♥ Q982
Vul All	♦ KQ5		♦ T9863
	♣ J732		♣ 54
		♠ N	
♠ T8763		W	E
♥ AT63			
♦ 4		S	
♣ AKQ			
	♠ A952		
	♥ J		
	♦ AJ72		
	♣ T986		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
2H	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	All Pass		

1NT was semi-forcing and, showing characteristic optimism, I decided as West to make a courtesy raise of Cesca's 2♥ rebid. Consequently, she was soon having to declare 4♥ on the lead of the ♦K. South overtook to switch a club, which Cesca won in hand. Rather than attempting to guess the heart position, Cesca cashed her top clubs, set up her spade trick and then cross-ruffed spades and diamonds.

When South showed up with the fourth diamond, Cesca nonchalantly ruffed with her trump ace and led a heart towards the Queen for her tenth trick, chalking up the vulnerable game for a 9 imp gain. I get the feeling that by the time she is old enough to legitimately play in the Seniors, Cesca might be quite a player.

Version of Rudyard Kipling's poem "If"

*If you can keep your head
When all about are losing theirs
If you can direct and play
And in playing
Ne'er forget the skip and relay
If you can restore equity
And in restoring bear the players derision
If you can differentiate
Between mistaken bid or explanation
And in differentiating
Give a clear explanation
If you can matchpoint boards
Both fair and foul
And in matchpointing boards
Disregard the players scowl
If you can control
the unforgiving minute
With feelings running high
With the calmness born of knowing why
If you can do all of this and more
You're a better director than I*

Anonymous

John Wignall

By Linda Bedford-Brown



Wherever an ANC is held that State has an influx of the Australian hierarchy that manages, formulates and regulates Bridge events for all players. Therefore, it was a pleasure to have the

chance to speak with John Wignall, of New Zealand, who is a member of the Executive Council (South Pacific Zone 7)

The previous delegate was Dennis Howard – (who became President of the World Bridge Federation in 1986).

In 1992 John was elected Senior Vice President of the WBF, holds the position today and travels 3 times a year. Firstly to the meeting of the WBF Officers, then the WBF MC and then, wherever the World Championships are being held to the meeting of the WBF Executive Council.

Bridge is an evolving game and as such John is actively involved in the Laws, Rules and Regulations and is currently revising the Laws of Bridge. Under the Terms of the Constitution these Laws have to be revised every 10 years. Laurie Kelso is the Secretary of the WBF Laws Committee which will be finish its work in 2017 – a most arduous task.

John is involved in the Review of the Conditions of Contest - for all World Championships and other Tournaments held under the auspices of the World Bridge Federation. (*note - the current document is 29 pages*)

The WBF Finances are healthy so planning is in hand to organise an Internet World Championship – with electronic elimination and then the Finals will be face to face in a country to be determined. The locations and players will have to be sponsored - a work in progress.

A longer term aim is to provide funding to Youth players to contest in World Championships

The WBF has not given up on Bridge at the Olympics and has been asked to make a presentation to why Bridge should be included in the Tokyo Olympics.

Bridge will be played in the Asian Games – a competing sport in 2016. This will be a most important first step. The WBF hopes that by making this progress that various Olympic bodies will be persuaded to sponsor and support National Bridge Organisation (NBO) The French, Dutch, Italian and the Polish receive sizeable grants from their National Olympic Committees

John Wignall is a wealth of information, a most knowledgeable gentleman of Bridge history and if one can ever get the chance to speak with him – make this the year to do it.

History of the World Bridge Federation

The World Bridge Federation was formed on 18th August 1958 in Oslo, Norway, by delegates from Europe, USA, Australia and South America and Baron Robert de Nexon, from France, an inspiring figure in bridge, was elected as first President.

Charles J. Solomon, from USA (1964-1968) and Count Carl Bonde, from Sweden (1968-1970) succeeded Baron de Nexon as WBF President. With the election of Julius Rosenblum in 1970, the WBF started to assume the figure of a real World Organization. Rosenblum strongly believed that bridge needed to have a visible central organization with a global reach rather than conducting its affairs on a local or continental basis.

When in 1976 Rosenblum decided to retire for health reasons, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño from Switzerland, was elected President. Under his guidance the WBF started its new modern era and in August 1977 was incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York as a “not for profit” organization. The Federation, cast off the mantle of a paternalistic organization, and was re-structured as an International Federation devoted to offering its members the best possible service. The stimulation given by Ortiz-Patiño to building the organizational and administrative structure, to developing the discipline and its image, to introducing new rules and a rigid code of ethics is still effective even today. When he left

the WBF in 1986 he was elected President Emeritus by acclamation for his exceptional services to bridge.

Denis Howard, from Australia, succeeded him in the Presidency from 1986 to 1990. Re-elected for a second term, Howard resigned in January 1991 following a crisis within the world of bridge. Ernesto d'Orsi, from Brazil, who had distinguished himself as a leading bridge administrator succeeded him in 1991 and 1992 and successfully brought the WBF through this difficult and delicate situation. In August 1992 he left the chair to Robert S. Wolff, from the USA, one of the top players in the history of bridge, who successfully completed the task started by d'Orsi and then left the chair in August 1994, when José Damiani, from France, was elected President.

José Damiani changed the way forward completely, both for the WBF and Bridge itself. Under his leadership, following its initial recognition as an International Organization in 1995 pursuant to Article 29 of the Olympic Charter, the WBF was recognized as an International Sport Federation in 1999 by the International Olympic Committee. In October 2000 in Monaco, the World Bridge Federation was admitted as a member of the GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations – Olympic and non-Olympic) – now SportAccord - at the General Assembly of this Association.

The WBF also became a member of ARISF (Association of Recognized International Sport Federations) and in October 2002 moved its headquarters to Lausanne (Switzerland), the Olympic City, where it is incorporated under Swiss Law. The WBF is one of the founder members of IMSA (International Mind Sports Association) which was formed on 19 April 2005.

José Damiani left the chair in November 2010 after 16 years of Presidency, achieving tremendous success in developing bridge, introducing new concepts of communication and information, which attracted media, sponsors and supporters; improving technological systems to manage and run the competitions, creating new events participated in by players of any category and developing youth bridge, opening the door and then constantly supporting and improving the teaching of bridge to the pupils in the schools. When he left, was elected WBF

Chairman Emeritus by acclamation for his extraordinary services to bridge. In 2013 José Damiani was elected as WBF President Emeritus by acclamation.

Gianarrigo Rona, from Italy, former First Vice-President and EBL President (1999-2010) was elected President in São Paulo September 2009 and took the chair in November 2010. He was re-elected in Bali in 2013.

For purposes of administration and furtherance of its objectives and to comply with the International Olympic Committee's principles of the five IOC rings, the WBF structure is divided into five geographical Continental Conferences identical to the IOC's five rings. For organizational reasons the WBF established zones within any of the five Continents which, although part of a Continent, shall be entitled to have at least one member on the Executive and berths in WBF tournaments set forth in Article 9 of the By-Laws. Each zone has its own Zonal Conference of its member NBOs, organizing, managing and administrating its activity and conducting both its own zonal competitions and those delegated to it by the WBF.

The eight Zonal Conferences are: Zone 1 Europe; Zone 2 North America; Zone 3 South America; Zone 4 Asia and the Middle East; Zone 5 Central America and Caribbean; Zone 6 Pacific Asia; Zone 7 South Pacific; Zone 8 Africa.

The WBF has shown strong and steady growth and its membership now comprises 124 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs) with approximately 1,000,000 affiliated members who participate actively in competitive bridge events (locally, nationally and internationally).

Each National Bridge Organization agrees to fulfil certain requirements, such as opening its ranks to all its citizens and residents and upholding a standard of ethics acceptable to the WBF.

The WBF Executive Council consists of the President, who acts as Chairman, 17 Members, elected from the eight WBF Zonal Conferences, representatives of the five Continental Conferences and 2 Member representatives from the High Level Players Commission. There are also two non-voting honorary positions, the President Emeritus, if one is elected, and the President of the Congress.

TBIB Butler Pairs – Stage 2

After Round 10

OPEN

	Pair	%
1	Justin HOWARD - Tony NUNN	155.57
2	Terry BROWN - Ron KLINGER	122.05
3	Joachim HAFFER - Robert SEBESFI	121.69
4	David APPLETON - Peter REYNOLDS	120.67
5	Gabi LORENTZ - Stephen BURGESS	118.23
6	Margaret BOURKE - George KOZAKOS	116.73
7	Ron COOPER - Rhys COOPER	115
8	Elizabeth ADAMS - Andrew PEAKE	114.92
9	Kevin STEFFENSEN - Neville FRANCIS	108.52
10	Nigel ROSENDORFF - Andrew MARKOVICS	108.25
11	Hugh GROSVENOR - Ann PATON	104.91
12	Kitty MUNTZ - Leigh GOLD	96.96
13	Julian FOSTER - David WESTON	96.89
14	John YANG - Eileen LI	91.62
15	Will JENNER-O'SHEA - Mike DOECKE	90.04
16	Ian ROBINSON - Andrew BRAITHWAITE	88.98
17	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	87.06
18	Tony HUTTON - Malcolm CARTER	78.02
19	Dave MUNRO - Pim BIRSS	77.26
20	Tim MUNRO - Michael GEARING	42.84

WOMEN'S

	Pair	%
1	Marilyn CHADWICK - Toni SHARP	151.99
2	Jenny THOMPSON - Eva CAPLAN	135.37
3	Paula MCLEISH - Pele RANKIN	127.97
4	Inez GLANGER - Marcia SCUDDER	125.41
5	Shizue FUTAESAKU - Jane REYNOLDS	122.96
6	Leone FULLER - Val BILTOFT	121.42
7	Cynthia BELONOGOFF - Judy MOTT	117.59
8	Doreen JONES - Catherine HOOD	115.33
9	Val HOPWOOD - Di HAWKE	115.1
10	Deborah FRANKEL - Deidre GREENFELD	114.4
11	Annabel BOOTH - Lauren SHIELS	111.43
12	Frances LYONS - Heather CUSWORTH	110.86
13	Vivian ZOTTI - Therese GARBUTT	108.06
14	Nazife BASHAR - Kinga MOSES	99.1
15	Jan BLIGHT - Linda BEDFORD-BROWN	87.81

16	Carolyn MILLER - Janeen SOLOMON	86.88
17	Jeannette COLLINS - Dianne MARLER	82.94
18	Shira SHILBURY - Pauline HAMMOND	81.29
19	Janet KAHLER - Gwen GRAY JAMIESON	75.1
20	Cassie MORIN - Elizabeth MCNEILL	53.84

TBIB Seniors' Butler Pairs

After Round 10

	Pair	%
1	Therese TULLY - Richard WALLIS	135.87
2	Bruce NEILL - Simon HINGE	132.35
3	George BILSKI - Nicky STRASSER	125.1
4	Richard GRENSIDE - Sue GRENSIDE	114.17
5	Ross HARPER - Paul LAVINGS	112.03
6	Martin BLOOM - Peter GILL	109.26
7	Di BROOKS - John WIGNALL	108.8
8	Peter KAHLER - Niek VAN VUCHT	107.11
9	Roy NIXON - Bernard WATERS	106.81
10	Normand MACLAURIN - Michael DRAPER	101.44
11	Liz QUITTNER - Joe QUITTNER	100.51
12	Connie SCHOUTROP - Terence O'DEMPSEY	99.27
13	Geoffrey NORRIS - Pat KENNEDY	98.79
14	Frank VEARING - Jo-Anne HEYWOOD	96.87
15	Stella STEER - James STEER	95.78
16	Tirza COHEN - Bruce MAGUIRE	90.64
17	Frances THOMPSON - Ken SMITH	88.58
18	Bev CROSSMAN - Bruce CROSSMAN	87.2
19	Tony MARTIN - Philip OLDERSHAW	85.84
20	Martin BROOME - Valerie BROOME	85.1
21	Margaret GIBBS - Richard COOKE	82.81
22	David SARTEN - Susanne SARTEN	81.11
23	Ken ANDERSON - Lindy ANDERSON	75.69
24	David DALE - Ian BAILEY	68.15
25	Joanna TENNYSON - Jennifer BANDY	66.21

John Hughes ANC Swiss Pairs

After Round 10

	Pair	%
1	Trevor FULLER - Gerry DALY	132.48
2	Fiske WARREN - Maura RHODES	127.71
3	Bill NASH - James WALLIS	127.36
4	Daniel GEROMBOUX - Daryl WHITFIELD	125.66
5	Renee COOPER - Johnno NEWMAN	124.46
6	Felicity SMYTH - Jeff TRAVIS	124.14
7	David BEAUCHAMP - Viv WOOD	123.39
8	Chris KNIGHT - Mark GODDARD	123.1
9	Sue INGHAM - Michael WILKINSON	116.78
10	Sebastian YUEN - Christy GEROMBOUX	115.79
11	Ros WARNOCK - Valerie ISLE	114.14
12	Sue O'BRIEN - Paul COLLINS	114.11
13	Marlene WATTS - Michael PRESCOTT	112.48
14	Frank FIKKE - Dave PARHAM	108.92
15	Marjorie ASKEW - William POWELL	108.74
16	Deana WILSON - Kate SMITH	108.25
17	John BEDDOW - Egmont MELTON	108.12
18	Eva SAMUEL - Peter HOLLANDS	107.86
19	Bruce FRASER - Chris BAGLEY	107.21
20	Rose MOORE - Linda COLI	107.14
21	Ann YOUNGS - Dave SLOAN	107.07
22	Carol FENSOME - Christine JENKINS	106.79
23	Mimi PACKER - Jonathan FREE	106.41
24	Rosalind TREND - Alan HARROP	103.89
25	Ken WILKS - Rosalie BROUGHTON	103.35
26	Steven ROGOYSKY - Hugh PROBERT	98.84
27	Mary JOHNSTON - Laurie MONEY	98.73
28	Annette MALUSH - Andrew MILL	98.51
29	Moss WYLIE - Nick JACOB	98.07
30	Robin PATERSON - Marie MUSITANO	97.93
31	Eugene WICHEMS - Alan DUNDAS	97.67
32	Beata BIEGANSKI - Tad BIEGANSKI	95.31
33	Nigel DUTTON - Marie-France MERVEN	95.24
34	Richard FOX - Susanne GAMMON	93.69
35	Sheelagh DUPONT - Alfred DUPONT	91.07

36	Penny STYLES - Suzanne ATWELL	91.01
37	Sandy SUTTON-MATTOCKS - Don SUTTON-MATTOCKS	88.76
38	Robert WYLIE - Merleine WYLIE	88.28
39	Allayne GRAY - Keith WIGNALL	86.87
40	David KININMONTH - John EWING	86.67
41	Pamela SMITH - Judith SELLECK	86.25
42	Jo SKLARZ - Jane HENDERSON	85.6
43	Zachary NEULINGER - Kirstyn FULLER	85.32
44	Do DEAN - Susan SZABO	82.88
45	Elizabeth COOKE - Bridget COOKE	82.58
46	Peter GILL - Bill SYMONS	82.14
47	Chris WELLS - Helene KOLOZS	80.83
48	Gwyneira BRAHMA - Jessica CHEW	79.7
49	Debbie CHAPPELL - Helen COOK	72.46
50	Marion JEFFERSON - Brenda EVANS	66.43
51	Max HAVERCROFT - Brian KAYE	64.74
52	Julie SHORT - Debra PRENDIVILLE	59.07



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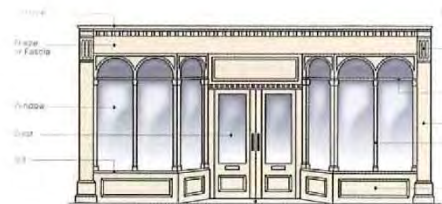
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