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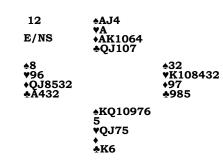
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At 2.30 on Monday morning, I was on my knees at the door of Kim and Ray Ellaway's hotel room trying to push a USB data stick under the door with a bit of old cardboard when it occurred to me that if somebody walked down the corridor at that moment, they would call security and have me ejected from the building. I'm really too old to be capering around hotels in the wee hours, but it reminded me of one of the problems many players have to overcome at a long bridge event-insomnia. Replaying hands over and over in your mind is not conducive to a good night's sleep, so how about some advice. Having made one (or possibly even more) errors during a match, how do you put it out of your mind and drift off into a blissfully guiltless sleep? No prizes for your solutions but I'd really like to know.

### MORE YOUTH TEAM ACTION

Once again, there was plenty of action in the youth field of the ANC. Match 3 saw NSW line up against ACT. On board 12, one team played in 64 making an overtrick and the other team played in 7♠ going one down.

Here is what happened in the open room.



WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH James Hoi-Ming Bec Leigh Higgins Chan Thornberry Matheson

		Р	1♠
3•(1)	4NT(2)	Р	6 <b></b> (3)
Р	7♠	All p	ass

Weak jump, 6+ diamonds 1

Roman Key Card Blackwood in clubs 2

3 Odd number of key cards, &K and a void

Lead - +5

Given the auction showed the &K, it is rather unusual for West not to lead the A. Playing East for that card, declarer ruffed the diamond, drew trumps and cashed the 2 top diamonds, pitching the clubs. The  $\mathbf{A}Q$  was led for a ruffing finesse. No Luck there.

In the closed room, ACT bid to the more sensible contract of 6. Declarer cashed the  $\forall A$ , A and A pitching the clubs, and then cross-ruffed 6 tricks. Trumps were then drawn, making 13 tricks.

### ***

Thanks to a secret informer, I have uncovered the identity of the Youth Mole. Here's a hint. He's one of the very youthful partnership (22 and 24) who won the ANC Open Pairs last weekend. Can anybody remember the last time such a young duo won this event? One guess is Michael Courtney and Avon Willsmore who won back in the seventies.





## Cheeseburger In Paradise – Day 13



One of a series by Blaine Howe We All Make Mistakes: "I've Done All the **Dumb Things**"

Could you have a better title for a bridge song than this? I don't think so.

Every time we play we watch ourselves do things that make us shake our heads, but so what? When the game works it is good.

I remember a cartoon bookmark I was given once. The caption above the cigar-smoking office worker was: "I live like I type - fast and with lots of mistakes". Bridge can be like that.

Someone said that what experience teaches us is the ability to recognise our mistakes while we are making them and this song explores that theme relentlessly.

In bridge an awful lot of decisions are about two options where we have competing arguments, one of which is an orange and the other an apple. When you discover you have misguessed you already know why. Welcome to bridge.

Don't own a Paul Kelly album? Shame on you.

Articles plus links to song videos at: escores.net/songs.htm Check out musicians on <u>www.allmusic.com</u> - great website.

# Today...

### **Championship Events**

Teams — Open, Women, Seniors, Youth

10.30am, 2.45pm 8pm

### **Congress Events**

Blue Crayfish Pairs 1/2 + Walk In Pairs — 10am

Blue Crayfish Pairs 2/2 - 2pm

Walk in Pairs, Glowworm Eclectic 4/5 — 7.30pm

# 2

WEST

### **I WISH I WAS THERE - AGAIN**

### By Phil Gue

Reading the bulletins, hearing about all those great restaurants, all those players enjoying themselves, I wish I was there, but then I would have missed this hand from one of my club games.

What would rebid with the this hand after you open 14 and partner responds 14?

### **★K1032 ♥A ◆AQJ9654 ◆**A

A splinter3♥? Or Blackwood, or would you have opened 2.

Most players checked for aces (eventually) and bid 64 when South denied any

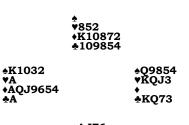
So the E/W hands were:-

WEST	EAST
<ul> <li>▲K1032</li> <li>♥A</li> <li>◆AQJ9654</li> <li>◆A</li> </ul>	▲Q9854 ♥KQJ3 ◆ ▲KQ73

### **South leads the ◆3.** How do you play?

It all seems to rest on the trump suit. Do you play towards the king, or towards the queen, first, in case there is a singleton ace (or a 4-0 break!)? It seems a guess. But what about this lead? South could have the **\K** with length and being cunning, or it may be a short suit, no other reason would suggest leading a diamond.

So you try the jack and North produces the king, what now? One declarer bemoaned his luck. He ruffed the diamond and played the AQ and disaster. This was the full hand. Can you see what happened?





South pounced with the ace and led a heart, forcing dummy to win and nothing could stop South from making the d to beat the contract.

As the forlorn declarer saw, he'd guessed the trumps correctly but he would not be able to get back to hand. He needed to ruff the diamond and cash dummy's two short aces before leading a spade towards his hand. Nothing could stop him from making his contract then.



To the Holiday Inn for that wonderful mirror on the mezzanine between floors 1 and 2, Even we small round people look slim and elegant as we sweep majestically down the staircase.

To whoever does the 'Results' website for the ABF. It is an absolute mine of information and always kept up to date.

### THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAMS

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### DAY 3

At the end of the first round robin the leaders in each category were:

### OPEN - SA YOUTH - VIC SENIORS - SA WOMEN - NSW

Standings after 2 matches in Round Robin 2 are:

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OPEN		
1	<u>SA</u>	110.8
2		35.3
3	VIC	4.7
4	WA	-11.3
5		-23
6	TAS	-41.3
7	<u>QLD</u>	-78.5
WOMEN		
1	<u>NSW</u>	94.1
2	VIC	69.6
3	<u>SA</u>	18.1
4		16.4
5	<u>WA</u>	-27.5
6	<u>ACT</u>	-60.6
8	TAS	-112.1
SENIORS		
1	ACT	61.2
2		29.2
3	WA	24.5
4		21.5
5	VIC	
6	QLD	
7		-149.5
YOUTH		
1	VIC	188.3
2		147.6
3		-2.4
4	SA	-48.5
5		-98.9
6		-188

Today it was time to see what the Seniors were up to. The Queensland Seniors are playing one pair short at present due to the illness of one of their number, but as you would expect, they are soldiering on.. VIC played QLD in Match 7 with Hunt-Lachman NS vs Howe-Diks iEW in the Open Room.

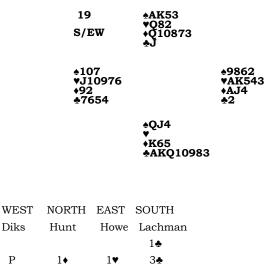
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		Р	Р
1NT(1)	Р	Р	2♣(2)
Р	2NT	All pa	ss

- 14-17 1.
- 2. A single-suited hand.

Hunt made the normal 10 tricks but was not very impressed with Diks' semi-psyche! Even he would admit, in a quieter moment, much much later, that it was most effective.

Hunt-Lachman struck back immediately on Board 19



Р	1♦	1♥	3 <b>♣</b>
Р	3NT	Р	4♥
Р	4 <b>♠</b>	Р	6 <b>♣</b>
All pass			

Diks

Lachman cued her heart control, Hunt co-operated by cueing spades, and that was all she needed to bid 6, with her ♦K nicely protected.

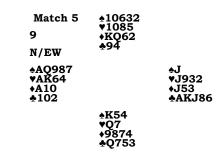
They were one of only three pairs in the event to find the slam, the other two being Kaplan-Schroor and Tully-Rankin in the Womens. SO Hunt-Lachman recovered the 10 imps 'stolen' from them on the previous board!

Nobody leave your seats!!! There will be more excitement tomorrow.



### NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE HUMBLE JACK

By Earl Dudley



It is well known that counting 1HCP for a J overstates its relative values in the traditional system of counting high card points. Hence, sound bidders would pass initially with the East hand. EW would bid to 4♥ which is an easy make.



I kibitzed this hand in the ANC Open Teams qualifying round. The East player chose to open  $1 \clubsuit$  and after a brief auction, West declared in  $6 \clubsuit$  on the lead of the  $\bigstar K$ . The play was interesting

Two rounds of trumps brought good news for declarer. A third trump was played and now declarer cashed top clubs. The appearance of the 49 from North was a welcome sight. Declarer could have finessed clubs instead but correctly judged that cashing the top clubs offered extra chances.

Declarer was now faced with a choice. If he ran the &J discarding a spade, then a club ruff establishing the fifth club followed by a diamond would see him home. This line of play would fail however if clubs proved to be 3-3. Norht would win and cash the  $\diamond Q$ .

When declarer played the &J, he discarded a diamond. He desperately wanted the finesse to lose because North, on winning the \$Q, would now be endplayed. Alas this did not happen.

Unfortunately, declarer was still 1 trick short of fulfilling his contract. The position was:



He could establish the fifth club but would be saddled with 2 diamond losers. He now turned his attention to spades. The +J was played and when South failed to cover, the rest of the play was easy.

South should have covered the  ${\bigstar}J$  to deny declarer the opportunity to establish the fifth club. However, it would not have affected the outcome. Declarer had one more chance to get home. On winning the A, he would have cashed the  $\diamond Q$  and then finessed North for the  $\diamond 10$ , which works

Perhaps the traditional view that assigning 1HCP to jacks is an overstatement of their value is an urban myth.

### WHO NEEDS MULTIS?

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Jamieson	Jamieson
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2♥	3♦
3♥	6♥

* Another anonymous contribution but perhaps written by a happy New South Wales person.