



# NOT NEWS

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## NOT Top Ten

after 14 rounds

### National Convention Centre (149 Teams)

1st	2	Jessell Rothfield, Carol Rothfield, Seamus Browne, Khokan Bagchi, Bob Richman, Ishmael Del'Monte	278
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Round of Sixteen after 20 of 40 boards.

- N.B. 1) The winner of the matches on the left side play the winner of the matches adjacent on the right.  
 2) The BURGESS team now has a non-playing captain, Brian O'Hara

<b>BRAITHWAITE (25) vs LUSK (48)</b>
<b>SARGENT (18) vs CHADWICK (109)</b>
<b>SPOONER (7) vs ROBERTS (75)</b>
<b>CLARK (32) vs O'HARA (69)</b>

<b>HINGE (29) vs NOBLE (28)</b>
<b>HAFFER (38) vs SHERMAN (6)</b>
<b>ANTOFF (41) vs NEILL (63)</b>
<b>ROTHFIELD (92) vs PARFAIT (45)</b>

# A TOP RESULT

by Tim Bourke

The performances of Seamus Browne and Khokan Bagchi over the last three years are little short of awe-inspiring, particularly their feat of winning the last three ANC Butler pairs. They have convinced me that they justly deserve their ranking as Australia's number one partnership.

One of the keys to their success is hard work, as is evidenced by shifting to relay bidding methods last year but back to standard for this event. Another is to back their ability in playing and defending. It was declarer play that was on show on Board 9 of Round 12:

S/EW

♠ A 7 6 5  
♥ 8 6  
♦ A Q 10 5  
♣ A 4

♠ -                      ♠ 9 8 3  
♥ K 7                    ♥ 9 5 4 3 2  
♦ J 6 4                   ♦ 8 7 3 2  
♣ K J 10 8 7 6 3 2    ♣ 9

♠ K Q J 10 4 2  
♥ A J 10  
♦ K 9  
♣ Q 5

West	North	East	South
	Bagchi		Browne
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

While most West's pre-empted in clubs, perhaps the occupant of that seat at the Bagchi-Browne table was intimidated by his illustrious opponents.

After the Jacoby 2NT raise, Seamus showed extras without a singleton by rebidding 3♠. Thereafter, Khokan showed both minor suit aces and, once Seamus admitted to ♥A, resorted to

Roman Key Card Blackwood. Seamus revealed the missing cards and then ♦K by bidding 6♦. Now came the crucial call, 6♥ which asked Seamus to bid 7♠ with ♥K. This was where Seamus backed his judgment, rating that 7♠ should never be worse than the heart finesse and might be considerably better.

West led ♦4 and Seamus won with ♦9 then drew trumps with the king, queen and jack. Next he cashed ♦K and played a spade to the ace followed by the ace and queen of diamonds. When West discarded on the fourth diamond, Seamus concluded that that the only reason West would have for leading from ♦J third was that he had both ♥K and ♠K. So rightly he rejected the heart finesse and played the ♥6 to ♥A and played off his last two spades.

Poor West needed to keep an impossible ♥K and ♠KJ in the two card endgame, so Seamus made his sporting contract.

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

## BRILLIANT BIDDING

by Wally Scott

Board 1, Nil Vul, Dealer East

You hold as East:

♠ A Q J 6 4  
♥ A K  
♦ 6  
♣ Q 10 8 5 3

and the bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
	1♦ (1)	X	XX
1♠	X (2)		

(1) Standard  
(2) Alerted and explained as shortage or length in spades, specifically not queen or three.

Anthony Silver found a brilliant way to lead his opposition astray. Instead of raising his spades as you might expect, he ran from the double and bid 2♣. The whole hand was:

♠ 10  
♥ J 10 6 3  
♦ A K Q J  
♣ 9 7 4

♠ 9 7 5 3 2  
♥ 7 5  
♦ 10 5 4 3 2  
♣ 6

♠ A Q J 6 4  
♥ A K  
♦ 6  
♣ Q 10 8 5 3

♠ K 8  
♥ Q 9 8 4 2  
♦ 9 8  
♣ A K J

and the auction proceeded:

West	North	East	South
	1♦	X	XX
1♠	X	2♣	X
2♦	X	2♠	X
All Pass			

2♠ looked like a reluctant preference and south - not surprisingly deduced north had 4 or more spades. The result +670 and a great result for brilliantly conceived deception.

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

## THE DREADED DOUBLE GAME SWING II

by Eva Hardy

In fact this hand should have been the Dreaded Double Game Swing I as it preceded the hand submitted by Ron Klinger, in that it came from the qualifying round of the National Womens' Teams.

Round 6 NWT Board 15, Dealer South, N/S Vulnerable

♠ 7  
♥ A Q J 10 8 4  
♦ A Q 7 6 5  
♣ J

Eva Hardy  
♠ K 6 5  
♥ 9 3  
♦ K 9 4 3  
♣ A 8 6 2

Margaret Joshua  
♠ A J 10 9 8 3  
♥ 7 5  
♦ -  
♣ K 10 9 8 4

♠ Q 4 2  
♥ K 6 2  
♦ J 10 8 2  
♣ Q 7 3

# DOUBLE GAME SWING

## The Bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	1♠	1NT
3♠	4♦	4♣	Pass
Pass	5♦	5♠	Pass
Pass	X	All Pass	

Opening Lead ♦J

The declarer Margaret Joshua ruffed the opening lead of the ♦J. She immediately led ♠9 from hand towards Dummy and let it run. Now the ♠10 was played from hand and also ducked in Dummy. The third spade caught and telled South's ♠Q. Now the ♣2 was played from the table catching North's singleton ♣J. In hand again declarer played ♣10 towards the ♣A in dummy, played low. North discarded a heart. Now 11 tricks were duly made fulfilling the double contract for +650. Needless to say North's bidding showing a red 2 suiter and South's bid of 1NT over East's overcall of 1♠ drew a road map for the declarer on the play of the hand.

At the other table Kris Brook, North, playing Precision opened 1♣ and with partner June Grigg, South, was allowed to play in 5♥ for +650. This resulted in +1300 for the Grigg team, translating into a 16 IMP swing.

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

## THE LONG + THE SHORT + THAT'S ALL

by Ron Klinger

SWPT Round 11, Board 4  
Dealer West: Both vulnerable

♠ Q 9 6 2  
♥ 9 7 2  
♦ J 10 8 2  
♣ J 2

♠ A  
♥ A K Q J 10 4  
♦ A Q 9  
♣ A 8 6

♠ K J 8 7  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ K 6  
♣ K 9 5 4

♠ 10 5 4 3  
♥ 6  
♦ 7 5 4 3  
♣ Q 10 7 3

The long

WEST	EAST
Leppard	McQueen-Thomson
1♠ (1)	1♠
2♣ (2)	2♦ (3)
2♥ (2)	2♠ (3)
2NT (2)	3♣ (3)
3♦ (2)	3♠ (3)
4♣ (4)	4♥ (5)
4NT (6)	5♣ (7)
5♦ (8)	5♠ (9)
5NT (10)	6♦ (11)
7NT	Pass

- (1) Power System
- (2) Relay
- (3) Response
- (4) Sets spades as trumps. At this point West knew that East was 4-3-2-4
- (5) One key card for spades, clearly the ♠K
- (6) Asks for trump queen
- (7) No ♠Q
- (8) Asking bid in clubs
- (9) Shows ♣K
- (10) Anything more?
- (11) ♦K

And the short

WEST	EAST
Barbara	Roger
Weatherd	Weathered
2♣	2NT (1)
7NT	Pass

- (1) 3 controls (Ace = 2, King = 1)

And that's all — no swing

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

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By David Lusk

Round 11 Board 8

D Lusk

♠ A K J 7 5  
♥ 7 6 3 2  
♦ 9 4  
♣ 3 2

♠ 3  
♥ A Q J 10 5  
♦ A K J 7  
♣ Q 8 6

♠ 10 9 6 4  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 6 3  
♣ J 7

D Mortimer

♠ Q 8 2  
♥ -  
♦ 10 8 5 2  
♣ A K 10 9 5

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	2♥	4♣
X	All pass		

West led a low heart which declarer ruffed in dummy.

The key play is to duck a club at trick two. West won with the queen and, staring at the sceptre. Of dummy's running club suit scrambled for as many diamond tricks as were available. Declarer ruffed the third round and drew all the trumps, claiming 10 tricks when the club suit broke.

The defender's could have risked overtricks by persisting with hearts. By forcing dummy a second time, they will force declarer to overtake the spade queen. The bad break in trumps will reduce declarer to just 8 tricks.

At the other table, Luke Matthews was in 4♥. Luke ruffed the second of North's spade honours and laid down ♥A — getting the bad news on the their bad trump break.

He now continued to make his contract on dummy reversal lines, leading a club at trick 4 to Jack and king.

South played a third spade, Matthews ruffed high and played a diamond to the king. After ruffing the fourth spade high, he could overtake his remaining heart with dummy's king and play diamonds after drawing trumps in dummy.

# NOT A SYSTEMS MAN

by Phil Gue

Terry Brown is not a systems man. He even got Blackwood wrong during the week and we ended in a Grand, doubled, missing an ace. Fortunately the wrong suit was led and that rolled home, but that's another story. As a card player his skill is not matched by many in Australia. Look at these two gems of almost perfect card-reading, to bring home almost impossible contracts.

West Dealer, E/W vulnerable

<p>♠ 10 7 5 3 ♥ J 7 ♦ J 10 6 4 ♣ K J 6</p> <p>♠ K J ♥ A ♦ K Q 8 3 2 ♣ Q 8 5 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 4 ♥ Q 10 8 3 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ 10 9 7</p> <p>♠ A Q 9 2 ♥ K 9 6 5 4 2 ♦ A ♣ A 2</p>
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The first a trump coup from round 1, board 16. With Terry sitting South, this was the bidding:-

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	X
2♣	Pass	2♦	4♥
All pass			

West led the ♦K, won by the ace. A low trump forced West's ace and gave away the trump layout, and back came a low club, run to declarer's ace. Next the spade ace saw West play the jack and then the spade queen went to West's king. At this stage Terry knew the whole hand!

East had given preference to diamonds over clubs, so West had started 2-1-5-5, and East was 3-4-3-3. West returned a club, and dummy's jack scored for a diamond lead, ruffed in hand. Next the ♠9 to dummy's 10 and another diamond ruffed. Now the ♥6 to dummy's jack and East's queen, saw East on lead with ♥10 8 ♣10. The club went to dummy's king as South threw their spade and the lead from dummy saw declarer make the last two tricks with the ♥K9.

A superbly timed contract by Terry Brown.

Then consider this gem from Thursday night's round 12, board 7.

South Dealer, All vulnerable

<p>♠ 10 9 7 ♥ J 10 9 7 4 3 ♦ 6 2 ♣ K 7</p> <p>♠ Q 8 6 5 2 ♥ A K Q 6 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 8</p>	<p>♠ A J 4 ♥ - ♦ A Q 8 4 3 ♣ 9 6 5 3 2</p> <p>♠ K 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ K J 10 9 ♣ A Q J 10 4</p>
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South opened 1♣ and West bid a Michael's 2♣, passed to Terry as East who bid 4♠, ending the auction. South helped declarer's cause by leading the ♦J, won by the queen.

There seems to be very few losers, but the difficulty is coming to 10 tricks, as North can over-ruff the minors, and South the hearts. There is a danger that you run out of trumps as the opponents over-ruff.

Not for Terry! He cashed the diamond ace and led a 3rd diamond, ruffed with the ♠6 and over-ruffed by North's 7. North led the ♣K, over taken by the South's ace for another club, ruffed in dummy with the ♠2. Next the a trump to declarer's ace saw a 4th diamond trumped with the SQ. Now the top 3 hearts from dummy, as declarer discarded his last clubs, left South helpless in this ending:-

<p>♠ 8 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ - ♣ -</p> <p>♠ K ♥ - ♦ - ♣ J 10 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ J 10 9 ♦ - ♣ -</p> <p>♠ J 4 ♥ - ♦ 8 ♣ 9</p>
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South ruffs with the king and now declarer's hand is high after they ruff the return and draw North's trump. If South doesn't ruff, declarer can just

lead a trump, losing just the ♠K.

Two chances for Terry to win the free entry to next years NOT!

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

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NOT NEWS thought you might like to know the people who have been elected to the Australian Bridge Federation's Committee of Honour.

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**Eric Ramshaw**

**Joseph Greenfield**

**Ivy Dahler**

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**John Scudder**

**Richard Grenside**

**Roger Penny**

# LOSER COUNT

## 6 + 6 = 12

by David Weston

Round 10 of the SWPT and you pick the following hand:

Board 17, Dealer North, Nil Vul.

♠ 6 5  
♥ 8 2  
♦ K J 10 9 6 3  
♣ A J 4

Justine  
Harkness

♠ K  
♥ A 9 7 6  
♦ A Q 8  
♣ K 10 9 8 7

David  
Weston

♠ A J 10 9 7 4 3 2  
♥ K 5 4  
♦ -  
♣ 3 2

♠ Q 8  
♥ Q J 10 3  
♦ 7 5 4 2  
♣ Q 6 5

You hear North open an 11 - 14 1NT. Now adhering strictly to the rule of 2 + 3, you are not vul and have a six loser hand, you bid 4♠. South passes and Justine (ever the optimist!) also has a six loser hand. So 6 + 6 = 12 tricks. Just being a little cautious, Justine checks for aces with 4NT. My 5♦ response promised one and Justine signs off in 6♣. South leads the ♥Q which I ran to my ♥K, then a small spade to ♠K. Next a small diamond from Justine's hand sees the ♦J from North and ruff by me. Now the ♠A drops the ♠Q.

Lets sit back and do our sums. South has shown up with the ♠Q, and from the opening lead is marked with the queen and jack of hearts. So, for North to have their 11 - 14 1NT opening, they should have every other picture card. So you know a small club to the ♠K is not going to work. Instead you plan to squeeze North in the minors. On the run of the spades you come down to this ending: ♠ -

♥ x  
♦ K x  
♣ A J

♠ -                      ♣ x  
♥ A 9                    ♥ x x  
♦ A Q                    ♦ -  
♣ K                      ♣ x x

South is  
Irrelevant

On the last spade, you throw the ♥9 and North throws his heart. Now you lead a heart to dummy and North (after a few moments contemplation) concedes. If he throws a club, you then exit a club to endplay him in diamonds. If he throws a diamond, his king then

comes down and you score two diamonds, and so it happened.

So there! 6 + 6 = 12.

How could I ever doubt her?

P.S. Glad they didn't lead a club at trick one.

P.S. (2) It seems North upgraded his nine count. Things certainly can get rugged in the SWPT!

### NOTNCC Datums

BD	Rnd 13	Rnd 14
1	+40	-60
2	+650	+30
3	-410	-130
4	+480	-290
5	-450	+30
6	+70	+460
7	+120	-130
8	+430	+120
9	+160	-650
10	+370	+410
11	+20	+10
12	+100	+40
13	-540	+20
14	+50	-270
15	+290	-100
16	-30	+260
17	+60	-450
18	-10	+440
19	+810	+160
20	-620	-100

### NOTRydgcs Datums

BD	Rnd 13	Rnd 14
1	-10	-60
2	+30	+50
3	+430	-150
4	-20	-320
5	-80	-40
6	+100	+480
7	-90	-100
8	+430	+190
9	-60	-650
10	0	+280
11	+200	+40
12	-410	+70
13	-570	+160
14	+340	-290
15	+100	+20
16	-40	+190
17	+60	-450
18	+60	+350
19	+410	+140
20	+180	+50

# IF YOU OVER BID, OVER PLAY!

by Bob Geyer

Session 6 SWPT Board 19  
E/W Vul, Dealer South

Max Bracegirdle

♠ 10 8 4  
♥ A  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ K Q J 6 5 2

♠ 7 3  
♥ Q 5 3  
♦ J 10 9 7 6 5 4  
♣ 3

♠ Q J 6 5  
♥ K 8 7 4 2  
♦ K Q  
♣ A 10

♠ A K 9 2  
♥ J 10 9 6  
♦ 2  
♣ 9 8 7 4

West North East South

2♦ (1) Pass

6♣ (2) All Pass

(1) 7 - 14 points singleton ♦,  
4 - 4 - 1 - 4

(2) Hope closer to 14 than 7.

East led ♦K, won, ♣K lost to A. ♦Q led, ruffed, ♣ to 9, ♥A, last ♦ ruffed, ♥ ruffed, ♠ to A. ♥10 ruffed, leaving this position:

♠ 10 8  
♥ -  
♦ -  
♣ J 6

♠ 7                      ♠ Q J 6  
♥ -                      ♥ K  
♦ J 10 9                ♦ -  
♣ -                      ♣ -

♠ K 9 2  
♥ J  
♦ -  
♣ -

at which East conceded on the ♣J lead. 6♣ +920, other table 4♣ -130, +770 = 13 IMPS.

### Walk In Results

Session 13 22/1/99

1. J. Taylor - G. Haggerty
2. F. Taglietti - S. Potts
3. L. Dib - M. Dib

Session 14 22/1/99

1. J. Taylor - G. Haggerty
2. F. Taglietti - S. Potts
3. J. De Ravin - D. Neumann

# WHO LEADS SINGLETONS AGAINST CONTRACTS?

by Peter Shaw

The following hand arose in match 10 (Board 18)

N/S Vul Dealer East

♠ 3  
♥ Q 10 5 4  
♦ 10 8 6 3  
♣ A Q 9 3

♠ A K 7 5                      ♠ Q 10  
♥ -                                ♥ A J 9 8 6 2  
♦ A J 9 7 5                      ♦ Q  
♣ J 6 5 2                        ♣ A 10 7 4

♠ J 9 8 6 4 2  
♦ K 7 3  
♥ K 4 2  
♣ 8

The bidding went:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

My partner decided that, rather than open up one of the oppositions suits, he would try ♣8. I pondered briefly on the card combination the 8 had been led from, and played ♣Q.

When this held, I have a similar problem to that my partner faced. What now? What else but the singleton spade? Declarer won this with the queen, and alert to the theme of this hand lead ♦Q. The first three leads in a NT contract have been singletons!

The ♦Q was covered by the king and ace, and on a lone club from dummy declarer made the mistake of finessing the 10 rather than the 7 when I played low. Now I hold K 9 with J x in dummy and A 7 in declarers hand.

Provided I don't have to lead the suit, I must come to a second trick. Two club tricks combine with the ♦10 and 2 heart tricks when declarer eventually has to lead round to my Q.

Perhaps declarer's problems were caused by West being void in hearts, preventing the fourth consecutive lead of a singleton!

# Appeal No. 8

**Event:** SWPT  
**Round:** 11  
**Match:** 2 vs 11  
**Players:**  
*North:* M. Ware  
*East:* L. Bornecrantz  
*South:* A. Braithwaite  
*West:* T. Antoff  
**Tournament Director:** J. Free

Board No 5, Dealer North, N/S Vul

♠ A 9 7 3  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ J 4  
♣ K 9 7 5

♠ 10 6 2                      ♠ Q 5  
♥ A Q 7 6 5                      ♥ -  
♦ 9 7 5 3                      ♦ K Q 10 8 6 2  
♣ 3                                ♣ A Q J 6 4

♠ K J 8 4  
♥ J 9 8 3 2  
♦ A  
♣ 10 8 2

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	Pass	2♦ (1)	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

(1) 15 - 16 both minors (10 cards +)

**Final Contract and Result:**

5♦ by West +400

**Play:**

Heart was selected as the lead.

## Tournament Director's Report and Decision:

West explained on questioning the 4♥ bid as delayed heart support, accordingly South played for 1st or 2nd round heart ruff. (2♥ was natural). To the director, West stated that this was the only bid that made sense in the system and thus he felt he was obliged to give this explanation. East stated that the partnership was improvising after the 4♦ bid. No written material was available to substantiate the E-W understandings. The ruling was that in the context of the system experience, that the infraction was not sufficient to cause damage. Score stands.

## Appellants' Claim:

West was definite about the meaning of 4♥. East made no attempt to correct the explanation. South would easily lead a spade - the unbid suit - rather than try and give North a ruff. East

also stated he was uncertain about the 2♥ bid, making the 4♥ bid even more dubious. (No bids were alerted).

## Appeals Committee's Decision:

Adjusted to N/S +100.

It was obligatory as East to correct partner's explanation with words to the effect that he believed the position was undiscussed.

# GREAT DEFENCE

by Roy Nixon

Brad Wein, playing in the Snashall team, found a brilliant defence to 3NT in the last session of the SWPT. Sitting West on board 16:

♠ A K Q 9 3  
♥ K 7  
♦ J 9 8 4  
♣ 7 4

♠ J 8 7                              ♠ 6 5 4  
♥ A 8 3                              ♥ 9 4 2  
♦ A 5 3                              ♦ Q 10 7 6  
♣ A 8 6 5                            ♣ J 10 9

♠ 10 2  
♥ Q J 10 6 5  
♦ K 2  
♣ K Q 3 2

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
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<i>Wein</i>	<i>Hurley</i>	<i>Snashall</i>	<i>Nixon</i>
1NT (1)	2♠ (2)	Pass	2NT (3)
Pass	3♦ (4)	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- (1) 12 - 14
- (2) Spades/Minor
- (3) Inquiry
- (4) Second suit

Brad led a low club to his partner's nine and I won the King. Low heart to the King held. The heart back was won by Brad with the Ace. Now Brad cashed the club Ace (important to prevent later end-play) and then found the JACK OF SPADES exit!! This play totally scuppered declarer who could not cash out all the tricks in each hand. All South could do now was run off the spades and keep ♦ K x, ♥ Q and queen of clubs. Brad kept the ♦ A x x, and a club. On the diamond from dummy, South played the King and Brad took the Ace and returned a diamond to his partner who held Q 10 over dummy's J 9. Ducking the king doesn't help. Well played. It cost us 11 vital imps, which would have been enough for our team to win 21 - 9 and claim a place in the top 8.

# TOP FIVE IN SOUTH WEST PACIFIC TEAMS CATEGORIES

These are the final places in the categories after *Round 14*.

Zone 7		
<b>1st</b>	<b>R21 K.Yule</b>	<b>240</b>
	K. Cumpston, E. Blackham J. Hay	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>R18 P. Wannop,</b>	<b>232</b>
	P. McCaskill, P. McTaggart, C. Currie	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>R26 S. Henry,</b>	<b>220</b>
	A. Henry, D. Apperley S. Solomon	
<b>4th</b>	<b>C142 B. Hoffeins,</b>	<b>208</b>
	P. Hoffeins, J. Waldvogel W. Wighout	
<b>5th</b>	<b>R123 D. Ferraris,</b>	<b>202</b>
	J. Kennedy, A. Struik, N. Riszko, B. Schaafsma, M. Akhyani	

Mixed		
<b>1st</b>	<b>C7 V. Cummings</b>	<b>246</b>
	M. Mullamphy, P. Gumby, W. Lazer, W. Scott, A. Silver	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>R7 I. McCance</b>	<b>240</b>
	F. Beale, D. Hoffman, J. Hoffman, G. Kilvington R. Van Riel	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>C21 R. Slobham</b>	<b>240</b>
	K. Johnson, E. Berger, T. Berger	
<b>4th</b>	<b>R19 D. Weston</b>	<b>240</b>
	J. Harkness, R. Milward, H. Milward	
<b>5th</b>	<b>R9 E. Ramshaw</b>	<b>238</b>
	L. Beech, R. Gallus, M. Bourke, D. Beckett, J. Thompson	

Womens		
<b>1st</b>	<b>R21 K.Yule</b>	<b>240</b>
	K. Cumpston, E. Blackham J. Hay	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>C39 K. Luiker</b>	<b>230</b>
	J. Harris, M. Sato, P. Matheson, S. Young	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>R73 W. Andrews</b>	<b>224</b>
	C. Kain, H. Motteram, J. Roberts, P. Wagner	
<b>4th</b>	<b>R56 N. McManamny</b>	<b>223</b>
	M. Kertes, K. Yang, L. Gold	
<b>5th</b>	<b>R30 P. Crowe</b>	<b>223</b>
	M. Goyen, J. Castles, B. Dewhurst	

Seniors		
<b>1st</b>	<b>C19 H. Geldens</b>	<b>230</b>
	J. Rocks, E. Cobley M. Sawyer	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>C39 K. Luiker</b>	<b>230</b>
	J. Harris, M. Sato, P. Matheson, S. Young	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>C47 P. Willis</b>	<b>225</b>
	N. Willis, P. Jamieson, J. Speed	
<b>4th</b>	<b>R30 P. Crowe</b>	<b>223</b>
	M. Goyen, J. Castles, B. Dewhurst	
<b>5th</b>	<b>C87 J. Grover</b>	<b>216</b>
	P. Naylor, H. Roberts-Thomson, H. Roberts-Thomson	

Country		
<b>1st</b>	<b>C21 R. Slobom</b>	<b>240</b>
	K. Johnson, E. Berger T. Berger	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>C61 J. Turnell</b>	<b>231</b>
	P. Butcher, A. Eastaugh A. Thompson	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>C32 S. Mendick</b>	<b>229</b>
	R. Roworth, B. Krishan, M. Dey	
<b>5th</b>	<b>R57 R. Misior</b>	<b>223</b>
	G. Foong, S. Quinn, D. Robinson	
<b>5th</b>	<b>R53 E. Shaw</b>	<b>221</b>
	S. Mabin, A. Kelly, K. Dawson	

Novice		
<b>1st</b>	<b>C147 H. Sharwood</b>	<b>210</b>
	J. Warren, A. Marshall R. Neville, L. Gunson G. Hutchins	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>C144 C Wehner</b>	<b>194</b>
	G. Gray, A. Scerri, S. Scerri	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>C148 B. Goss</b>	<b>178</b>
	S. Birrer, P. Waight, R. Turner M. Larkey, S. Doyle	
<b>4th</b>	<b>C149 M. Hume</b>	<b>171</b>
	P. Campbell, K. Lemon D. Collis	
<b>5th</b>	<b>R131 D. Blomley</b>	<b>164</b>
	B. Engel, H. Engel C. Metcalfe, G. Hincliffe Y. McCafferty	

Local		
<b>1st</b>	<b>R15 K. Clark</b>	<b>251</b>
	S. Bird, C. Quail, R Brightling D. McKinnon	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>R16 E. Dudley</b>	<b>243</b>
	A. Powell, H. Ali, R. Hills R. Nixon, S. Hurley	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>C51 J. Nicholson</b>	<b>240</b>
	S. Carter, K. Kalejs, G. Henderson, T. Marinos	
<b>4th</b>	<b>R87 K. Ogborn</b>	<b>228</b>
	T. Kershaw, D. Randles, P. Pattinson, P. Sullivan	
<b>5th</b>	<b>C24 R. Crichton</b>	<b>225</b>
	P. Crichton, T. Hancock A. Hancock, P Grant, R. Curnow	

Youth		
<b>1st</b>	<b>C145 C. Bridgland</b>	<b>196</b>
	G. Ware, R. Plush, D Toakley H. Greenwell	
There were no further contenders for the youth category		

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## COLUMN 8 (NOT)

### **The Sound of Music**

Ed Sheena and Amy outnumber me so we usually have JJJ FM playing in the background while we put together each issue. Ruth will be pleased to hear about this as she thinks I don't listen to enough modern music! But in the mornings I like to catch up on Ludwig, Wolfie and all the gang.

Friday morning, I was lying in bed listening to Margaret Throsby's fine ABC program. The Chicago SO had just started the fourth movement of the Jupiter Syphony when the phone rang. It was Frances Adams, ABF desk manager at the NCC asking if I could put my hands on certain back copies (nice to know back copies were in demand).

In the background I could hear a very familiar piano piece, Schubert's Fantasy in F Minor for four hands being played well but rather loudly. Strange, I thought, wasn't I listening to Canberra's only classical music station.

I asked Frances where the piano music was coming from and was told that Lilli Allgood and Peter Grant (ACT) were sitting side by side playing the baby grand piano just behind her.

Where is this article heading you wonder. Well it seemed timely to point out that for many years, Lilli Allgood has been coming to Canberra for the NOT. She likes to play at the NCC and the ABF and NCC make sure that a piano is available. Usually Lilli plays the piano prior to the morning session and sometimes before the 3pm session.

It is rumoured that people playing at Rydges sometimes act slightly superior. After all the Chief TD and Chief Scorer operate there. Well all you "Rydgies" are missing out on some lovely piano playing. Eat your hearts out !

### **ONE CLUB SYSTEMS REPRISE**

Ed I was bailed up by Richard Grenside the other day. He said the NN list of 1♣ systems was incomplete. Back in the late 1940's when Richard was learning to play bridge in Harpenden, Herts, he was taught the BARTON CLUB.

If you open 1♣ you show 3½ honour tricks. Other opening suit bids show less than that. In response to 1♣, a 1♦ response shows less than 1½ QUICK tricks and specifically no aces. A 1NT response shows 1 ace.

It is not mentioned in the Bridge Encyclopedia but the same applies to several other 1♣ systems. No doubt there is book on it in the Keith McNeil Library.

Nick Hughes mentioned to me that NOT NEWS's list of CLUB systems omitted SCAMP, the 1♣ relay system that he and about half a dozen players play regularly in Sydney.

### **SCORCCIO – Chapter 2**

After some good old fashioned sleuthing, NOT NEWS finally unearthed some information on this anti 1NT gadget (see NOT NEWS #5 Column 8). It does not have the complicated meaning that I anticipated (eg System Countering Other RCCIO?). By the way we spelt it wrongly in NN#5, there is no "H".

There is a comedy TV show in the UK called "The Fast Show". They were doing a skit taking off a Spanish TV weather presenter whose style was very dramatic and theatrical. If the forecast for Madrid was for very hot weather, a common occurrence in summer, he would gesture grandly and say that it would be Scorccio! So the youth group who devised the method simply purloined the expression. Make of it what you will!

### **SUSPECTED VIRUS**

NOT NEWS predicted yesterday that 247 VPs would be lucky, at best, to qualify for the "Round of 16". In the event, all you needed this year was to score 245 VP's. NOT NEWS suspects there is computer virus in our Network as we are usually spot on with our predictions.

*Assistant Eds: Jane didn't win..... ;-(*