



NOT NEWS

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SLAM BIDDING DEPARTMENT

by Peter Jamieson

I was too busy on Wednesday night to kibitz any bridge but one of my agents told me Board 15 (Session 3) was worth a look.

Dealer S N/S Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ A Q J 10 4 3 2
♦ 10 5
♣ 4 2

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

♠ 10 9 5
♥ 7 5
♦ 8 7 2
♣ K Q 9 8 3

Alida Clarke and Allison Stralow bid this one to the hilt for the hot TRAVIS team.

South passed as dealer and the bidding continued:

West	South	North	East
2♣	2♥	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
7♦	All	Pass	

2♣ was an ACOL 2 showing 8 or 9 playing tricks in an unspecified suit or a big balanced hand.

Alida's 4NT was Roman Keycard Blackwood on spades and the response showed two of the 5 aces plus the Q♠. 7♦ said in effect "Thank you for the information about spades but this is where this hand belongs even if you have a void in diamonds".

For those of you still learning about slam bidding, a jump to 4NT like this where no suit fit has been formally and explicitly agreed, implicitly agrees the last bid suit by the partnership.

TOP 10

after 6 rounds

National Womens Teams (86 teams)

			VP's
1st	3	B TRAVIS, E HAVAS , A CLARK, A STRALOW	141
2nd	10	J FRAZIER, J MOTT, C HERDEN, R ROBIN	121
3rd	17	D MOIR, J WEIR, H PITT, R NAILAND	117
4th	43	M CORBOULD, V MACE , L YOUNG, M PITT	116
5th	2	L BEECH M BOURKE , F BEALE D SMART , T TULLY S LUSK	116
6th	37	B GRIFFITHS, Y CAINS , C BRISCOE, S KING	114
7th	16	J GRIGG, E HARDY, K BROOK, J MONTZ, B JAFFREY	111
8th	71	J LEE, W ASHTON, M TALACKO, L MALLESCA	110
9th	5	J THOMPSON, P EVANS, R KAPLAN, M BROWN	110
10th	6	M MILLAR, R CLAYTON , J BUTTS, L VINCENT	107
11th	13	E COBLEY, M FAIRE , M SAWYER, P GARRETT	107
12th	1	M SCUDDER, I GLANGER , K MOSES, B FOLKARD	107
13th	15	V VAHALA, D BROOKS, T COHEN, A OLSEN	107

National Seniors Teams (61 teams)

1st	1	N MOSES, J BROCKWELL, J ASHWORTH, J MOTTRAM	135
2nd	6	J PETTITT, H DE JONG, D WHITE, R ANDERSON	122
3rd	19	W JAGO, P JAGO, S TISHLER, C DEL'MONTE	119
4th	2	W WESTWOOD, L KALMIN, G RIDGEWAY, V MUNTZ	116
5th	4	G VARADI, L VARADI, B EVANS, J NEWMAN	114
6th	5	E AUERBACH, R HUTCHISON, T GOODYER, C GOODYER	112
7th	13	R ALLGOOD, L ALLGOOD, S HORTOLANYI, F KOVACS	112
8th	36	A GILLANDERS, L CALCRAFT, E EZRA, L FREDERICKS	109
9th	12	E HURLEY, E VAUGHAN, B RAAPHORST, C KLASSEN	108
10th	10	J BAILEY, B O'ROURKE, E THOMSON, J ROSENTHAL	107

National 0-149 Teams (38 teams)

1st	121	M WILKINSON, P FLYNN, E TSE, P TSE	136
2nd	106	P WEAVER, D MUNRO, M HOLZMAN, M HOLZMAN	112
3rd	125	H SHARWOOD, T WHITGOB, S MAPLE-BROWN, J DAWSON	106
4th	109	G ALLEN, G CUNNINGHAM, B PARKINSON, J CHAN	105
5th	112	A BATES, H LOWRY, J ANDERSON, B DAGLISH	105
6th	107	S DENNETT, H FLANDERS, J SAVAGE, J KELLAWAY	105
7th	115	M ROWE, A STEPHENS, L BUTTNER, M SMITH T O'KEEFE, B PINCHBACK	103
8th	116	K RAICEVICH, P WALSH, J MCGILL, C EMMETT	102
9th	101	J CONWAY, J MORGAN, J COX, M KOFFYBERG	102
10th	103	M JOHNSON, C O'SULLIVAN, J LYNE, M LYNE	100

THE DANGERS OF BALANCING....

by Peter Jamieson

There was risk that Allison's two of the five aces were the ♠A and ♠K but once North had overcalled 2♥ at unfavourable vulnerability it was a very likely that the ace of hearts would be with North.

Pauline Evans and Jenny Thompson bid this hand to 6♦ but had to contend with a gutsy 4♥ overcall which took away bidding space.

This hand seemed to be worth a survey of actual contracts reached at the top 10 matches in the NWT and the Seniors:

NWT	SENIORS
7♦ x 1	6♦ x 1
6♦ x 1	6♠ x 3*
5♦ x 2	5♦ x 4
6♠ x 5**	3NT x 2
4♠ x 1	

*all went down

**made at three tables

In the Seniors in one match there was no swing on this board as 6♠ -3 was the score at both tables! On the ♠K lead, 6♠ has no chance.

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'SLAM PLAY TECHNIQUE'

(from a previous tournament)

How would you play 6♠ on the lead of A♥ and ♥ continuation?

♠ Q 10 6
♥ J 10 6 4
♦ A K J
♣ 8 4 2

♠ A K J 9 4
♥ 9
♦ Q 8 6 3
♣ A K J

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Table Tally!

This is a measure of the size of the Festival. The daily figure is derived from:
No. of tables x No. of sessions
At midnight on Thursday the total was:

1234

In search of hands for NOT NEWS, I decided to kibitz some of the boards in the NWT during round 4 at table 1 where TRAVIS was playing SCUDDER.

This was board 17

Nil vul dealer North

♠ A Q 9 6 3
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A 6
♣ 10 7 6

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 9
♦ Q 8 7 5 3 2
♣ A J 2

♠ J 10 5 4
♥ A K J 7 4 3
♦ K
♣ K 4

♠ K 8
♥ 8 2
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ Q 9 8 5 3

Liz Havas passed and Kinga Moses opened 1♥ and over Berri Folkard's 1NT rebid 2♥. If it was vulnerable Berri, knowing Kinga had 6 hearts would have bid 3♥ since the rewards for bidding thin vulnerable games at IMPS are so good- refer to textbooks on IMPS tactics for rationale and details.



At nil vul and with the ♦Q looking to be

of dubious benefit, Berri passed 2♥.

Liz Havas had what looked to be a routine 2♠ balancing bid so she bid 2♠ which was passed around to Berri who now bid 3♥. That was enough for Kinga to have go at 4♥ which was passed out. With the ♠Q onside there was always 10 tricks but Kinga made her game without taking a club finesse scoring a spade ruff in dummy on top of her 9 tricks on power.

The TRAVIS team went on to a big win over SCUDDER so this board only hurt a little bit! I am sure Liz Havas will balance with 2♠ next time a situation like this arises!

I drove over soon after to the Hyatt Hotel and managed to catch some of the action in the MOSES versus WESTWOOD clash. On this same board Lester Kalmin opened the East hand 1♠ which is the Blue Club system where the short suit is bid first (this is known as Canape).

Over Bill Westwood's natural, limited, 1NT response Lester rebid 4♥ showing 15-16 pts and 4-6 shape. Everyone passed and John Brockwell led a top diamond to Neville Moses' ace thus collecting the stiff king. Neville switched to a heart but Lester Kalmin had plenty of time to set up the diamond suit for +450.

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BID BOLDLY, PLAY CAREFULLY

By Peter Jamieson

Round 3 Board 12 offered challenges in both bidding and play. Barbara Travis negotiated both successfully as you would expect from a player who has represented Australia in both Open and Women's bridge.

♠ K Q 7 2
♥ 10
♦ A Q 9 5 4
♣ K 10 3

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

♠ J 3
♥ A K J 8 6 5
♦ J 8 7 6
♣ 6

Dealer West N/S Vul. National
Womens Teams Qualifying round 3.

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	Pass	1♥
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♥!
All Pass			

Barbara Knew her partner, Liz Havas had a hand of reasonable strength having overcalled 1♦ vul against not and taking note of East's failure to make any constructive bid over 1♦.

Barbara knew there was probably a game for N/S on this hand but was it in diamonds, hearts or no trump. And if Liz had a 'perfect' hand a red suit slam was not out of the question. So she bid a quiet 1♥ to see how the bidding would develop. Once west showed club strength and length it seemed best to go for the 10 trick heart game rather than the diamond game, so she bid 4♥ hoping to catch a suitable dummy.

West led her ♦3 which figured to be a singleton on the bidding so Barbara won the ace and played ♥10 which won the trick. The ♠K at T3 forced the ace. West cashed ♣A and exited ♣Q won by the King. Now came club ruff to shorten the trumps in the South hand.

At Trick 7 Barbara cashed ♥A on which West followed with the 9...which looked to be a 'true' card (ie west only ever had two hearts) so now ♠J was overtaken with ♠Q and a spade ruffed bringing south down to the same present trump length as East. This, as most of you readers know, is an essential process in executing a trump coup.

So far declarer had made 7 tricks (1♠, 1♦, 1♣, 2♥ on 'power' and 2♥ from black suit ruffs in hand).

The position with 5 cards left was now

♠ 7
♥ -
♦ Q 9 5 4
♣ -

West ♠ 10
not ♥ Q 7
relevant ♦ K 10
 ♣ -

♠ -
♥ K J
♦ J 8 7
♣ -

Barbara now played the ♦J from hand and ran it to East's king but declarer could not be prevented from making 10 tricks for +620. Nice.

This hand seemed to be worth a quick check of the 'top' 10 tables efforts on this board which were : -

NWT	Seniors
3♦ x 2	2♣E x 1
3♣EX x1 (-300)	3♦ x 1
4♦ x 1	3NT N x 1 (1)
4♣E x 1	4♦ x 2
4♥ x 2 (2)	4♥ x 2 (3)
5♦ x 3 (4)	4♣X x 1 (-300)
5♦ x 1	

(1) making!

(2) Ed I have been unable to find out who this other 4H declarer was in the NWT.

She also made +620. If that declarer 'solved' this hand correctly please let me know so credit can be given in the next NOT News!

(3) both -200

(4) all down 1

ANSWER TO "SLAM PLAY TECHNIQUE"

This was one of the best played hands of the 1980 National Open Teams.

Dealer West: Both Vulnerable

♠ 872
♥ K Q 8 2
♦ 10 9 7 4
♣ 9 3

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

♠ 5 3
♥ A 7 5 3
♦ 5 2
♣ 10 7 6 5

West	East
Jenny Ling	Greer Tucker
Pass	1♠
2NT	3♦
4♠	4NT
5♦	6♠

One plan is to try and club finesse (losing), another is to draw just two rounds of trumps and then run diamonds for a club pitch.

Greer Tucker showed good skills to execute a dummy reversal.

T3 A♠
T4 10♠
T5 ♥ ruff
T6 A♦
T7 ♥ ruff
T8 K♦

T9 Drew the last defenders trump with ♠Q, pitching ♣J from hand.
T10 J♦ club to hand claimed 12 tricks.

Greer Tucker and Denise Dodd together with Robbie Clayton - Margaret Millar and Pauline Evans - Jerry Thompson will be flying to Christchurch in April for the Playoffs to determine an Australian Womens Team for the Bermuda Bowl in Bermuda in 2000.

The other two Australian Women's Teams going to Christchurch for the playoffs are

Lidia Beech - Margaret Bourke, Felicity Beale - Di Smart and Sue Lusk - Therese Tully.

Marcia Scudder - Inez Glanger, Kinga Moses - Berri Folkard and Linda Stern - Julie Wyer.

There will also be teams from New Zealand and possibly teams from some other Oceanic countries.

“Would you overcall 1♠ over a Precision 1♣ opening vul against not on this hand?”

♠ K 10 6 5 2
♥ J 8 2
♦ K J
♣ A Q 7

Would it make a difference if your opponents were famous international players?

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HAND FROM THE PAST #1

How would you play this 3NT?

♠ A 7 6
♥ 10 9 5
♦ A J 8
♣ A Q 5 2

♠ Q J 10
♥ K 7 6
♦ Q 6 5 4
♣ J 10 6

Over North's 1♦ opening (big club system) your 1NT is raised to 3NT. West leads ♥Q, 5, 4, and you duck playing ♥6. West continues ♥2, ♥9, Ace from East who exits with ♥4.

Plan your play from here on.

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ATTENTION ABDA MEMBERS!

All Bridge Directors who have not paid the Annual Subscriptions to ABDA, they are now due for 1999. Please see John Hempenstall at the Rydges Hotel to make your payment.

Do You Want to become a Director?

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Asking for aces is a dubious option now because that doesn't really solve your problem even if you can do it at a low level (some partnerships can ask for aces with a suit bid below the 4NT level).

One option in a totally organised partnership is to bid 4♣ if it is forcing. Then partner can hopefully cue 4♥ and NOW you can jump to 6♣ or even ask for aces . . . looking for 7♣ ???

It was a tough decision and in the end Sonya decided that with diamonds quite probably breaking badly and the likelihood of two fast major suit losers she would play safe and jumped to 5♣ which made comfortably. The full hand was:

BIDDING PROBLEMS IN ROUND 6

Needing another hand for NOT NEWS # 3 I decided to kibitz a few hands in Session 6.

In the NWT I kibitzed Denise Mckinnon for a few hands and decided that board 17 looked to have some bulletin potential.

Sonya Solomon (NZ), sitting South, heard her partner, Annette Henry (NZ) open 1♣ non vul vs vul.

East, Denise McKinnon, overcalled 2♣ (Michaels cue bid – weak or strong).

Over Sonya's 2♦, Judith Spooner passed and Annette rebid 3♣, pass from Denise and now its crunch time.

What would you bid with 4 107 AKJ9765 KQ2 ?

Club slams are notoriously difficult to bid. Denise's vulnerable 2♣ had to be less than opening strength based on the explanation to Sonya's question earlier to Judith. But it was vulnerable Michaels Cue Bid so it could easily contain two aces or A and K of hearts.

Brd 17 Vul Nil Dlr North

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

I suspected there would be some 6♣ bidders and so it proved.

At one table the auction was:

West	North	East	South
	1♣	2♣	X
2♦	3♦	3♥	5♦
Pass	6♣	All pass	

Nola Church's 1♣ was Acol. Anna Quach's 2♣ was a modified Michaels (spades and a red suit). Julia Hoffman's double was negative but unlimited since 2♦ would have been a negative free bid.

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Youth Teams Final Results

The Australian Youth Teams event concluded after four sessions yesterday afternoon. The first three places are as follows:

1st K Robb, G Dupont, M Murphy, T Nunn, P Brayshaw

2nd N Croft, C Bridgland, L Matthews, D Wiltshire

3rd A Lasocki, K Wan, T Lee, K Chan

Congratulations to these three teams!

Bridge Buffs Teams Final Results

Bridge Buffs is a brand new event at the Summer Festival this year. There was a total field of three teams entered and the event concluded last night.

The winners of the Bridge Buffs Teams event are:

Richard Hills, Hashmat Ali, Charlie Snashall, Arjuna Delivera.

Well done this team! We hope to see more entries next year as this event grows and becomes more well known.

ANSWER TO "HAND FROM THE PAST #1"

♠ A 7 6
♥ 10 9 5
♦ A J 8
♣ A Q 5 2

♠ 9 3
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 7 4

♠ K 8 5 4 2
♥ A 4 3
♦ K
♣ K 9 8 3

♠ Q J 10
♥ K 7 6
♦ Q 6 5 4
♣ J 10 6

This hand came from the 1976 Olympiad:

Because of the 1♦ opening and the fact that N-S had shown no interest in the major suits, West elected to lead Q♥ ducked by South. Next came a low heart to East's ace and 3♥ exit to the king.

South next played ♣J losing to East's K who exited with a low club.

Next South ran ♠Q losing to the king and East exited a spade.

To make 3NT South needed three tricks in diamonds and could play West for doubleton K, or East for 10 9 doubleton, or either opponent for stiff king.

Declarer proceeded in textbook fashion and cashed all the black winners finishing in hand and West was proven to be 2 -4-5-2 shape.

The only hope was now a stiff K with East so a diamond to the ace produced a happy +600!

This was in 1976. Declarer was Carol Van Oppen a member of the Dutch national team. He was nominated for a brilliancy prize for this hand by noted player writer Herman Filarski.



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Women's Teams Datums

BD	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6
1	-240	+110	-440
2	-60	-330	-110
3	-820	+120	+110
4	-10	+90	-400
5	+220	+640	+130
6	-50	+340	-50
7	-170	+580	+60
8	-50	+80	+160
9	+210	+230	+80
10	-30	-90	+290
11	-420	-40	-240
12	+350	+240	+350
13	+20	-90	+450
14	-390	+160	-110
15	+630	-450	-50
16	+40	+90	-190
17	-260	-330	+120
18	+500	-290	-160
19	+430	+80	+100
20	+640	-640	+30

Senior's Teams Datums

BD	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6
1	-230	-	-400
2	-100	-	-100
3	-840	-	+200
4	-250	-	-340
5	+130	-	+100
6	0	-	+100
7	-10	-	+110
8	-10	-	+100
9	+180	-	+30
10	+30	-	+120
11	-440	-	-160
12	+300	-	+650
13	-60	-	+390
14	-290	-	-80
15	+670	-	+430
16	-80	-	-470
17	-310	-	+490
18	+470	-	+380
19	+450	-	+20
20	+640	-	-50

Janet Kahler's 2♦ was correctible
 Nola's 3♦ was a cue bid showing unspecified strength.
 3♥ disclosed a major suit 2 suiter (obviously shapely)
 5♦ was descriptive showing a long strong diamond suit
 6♣ was to play

In 6♣ the best lead is a Heart. North will be guided by the information from the bidding and knows East has a probable 6-5 in the majors. Two top clubs followed by A♦ which collects East's stiff 10 and its all over with the ♦Q picked up and the ♣Q providing the entry to dummy's winners.

In another match Margot Brown opened 1♣. East bid 2♥, Roman Jump Overcall showing both majors.

Rena Kaplan bid 3♦, forcing and over Margot's 4♣ decided to hit the Blackwood button which led of course to +420. Margot and Rena are never shy about bidding slams so this result came as no surprise to me.

Finally I peroused the datums result sheets for the top ten NWT matches. There were seven 5♦ or 6♦ contracts, all failing. One pair was in 3NT, making. 5♣ + 6 and one East-West pair were in 5♥ doubled for -500.

Ed: Sorry seniors I had no time to survey your efforts on this hand.



Hand from the Past #2

What is your Plan in this 1NT?

♠ Q 4
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ A K J 8 4
 ♣ J 9 3

♠ J 7 3
 ♥ J 8 6 5
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ A Q 7 5

Dealer N : nil vul
 You respond 1NT to partner's 1♦ opening and everyone passes.
 West leads ♠K on which East plays the 10 West continues with ♠2 to dummy's Queen. What now?

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At last a hand contribution from the Hyatt!

"Delayed Super Accept plus dropping the stiff king of trumps plus the Hyatt Squeeze adds up to"

Board 1, session 2
 National Seniors Teams

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

♠ A J 8 7 6
♥ 7 5 3
♦ Q 10 2
♣ 10 9

♠ 3
♥ K Q 10 2
♦ 8 7
♣ Q 8 6 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣!	Pass	3♥
Pass	6♣!	All Pass	

Ron Hutchison was South and gave me the hand is response to my pleadings for hands. His partner Egon Auerbach opened 1NT and over Ron's transfer to clubs (2♠ was a transfer bid showing 5+ clubs), Egon overlooked making a 'Super Accept' bid of 2NT.

However once Ron showed his heart suit Egon decided to produce a delayed superaccept.

♥A led and hearts continued. Egon successfully negotiated the trump suit with ♠A dropping to stiff K.

Then five more rounds of clubs and the top two hearts.

East had not been paying close enough attention to partner's discards wasn't sure which pointed suit to keep and chose to discard 2 diamonds thus, exposing West to the spade-diamond squeeze at trick 10. West chose to throw a diamond at trick 10 in order to keep ♠A so the ♦5 was the 12th trick for +920. Ron Hutchison advised that he felt much better when the hand was finished than he did after ♥A was cashed at trick 1.

For those of you who may not know, Egon Auerbach was a member of the team that won the very first National Open Teams Championship in 1973. His partner was Max Hitter and team mates were Olek Minc- Gaby Lorenz.

Walk-In Results January 14th

Morning of 14/1/99

1st P. Cundasamy - C. Schwabegger
 2nd G. Greenwood - I Tyrmand
 3rd L. Cossar - M Stevenson

Afternoon of 14/1/99

1st H. Roberts-Thompson - H. Roberts
 2nd S. Frater - R. Grenside
 3rd J.Pritchard - Z. Klegeris

Evening of 14/1/99

North South Places

1st T. Kershaw - P Kahler
 2nd C. Quail - N. Ewart
 3rd A. Creet - D. Wawn

East West Places

1st S. Wenger - H. Heinrich
 2nd K. Mitchell - L. Gunson
 3rd S. Cooper - J. Young

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Answer to "Would you overcall 1♣ Precision..?"

This hand was played during the Precision Tour of Ireland in 1973.

South did overcall 1♠. West, Benito Garozzo doubled (negative style) which was passed by East (Georgio Belladonna) and South's pass concluded the auction.

<p>♠ J ♥ Q 7 6 3 ♦ 9 8 6 5 ♣ J 6 4 2</p> <p>♠ 9 4 3 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 10 4 3 2 ♣ K 10 8 5</p> <p>♠ K 10 6 5 2 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ K J ♣ A Q 7</p>	<p>♠ A Q 8 7 ♥ A K 10 9 4 ♦ A 7 ♣ 9 3</p> <p>♠ A K 8 2 ♥ K 10 7 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ K 10 4</p>
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Some players would lead their long suit (diamonds) in this situation with partner having shown spade lengthstrength by passing. This would lead to a healthy penalty.

However Garozzo chose to lead his singleton heart to the King. Belladonna exited ♣9 to the 10 and a club out to the Q.

South now played a spade to the Jack and Queen. Now the ruffing began with ♥A, ♥ ruff, club ruff and another heart from East in this 6 card ending ;

<p>♠ - ♥ Q ♦ 9 8 6 5 ♣ J</p> <p>♠ 9 ♥ - ♦ Q 10 4 3 ♣ 8</p> <p>♠ K 10 6 5 ♥ - ♦ K J ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ A 8 ♥ 10 9 ♦ A 7 ♣ -</p>
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On the ♥10 exit from East, South ruffed with the ♠10 and Garozzo found the *underuff* with the ♠9! and South could only make one

more trick for -1100. OUCH !!

This was one of three hands that received "honourable mentions" in the 1973 inaugural Charles Solomon Hand Of The Year award instituted by the IBPA. The original write up of this hand was by Terence Reese.



Answer to "What is your plan in this 1NT?"

If you played a club to the ace and then finessed ♠J you will come up smiling with +90.

But at the table declarer got... swindled by West - the famous Gabriel Chagas of Brazil.

<p>♠ Q 4 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ A K J 8 4 ♣ J 9 3</p> <p>♠ A K 8 2 ♥ K 10 7 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ K 10 4</p> <p>♠ J ♥ J 8 6 5 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A Q 7 5</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 6 5 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ 5 3 2 ♣ 8 6 2</p>
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Against 1NT, West led ♠K and exited with ♠2.

South next played ♠J, 2, 5, 10
Next ♣9, 6, 7, 4
Then ♣3, 8, Q, K!

West now cashed A♠ and exited a spade to East's 9. (dummy discarded ♥2 and ♦4) East cashed ♥A and exited a heart to the 10 and Q.

Now with only diamonds and the lead in dummy; declarer had to give West the ♦Q for -50.

Gabriel Chagas was nominated for the Bols brilliancy prize for his defence on this hand in 1976.

Ed. . . .PS if you have faith in Zia Mahmood's tips, next time you see a hand like this you would "know" East does not have ♠K for with that card most East's would cover ♣J.

DECLARER PLAY ANALYSIS

Reported by "Deep Throat" from the Hyatt Hotel!

Wherever 6♣ was tried at the top tables in the seniors, it was unsuccessful. There appears to be little play on a trump lead, but on other leads (e.g. Low ♥ or ♠) there are several possible lines.

<p>♠ 10 6 ♥ A 9 5 4 3 ♦ A 10 8 5 3 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ Q 8 7 2 ♥ K 7 6 2 ♦ K 9 ♣ 9 4 3</p>	<p>♠ J 9 4 ♥ Q J 8 ♦ J 6 4 2 ♣ 10 8 6</p> <p>♠ A K 5 3 ♥ 10 ♦ Q 7 ♣ A K Q J 7 5</p>
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Which is best?

1) Play ♥A, ruff a heart, cash spades, ruff a spade, ruff a heart and run trumps. South is triple squeezed. Successful!

2) Cash spades, ruff a spade, ♥A, ruff a heart and run trumps. South is strip-squeezed, must discard his hearts and is then thrown in with the last spade to lead a diamond. Successful!

3) Cash spades, ruff a spade and lead a small diamond. If the hand with ♦K does not have the last spade, declarer may be able to organize the diamond suit for a spade discard. Unsuccessful.

4) (Probably the poorest line, but may be the only possible trump lead).

Draw trumps then lead ♦Q, no matter what happens, duck. Later hope that South has Jxx in diamonds so that they provide 2 discards. Unsuccessful!

COLUMN 8 (NOT)

- 1929 - The American Bridge League (formed 1927) drops the word 'Auction' from its title.
- Ely Culbertson founded the 'The Bridge World' the first periodical devoted to Contract Bridge and also publishes his 'Contract Bridge Blue Book' which advocated super strong 2 bids and almost unlimited 1 bids (quite a different approach to Vanderbilt).
 - The first national contract bridge association was formed in Austria.
 - Harold Vanderbilt published the first textbook on "his" new game which recommended bidding 1♣ forcing/1♦ denial in response, weak 1NT, 2♣ opening bid = natural & limited and weak two bids in the majors.
- 1930 - Australian Bridge Federation formed (also in Britain and Canada that year)
- 1931 - Mrs Bennett of Kansas City was tried and acquitted for murdering her husband after an exchange of insults during a bridge game in their flat (there is a long article about this incident in the Official Bridge Encyclopedia).
- 1932 - First International Code of Laws of Contract Bridge drawn up and also the International Bridge League formed to organise annual championships.
- 1933 - First Australian Interstate Championships held - won by Victoria who proceeded to win the next five in a row! (This event is now commonly known as the ANC).
- 1934 - Australian player Les Longhurst develops the method of leading from three small cards known as MUD (Middle Up Down). Les Longhurst, has had a long and distinguished bridge career which included playing for Australia in the 70's with Ron Klinger.
- Hy Lavinthal of New Jersey published his classic book on suit preference leads and follow-suit and discard signals. These were known in many countries as 'McKenney' signals after W E McKenney popularised them.

A delightful couple from the Whitsundays, Gail and Harry, were asked during a walk in duplicate:

"How long are you two down here for?"

They replied "Oh, until we get divorced".

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Action from Round 4 in the Seniors Teams Board 3. Val Hardie (South) is on lead to 6♠ by East holding

8 7 Q 10 7 5 K 10 9 4 3 2 2

She decided to lead her singleton club hoping that partner holds the ace of clubs (or ace of spades) and will give her a ruff. Imagine her surprise when her partner ruffed the 2 of clubs!! North held

J 5 3 2 A J 8 4 2 Q J 8 6 void

and after ruffing at T1 promptly cashed ♠A for +100. Note that on a diamond lead East will make 6♠ if trumps are picked. And on a spade lead it will be -1430....

♠♥♦♣

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At 10:15 am Thursday morning there was a full scale fire alert and evacuation of all people at the Hyatt Hotel with fire brigades attending, but it was a false alarm. Fortunately the bridge areas were only just beginning to fill up with players. Imagine the chaos if it had occurred at noon.....

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Defence to 1NT revisited #1: Matthew McManus told me that some years ago at the Youth Championships, David Fryda was playing (for a joke) an unusual defence to 1NT. This defensive gadget, known as FRYDA features a double to show a club suit and 2♣ to show a hand that is able to double 1NT for penalties!

The twist in this story is that whilst directing at the Trumps Bridge Festival 2 weeks ago in Sydney, Matthew encountered a pair who actually used FRYDA and it was on their system card.

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Defense to 1NT revisited #2: NOT NEWS has been advised by Leroy Abinanti of Seattle, WASHINGTON (USA) who is playing in the Festival, that there is a method used in North America called HELLO. This is an acronym derived from the creators of the gadget, HELMS & COWMAN. Basically HELLO is an extension of HAMILTON.