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WELCOME #2

By John Scudder
Convener

A warm welcome to those players joining us at the 1999 Summer Festival of Bridge today. The crowds so far have been record-breaking with some excellent bridge being played, just read the NOT News from the last five days. Last week we had 186 teams competing and this week there are 281.

This year each player in a major teams event receives a satchel. In the satchels you will find two Summer Festival pens, they are for your use throughout the Festival. Scoring booklets will be on your table at the beginning of play, you need to keep them for the entire event. A design error has crept in, there is no total box for the IMPs, you will have to write your winning total in the margin.

There was a change in schedule this year which meant that the Mixed Pairs and the Flighted Pairs have already been played. There were 66 pairs competing for the Mixed Pairs title and some 60 pairs competing for the Flighted Pairs.

On Friday evening after the completion of the SWPT there will be a Vu-Graph organised by the ACTBA. The stars will be the winners of the Grand Slam Trophy and their opponents. Some of Australia's leading players will be there to entertain you. Come along and enjoy a relaxing evening outguessing the experts.

Yet again the partnerships arranged by Bridge Buffs have been successful scoring a top bracket finish in the 1999 Seniors Teams. My thanks go to Prue Lawford for arranging partnerships for you.

The fast food complex in Glebe Park, adjacent to the Convention Centre has had a number of closures and very few food outlets remain so the NCC has set

R E S U L T S

National Womens Teams Final Results (86 teams)

In the final MOIR (Deborah Moir, Jillian Hay, Rita Nailand, Helene Pitt) beat MILLAR (Margaret Millar, Robbie Clayton, Joan Butts, Lindy Vincent) by 20 IMPs in a hard fought final. The progressive scores are below. Congratulations to the winners! NOT NEWS insisted on a hand from the final - see page 5.

Team	Carry Forward	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Total
MOIR	0.0	19.0	55.0	50.0	51.0	175.0
MILLAR	11.0	60.0	33.0	24.0	27.0	155.0

National Swiss Pairs Championship Final Placings (234 pairs)

1st	19	J HARKNESS - D WESTON	158
2nd	41	A COVASSEUR - V HARDIE	155
3rd	15	R KAHN - S COLLINS	154
4th	26	M HORTON - A ERICHSEN	153
5th	12	K WARE - M BRAITHWAITE	151
6th	2	K MORRISON - M CHADWICK	151
7th	68	N EWART - D WAWN	149
8th	16	P NEWMAN - M THOMSON	149
9th	13	G RIDGWAY - A ROBBINS	147
10th	58	B KRISHAN - M DEY	146
11th	234	S THILLAIVANAN - A SMALL	145
12th	4	E HAVAS - G DANTA	144
13th	33	N STRONG - P STRONG	143
14th	10	N ROSENDORFF - P REYNOLD	143
15th	3	S BROWNE - R BRIGHTLING	142

Australian Open Pairs Final Placings (104 pairs)

Final

1st	D BEAUCHAMP - A PEAKE	807.0
2nd	P MARSTON - M MAYER	805.6
3rd	J NEWMAN - B EVANS	801.4
4th	R GALLUS - R VAN RIEL	772.0
5th	A BACH - G CUPPAIDGE	766.0
6th	J DE RAVIN - M CULLEN	764.0
7th	B WEIN - A REINER	761.0
8th	B RICHMAN - I DEL'MONTE	759.0
9th	M HUGHES - B NEILL	748.0
10th	P GUMBY - W LAZER	746.0

Plate

1st	E SHAW - S MABIN	835.0
2nd	T TAYLOR - S BURGESS	808.0
3rd	G KOZAKOS - A WILSMORE	776.0

Consolation

1st	P DEVERALL - M STEWART	824.6
2nd	B HOFFEINS - P HOFFEINS	806.0
3rd	A CREET - K MAGANN	788.0

up a Bridge Café in the Swan Room. You can stay in air-conditioned comfort while you have lunch or dinner.

If you are wondering who the handsome creatures in yellow shirts are, they are the caddies. It should be easy to spot a caddy so if you run out of boards - find a yellow shirt, call "Caaaaddy and put your hand up so that they can find you. However as circles of six are using a set of twenty boards the board movement should be smooth and the number of caddy calls limited. There are two colours of boards in play in each session, these colours alternate between circles. Please do not play a board which is of a different colour to the colour that supplied initially to your table. Then it will be certain that you play the identical board to that played at your other table.

The bulletin that you are now reading has had magnificent support during the first week, I hope that this will continue so that everyone can read about your partner's brilliancy. I hope that this support for the bulletin staff continues. There are contribution boxes at both venues and contact information in this bulletin. If you feel that you have not got time to write up partner's brilliancy, just jot down the salient facts and hand it to one of the editorial staff who may use it as a Column 8 (NOT) article.

The staff of the two hotels are operating the buses that will transport you to and from the venues. This year they are running on a strict timetable of a bus leaving both the NCC and Rydges every ten minutes. The last bus is 20 minutes before session time and thirty minutes after session time. Please do not abuse this bus service, I rely on the hotel's goodwill to operate these buses and everyone would be in a mess if this service were withdrawn. With a little bit of planning, you should be able to get to the other venue with plenty of time.

During the first week the ACT Parking Police have been very vigilant around the hotels. Please make sure that you are not parking alongside a red curb, no matter how faded the paint is. Also read the parking signs very carefully, we don't want you to support the ACT government. In particular there appear to be two parking spots in front of Rydges between the boundary and the curb as the paving continues right to

the road. Several cars have been booked for parking there already.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere within any venue for the Summer Festival. When you want to smoke you will have to venture outdoors. During the session be wary of the time that will be needed to light up.

Have a great time playing in the NOT, meeting old friends and dining out in the quality restaurants around Canberra.

John Scudder
Convener

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

'GREAT LEAD - WRONG BOARD'

Contributed by David Wawn

In session 5 of the Swiss Pairs my partner Neil Ewart found a fine lead.

Earlier, on board 3 Neil held as North: K J 84 10 9 8 Q 7 K J 10 6 and was on lead against four spades by West.

Based on the auction at his table, he chose the ♦7 but Declarer could not overcome the bad trump break and went down.

Soon after came board 5

Dealer North N/S Vul

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

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass.	3♣	Pass

Neil chose to lead a heart and declarer made 11 tricks. But what if Neil had tried the low from Qx again? Bingo! the defence will score ♦A, ♦Q, ♥A, ♥Q and ♦J. Now that would have been enjoyable!

LUCK OF THE IRISH!

Contributed by Lilli Allgood

Board 22 Swiss Pairs Session 7

Dealer E E/W Vul

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

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

1♣ = Precision
1♠ = 1 suiter (suit unknown at this stage)
1stX = 8+ pts
2ndX = penalty suggestion
East's last pass was made with a verbal aside indicating gloom.

North led ♠A and soon after E/W notched up +580 and colour was seen to return to East's face!

Defensive Problem From the 70's

You are South defending 4♠ by W. The bidding was:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Your partner leads ♣7 (your agreements are MUD from 3 small and top from a doubleton) as soon as you see dummy you are of course analysing your options:

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

How do you plan to defend?
Answer on Page 6

ALERTING

All events at the 1999 Summer Festival of Bridge are subject to the ABF Alert Regulations as amended 1st May 1998. There is a summary of these regulations on page 15 of the information brochure for this Festival.

You may obtain a copy of the full ABF Alert Regulations from the Convener of this Festival, John Scudder. Also these regulations are posted prominently on noticeboards at each venue.

As an aid to memory here are some common bids that **DO NOT** require alerting:

- Doubles.
- Any bid at the 4 level or higher.
- any cue bid (includes bidding in suit shown but not actually bid by an opponent)
- opening bid of 2 of a suit where the *spoken suit* is guaranteed to be held and there is no promise of a second suit (ie 'standard' weak 2 or old fashioned Acol Two Bids or game forcing natural 2 bids).
- 1NT opening bids in the point range 11-18 which are natural and promise essentially balanced distribution and contain no suit information.

*But Note: if a 1NT opening can systematically contain a singleton, a 6 card major or a 7 card + minor it **must be alerted**.*

Please note the following three matters which form part of the Alerting regulations: -

1. Alerting is compulsory - you cannot ask the opponents not to alert.

2. **When partner makes an alertable call, say aloud ALERT and then circle the alertable call on the bidding pad.**

3. It is your responsibility at the start of a round (match point or Swiss Pairs) or a teams match to inform your opponents of: your basic system, minimum suit lengths and strength of 1 bids, strength and style of 1NT opening, unusual 2 bids or 3 bids and strength and style of jump overcalls.

NB Editors comment: *there is no excuse for not knowing the size of your opponents' 1NT opening and basic system before the first board of a round or match!*

RYDGES CANBERRA HOTEL - FOOD & DRINK FACILITIES

Most participants at the Summer Festival of Bridge are familiar with this Hotel's food and drink facilities. But for newcomers and people with rusty memories here is some info: -

Mario's Deli

This is the popular sandwich & fast food service available on the first floor (convention area) throughout the Summer Festival of Bridge.

Some prices on popular items are:

- assorted salad rolls @\$3.50 each
- assorted gourmet pies @ \$2.50 each
- jumbo sausage rolls @ \$2 each
- fruit @ \$1.50 per piece
- potato crisps @ \$ 1.50 each packet
- soft drinks @ \$1.50 each
- coffee or tea from \$1.50 per cup

Bobby McGees Restaurant (ground floor)

- open 7 days from 7 am to 10 pm
- Breakfast is 7 am to 10.30 am
- Lunch special \$10 p/p inc. soup, pasta and salads
- Dinner is from 6 pm (special dinner buffet @ \$13 p/p)

The Burley Griffin Restaurant and Bar

- located on 15th floor (good views!)
- bar opens 5 pm and closes when the last diners leave
- open every evening for dinner during the Festival 6pm to 10pm
- offers special buffet meals during the Festival @ 17.50 p/p inc. soup, pasta, roasts, salads, fresh fruit, desserts and tea & coffee.

The Lobby Shop

- open 7 days in morning and evening but has limited hours. (depends on demand)
- if it is closed then the hotel reception desk holds limited stocks of basic items like toothpaste toothbrushes etc.

Cahoots Bar

This traditional type bar is open from 4pm til . . . late!
There is a piano (which patrons are allowed to play) and also a TV so you can check the cricket scores etc.
(As you descend the grand staircase turn right, up the steps and then right again).

Bobby McGees Lounge

A popular disco open from late afternoon . . . until *late*.
(entrance is almost opposite the entrance to Bobby McGees Restaurant)

TABLE TALLY AS AT SUNDAY
17/1/99
(progressive)

2 5 4 6

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MEMORIES!

In 1973 the first national opens teams was held at the Menzies Hotel (Wynyard) Sydney. Thirty teams entered. After 13 x 20 board matches there was a final over 60 boards between the top scoring teams of AUERBACH (195) and KLINGER (174). Behind them came HOWARD (168), FAHRER and STUART both on 166. AUERBACH won the final by a fairly narrow margin. Some of the players mentioned below have passed away, or retired from bridge. NOT NEWS thought you might enjoy looking at this list of teams.... for old times sake, or just curiosity.

1. D. HOWARD	NSW	11. I. PRYER	NSW	21. MRS. M. HECK	QLD
R. Cummings	NSW	A. Marcovics	NSW	Mrs. J. Stubles	QLD
T. Seres	NSW	A. Reiner	NSW	Mrs S. McClausland	QLD
R. Smilde	NSW	D. Zines	NSW	Mrs. K. Sanderson	QLD
F. Altman	VIC	G. Lewis	NSW	Mrs. B. Guttbridge	QLD
I. Mc Cance	VIC	D. Neill	NSW		
2. J. FAHRER	NSW	12. R. VADAS	NSW	22. J. HOGG	NSW
B. Mears	NSW	H. Falk	NSW	G. Csizar	NSW
I. Weiss	NSW	T. Moore	NSW	J. Golner	NSW
D. Evans	NSW	M. Draper	NSW	Mrs. MacKay	NSW
H. Sloman	NSW	A. Brodie	NSW	Mrs. Low	NSW
A. Jackman	QLD				
3. R. KLINGER	NSW	13. R. EVANS	NSW	23. C. SHEARGOLD	NSW
R. Grynberg	NSW	T. Moss	NSW	D. Watkins	NSW
E. Griffin	NSW	G. Havas	ACT	I. Liepa	NSW
A. Walsh	NSW	R. Richman	VIC	P. Kintominas	NSW
				Miss D. Leathart	NSW
4. E. RAMSHAW	VIC	14. M. HUGHES	NSW	24. MRS. L. TIDMARSH	NSW
Miss P. Schroor	VIC	J. McGovern	NSW	Mrs. E. Payne	NSW
S. Schroor	VIC	K. Downs	NSW	Miss S. Payne	NSW
N. Moses	NSW	D. Vaughn	NSW	Mrs. K. Thier	NSW
Mrs. K. Moses	NSW			Miss D. Dibley	NSW
Mrs. F. Beale	VIC	15. F. THEEMAN	NSW	Mrs. L. Hinds	NSW
		E. Selka	NSW		
5. E. AUERBACH	NSW	L. Szatmary	NSW	25. T. BROWN	NSW
M. Hitter	NSW	S. Szatmary	NSW	K. Taylor	NSW
O. Minc	NSW	Mrs. C. Leary	NSW	E. Bevan	NSW
G. Lorentz	NSW	P. Wood	NSW	S. Andrew	NSW
				Miss A. Glaucina	NSW
6. I. HILDITCH	SA	16. G. RIDGWAY	VIC	Mrs. H. Jurman	NSW
B. Bignall	SA	Mrs. E. Wilson	VIC		
J. Horowitz	SA	Mrs. F. Kuylaars	VIC	26. M. AHERN	NSW
D. Lusk	SA	Mrs. F. Heweston	VIC	Mrs. P. Webster	NSW
				G. Smith	NSW
7. J. O' SULLIVAN	QLD	17. D. EVANS	NSW	C. Sundstrom	NSW
Mrs. P. Dukes	NSW	R. Rawkins	NSW	B. Wheelan	NSW
F. Cayley	NSW	J. Scudder	NSW		
W. Wallace	NSW	Mrs. J. Scudder	NSW	27. K. SKOV	NSW
F. Bellingham	NSW			W. Spence	NSW
E. Noffs	NSW	18. MRS. G. TABAK	VIC	M. Corrigan	NSW
		Mrs. E. Maizells	NSW	Miss M. Clarke	NSW
8. I. MCKINNON	NSW	Mrs. G. Wagstaff	NSW	J. Wilson	NSW
P. Jamieson	NSW	Mrs. L. Kremnizer	NSW	A. Cunningham	NSW
J. Newman	NSW	MrS. T. Bauer	NSW		
J. Odgers	NSW	Miss V. Ramsay	NSW	28. J. COLMAN	VIC
P. Puusaari	NSW			A. Berlinski	VIC
T. Winiata	NSW	19. MRS. B. NEILL	QLD	J. Tuton	VIC
		Mrs. T. Landy	QLD	H. Goldberg	VIC
9. G. CUPPAIDGE	QLD	Mrs. J. Cartwright	QLD		
M. Pemberton	QLD	Miss I. Neill	QLD	29. R. STUART	NSW
Mrs. I. Dahler	QLD			A. Kanetkar	NSW
Mrs. M. Drake	QLD	20. MISS P. GUMBY	NSW	B. Laszynski	NSW
		Miss B. McDonald	NSW	J. Taylor	NSW
10. MRS. R. EATON	NSW	Mrs. K. Downs	ACT	R. Smart	NSW
Miss M. McMahon	NSW	Mrs. G. Havas	ACT		
Miss W. Lipscomb	NSW			30. MRS. L. SMITH	NSW
Mrs. G. Stern	NSW			Mrs. N. Henville	NSW
J. Griffiths	NSW			Miss. Z. Morgan	NSW
P. Kelvin	NSW			G. Hayley	NSW
				M. Dale	NSW

A NOT RECORD.... OR IS IT NOT A RECORD?

by Julia Hoffman

As we - Felicity Beale, Ian McCance, Julia and David Hoffman - line up as members of the same team, at the National Open Teams Championship, for the twentieth time it begs the question whether this is some sort of relatively unimportant record.

While the four of us have played together for every NOT since 1980 there has been a vast supporting cast (listed alphabetically, of course!):

Margaret Bourke, Jill Courtney, Peter Foong, Bill Jacobs, Grant Kilvington, David Lusk, Victor Muntz, Carol and Jessel Rothfield, Robert and Diana Smart, and Robbie van Riel.

If anyone has been missed it is only because your errors pale into insignificance compared to ours.

No one has kept a record of the team's performance but there have been several finals' appearances as well as several disappointingly close shaves.

The "best ever" was finishing third which led to an Open Team Playoff appearance for McCance-Jacobs-Hoffman -Hoffman (Felicity was unavailable due to her women's teams commitments).

As the writer of this piece, I have complete editorial control over any quotable hands: I will spare you the exact details but I will never forget the hand from one of our very early outings (so early that the whole field fitted in the main room at the Lakeside - now Rydges). David and I, assisted by a couple of misbids from yours truly, sailed into 7 spades with 16 points opposite 9. This needed a favourable lead, which was duly delivered, and a miraculous lie of the cards which, even as a green pea, I spotted as meeting the requirements for a double squeeze - hey presto! +1510.

Ian, while waiting for us to complete the session, asked Felicity (anxiously, I am sure) whether she thought that we would bid the small slam and, whether she thought Julia could recognise and execute the necessary simple squeeze. Felicity assured him that all this was a

certainty.

The luck may not always be with us; but the team loyalty and fun have endured and for the McCANCE team the NOT is always a treat.

Are there any others out there who can match this stretch?

A HAND FROM NWT FINAL

In 64 board match there are always many hands of interest. NOT NEWS insisted on one 'quick' hand for Issue # 6 which is shown below.

We will try to extract a good card play hand from the final for a later edition.

This was board 22 Session 4
Dealer East E/W

Jillian Hay
♠ Q 10 7 5 3
♥ K
♦ J 10 9 8 7 3
♣ Q

Joan Butts
♠ J 6 4 2
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ 5 2

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

Deborah Moir
♠ A K 9 8
♥ A 6 3
♦ -
♣ A K 9 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
		1♥	X
2♥	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	7♠

♦A was led. How do you feel as you survey dummy? Good!

Jillian ruffed the ♦A and crossed to ♥K. Then played a spade to ♠A and ⊙.

So a club to Q, then spade to K then ♣A followed by ♣K. Alas West ruffs the king and this great looking grand slam had to go down.

At the other table the contract was only 6♠. Declarer could not negotiate all the bad breaks also went down.

Ed These big slam hands near the end of a national tournament final are very hard on the nerves. When they don't make it takes a big effort to 'let the hand go' and move on and give the next board your full attention.

Walk-In Results January 17th

Evening of 17/1/99

North - South Place

1st E. Pickles - A. Monteath
2nd L. Moffat - P. Roberts
3rd S. Moses - A. Alexander

East - West Place

1st J. Dunlop - J. Dunlop
2nd J. Judd - J. Bednarczyk
3rd L. Moses - E. Quittner

North - South Place

1st S. Futaesaku - P. McNamara
2nd S. Sutton - Delgorgie
3rd A. Bahron - E. Shillito

East - West Place

1st R. Kumar - B. Cooke
2nd L. Milman - Habersfeld
3rd J. Brown - E. Hurley



Appeals Committees (Chairman Ivy Dahler) for Teams events

At Convention Centre:

P. Buchen; M. Chadwick; V. Cummings; R. Evans; P. Fordham; S. Hinge; S. Lusk; P. Marston; K. McDonald; B. Neill; D. Stern.

Appeals Consultant:

S. Mullamphy.

At Rydges:

M. Ware; D Beauchamp; A. Braithwaite; T. Brown; E. Chadwick; P. Gue; J. Hoffman; M. McManus; E. Ramshaw; M. Scudder; D. Hoffman.

Appeals Consultant:

R. Grenside

Editor's Note: *If you wish to make an appeal against a director's ruling tell the director who can advise you on the process. Appeals no longer need a monetary deposit BUT, beware... appeals deemed to be frivolous may result in a reduction in the appellants score.*

Answer to Defence Problem

(From Page 2.)

This hand (from Rubber Bridge) was reported and written up by Denis Howard in 1974 in his spacious bridge column in the National Times (this newspaper is no longer published). The article is reprinted here with Denis Howard's permission: -

"Think about the defence. In particular assess the chances of taking four tricks. Is there a way? The essential first step is to work out a hand for declarer consistent with his bidding. In this case (since he has bid fairly strongly) it is reasonable to give him five spades to the king and queen, the ace of diamonds and the king of clubs. That doesn't leave much for partner. If you assume that partner has a doubleton club, it will be an easy matter to negotiate a club ruff, eg take ace and another club, hop up with the spade ace and play a third club. That will produce 3 tricks, but where is the setting trick to come from? Unfortunately, whenever partner has a doubleton club, declarer will hold only four red cards and no more losers as he must come to three diamonds and a heart.

If partner had led from three clubs, declarer will hold 5 red cards. He should now make four spades, two clubs and at least four red winners to chalk up 10 tricks. In the unlikely event that partner has a singleton club, you can give him one ruff straight off and another when you get in with the spade ace. That will shoot the contract as long as partner has three spades, virtually certain if he has only one club. There are one or two other possibilities, including a switch to the heart four, but they offer little prospect of a fourth trick for the defence.

Well, it seems to come down to this: You are most unlikely to defeat the contract unless partner has a singleton

club. That appears a forlorn hope, but the best one. You therefore win the ace and play another club. Partner does not ruff (in fact he has three rag clubs) and in due course declarer makes eleven tricks.

So much for an eminently reasonable analysis of the defensive chances. However when Tim Seres held the South cards a week or so ago, he won the club ace and after the briefest of pauses, played the heart king!

This was the full deal:

	♠ 10 5 3	
	♥ Q10 7 3	
	♦ J 9 2	
	♣ 9 7 5	
♠ K Q 8 6 2		♠ 9 7 4
♥ J 8 5		♥ A 6 2
♦ A 6		♦ K Q 10 4
♣ K J 3		♣ Q 10 4
	♠ A J	
	♥ K 9 4	
	♦ 8 7 5 3	
	♣ A 8 6 2	

Declarer deduced from the opening bid and the switch to the heart king that South held the king and queen of hearts. Wouldn't anyone? With the heart jack up his sleeve, declarer was lured into a false sense of security. He could have played three rounds of diamonds and thrown a heart, but that is not risk free. For example, the diamonds could break 5-2 or South could promote a second trump trick by later taking the spade ace, cashing one heart and playing the fourth diamond. The sensible thing to do was to win the heart ace and play a spade from dummy at trick three and declarer did just that.

Whammy! The raptorial Seres pounced on the spade and laid the heart nine on the table. Declarer had barely time to murmur 'moriturus te saluto' before North had wrapped up two heart tricks. Declarer, numbed to

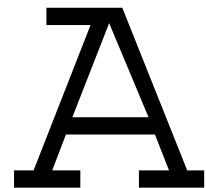
further pain, sat quietly while North then played the thirteenth heart. South hit that with the spade jack (known in the trade as an uppercut) and the spade ten became a trick in North's hand. Two down in an ice cold contract, but who would blame the hapless declarer?

This is an enlightening hand because it illustrates the buccaneering insight that can transmute defeat into victory in any competitive arena. One imagines that dear old Attila won a few battles that way. Seres recently (*this was in 1974 ed.*) wrote a Bols bridge tip for the IBPA bulletin. His theme was that the defence should always be alert to present declarer with a choice of plays and thus hope to induce error, when with no choice there would be no error. The above hand is a brilliant application of that thesis."

Ed. As can be seen above Denis Howard's style in his bridge columns was erudite and entertaining. This reprint is partly to celebrate and reminisce about his style, partly to remind readers (again!) of Tim Seres' ability to pull bridge rabbits out of hats and partly to stimulate your grey cells and nudge you into "the zone" where detailed analysis of one's options etc, will usually (but not always!) reap many rewards.

As mentioned in NOT NEWS #5, Tim Seres is not playing in the SWPT this year, but his spirit will, I'm sure, be here.

PS If you can apply this depth of analysis to several hands each match then I know you will generate some good copy for this bulletin!!



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COINCIDENCE

On Page 4 of NOT NEWS #5 there was a report of a squeeze executed by Therese Tully in the NWT. Here's the hand again:

N/E/W

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

Tim Bourke kindly did some analysis and noted that after ♦A lead and ♦K continuation, declarer can ALWAYS make the contract. Can you see how? Tim's comments "declarer must refuse to cover ♦Q with ♦K at trick two. If East shifts to a spade, declarer can win draw trumps and eventually throw a spade pip from dummy on ♦K and ruff her own spade loser in dummy. If the defence continues with a diamond, dummy can overruff West and the defenders can no longer play the two rounds of spades necessary to destroy the suit squeeze.

The next day at 7am one declarer faced this problem on OK Bridge:

N/E/W

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

West	North East	South
1♥	Pass 1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass 4♠	All pass

West led ♣5 and East won ♣A and returned ♣9. West ruffed with ♠K and put a low heart on the table. Now declarer was at the crossroads. If he

played ♥A, East would ruff and the defenders would eventually make to a diamond for the fourth defensive trick. However, if South calls for a low heart from dummy then East can ruff but that is the last defensive trick; dummy's ♥A will take care of declarer's diamond loser. What a coincidence?!

Have you ever seen two such rare ducking plays occur so close together?"

DATUMS

NOT NEWS will as usual be publishing the datums for each round of the South West Pacific Teams.

What is a Datum? Before each round a tournament official places a special scoring sheet on tables 1-12 (ie the "top" 12 matches at both venues. This is filled in like a normal teams score sheet (but no leads or contract details are required – just the score). This must be completed by North or South who will of course complete a normal score sheet for scoring up etc with their team mates after the match.

These datum sheets are collected by one of the scoring team. The highest and lowest scores are excluded and the remaining 10 scores added and divided by 10 to give a sort of average.

These datums have no connection with your progressive scores. *They are purely for your interest.* Many players like to compare their actual scores with the datums. Its like playing a match with 'expert' team mates at the other table. In theory if you are consistently 'plus' against the datums then it indicates you are playing winning bridge!

ACTIVE ETHICS PRIZE

The Bridge Shop of Willoughby is offering a \$50 prize to the best display of active ethics registered in NOT NEWS.

Please submit entries in the submission box in either venue.

BRUSH YOUR HAIR & PUT YOUR MAKE-UP ON

The 4th estate is coming to the festival. SBS Television and Good Weekend magazine will be spending a few days at the SWPT to research feature articles.

Please smile and be friendly to our media friends. If you're lucky you might be asked for an interview.

Say cheese!



FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR PLAYERS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

The ABF has arranged with the NCC officials for food and beverages to be available in the SWAN ROOM inside the NCC.

This room is air conditioned and has tables and chairs. You can buy hot and cold food as well as coffee, tea, soft drinks, wine beer etc.

It will always be open during session times and generally should operate from 10 am to about 11 pm.

There are numerous restaurants and café's a short walk away from the NCC in downtown Canberra (ie Civic Centre and Glebe Park). If you care to drive to nearby suburbs like Kingston and Manuka there are many popular eating spots you can try out.

You may like to try the restaurants mentioned in the brochure that was in your satchel but probably best of all is to ask your friends for recommendations who may have 'discovered' a really good restaurant!

Appeal 3

Event: Australia Open Pairs
Session: 1 - Qualifying
Director: L. Kelso

Appealing Pair:
 Szenberg - Zaremba (E/W)

Opposing Pair:
 J. Newman - R. Evans (N/S)

Board 22
Dealer: East
Vul: E/W

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

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

♠ A Q 8
 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ A Q J 9 4

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♣ (1)
Pass	1♦ (2)	X (3)	1NT
2♠	All Pass		

(1) Polish
 (2) 6+ HCP
 (3) Explained as take-out (intended to show diamonds)

Final Contract:
 2♠ by West

Result:
 7 tricks E/W -100

Director's Adjusted Score:
 N/S +130

Appellant's Complaint:

On the bid 1♣ - 1♦ it was explained as 6+ points any shape. I was a passed hand and vulnerable, so I doubled 1♦, showing diamonds - my partner took it for take out and bid 2♠ (we have no agreement in this situation) on 2♠ passed, the opponents should take 7 tricks for +100 (a top) - now they have appealed having got a bad score for only one down (+100).

Director's Ruling:

Law 21
 I was called at conclusion of play. N/S maintained that if they had known that the X showed diamonds and was not take out, South would pass rather than bid 1NT. The pass would show either a minimum hand with clubs or 15/16 balanced with no stopper. I was not able to determine whether the explanation was correct or incorrect with regards to the E/W agreement. (It appeared that there was no agreement).

I therefore ruled mis-explanation (Law 21) and adjusted the score to N/S +130, a likely result if the X had been explained as diamonds.

Appeals Committee Ruling:

1. West gave wrong information.
2. Probable N/S damaged in bidding and play.
3. Ruling Stands.

Appeal 4

Event: Australian Open Pairs
Session: 1 - Qualifying
Director: J. McIlrath

Appealing Pair:
 Szenberg - Zaremba (E/W)

Opposing Pair:
 Winestock - Burtenshaw (N/S)

Board 14
Dealer: East
Vul: Nil

♠ K
 ♥ A Q 10 7 3
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ K Q 8 7 3

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

♠ 10 7 4
 ♥ 6 4 2
 ♦ J 5 4 2
 ♣ J 5 4

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1NT	2♥ (1)	2♠ (2)	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Showing hearts and spades over strong NT.

(2) Cue Bid

Final Contract: 3NT by West

Result:
 7 tricks by E/W -100
 No adjustment to the Score

Appellant's claim:

We were strongly damaged by the explanation. On a normal bidding we would play 3 or 4 spades on the 3NT of my partner. I see no reason to bid 4♠ (The opponent could have 5♠). If you have a fit in hearts it is easy to give a wrong explanation (♥ + ♠). If you get through without penalty.

Director's Ruling:

2♥ bid alerted as both majors - systematically correct. North had mis-bid (it is their agreement that over all weak NT - heart bid would be natural). Result stands.

Appeals Committee Ruling:

1. Score stands
2. Result flows from North's mis-bid not South's correct explanation.
3. Director requested to admonish N/S to inform opponents when their methods vary, and to ensure they inform themselves of opponent's methods.

Appeal 5

Event: Australian Open Pairs
Session: 1
Director: R. Penny

Appealing Pair:
 Szenberg - Zaremba
Opposing Pair:
 Woudhead - Haugh

Board: 16
Dealer: E/W
Vul: W

♠ 10 6 5 2
 ♥ K 5 2
 ♦ K Q 8 7
 ♣ K J

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

♠ J
 ♥ Q J 10 7 6 3
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ A 8 4 2

West	East	North	South
Pass	1NT	X	2♥ (1)
3♦	Pass	3♠	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

Alerted Bids:

1. Both majors, at least 4-4

Final Contract: 4♠ by West

Result: -1, +100 to E/W

Appellants Complaint:

It was explained that 1♥ was ♥ + ♠ (nobody said 4-4). In our opinion the pair giving a systematic wrong explanation should get a penalty.

This was the 2nd time we had a wrong explanation and now we do not know whether to believe the opponents or not.

Director's Ruling:

Score Stands.

I was called at the end of play by E/W who said they had received incorrect information from North about South's 2♥ call.

I questioned North and South and found that the explanation - that South held at least 4-4 in the majors - was systematically accurate and that South had misbid.

Accordingly, I ruled that E/W had received their full rights in law. Score of +100 to N/S should stand.

Appeals Committee Ruling:

Score adjusted to 3♠ by East. E/W +140.

South's 4♥ bid benefitted from unauthorised information from North's explanation.

Appeal 6

Event: Australian Open Pairs

Session: 2 - Qualifying

Director: J. McIlrath

Appealing Pair:

M Robb - W. Halvorsen

Opposing Pair:

J. Stark - K. Crowe-Mai

Board 18

Dealer East

Vul N/S

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

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

Final Contract: 2♠X by North

Result: Making 2 for +670

Director's Ruling:

After play was completed I was called to the table concerning the explanation of the 1♥ overcall. N/S insist that the explanation given was that 1♥ showed odd suits (weak over the 1♣) 4-3 distribution. E/W stated that the 4-3 was not mentioned and that it was a highly suspect bid and "not bridge" based on a 4.3.3.3 distribution and such a weak hand. As director I felt satisfied with the explanation made and that the "not bridge" aspect should be referred to the recorder.

Appellants Complaint:

We, as appellants dispute the ruling on the grounds that we were not given an accurate description of the bid.

1. We were told it was two odd suits.
2. When we requested further information we were not told it could be as few as 4/3 or that the hand could be flat.
3. We had no indication that the bid was weak.
4. It was not advised that the bid was a standard interference over 1♣.

Opposing Pair's Response:

The bid was explained as:

1. Odd Suits.
2. Can be as few as 4/3
3. Will not be a strong hand, up to about 13.

Appeals Committee's Ruling:

Score stands.

This incident to be referred to recorder. N/S needs to take responsibility for making sure opponents do fully understand meaning and style of their bids.

Appeal 7

Event: NWT Final

Round: 1

Match: Moir vs Millar

Director: C. Diment

Players:

North: J. Hay

South: D. Moir

East: R. Clayton

West: M. Millar

Board 9

Dealer North

Vul: E/W

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

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♣ (1)	Pass
2NT (2)	Pass	3NT (3)	All Pass

Alerted Bids:

(Bidding Screens in place for the final)
 (1) East told North it showed "C + H"
 West told South it showed ♣ + higher suit.

- (2) Asks for another suit.
- (3) Non systematic

Final Contract:

3NT by West

Final Result:

E/W +630

Director's Ruling:

When North asked East the meaning of the 2♣ bid, East wrote "C + H" meaning (she thought) clubs and a higher suit. Ruling, misinformation, score adjusted to E/W +600.

Appeals Committee Ruling:

Director's ruling upheld.

RELAY TRIUMPH

This hand from the Open Pairs shows how relays give valuable information that is not possible with natural bidding. John Newman playing in the North seat was playing "Nemesis" which is a Polish Club based system incorporating symmetric relays with partner Bob Evans. You hold:-

♠ Q 9
♥ 10 5
♦ A K J 10 8
♣ 7 5 3 2

Your partner opens a Nemesis 1♣ and you bid the positive relay of 1♦ which simply shows any shape and 6 or more HCP.

Your partner now bids 1♥ which guarantees 16+ HCP and at least 4 cards in hearts.

You now bid 1NT which says game is on tell me more. Partner now bids 2♣ showing 4 spades and 5 hearts so you now bid 2♦ asking for more information. Partner now bids 2♥ showing a void or singleton club and you bid 2♠ asking for more information and partner bids 3♥ which now guarantees 5 spades, 6 hearts 2 diamonds and a club void.

You now bid 4♥ setting diamonds as trumps and partner bids 4♠ showing a minimum (16- 18 HCP) so you bid 4NT (Roman key card) and partner bids 5♥ showing 2 aces and the diamond queen.

You now bid 5♠ asking for kings and partner responds 6♦ showing 2 kings. What do you bid? The full hand was:

Newman

♠ Q 9
♥ 10 5
♦ A K J 10 8
♣ 7 5 3 2

Peake

♠ J 4 3
♥ Q J 7
♦ 7 6 5
♣ A K J 6

Beauchamp

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 4 3
♦ 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 9 8 4

Evans

♠ A K 8 5 2
♥ A K 9 8 6 2
♦ Q 9
♣ -

If you now bid 7 diamonds as North did you win all. The play was simple.

You draw 3 rounds of trumps, play off the heart ace and king and ruff a heart and throw your 4 losing clubs on 3 heart and 1 extra spade winner in dummy.

contributed by John Newman

ENJOY YOUR BRIDGE

by Les Varadi

During the National Seniors Teams we played against a team which included Del'Monte Senior (aka Curly). Our team mates played at his table and praised his good manners and friendly approach to create a very pleasant atmosphere.

Playing in the Australian Mixed Pairs we arrived at his table and picked up the following hand.

Brd 24, Vul Nil, Dlr West

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

We are playing 5 card majors and 4 card diamonds. I, as West, opened 1♦! (yes 1♦!), 1♠ from partner and my 1NT became the final contract. Del'Monte led the ♥J to the Q, K and my 6!! A heart came back, which I won with the eight as North showed out. At this point I suddenly realised that what looked to me like the ace of diamonds was in fact the ace of hearts! I successfully finessed the spades and eventually finished up with 12 tricks for a nice top.

Most of us would get upset or at least would complain about their bad luck, but not Del'Monte Senior. He just smiled and wished us more good luck.

Bridge would be an even better game if we would all behave like him.

PS I already have an appointment with an optometrist for a check up!

GOOD FORTUNE

by John Mottram

Luck plays a part in most bridge tournaments. In our last match in the Seniors we started with a lead of 15 VP's over second placed PETTIT. We had played PETTIT earlier in the tournament and needed a sensible result in our last match in order to win event.

John Ashworth and I were the recipients of a major slice of luck in this last match. On Board 20 our opponents had a "mechanical" in the bidding.

Dealer West All Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣ (1)	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
All Pass			

(1) Acol

North read the 4♦ bid as 4♥ as did West (Ashworth). West led what he thought was a trump (i.e. a heart!) At trick three, the players realised and agreed that Diamonds were trumps and dummy was rearranged. Moments later I revoked but since it was not established there was no impact on the result of this board.

Anyway 4♦ of course made. John Brockwell and Neville Moses were in 4H and that was + 11 imps to us. If North – South had not had an "oops" in bidding and reached a small slam in hearts, diamonds or NT (which all make) we would have ended up with the same total VP score as PETTIT who would then be the 1999 National Seniors Teams - on a countback - instead of us.

I hope all my share of bridge luck for this month has not been used up as I may need some in the South West Pacific Teams this week!

"WE'LL NEVER KNOW"

By Nick Hughes

Swiss Pairs Session 4 Board 30

Dealer East Nil Vul

♠ 2
♥ A 10 9 7
♦ A Q J 8 7 5 3
♣ K

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

West : John Bailey
North : Calin Gruia
East : Brian O'Rourke
South : Nick Hughes

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1♠
2♥	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Brian led ♣A, the ONLY lead for the defence, then switched to a spade. Calin won ♠A and played ♦Q and had to lose a heart for one down.

But. . . what if he had played a low heart from dummy at Trick 3? West may well play low and Declarer puts in the 10. East ruffs with ♦9 And later Declarer plays ♦A dropping the K and has 11 tricks. We'll never know !

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A REMINDER

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1. Showing attitude
2. Helper partner
3. Keeing length with dummy
4. Creating a void
5. Drawing deductions from declarer's play

West led the ♠5 which went to the queen and ace. Declarer played the ♣A-K and a third club to the queen while East discarded the ♦2 and ♥J. West shifted to a heart but declarer had nine tricks.

This was no success because West could have cashed the ♠Q to drop the ♠J and run five spades in all for two down.

Should West have known to do this?

If not, what could East have done to help him? In fact East failed to give him information with his discard.

Paul is a WBF World Master and represented New Zealand 8 times and Australia 7 times and has won the NOT 5 times. Paul has written 5 bridge books. Paul lives in Sydney.

For Example:

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

SOUTH	NORTH
1♣	1♥
2NT	3NT

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COLUMN 8 (NOT)

- 1968-9** - Multi 2♦ (weak 2 major or some strong hands) developed by Terence Reese, Jeremy Flint and others, including Robert Sheehan, Jonathan Cansino and Irving Rose.
- 1969** - CC Wei's Precision Club system published (Mr Wei began to develop this system in 1963 with the help of Alan Truscott)
- 1970** - February, first issue of Australian Bridge magazine.
- tour by USA team of Dorothy Hayden, Bob Jordan, Arthur Robinson, Bill Root and Alan Truscott which played two tests of 48 boards each (one in Melbourne and one in Sydney).
- 1971** - Keith McNeil's article "The Dreaded Tartan Two-Bids" is published in the December 1971 issue of Australian Bridge. This article was based on a short article by H. W. Kelsey that introduced these bids published in the November 1968 *Bridge Magazine*. (England) These bids were the precursors to the RCO and all other multi two bids now so popular in Australian tournament bridge.
- 1973** - First Australian National Open Teams held in Sydney at the Menzies Hotel (Wynyard) in which 34 teams entered - won by Egon Auerbach, Max Hitter, Olek Minc and Gaby Lorenz.
- Also in 1973 the Great Bridgerama Systems Challenge was held in Sydney's Town Hall. 750 people watched a match between a Precision Club teams (Jim Borin - Norma Borin, Don Evans - Ian Weiss) and a NSW System team (Tim Seres - Roelof Smilde, Dick Cummings - Edward Griffin).
- Over 18 boards the NSW System team won 48 - 5. The proceeds went to the Lady Mayoress' Relief Fund.
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Friday January 15 Last round Board 9 – Two more stories on THAT BIG HAND.

1. You hold as South ♠K ♥AQ652 ♦A6 ♣AKQJ8 and are pleased to hear partner open 1♣. You bid a quiet 1♥ awaiting developments. LHO passes and partner rebids 2♦! WOW a reverse.....there must be 15 Tricks in NT but the rules only allow you to bid 7NT so without further ado you bid it. When dummy comes down with ♠AQJ108 ♥J ♦KQ7432 ♣10 everyone looks at each other and then at the bidding slip. Yes, North had opened 1S but neither South nor West had noticed it so the insufficient bid had been accidentally condoned.

2. In the NWT Julie Pettit had the huge South hand and was savouring the forthcoming auction when she heard her partner, Julie Sheridan open 2♣ Game Force!! Which of course took away her own opening bid. There was only one possible response of course – 7NT.

Ed North has a nice loser count but its hard to see game force values. I suspect a good dinner and an extra glass of wine may have been part of the picture....?