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A TIP FROM ERIC RAMSHAW

by Tim Bourke

It is Board 2 of Round 1. You are WEST, the dealer, and North-South are vulnerable. You hold:

♠ 10 9 7 4 3
♥ Q
♦ A Q 9 7
♣ 9 4 2

and the bidding is:

West	North	East	South
Lidia	Eric		
Beech	Ramshaw		
2♦	Double	4♥	All Pass

The 2♦ bid was multicoloured, promise a weak two in one of the majors or 20-22 balanced. Partner's double promised some values, possibly even a minimum flat hand. The pass of 4♥ indicated that South held a weak two in spades. What do you lead and why?

The answer to this Quiz is on Page 5.

Attention all Youth Players

Visiting USA Bridge Expert **Brian Glubok**, has kindly offered to spend some time with youth players playing in the SWPT.

Venue: Rydges playing area

Time: Thursday 1.30pm

All Youth players welcome.

NOT Top Ten after 3 rounds

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Rydges Canberra

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"A GRACIOUS COMPLIMENT"

By Eva Hardy from Victoria

National Swiss Pairs Round 7
Board 17 Dealer N Nil Vul

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

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

S Browne
♠ Q 7
♥ 4
♦ Q J 7 6 5 4
♣ J 8 5 4

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

- (1) weak 2 suiter in majors 5-4 either way
- (2) showing strong hand with ♦ values
- (3) ♥ stopper ask

I won the heart lead and took stock....
8 top tricks.

It seemed unlikely that clubs would be 3-3 so I cashed ♣A to guard against singleton jack and played ♣6 towards dummy, put in the ninePhew it won! So I now had 9 tricks.

Not really a difficult hand given the bidding clues, but Richard Brightling and Seamus Browne were approving of my play. I had read about both these famous players but never met them before and was thrilled to have got the hand 'right' against them and to receive a gracious compliment from them.

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

TABLE TALLY AS AT MONDAY

18TH JANUARY

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OPENING LEAD PROBLEM IN THE NWT

You are South with:

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K J 7 5
♦ J 10
♣ K 8 6 5

With you and partner passing throughout, you hear the bidding go:

West	East
1♦	1♠
2♠	3♠
4♠	Pass

What do you lead and why?

Answer Page 7.

A BROWNE BRILLIANCY

by Hilda Lirsch

Men's Pairs Session 3 Board 7

Croft
♠ A 5
♥ A 4 2
♦ A K 10 6 4
♣ 10 9 4

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

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ 5 3
♦ 8 7 5 2
♣ A Q 7

As West, Browne showed a weak two in hearts. Croft then overcalled a natural 2NT, and all passed.

The ♥A was held up, then Croft cashed diamonds from the top. Browne smoothly discarded down to two singleton black honours. The youth champion cashed the ♠A as a discovery play - and with West producing the queen he "couldn't" hold the ♣K as well, since that would be too strong to open a weak two. So now the "marked" club finesse was taken, and Browne claimed for +100 and a top.

NEAT DECLARER PLAY IN A 2 C CONTRACT

by Daniel Ashworth

Final Session AOP
Brd 4

♠ 9 8 6 2
♥ J 7 6
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 10 5 4

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

♠ Q J
♥ A K 10 9
♦ K 9 7 4
♣ K Q 6

After two passes East opened 1♦. South doubled for take out. North bid 1♠ and East persisted with 1NT. South doubled again and West (Les Lowe) converted to 2♣ which became the final contract.

North led a spade and when dummy tracks things don't look too rosy, despite the fact that the killing heart lead hasn't been found.

Les plays the ♠A and South drops the ♠J. After ♦A, ♦ ruff, Les re-entered dummy with ♠K noting the fall of ♠Q from South.

A second ♦ is ruffed and dummy re-entered with the trump ace for a third diamond to be ruffed with ♣J, North discarding a spade. Now when Les conceded a club to South, he has no alternative but to allow the ♥Q to score.

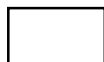
In the actual event South cashed the second top club, (dummy pitching ♠4) allowing dummy's last ♦ to score for 9 tricks, +110 and a good pairs score.

The defence has their chance to defeat the contract. If North discards a ♥ when the third ♦ is ruffed, they will later have a ♥ ruff available when South is thrown in.

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

THE ULTIMATE LIMITS A BRIDGE PROBLEM

♠ AK 7
♥ Q 10 6
♦ Q 9 7 4 2
♣ A 8



♠ 9 5 3
♥ A 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ Q J 10 6 3

South can make Seven Clubs against any defence. What are the East-West hands ?

Answer on Page 5

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

'GOING AGAINST THE FIELD'

By John Bajek

Board 18 Mixed Pairs Session 2

Dealer East N/S Vul

♠ K 8 7 6 4 2
♥ 10 7 5
♦ A 5
♣ Q 7

♠ J
♥ K Q 3 2
♦ K Q 9 8 3 2
♣ 6 4

♠ Q 9 3
♥ A 9 6
♦ J 4
♣ AK 9 3 2

♠ A 10 5
♥ J 8 4
♦ 10 7 6
♣ J 10 8 5

East opened 1NT (12-14) and over West's 2♣ rebid 2♦. West then jumped to 3NT. My partner, Margaret Pussell decided not to lead a club as that seemed likely to be what every one else would lead. We were having a fairly ordinary score and this seemed like a suitable hand to "go against the field". West obviously had a major but which one?

Eventually Margaret decided to lead her strongest three card suit, spades, and

as you can see the spade 5 lead is VERY effective and we scored a top. Our final score wasn't that good but this hand was most enjoyable for us!

WEATHERED

by Stephen Lester

The SWP Teams has at least one multi-family-member team, WEATHERED. R. Weathered, B. Weathered, S. Weathered and Andrew Richman. Our team, BRAITHWAITE played WEATHERED in the first round, and as normal for the last few years (at least in the teams that I have played on) we suffered a resounding defeat (9-21). WEATHERED combined well, and the following hand provided one of their major swings:

Board 12, Dealer West, N/S Vul

♠ K J 6 4
♥ Q 6
♦ J 6 3
♣ AK J 3

♠ -
♥ J 10 9 8 7 5 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ 10 9 7

♠ A 8 5
♥ 4 3
♦ K 9 8 5 4 2
♣ Q 5

♠ Q 10 9 7 3 2
♥ AK
♦ 10
♣ 8 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
Weathered	M. Wane	A. Richman	A. Braithwaite
Pass	1♣	2♦ (1)	2♠
5♦	6♠	All Pass	

(1) Weak

Weathered obviously likes to have a "traditional" suit for her pre-empts, thus Richman was able to make a weak jump overcall of Michael Wanes 1♣.

When Weathered exerted pressure by jumping to 5♦, Michael was not deterred (although he later admitted that he was anticipating his rebid to be at the five level). Perhaps taking the tenet "the five-level is for the opponents" a tad seriously, he leapt majestically to 6♠, two down for -200 and 10 IMPs away.

The auction followed a more normal course at the other table: -

West	North	East	South
Lester	Weathered	McManus	Weathered
3♥	X	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

BRIDGE QUIZ NO 3

Readers of earlier issues of NOT NEWS 1999 have already cut their teeth so to speak on "Defence to 1NT" and Squeezes.

Here is our third and final quiz. Guess how many 1♣ systems (strong or otherwise) we found in the Bridge Encyclopedia and what were they?

Answer Page 7!

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

Australian Bridge Directors Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Bridge Directors Association will be held from
9.30am to 10.30am on Wednesday 20th January
in the
Executive Suite, ground floor, Rydges Canberra Hotel.

Anyone Interested in Directing is Welcome.

THE 1976 BOLLS BRILLIANCY PRIZE

NOT NEWS has been presenting 2 or 3 famous "Hands from the Past" in each issue to keep your grey cells humming and encourage you to come up with brilliancies.

The following hand is well known to may readers. But if you don't "know" the hand..... enjoy!

The Bols Brilliancy Prize for the best individual play or defence in the 1976 World Teams Olympiad in Monte Carlo was won by Ron Klinger, a member of the Australian Open Team.

Ron was nominated for the Brilliancy Prize by Alan Truscott, whose citation was as follows:

"When great players are at the table, there is sometimes scope for a duel: Thrust, parry and counter-thrust continue until one of the duellists draws blood. Consider this deal from the Australia - USA match in the Olympiad: 1976W/O

♠ 7 4	♠ AKJ10 8 6 3
♥ K 8 4 3	♥ 7
♦ K 5	♦ 7 4
♣ A 7 4 3 2	♣ J 9 6
♠ Q 9 5	
♥ A Q J 10 6 2	
♦ J 9	
♣ Q 10	

West led a spade, and East won and returned a trump to cut down ruffs. Rubin made his first good play by playing the queen. He wanted to be in his hand if West ducked. And West did duck. If he had taken the king, the contract would have easily been made by drawing trumps quickly. Thrust and parry.

Rubin now ruffed a spade, removing West's remaining card in that suit, and led to the club queen. (Finessing the 10 would have brought home the contract, but that was hard to judge.) Klinger took the club ace and returned a club, won with the king in dummy. Now a club was ruffed, and the ace and jack of hearts were led.

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

Klinger won with the heart king and found the only play to defeat the contract - a most unusual one. He made the counter-thrust of leading the diamond king. Touché.

This ruined South's communications. The only way to reach his hand to draw the last trump was with a diamond, and that would leave him with a losing spade. After any other return South would have drawn the last trump and used diamonds to get rid of the spade loser."

TOO REVEALING

By Ben Thompson

Round 2 Board 10 Dealer East All Vul.

Bill Jacobs
 ♠ K Q
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ A J 10 9 8 4

Brian Thorp	Len Dixon
♠ J 7 6 5 2	♠ A 8
♥ 7 6 5 2	♥ K Q 8 3
♦ K Q 10	♦ J 8 5 2
♣ 6	♣ Q 5 2
	Ben Thompson
	♠ 10 9 4 3
	♥ A 10 4
	♦ A 9 3
	♣ K 7 3

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

(1) 12 - 14
 ♦K lead, ♦Q, ♦10 to A.
 On a major suit lead such as H6, I would have little to go on as to how to play the club suit. With 9 clubs between my hand and dummy cashing ace and king has some appeal especially as East is known to have a balanced shape. There is room, pointwise for either West or East to have CQ. But the DK lead, which most likely was made from touching diamond honours, means the rest of the high card points are with East. So trusting this analysis I cashed CA and ran the CJ for 9 tricks. I think it could be said that the DK lead was too revealing about where the defensive high card points were situated.

NOT Rydges Datums				
BD	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	
1	-	+300	-10	
2	-	-450	+30	
3	-	+80	+430	
4	-	+170	-20	
5	-	0	-80	
6	-	+460	+100	
7	-	+460	-90	
8	-	+80	+430	
9	-	0	-60	
10	-	+70	0	
11	-	+430	+220	
12	-	-470	-410	
13	-	+290	-570	
14	-	-400	+340	
15	-	+330	+100	
16	-	+270	-40	
17	-	-70	+60	
18	-	+70	+60	
19	-	-560	+410	
20	-	-190	+180	

NOT NCC Datums				
BD	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	
1	-90	+420	-	
2	+110	-450	-	
3	-180	+10	-	
4	-40	+170	-	
5	+160	-10	-	
6	-180	+460	-	
7	0	+370	-	
8	-250	+20	-	
9	-630	+50	-	
10	+560	+130	-	
11	-150	+410	-	
12	+540	-460	-	
13	+320	+400	-	
14	+90	-410	-	
15	-130	+120	-	
16	+160	+180	-	
17	-30	-400	-	
18	-90	+80	-	
19	+340	-430	-	
20	+30	-400	-	

THE ULTIMATE LIMITS

This "hand" comes from an advanced bridge book called "Bridge: The Ultimate Limits", by Eric Mansfield. There are 45 problems like this. It's not everyone's cup of tea, but you can buy it from Post Free Books outside the lifts level 1 Rydges.

Sandwich-Pin Finesse and Trump Squeeze

The full deal is:

<p>♠ A K 7 ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ Q 9 7 4 2 ♣ A 8</p> <p>♠ 8 6 4 2 ♥ J 9 7 5 3 2 ♦ K ♣ K 7</p> <p>♠ 9 5 3 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ A 6 ♣ Q J 10 6 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ K ♦ J 10 8 5 3 ♣ 9 5 4 2</p>
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Contract: Seven Clubs by South against any defence.

Synopsis:

Consider first the North-South hands in isolation, focusing attention on the trump suit.

Declarer must assume that West has doubleton ♣ K 7, as shown, because this is the only holding that will enable him to draw trumps without loss. West's King is sandwiched between the high clubs in the South hand and dummy's Ace, and then the lead of dummy's ♠ 8 pins West's ♣ 7.

However, even with five clubs declarer has only nine top tricks. Two further tricks are available if East has the singleton ♥ K, as shown, and another if either opponent has singleton ♦ K, bringing the total to twelve.

The thirteenth might come' from a squeeze in spades and diamonds, but the South hand is short of entries to achieve this; both of South's Aces may be needed in the process of drawing trumps, and the heart finesse will then

leave declarer in the wrong hand. Against best defence declarer must therefore play for a trump squeeze, trusting that the opponents' cards are as shown above.

The play:

West's best lead is a spade because this delays declarer's entry to the South hand and wastes one of dummy's entries in the process.

After winning with ♠ K declarer comes to hand via ♥ A, say. Then ♣ Q is led, and the defence can always ensure that after two rounds of trumps the lead is in dummy.

Declarer must then return to hand via ♦ A to draw trumps, discarding ♠ 7 and ♦ 4 from dummy. Now the heart finesse is taken to reach this position:

<p>♠ 8 6 ♥ J 9 7 ♦ - ♣ -</p> <p>♠ 9 5 ♥ 8 ♦ 6 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ Q ♦ Q 9 7 ♣ -</p> <p>♠ Q J ♥ - ♦ J 10 8 ♣ -</p>
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When ♥ Q is led, East is squeezed. If he discards a spade, declarer cashes ♠ A and ♦ Q and returns to hand via a ruff to cash ♠ 9. If East discards a diamond, declarer cashes ♦ Q and ruffs a diamond before returning to dummy to cash the established diamond trick.

Finally we note that if West covers the initial lead of ♣ Q and East covers the subsequent lead of ♣ 8, declarer can draw trumps and then execute a simple squeeze against East.

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.

Free Entry to NOT 2000

. . . will go to the winner of the ABF

Annual Brilliancy Prize

for the best hand reported in the NOT NEWS!

You have to be in it to win it. So PLEASE report all good hands to us whether it was your good bridge or partner or even an opponent!

ANSWER TO A TIP FROM ERIC RAMSHAW:

At the table West led a spade and the full deal was:

W/NS

<p>♠ 10 9 7 4 3 ♥ Q ♦ A Q 9 7 ♣ 9 7 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 2 ♥ K J 9 8 7 4 ♥ 8 3 2 ♣ Q 7</p> <p>♠ Q 6 5 ♥ A 10 ♦ K 6 5 4 ♣ K J 8 5</p> <p>♠ A K J ♥ 6 5 3 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ A 10 6 3</p>
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and Eric had little trouble in wrapping up ten tricks.

When discussing the hand, Eric pointed out that this auction calls for a minor suit lead. Why? There is an inference that North was likely to have some values or length in spades for South could correct the 4♥ bid to 4♠ if she had held a weak two in spades.

As a diamond lead is unattractive, you should have found the winning lead of a club. As declarer has no fast entry to take the spade finesse for a club discard, the defence should take a heart, two diamonds and a club.

Tim Bourke

Bidding Problem

SWPT Round 2 Board 17

Dealer North, Nil Vul.

By Ted Chadwick.

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
?			

You pass 1♠ hoping fervently that partner reopens with a double, but no, the idiot rebids 2♣, pass to you. What now? 2♠, 3♠, 4♠???

No, none of these, David Beauchamp's choice was 3♥!! 3♥ was raised to 4 of course. Spade lead to Q and K, ♠A ruffed, overruffed, club to K and Ace. ♠J ruffed, overruffed. ♣K ruffed, overruffed, spade ruff with Ace, ♣J ruffed, overruffed. Trumps drawn in 1 round. South endplayed in spades, setting up the rest of the suit to lead a diamond into AK. Making 6, 480. 1♠X would be about 1100.

At the other table 6NT from West, on a spade lead (!) declarer had 3 spades, 3 clubs, 4 hearts, 1 diamond = 11. South, Ben Thompson, had bared his ♦K smoothly early on and so with declarer took the diamond finesse - the count was down 2.

NOT NEWS CREATION

by Sheena Larsen-Jury

Readers of Not News may be intrigued to know exactly how it is created on a daily basis. I thought that I would try to enlighten you as to the workings, programs and hardware we use each day to bring these bulletins into the world.

Firstly let's meet the editorial team. The editor - in - chief is Peter Jamieson. Peter (born 1946) learnt how to play bridge around 1969. He has been a regular tournament player since 1971 and edited and produced the NSWBA monthly newsletter in the late 70's -

early 80's. Peter and his wife live in Leichhardt, Sydney. Peter has worked for the Commonwealth Bank since 1964 and presently works in Admin Support.

There are two assistant editors - Amy Scudder, and myself, Sheena Larsen-Jury.

Amy is 19 years old and lives in Sydney. She attended Sydney Girls High School and went on to study a Bachelor of Arts at Sydney University after successfully completing her HSC in 1996. After 1 year of study Amy landed a job in Australia's third largest Internet service providers, One.Net. She now works full time as a Corporate Web Page Developer. As well as working full time Amy does some freelance web design for a diverse range of clients in the Sydney area. As you may have guessed when you want to find Amy the best bet is to look in front of a computer screen. However she does take holidays from her job at which time she comes down to Canberra to work at the Summer Festival!

Last but not least on the team is a myself. Like Amy I also went to Sydney Girls High School and completed the HSC there in 1996. From high school I went straight into study at the University of Technology Sydney. There I am 2 years through a five year double degree in Nursing and International Studies. I am majoring in Indonesian, learning to speak the language and I will have the opportunity to study in-country later in my degree. This year I intend to take a (well earned) break from study, in order to do some extra volunteer work for the Aids Council of NSW and the Royal Women's Hospital in Randwick, and so that I can do a little travelling overseas. I have been working on the NOT NEWS for the last two years - this will be my third, and it is a job which I thoroughly enjoy.

N.B. It may be necessary to grab a computer geek to translate some of the following article. You have been warned!

Housed inside our NOT NEWS headquarters is a small workstation consisting of three computers, one each. All using Windows 95, they have Pentium Intel processors with at least 16 MB's of RAM, just enough horse power to churn out the NOT NEWS each day. To create what you are looking at right

now we utilise many programs, all of which perform different functions at different stages of the process.

First each article needs to be put into the computer in a simple word processing program. We primarily use Microsoft Word 6.0, however we do have others to ensure we can accept files of any type. These articles are then formatted.

All results and Datum's are given to us by Martin Wilcox, Jane Rasmussen or Nathan Scudder either by email, via floppy disk or on paper (yes we still sometimes use paper these days) and are then transferred into the bulletin.

Email is also being used to submit articles to us and to give us feedback and comments. If you have access to email feel free to email us at any time on: amy_sheena@bigpond.com.au

The actual program that we use to create the format you see now is Adobe PageMaker 6.5. This creates the columns and allows us to import all the files and images and easily place them into the bulletin and move them around as we wish.

Any images we use, for example the logo on the front cover, are created by Amy or myself using Adobe Photoshop 5.0. We intend to also use this program to import and edit the photos that will be appearsoon in a "NOT NEWS Photo Spread" To get the photos into the computer they are scanned in on an Optic Pro scanner and imported into Adobe Photoshop, where we can then crop and edit them so that they look great before we pop them into the bulletin.

We print each version of the NOT NEWS a dozen times a day for proof reading on a Brother HL - 1070 Laser printer, and store all our files on an lomega Zip Disk (100MB), and yes - we have already filled up 1 disk with articles and bulletins.

The Not News Team usually works until around 1.30am every night getting articles and results into suitable format.

Each morning around 7.30am I deliver the original version to of the day's NOT NEWS to Kwik Copy civic centre to be photocopied and collated into the version you are reading. After it is copied we go and pick them (around 1100 a

day) up around 9.30am - 10am so that we can deliver it to the carousels in time for you to peruse before play.

Not only are we creating an 8 or even 12 page issue of the NOT NEWS each day, but we are also hard at work to change the NOT NEWS into a format that is accessible on the Internet. This is done manually each morning changing the bulletin into HTML format using a program called Adobe PageMill and also used is Macromedia Dreamweaver 2.0. This HTML file is then uploaded to our website (<http://www.one.net.au/notnews/>) using CuteFTP 2.6.

Additional to the HTML file we provide another version of the bulletin in .pdf format which is far superior to online perusal. With this format you can download the file and save it to your hard drive so that you can look at it anytime you like, and even print it out. The print out looks exactly like the version you are now reading.

This version is created by exporting the PageMaker file into Adobe Acrobat Distiller. To view the file on your own computer you will need a program called Adobe Acrobat Reader. (NB No I am not an undercover Adobe salesperson, I promise!). The best thing about having the NOT NEWS on the Net is that people from around the world can follow what is happening here at the Summer Festival.

Written by Sheena Larsen-Jury

Overheard in the bar.....

The two fairfax journalists, Amanda and Belinda, upon entering Cahoots bar at Rydges, and pointing to WA personality Goeff Pocock: "There's that guy we thought was too trendy to be a bridge player". Quite frankly I don't think that Jethro could ever be accused of being "too" trendy!!

Contributed by Nick Fahrer

ANSWER TO 'OPENING LEAD IN THE NWT'

NOT SO SAFE....

Beverley Carmichael (ACT) was convinced the opponents had a quality spade fit and she didn't want to "open" up the wrong suit. So she decided to lead a (safe?) small spade and Kinga had no trouble making her contract. The hands were:

Session 9 Board 8 Nil Vul Dealer West

♠ A 6 3
♥ 10 6 3
♦ K 4 3 2
♣ 9 7 3

♠ Q 10 9 4
♥ A Q 8 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ Q 4

♠ K J 2
♥ 9 4
♦ Q 9 7 6
♣ A J 10 2

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K J 7 5
♦ J 10
♣ K 8 6 5

Ed Beverley showed me the hand last Saturday. I didn't do any good either... my selection of the ♣5 lead was very friendly as the cards lie.

Over Berri Folkard's 1♦, Kinga Moses had an awkward responding hand in their better minor standard style 5 card majors methods. So she decided to bid 1♠ expecting Berri to probably rebid 1NT. Over 2♠ she could have advanced with 3♣ or 3♦ but selected 3♠ ...well maybe Berri would rebid 3NT. No such luck... Kinga would have to practice her 4-3 trump suit technique.

As can be seen the lead of ♦J (opener's first bid suit) leads to ♦K, a diamond ruff and ♠A. Declarer has some choices and may well lose another trick in the wash but I haven't tried to analyse the

hand.

There was no swing as 3NT making four was the score at the other table.

Would you have thought that Kinga and Berri (who were part of the winning 1998 National Womens Team) were in a 4-3 fit on this hand? I certainly wouldn't!!



NEVER A DULL BOARD

By Bill Jacobs

Sometimes it takes real determination to create a swing.

Round 2, Board 14:

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

2♣	1NT
3NT	2♦ ?
	7NT (!!!?)

You might think this is a boring 3NT - but not at our table!

East opened a Weak 1NT, and West bid 2♣ stayman.

Now East had a brainstorm, and forgot his 1NT opening - thinking his partner had opened a strong 2♣, he made a waiting bid of 2♦. When West "announced" 25-27 points with 3NT, he wasted no further time and bid the 7th no trump.

N/S were too bemused to double.

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COLUMN 8 (NOT)

In case you didn't know, NOT NEWS has been running a selection of items about the History of Bridge. We began in 1910 in NOT issue #1 and have slowly progressed to the '70's. (More tomorrow).

1973 - In Australia, Bob Sebesfi and Paul Woods develop SWINE, a method of countering the Double of weak 1NT (later published in Official Encyclopedia of Bridge).

1974 - Venice Cup is christened (World Womens championships held in Venice).

1975 - First use of screens and bidding boxes in a world championship.

1976 - Andrew Reiner's article on "Lavings Over 1NT" is published in Australian Bridge.

In March-April 1976 David Stern organized the tour of Australia by the Lancia Bridge team (made possible by sponsorship from Bert Dean and Michael Fester the owners of the Kingsgate Bridge Club). The Lancia team comprised Omar Sharif, Benito Garozzo, Pietro Forquet and Georgio Belladonna.

The Australian Open Team comprising Denis Howard-Roelof Smilde, Ron Klinger- Les Longhurst and Tim Seres - Dick Cummings with Eric Ramshaw npc, was soundly beaten 158-99imps over 60 boards.

The Lancia team was involved in several other matches as well as a special Congress held at the Menzies Hotel. During this Congress people got to play two boards against the visiting stars and also have their photo taken with the visitors!

The parting remark of Father Mick Bourke at the mass we attended at Queanbeyan this Sunday was:
"Be kind and considerate to your partner this week".

How did he know I would be playing with Neville??

Kinga Moses.



"Do what I say - not what I do"....

A lady player faced with the decision of whether to bid 3 or 4♠ solved her problem in fine style. Normally I would bid 3♠ but "Klinger says that, based on the Losing Trick Count, I should bid four", so I will! At this point the opponents pointed out she was in fact playing the Klinger team! "Oh my" says she but makes 4 anyway. Perhaps you've guessed what happens next? The master himself bid only 3!

BRIDGE QUIZ ONE CLUB SYSTEMS

The Bridge Encyclopedia found 25. Just add the word CLUB to all these :

AMSTERDAM, BANGKOK, BLACK, BLUE, CARROT, CANARY, FRENCH, GREEN, MOSCITO NEAPOLITAN, NOTTINGHAM, ORANGE, PRECISION, SIMPLIFIED PRECISION, SUPER PRECISION, SYMMETRIC RELAY, SCHENKEN, VANDERBILT, PRO SYSTEM, SIMPLIFIED CLUB, VIENNA, NSW SYSTEM, ROMAN, LITTLE ROMAN, ULTIMATE.

There may be others that we missed. One club systems not in the 1994 5th edition of the Encyclopedia include POLISH, POWER and COBRA. COBRA was a computer designed system created by Torbjorn Lindelof and published in 1983. When I was browsing in the Keith McNeil library last week I noticed several books on 1♣ systems. "The Lea System" published in 1965 by Robert Lea. In this unusual system 1♣ opening gets points responses (nothing to do with shape ie a response of 1♦ = 0-5pts, 1♥ = 6-8, 1♠ = 9-11 etc!). Another one club system published in 1983 was called "The Four Leafed Club" by Morris Clark which features a 13-16 1NT, 5 card majors and a 17+ 1♣ opening. The author claimed he had much success with it between 1966 and 1983. Then there was the INGRAM CLUB a slim little book published in 1935. Outside the lifts on level 1 at Rydges, Post free Books are selling for \$19-95 a very new book called 'The American Forcing Minor Bidding System' by Joe Lutz and Jerry Fink. Sounds different And NOT NEWS # 6 mentioned 'NEMESIS' the multi purpose club a la Polish Club with symmetric relays that John Newman and Bobby Evans have been playing during the Summer Festival. So that all adds up to 34 "one club systems" and I am sure there quite a few we have missed. But bear in mind that many of the above systems are almost identical when you look at the nitty gritty. Eg, black, green and orange club are just slightly modified versions of blue club that were used by some members of Ira corn's "Aces" team. The NSW System (now defunct) was derived from the Vienna Club System created about 1935 in Vienna by Dr. Paul Stern. The Vienna club system used some of the ideas in the Vanderbilt Club published by Harold Vanderbilt in 1929.

Peter Jamieson