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50-1 LONGSHOT WINNER BACKED IN TO 12-1 AND WINS AGAIN

by Ron Klingner

In the 1978 World Mixed Pairs in New Orleans, our opponents bid to 7S and this was their trump suit:

SAQJ10963 opposite S void. Clearly there had been a misunderstanding and declarer turned a whiter shade of pale when dummy came into view. With a resigned expression, she played the ace and my singleton king fell. S Q-J-10-9 was enough to pick up the remaining S 8-7-5-4 with partner and the grand slam made for an undisputed top. In writing the hand up at the time, I offered to include our opponents' names. They declined.

With six cards missing, the chance of the king falling singleton is about 2%, a 50-1 chance.

SWPT Round 5, Board 5 was almost a case of deja vu:

Dealer North : N-S vulnerable

♠ 10 8 6
♥ 8 6 5 2
♦ J 6 4
♣ K 6 2

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

♠ K
♥ K 10 9
♦ Q 10 7 5 3
♣ 10 8 5 3

Our opponents bid crisply as follows:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	2♠ (1)	Pass
2NT (2)	Pass	3♦ (3)	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

(1) Weak two (2) Enquiry
(3) Bad hand, strong suit

When declarer, after quite some time, cashed the ace of spades and the king fell, the colour returned to his face. As I had led a heart from North, declarer did not even have to guess which finesse to take at the end and 13 tricks were made.

The chance of the singleton king with four cards missing is 12-1. Keep backing those longshots.

PS: I have the names of East-West and am prepared to release them if their cheque bounces.

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SOME INFO ABOUT THE FINALS

As you are aware the South West Pacific Teams concludes on Friday afternoon (January 22) following the 3 pm session (session 14). The team with the highest number of victory points (irrespective of which venue they played in) will be declared the winners of the Grand Slam Trophy.

The top eight teams from each venue (ie 16 teams in total) qualify for the Australian National Open Teams Championship (NOT) which is held over this coming weekend. The format of the NOT is knockout.

The first phase is known as "The Round of 16" and involves 40 board knockout matches. The teams play 20 boards commencing at 8:30pm on Friday night. On Saturday morning at 10 am the second 20 boards are played. Boards are played in sets of 10 and teams can change their lineups after each set.

If you wish to kibitz some bridge in the Round of 16 (or subsequent matches) there will of course be an "Open" room. The players use screens but there is still room for a fair number of kibitzers. If you wish to watch some famous name players in action, please take this opportunity.

As a bonus (as advertised in your tournament brochure), there will be a Vu-Graph presentation at Rydges in the playing area, of 10 boards of the match between the winners of the Grand Slam Trophy and their opponents. Please come along at 7.30 pm for the presentation of prizes in all the previous events. The Vu-Graph will commence after this. Remember these are knockout matches and EVERY SINGLE IMP is very important, so you can expect to see some very tough (and skillful) bridge!

The top scoring team at Rydges gets to pick their opponent from the teams that finished in 5th to 8th positions at the NCC. Likewise the top scoring NCC team picks its opponent from the 5th to 8th group at Rydges (and so on for the other matches).

After those 40 boards, the tournament finishes for the 8 losing Round of 16

teams. The quarter finals (over 48 boards) commence at 2pm on Saturday.

Sunday is semi-finals day and the four surviving teams play 64 board matches commencing at 10am.

The final of the Australian National Open Teams Championship will be played on Monday 25th January over 64 boards. Kibitzing is of course permitted in the 'open' room throughout the NOT. All NOT matches are played in the Michigan Room with a division between 'Open' and 'Closed' rooms.

Most of the above details are of course in your Tournament Brochure.



THE OCEANIA CONGRESS

How about coming to the ninth Oceania Congress to be staged at the Edgewater Resort, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, from May 1 to May 7. This is one of the world's great bridge holidays and is NOT expensive. Just ask your travel agent. Packages comprising return travel from Sydney and Melbourne, eight nights at the Edgewater Resort and airport-hotel transfers should cost \$1200 - \$1300. It may be necessary to shop around. Last year, a number of Australians got a very good deal from Sandringham Travel (attention Roy Watt), 34 Waltham St, Sandringham, Victoria 3191.

The congress itself is a relaxed affair with participation from Australia, New Zealand and French Polynesia. There is one long session each afternoon and events include teams and pairs championships, mixed pairs and an international pairs. For those who want more bridge, there is a walk-in each morning. This schedule leaves plenty of time for swimming, reefing, snorkelling, fishing, bush walking, golf, tennis, duty-free shopping or just lying by the pool. Each evening is free for dining in a range of first-rate restaurants.

For more information about this colourful congress, please contact Val Brockwell at ABF Headquarters, telephone (02) 6239 2265 or fax (02) 6239 1816.

THE ONLY HOPE

by Peter Reynolds (WA)

NOT Session 3 Hand 4.

Dlr West Vul ALL

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

Alida Clark, sitting South, found herself in the very ordinary contract of 4♠ after:

West	North	East	South
4♥	X	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East's non double of 4♠ could be considered on the conservative side.

The contract looks hopeless (and it is), but Alida, anticipating a bad trump break, came up with the plan of end playing East in trumps!! The play went like this:

♥K taken with A, ♣A, club ruff, ♥9 taken by West's J. East needs to discard and decides to ditch ♦9.

Now came ♥Q and East discarded another diamond. The position now is:

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

With East discarding diamonds West exits ♣J ruffed by declarer. ♦A then small diamond and East must ruff and lead a trump back to K Q 10 and +620!

Ed Another story on this hand was given to me by George Edwards. West opened a ♥, North bids 1♠ (wouldn't you?), East passed and George bid 3♠ passed around to East who decided to apply the axe. Story tomorrow!

IT SEEMED PRUDENT

By George Edwards

There were many different stories on Board 17 Session 2.

This was ours.

Dealer N Nil Vul

<p>♠ 2 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ J 9 8 4 ♣ 10 8 7 6 3</p> <p>♠ A K J 9 7 6 3 ♥ K Q 10 2 ♦ 5 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ A 9 8 ♦ A Q 6 2 ♣ Q J 9 5 4 2</p> <p>♠ Q 10 8 5 4 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ K 10 7 3 ♣ K</p>
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W Nick Fahrler
N Michael Corrigan
E Judith Tobin
S George Edwards

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	Pass	X	2♦*
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

If Corrigan could only pass then this was clearly "their" hand. It seemed prudent to offer him another suit in case there was a spade stack on my left.

Nick won the opening ♦ lead with the ace, cashed ♣A noting the appearance of my king, over to ♥A to play ♣Q and soon after he had 10 tricks for + 420.

At the other table my teammates, Greg Eustace and Joshua Wyner who are both young, keen, twenty something type players naturally charged into slam..... in clubs! 6♣ is not an unreasonable contract but with all the ugly breaks it naturally failed.

Another hand from this match.

Nick Fahrler was on lead to 3♥ after hearing a 1♠ opening on his right, 2♣ on his left, 2♥ on his right and LHO's 3♥ which became the final contract. He and partner had passed through-out non vul vs vul.

Well, what would you have led?

♠ A 9 6 4 3
♥ Q 5 3
♦ 6 4 2
♣ Q 4

Ed Nick Fahrler is the son of Julien Fahrler, a fine bridge player whose name features in many magazines and columns of the 70's. Julien's team was seeded No 2 in the first NOT as shown in NOT NEWS #7.

Nick Fahrler is a regular tournament bridge player (he won the big annual Hakoah Swiss Teams last November) and runs The Bridge Shop in Willoughby, Sydney.

Back to George's story: Nick chose to lead the ♣4!!

This was board 15:

<p>♠ J ♥ 10 6 4 2 ♦ K Q 9 7 ♣ K J 10 9</p> <p>♠ A 9 6 4 3 ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ Q 4</p> <p>♠ Q 10 8 7 5 ♥ A J 8 7 ♦ A 5 ♣ 8 5</p>	<p>♠ K 2 ♥ K 9 ♦ J 10 8 3 ♣ A 7 6 3 2</p>
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I knew Nick was capable of underleading an ace at Trick 1. Why would he have led from ♣Q into a suit bid by dummy? Nick wasn't going to trick me.....I KNEW what to do and called for ♣K!

BIG MISTAKE (..)

Things got ugly now. Judith won ♣A and returned a club to Nick's queen.

♠A was cashed and a spade continued, ruffed in dummy as Judith followed with the king. The best thing now seemed to be to play ace and another trump to stop the looming cross ruff for down one.

Ed: I assume Nick got this low from Qx idea from NOT NEWS #6 page 2 where Neil Ewart led the the ♦7 from Q7 against a 4♠ contract?!

DEFENCE PROBLEM IN 1971

The scene: International Pairs Tournament, Juan-les-Pins, 1971

Dealer East

Love all

<p>♠ - ♥ A 9 8 7 6 ♦ K J 8 7 ♣ K Q J 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 7 4 ♥ J ♦ A Q 10 2 ♣ 7 6 4 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
		2♠	3♥
X	Pass	Pass	Pass

On this hand you will be peering over the shoulder of Benito Garozzo, one of the world's two or three best players, who is sitting West. Your partner is film star and bridge player, Omar Sharif.

Sharif's 2♠ opening bid was weak - showing a six-card suit and from 8 to 10 points. Martin Hoffman, South, over-called 3♥. No doubt you too, like Garozzo, would have doubled. But would you have also defeated the contract?

The ♥6 was led and dummy's ♥J held the trick, East contributing the ♥3. Hoffman led the ♣2 to the ♣9 in the closed hand.

Take over Benito Garozzo's hand - how do you play?

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NOTHING TO DO WITH BRIDGE

Two days ago on ABC FM your editor heard the announcer telling a brief story that seemed worth passing on. Concert pianist Phillipe Collard gave a recital on Saturday January 16 in Sydney. It was the last of his four recitals covering the complete piano music of Debussy – a prodigious feat of memory. It was part way through the recital and Collard was about to commence one of the difficult etudes of 1915.

And then in the front row of the audience a mobile phone went off. Collard handled it cleverly. He turned around to face the audience slightly, cupped a hand to his ear and said in accented English... "Allo?"

After the laughter subsided, he composed himself and then continued the recital.

What is the point of this you say? It is a timely reminder that you MUST turn your mobile phones off while in the playing areas in session time. If you are deeply concentrating on how to defeat Ron Klinger in his 4♠ hand... counting points, counting shape, re-assessing the bidding or previous play to try to find the killing defence – then a mobile phone starts ringing at the next table, HOW DO YOU FEEL?

Almost all mobile phones have voicemail or message bank services for when your phone is turned off. Please utilize those services and consider your fellow bridge players.

Prize Giving

So that we can be sure of getting the Vu-Graph away on time, the Prize Giving has been moved forward half an hour to 7.30pm on Friday the 22nd of January 1999.

The Vu-Graph should be finished by about 10.15pm.

3 IMPS THE HARD WAY

by Ron Klinger

South West Pacific Teams
Round 2 Board 17

Dealer North : Nil vul

♠ 2
♥ 6 5 3
♦ J 9 8 4
♣ 10 8 7 6 3

♠ A K J 9 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 2
♦ 5
♣ A

♠ Q 10 8 5 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 10 7 3
♣ K

♠ -
♥ A 9 8
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ Q J 9 5 4 2

At one table:

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

South emerged with two tricks, East-West +1100.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
X (1)	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

(1) Negative

The ♠2 lead went to the queen and ace. If the clubs are 3-3 or 4-2 with the ♣10 falling, declarer has enough tricks. When the ♣A dropped the king, declarer realised that the club suit would not bring salvation and so continued with a diamond to the queen and king. Expecting that the ♠2 lead was from an honour and that seven spades with the negative doubler would be oh, so unlikely, South continued with a low spade. West finessed the 9 and when the hearts behaved, twelve tricks were there. +990 but 3 Imps away.

Eking out a living as a bridge journalist is a tough task but hands such as these can add a little Moet & Chandon. Both Souths declined when asked whether they would care to be named and as the price was right, both have retained their anonymity.

THE DREADED DOUBLE GAME SWING

by Ron Klinger

The largest swing in the NWT Final came on Board 26:

Dealer East : Both vulnerable

♠ J 10 7 4
♥ 5 4
♦ 2
♣ K J 10 9 8 3

♠ A 9 5 3
♥ K 7
♦ Q 9 8 7 6 3
♣ Q

♠ K Q 6 2
♥ J 10 9 3 2
♦ A K 10 4
♣ -

♠ 8
♥ A Q 8 6
♦ J 5
♣ A 7 6 5 4 2

At one table:

West	North	East	South
Nailand	Butts	Pitt	Vincent
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣*	X
4♠	All Pass		

*Splinter raise

North led ♣K, ruffed. Declarer played ♠K, ♠Q, spade to the ace, then diamonds. 10 tricks. +620.

The other table:

West	North	East	South
Millar	Hay	Clayton	Moir
		1♥	2♣
X	5♣	P	P
X	All Pass		

West led the ♥K. Curtains. 11 tricks. +750 and +16 IMPS to the ultimate winners.

Interested in Bridge on a Computer??

Richard Brightling, proprietor of *The Bridge Shop* in Willoughby, Sydney advises that you are welcome to utilise the computer set up at the Bridge Shop stand just inside the playing room at the NCC. See for yourself how bridge programs like Baron etc work.

HAND ANALYSIS OOPS BY EDITOR!

Five eminent bridge persons have given NOT NEWS feedback on the hand reported on page 3 NOT NEWS # 3 where a trump coup was described incorrectly.

♠ 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

South plays 4♥ on the ♦3 lead after (1♣) – 1♦ – (P) – 1♥ (3♣) – P – (P) – 4♥//

The hand had been jotted down at great speed on scrap of paper and your editor did not analyze the scrap of paper properly for the sequence given does not work. At the table a trump coup was executed for +620. Unfortunately by the time I had time to chew over the hand etc, Barbara had left Canberra so I was unable to confirm EXACTLY what did happen.

Tim Bourke sent me an Email with some analysis about this hand for which I am grateful. If declarer at trick 3 plays a low spade to the jack (ace wins), the trump coup position can be reached. This is providing the defense continues with ♣Q at T5. Now declarer must not play the ♣K but instead should ruff. Now ♥A, ♠K, low spade-ruffed and the five card ending is

♠ Q ♠ 10
♥ - ♥ Q 7
♦ Q 9 5 ♦ K 10
♣ K ♣ -

♠ - ♠ -
♥ K J ♥ -
♦ J 8 7 ♦ -
♣ - ♣ -

Declarer is in hand and plays ♦J and the defense can only make one more trick – ♦K. Lets assume that was how the play went.

But wait! There's more....Tim Bourke points out that if West wins ♠A, cashes ♣A and exits with a spade..rather than play ♣Q, now declarer does not have sufficient entries to execute the trump coup.

Apologies from your editor who did not fully analyse the hand before writing the dialogue etc. However these things can happen when working at speed late at night or in the wee small hours.

There have been quite a few 'typos' and hands in wrong places and insufficient or illogical analyses but I am fairly rusty at this sort of task and Amy and Sheena have only moderate knowledge about bridge.

My apologies in particular to Tim Bourke for inadvertent glitches by NOT NEWS with two of his contributions.

Peter Jamieson

IS IT REGULATORY 'THIN ICE'?

by Michael Kent

From observation and the comments of a number of participants it would appear that two new (to me) practices have been adopted by some of the stronger pairs which can cause unexpected difficulty and confusion for the pairs they meet.

The first of these was reported in NOT NEWS #6, Appeal 6, where South overcalled the 1♣ opening with 1♥ which systemically showed odd ranking suits, was weak, and could be as little as 4 - 3 in distribution. The hand in question had a 4 - 3 - 3 - 3 which could just as easily have been described as two suits of the same colour. To a question from one of the Appeal Committee it was advised that the range could be 0 to 13 HCP's.

The ABF Systems Regulations for defining a system as Yellow makes the following statement:

"Overcalls may include non-descriptive (or 'random') overcalls, such as 'That bid can mean anything' or 'He holds

thirteen cards', 'We make random overcalls over a Precision 1♣ regardless of strength.' In such cases, partnership experience must be disclosed."

It is my contention that the overcalls as described above, which could be varied at the whim of the bidder, should be classified as Yellow with all the restrictions that that imposes.

The second practice which I call into question are the pairs who are arriving at the table, each player with two system cards, one played in, say, first and second seat and the other in third and fourth. One example I was given was Standard in 1st and 2nd and Precision in 3rd and 4th.

Amongst many System Regulations the ABF states:

"For all National (Gold Point) events, each pair shall have two systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of play..."

So two system cards are against ABF Regulations. It would also seem questionable when completing the Basic System section to be able to write Standard and Precision.

So much for Regulations but what about the spirit of the game??

We all understand that our top pairs are aspiring for international representation and that they want to use every advantage to attain it. However, should they be allowed to use these types of tactics against the average and generally inexperienced players who are the main supporters of The Summer Festival of Bridge? I have never been one to want to ban system development but these seem to me to be "shock tactics" which will have their main benefit against unprepared players and will damage the general enjoyment of the game for them.

The ABF should revise its thinking on these issues.

Ed Michael Kent is not wearing his "directors hat" in this article. He has expressed his own views from the perspective of a bridge player.



THE YOUNGER GENERATION

by Stephen Lester

West North East South

Baker	Woodhead	Crave - Mai	Nunn
25	28	29	20

I kibitzed one of the younger tables (see ages above) at Table 9, where MOIR played SEBESFI. On board 13 a combination of a good bidding judgement and unnerving defensive play provided the N/S pair with a penalty.

The bidding went:

West	North	East	South
	5♦	Pass	Pass
X	Pass	5♥	X

All Pass

With three diamonds many Souths would pass for fear that much of their defensive values were wasted. Not so Tony Nunn. He started with a trump lead in order to cut down ruffs. Damon Woodhead won ♥A and switched to ♦9 suit preference.

Quick as a flash Nunn won his ace and switched to a low club, which Woodhead of course ruffed. A late club meant +500. Crowe-Mai said that he should have realised that ♦9 asked for a club, but at the time he thought that Damon would have switched to his lowest diamond with his actual holding.

Top marks to the defenders for their faith in one another. The board provided a major pick-up for MOIR where the contract was 5♦X -200 at the other table 12 IMP's away.

Ed I was pleased to be able to play 20 boards in Rnd 5 with George Edwards, an old partner of mine from the 70's. I was East on this board, and Devorah Lees (who was in the 98 NSW Womens team) also opened 5D, Ian McKinnon passed, George doubled -all pass. S3 led to J. SA cashed, HK switch. Devorah won her A, drew trump in one round now spade to my K and George pitched C2. I knew Devorah was 3-1-8-1 or 3-2-8-0 shape. George knew I would have bid 5H if I had 4-6-1-2 shape. He was trying to tell me NOT to play a club. I wished we were playing count only signals. After much thought I decided to trust partner and played a heart for +500. PS Yes it was THE Ian McKinnon who many of us knew years ago. I had seen not Ian for many years. He has not

played bridge for many years due to family and business commitments but managed to squeeze in some bridge in the 1999 SWPT. His team is playing at the NCC.

The hand was:

Dealer North, All Vul

♠ 9 8 4
♥ A J
♦ K Q J 10 9 6 5 4
♣ -

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

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 9 2
♦ A 8 7
♣ Q J 6 5

ANSWER TO DEFENCE PROBLEM IN 1971

Paul Hackett

♠ Q 8 7 4
♥ J
♦ A Q 10 2
♣ 7 6 4 2

Benito Garozzo

♠ -
♥ A 9 8 7 6
♦ K J 8 7
♣ K Q J 3

Omar Sharif

♠ A K J 9 6 5
♥ 3
♦ 6 5 3
♣ 10 8 5

Martin Hoffman

♠ 10 3 2
♥ K Q 10 5 4 2
♦ 9 4
♣ A 9

Contract 3♥ doubled Lead: ♥6

Hoffman's plan was to keep Omar out of the lead. He intended to win the club return with the ace and then finesse the ♦10. A club ruff, another diamond finesse, the ♦A and another club ruff would then see him home, for he would still make two tricks with his ♥K Q 10.

Like lightning Garozzo returned the ♦K!

This pinned the lead in dummy, killing an entry before he was ready to use it, and prevented declarer from ruffing two clubs in his hand.

Did you too, find the correct defense? No? You are in good company. Not many players would.

Ed Did you notice some similarity between this hand and Ron Klinger's defence in NOT NEWS #7?

Sending the king into the AQ like this is a very rare event, but be sure it will happen again.... maybe even this week at NOT 1999!

♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣ ♠♥♦♣

Australian Bridge

The next issue of Australian Bridge will be A4 size. I hope it still fits in your bookcase! If you don't have it in your bridge library - YOU SHOULD!!

Currently \$37.50 per annum for six issues, Stephen Lester, the editor, is at the SWPT, and is happy to offer seven issues for the price of six to new subscribers. (Dec. issue free). You can pay by cheque, cash or major credit cards, or he will even bill you! You can get forms from Stephen (at Rydges), The Bridge Shop stand at NCC or Ron Klinger's stand at Rydges.

As a sample of what you can expect in the February issue, there is a humorous article by Brian Glubok, visiting bridge pro from the USA (playing with John Roberts) plus a series of replies to Leiv Bornecrantz's controversial article on psyching. Not all of these are in favour of the article, I might add!

If you aspire to be a good bridge player, or even an improving player you really should subscribe to Australian Bridge.

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WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

Board 19 Session 3

♠ A Q 4 3
♥ 10
♦ 4 2
♣ A K 8 7 6 3

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

♠ 10 9 8 6 5
♥ K 8 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ 5 2

West	North	East	South
			Pass (1)
Pass	1♣ (2)	Pass	1♠ (3)
Pass	3♥ (4)	Pass	4♥ (5)
Pass	4♠ (6)	Pass	5♦ (7)
Pass	6♣ (8)	Pass	6♥ (9)
Pass	6♠ (10)		

North's Thoughts	South's Thoughts
1. Didn't see it.	1. Can't Open
2. Clubs	2. Better Minor
3. Spades	3. Spades
4. Splinter	4. ♣ + ♥ big and shapely
5. Partner got it wrong	5. 4 card support
6. I got spades	6. Cue
7. Cue	7. Cue
8 Better Try ♣	8. Do you have 4♥
9. Not again	9. Yes I do
10. Wake up Rabbit	10. We got this wrong!

Defender came to the rescue entering the spirit of things, lead ♥A and found ♠Kx on side thank you very much.

submitted by Incog Nito.



WHAT FALSECARD?

by D. Weston + J. Harkness

Session 8 - Swiss Pairs

One round to go and we were coming third - a couple in front of 4th and one behind 2nd and 6 off the lead. So even with a favourable 17- 13 outcome in the leaders match, we still needed at least a 20 - 10 result to overhaul them and at least 21 to stay clear of possible "bolt-ers" from behind.

Playing against Tony Nunn (aka Trevor) and Paul Brayshaw we were having a solid set. We had won a partscore battle but had also gone for -200 in 3♣X. Then board 31 came up. Sitting N/S we had the following auction:

	Justine Paul	Dave	Trevor
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♦
X	3♦	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT!(1)	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

(1) Promises 4 Aces

Justine, always the optimist, assumed (hoped!) I held the right aces. Luckily I didn't hold any kings so wasn't put under any pressure by playing in 7♥ on a spade lead. Against 6♥, Trev led the ♦A which provided me with 13 tricks when ♣ + ♥ broke favourably. It is always good to bid a making slam in Swiss Pairs as you are sure to pick up at least 8 IMPs.

Immediately following this hand was board 32. Paul sitting West opened 1NT (11 - 14) and the auction proceeded as follows:

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♦ (1)
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

(1) Both Majors

I bid 2NT, regretting we hadn't been able to penalise 1NT. The ♣5 was led against 2NT. Small from dummy drew the ♣J (luckily) and the ♣K. A small spade drew the falsecard of the ♠8 from Trev and the ♠K + ♠6, a small heart to the ♥K won and the ♠7 ducked, saw the ♠A beat thin air and rueful smirks from our opponents. Probably still a little put-out the club return was won by the ♣A and the suit was cleared. Now another ♥ from dummy was won by the

♥A and returned. But I now had 2 hearts, 2 clubs, 1 diamond and 3 spades with the marked finesse, for 8 tricks and a very lucky 3 IMPs in.

Everyone wanted to know how I had gotten spades right, especially after the ♠8 falsecard. What can I say to this but "What falsecard?" This caused the whole table to crack up, as well as the kibitzer!!!

Trev and Paul missed a close game on the last round to put the icing on the cake and to give us a 23 - 7 win and the tournament!!

Ed: Congratulations to David and Justine in winning the 1999 Australian National Swiss Pairs. There was a record 234 pairs and it was a full swiss with a fresh draw after each of the 7x16 board matches. There were dozens of illustrious players in the field.

A ROSY VIEW

by Kinga Moses

Darling husband Neville took a rosy view of Board 15, Round 4 of the SWPT.

N/S Vul South Dealer

♠ 10 8 5 4
♥ J 10 8 7
♦ A
♣ 9 7 4 2

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

♠ A K 7 6
♥ A 6 3
♦ J 4 2
♣ A J 8

West	North	East	South
			1NT (1)
Pass	2♣ (2)	Pass	3♠ (3)
Pass	4♠ (4)	All Pass	

- (1) 15 - 18
- (2) Ext. Stayman, anything is better than 1NT (except 2NT)
- (3) Max, 4 spades
- (4) One for the road

West led the 5 of hearts, J, Q and A! A of spades, small heart to 9, 10 and K. Club switch to 8 + K, club continued - 10 tricks thanks. Scary game this bridge!



Far Left: Sean Mullamphy (Canberra) and Bob Richman.
Left: Ishmael Del'Monte



Far Left: Roger Penny.



Left: Peter Marley, Sean Mullamphy and Laurie Kelso.



Far Left: The Caddies at the NCC, with Angela Little.



Left: Paul Lavings



Far Left: John McIlrath and Jim Fitzgerald



Left: Stephen Burgess and Paul Marston.

CAUGHT ON FILM - OR IS IT DIGITALLY?

NOT NEWS 1999 sent a team of agents armed with digital and other cameras to spy on the people enjoying themselves at this **serious** bridge gathering.

The NOT NEWS team gratefully thanks Jim Fitzgerald (Sydney) for letting us use his digital camera.



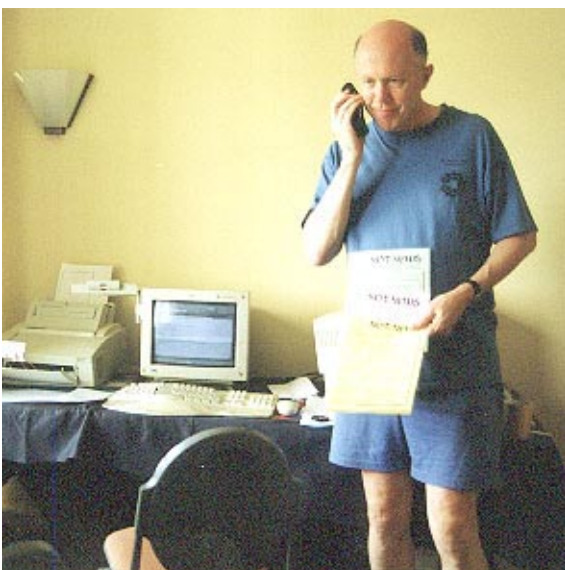
Left: Bob Rawkins

Above: Bobby Evans and John Newman

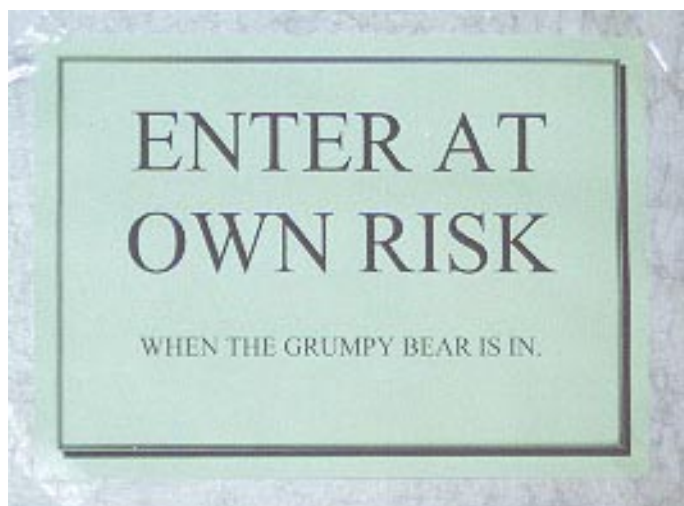


Far Left: David Priol and
Bunty Mare.

Left: Khokan Baghi and
Seamus Browne.



Peter Jamieson organising another article.



Sign on door of Martin Wilcox's scoring room!

PARTNERSHIP DEFENCE

by John Newman

Round 1, Brd 4, Dlr West, All Vul

	♠ Q 7 5 2	
	♥ 8 5 4	
	♦ K 9	
	♣ K J 10 8	
R. Evans		P. Buchen
♠ A J		♠ K 9 8 4 3
♥ 9		♥ K 10 6 2
♦ 10 5 4 3 2		♦ 8 7
♣ 9 7 6 5 4		♣ A 3
	♠ 10 6	
	♥ A Q J 7 3	
	♦ A Q J 6	
	♣ Q 2	

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

When the opponents bid effortlessly to the excellent 3NT contract, Peter figured that the only chance for the defence was a spade lead, so he doubled. How right he was!! Bobby dutifully led ace and jack of spades and Peter nicely overtook with the King to play a suit-preference ♠8 to dummy's queen. Declarer tried a low Club from the table, but Peter hopped up with the ace and cashed his spades for a well earned 1 trick set. It looks as if 3NT can be made by playing and leading the 8 of hearts through East's ♥ K 10 6, and later using the ♦K as the required entry to pick up the whole heart suit. Not so replied Bobby - I already had the 10 of diamonds ready for the first round of the suit! With defences like that I am glad these guys are my team mates!



Appeal 8

Event: National Open Teams

Session: 2

Match: 113 vs 39

Players:

North: G. Peston

South: R. Dawaubi

East: P. Collins

West: H. Cusworth

Tournament Director: R. Grenside

Board 20 Dealer West All Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Final Contract:
3NT making 8 tricks.

The Play:

1. Lead was ♦J, won ♦Q
2. Small ♦ to ♦K
3. ♦A from dummy. Declarer discarding small heart. (I turned this trick the wrong way as if I had lost the trick).
4. Small diamond lead from dummy won by North. Declarer discarded a heart.
5. ♥10 lead from North, won my South's ace.
6. Club switch, declarer played ♣Q, won by North with ace.
7. Heart lead won by declarer's ♥K, at which point I claimed:

Saying:

"Crossing to K, J of spades"

I then looked at my tricks on the table and saw I only had three tricks (before I played the spades). I said I was throwing a club on the diamond and taking A, Q of spades, conceding a club and one off.

Dummy pointed out I had a trick pointed the wrong way earlier in play and I had made the contract.

Cards remaining at this point:

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

(Not too sure about South's pips)

Tournament Director's Report and Decision:

Alleged defective claim and concession.

Unable to determine the actual facts so ruled under law 70D and 85B, 3NT -1.

Appellants Claim:

The point of the appeal is that I was clearly claiming 4 spades and 1 diamond tricks and mistakenly said one off because of the third trick pointing the wrong way.

Appeals Committee's Decision:

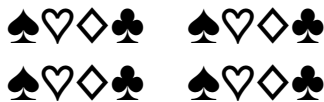
The committee was no more able to determine the facts than was the director.

The claim seemed to be 'clouded'. Dummy, the committee felt, interfered possibly before the claim was complete. However, we will never be sure whether or not declarer mentioned the club pitch on the ♦ prior to the 'one off' statement, but we do believe it was her intention to do so.

The claim seemed, on the face of it, defective. Equity restored by assigning average score of +600 and -100 = +250 E/W.

NOT NCC Datums

BD	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6
1	+340	+110	-60
2	+30	-90	-460
3	-30	+460	-1080
4	-520	-230	-60
5	+40	-160	0
6	+150	+100	-70
7	-560	-650	+530
8	-250	+120	-390
9	+410	-70	+260
10	-120	-200	-140
11	-50	-170	-380
12	+280	+200	-10
13	+440	-160	+620
14	+90	-200	+170
15	+10	-20	-420
16	+40	+90	+90
17	-120	+370	-260
18	+460	+50	0
19	+170	+50	+340
20	+200	+540	+120



NOTRydgcs Datums

BD	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6
1	+420	+50	+40
2	+30	+30	-420
3	+120	+450	-1130
4	-520	-150	-80
5	+30	-580	-50
6	+210	+30	-40
7	-600	-640	+490
8	-310	+110	-370
9	+320	-100	+190
10	+40	-310	-100
11	-20	-120	-410
12	+320	+250	+40
13	+570	0	+610
14	+80	-220	+70
15	+110	-20	-420
16	+30	+60	+50
17	-120	+60	-270
18	+360	+40	-110
19	+200	+20	+210
20	+200	+530	+90



Winners of the National Women's Teams Championships -
Deborah Moir, Jillian Hay, Helene Pitt, Rita Nailand



Runners-Up in the National Women's Teams Championships -
Lindy Vincent, Joan Butts, Margaret Millar, Robyn Clayton

**Walk-In Results
January 18th**

Session 1

- 1st** S. Thillaivanan - G. Greenwood
- 2nd** H. Watson - I. Wallace
- 3rd** K. Dougall - A. Dougall

Session 2

- 1st** S. Coleman - R. Corkhill
- 2nd** R. Jegendran - Thillainathan
- 3rd** Gilmour-Walsh - J. Judd

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COLUMN 8 (NOT)

- 1977** - First edition of Alan Sontag's excellent book "The Bridge Bum" about his first few years as a (successful) bridge professional.
- 1980** - Bridge World publishes Edwin Kantar's excellent first article on Roman Keycard Blackwood in the July issue.
- 1983** - Visit to Australia by the Precision Team (Kathy Wei- Judi Radin, Alan Truscott-Dorothy Truscott) who beat the Open Australian team in a test match over 32 boards by 58-38 imps (The Australian Team was Frank Theeman - Seamus Browne, Alan Walsh - Bruce Neill and Paul Marston- Steven Burgess)
- 1984** - International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) gives its award for the best article on a Convention or System to Bruce Neill for his article on "Rubensohl" (A variation and extension of Lebensohl used in many different competitive bidding situations). Bruce's article was originally published in May 1983 *Bridge World* and reprinted in September 1984's *Australian Bridge*.
- 1988** - First issue (July) of Pamela and Matthew Granovetter's exciting new bridge magazine "Bridge Today".
- 1991** - In October 1991, Australian Bridge published Ron Klinger's article "To CRO or RCO" where he describes the multi 2's that he first developed in the early 80's as part of his Power System.
- In December 1991 Paul Martson's article called "MOSCITO the system with bite! " about his aggressive light opening big club bidding system, is published in Australian Bridge. A summary of the system can be found in the Bridge Encyclopedia.
- 1992** - Larry Cohen published "To Bid or not to Bid" which published the "Law of Total Tricks". This theory was first developed in the 1950's by a Frenchman Jean-René Vernes.
- June 1994** - Matthew Cleggs "OK Bridge" (the live Internet bridge application) is launched commercially.
At the end of 1996 there were 1900 members.
At the end of 1997 there were 5000 members
At the end of 1998 there were some 15000 members

NOT BRIDGE

BY ANONYMOUS

John Howard was in Washington DC being entertained by Bill Clinton. He asked the President how he selected members of his cabinet. "I just use an intelligence test" said Mr. Clinton, "let me give you an example."

He called Madeline Albright into his office and asked her:

"Madeline, who is the child of your father and of your mother, but is not your brother or your sister?"

"That's easy" she answered, "It is I."

John Howard was mightily impressed. Immediately upon returning to Canberra he called Tim Fischer into his office.

"Who is the child of your father and of your mother, but is not your brother or your sister?" he asked his deputy. Mr Fischer was very puzzled. He took off his hat and scratched his head.

"Gee John, that's a tough one." he replied "Can I have a little while to nut it out?"

"Sure" said the PM, "bring me the answer by 10am tomorrow."

Tim Fischer spent a sleepless night without solving the conundrum. So first thing in the morning he rang Peter Costello, "Pete" he said, "You're a smart bloke. Who is the child of your father and of your mother, but is not your brother or your sister?"

"That's easy" said Peter Costello "It's me"

At 10am sharp Tim walked into Johnny's office and said "John, I have worked out the answer to your question. It's Peter Costello!!"

"No.... you IDIOT!" admonished John Howard, "It's Madeline Albright"

Its a Tough Game

contributed by Kinga Moses

The West we were playing had just gone down in a vulnerable game.

"There's blood on the table" announced East menacingly.

"Fair go!" said West "I was only one off and it was a tough hand"

"No - there really is blood" said East.

And there was! West had scratched her arm on her brooch and crimson drops were spreading on the cloth.

Tough game this bridge!!