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BIDDING COUP

NOT Quarter Final

Board 21; Session 4; Dealer North, N/S
Vul

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

Playing Acol (where 1NT =12-14), what would you open in 4th seat after three passes?

The textbook bid is of course 1♣.

Since everyone has passed, it seems that the only like game will be 3NT.

Deborah Moir found the opening bid of 1♦ !...planning to rebid 2NT showing 17-18. Since partner was a passed hand it was unlikely partner would go overboard supporting diamonds. Further more, it was likely everyone was balanced else there would have been a multi from someone.

Partner bid 1♥ and her 2NT was raised to 3NT. North led a low spade and, Deborah won this and played the 2 of hearts to the 9. South can beat the contract by switching to diamonds but, understandably, continued with the spade J, ducked. Still a chance for a D switch but the club exit (lead up to weakness) looked normal. Deborah won this and continued the hearts making 2 heart tricks, 4 clubs, 1 diamond and two spade tricks.

This is an interesting hand if N/S played Mckenney (or Lavinthal) type signals.

For instance when the ♠J is played and ducked, if North plays the ♠10, it would tell South that West has the ♠Q as well as asking for partner to switch to the HIGHER of the two untouched suits. Generally in this type of situation, the suit being opened up or developed by declarer is excluded in the context of suit preference.

Peter Jamieson

**Will there be a NOT News #13? Why of course... but you'll have to get those mice powered up, because you'll only get it on the net:
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NOT 2000 Quarter Finals

In the Round of 16 eight teams were knocked out. Those remaining played today. Here are the results of those matches:

Team	1-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	Total
NEIL	36	59	94	139	139
MOIR	22	58	59	83	83
KONIG	36	72	105	158	158
FINIKOTIS	35	67	79	112	112
BOREWICZ	11	31	46	82	82
TRAVIS	35	69	80	93	93
BRAITHWAITE	58	79	115	141	141
SMITH	4	29	54	129	129

Tomorrow is a semi-final of 64 boards. Koniog plays Neil and Travis plays Braithwaite. Good luck to those teams!

Top 15 Mixed Teams Results after 6 (of 10) Rounds

1st	1	M Bourke, M Willcox, E Ramshaw, J Hunt, S Bird, A Delivera	126
2nd	7	D. Weston, J Harkness, L Harkness, R Harkness	117
3rd	3	C Snshall, H Snashall, L Levy, P Levy, V Muntz, K Muntz	117
4th	48	W Burrows, M Genc, M Perley, S Coleman	117
5th	49	B Hoffeins, P Hoffeins, E Gallie, K Upson	112
6th	21	A Sarten, K Crowe-Mai, K Cumpstone, J Hay, A Silver	110
7th	23	L Stevenson, D Stevenson, N Croft, D Wiltshire, P Sherman, E Urbach	109
8th	15	J Ebery, L Gold, L Gold, P Cundasamy	106
9th	4	J Pettitt, J Pettitt, T Hutton, H Rule	104
10th	31	T Marker, R Murray, B Clark, J Tonkin	100
11th	13	A Creet, K Creet, N Ewart, D Wawn	99
12th	38	A Struik, C Davis, M Brennan, P Brennan	99
13th	2	R Hills, D Jesner, E Dudley, A Powell, H Ali, S Hurley	99
14th	19	J Tyson, J Karatsoreos, B Williams, R Nixon, A Little	98
15th	37	T Wells, B Sondergaard, E Pugh, J Pugh	98

TWO BOOBIES IN THE ONE TRAP: LASSITUDE IN THIS LONGITUDE AT THIS ALTITUDE.

By Brian Colpitts

The terrible twins (el Nino and La Nina) must be held responsible for the lassitude both teams demonstrated in this midway point in the SWPT, 7th Session hand.

Board 10 was definitely weather-affected at both tables.

Dealer East, Vul All

♠ Q 6 3
♥ A K Q 10 9
♦ A K 10 2
♣ 2

♠ K 10 8 7 4
♥ 7 5
♦ 7 5
♣ J 9 5 3

♠ J
♥ J 3
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3
♣ Q 10 8 6

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ 4
♣ A K 7 4

When North declared 6♥ LASSITUDE stuck at trick one on the lead of ♠J, run to the king. Spade return – ruff – one off.

South as declarer at the other table had more time the sink into a torpor on the less than dynamic ♥x lead. Perhaps, he simply THOUGHT himself to sleep!

His plan of attack was:

THOUGHT 1) No problem if the trumps are 2:2. Draw trumps discard a ♠ in dummy on the 2nd high club. Cash a spade, lose a spade, ruff a spade. Ruff 2 diamonds in declarer's hand.

THOUGHT 2) If trumps are 3:1 can't afford to test trumps as opponent with the ♠K could have the 3rd trump to play and prevent 2nd diamond ruff.

EXECUTION: (Or was it self-immolation?)

Trick 1 – win in Dummy the ♣AK – spade discard from dummy. SMALL ♠ towards dummy's now ♠Qx. West grabbed the king (noting East's jack fall)

and shot back ♠x : ruff : one-off.

As declarer slowly regained consciousness he could hear the Devil's (sorry the opponents) chortling. So this is what Hell is really like!

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

RON DEFENDS

by David Stevenson

Some people have been asking me whether I can play this game as well as direct. Well, judge for yourselves! Last time I played at the Young Chelsea, London's most prestigious duplicate club, I scored 23% with a British junior international! Anyway, playing with my great friend Ron Higgins, this was our defence:

♠ K Q J 7 6 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ K 10
♣ J 3

♠ A 5 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A 7 6 3
♣ 7 6 4

North opened 1♠, 2♥ from South, raised to 3♥, 4NT, 5♣ from RHO, 6♥, partner led ♣5, J, 4, 9. Dummy leads the ♠K and you intelligently deduce the void from the two aces. You duck, and declarer and partner follow small, partner showing three cards. Whoops!

Declarer now leads a small spade from dummy, small, ruff, small, then he leads the ♦J, 9 (= even number), K, your turn. What do you do to avoid making a total prat of yourself?

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♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

2 DIAMOND OPENING

by Warren Lazer

Ted Chadwick has written many articles rubbishing the 2♦ opening, which shows 6-10 HCP and both majors. Well sometimes it does ok.

Session 11 Board 10

Dealer East, Vul All

♠ J 4 3
♥ 8 7 6
♦ J 3
♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ K Q 6 2
♥ A K 5
♦ A K 5 2
♣ Q 7

♠ A 10 9 8 5
♥ Q 10 9 4 3
♦ 6 4
♣ 10

♠ 7
♥ J 2
♦ Q 10 9 8 7
♣ J 9 8 5 2

East	South	West	North
Gumby		Lazer	
2♦ (1)	Pass	2NT (2)	Pass
3NT (3)	Pass	4♣ (4)	X
4♥ (5)	Pass	4NT (6)	Pass
5♠ (7)	Pass	6♠ (8)	All Pass

- (1) 4 plus ♥ and 4 plus ♠ 6 – 10 HCO.
- (2) Relay enquiry
- (3) 5/5
- (4) sets hearts
- (5) minimum, but with control in clubs
- (6) modified KCB
- (7) 1 key card and ♥Q
- (8) This looks pretty solid!

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

WHAT WOULD YOU BID?

1. Dealer East E-W Vul

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠

2♠ (1) ?

(1) Strong heart raise

North holds: ♠ Q 8 5 4

♥ 3

♦ A K J 8 6 2

♣ 10 4

2. Dealer South; Both Vul

West	North	East	South
			Pass

1♠ Pass ?

East holds:

♠ Q J 6 4

♥ A 8 7 6

♦ 6

♣ A 9 7 4

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Ron Defends (2)
by David Stevenson,
Liverpool, England, UK

Did you win and attempt to cash partners $\diamond Q$? So do most people! However, have you asked yourself why they are in this slam? South has followed in every plain suit, so he has no void. He has at most two aces, so why has he bid slam? Easy! $5\clubsuit$ shows 0 or 3 out of 5 (RKCB) and South thought it was three. This makes the defence easy – just cash partner's $\clubsuit A$!

	\spadesuit KQJ762	
	\heartsuit QJ5	
	\diamond KT	
	\clubsuit J3	
\spadesuit T93		\spadesuit A54
\heartsuit 8		\heartsuit 762
\diamond 9854		\diamond A763
\clubsuit AT852		\clubsuit 764
	\spadesuit 8	
	\heartsuit AKT943	
	\diamond QJ2	
	\clubsuit KQ9	

Naturally, Ron returned a diamond, and we had combined to let through a slam with three cashing aces! Surely, things can only get better, and I am playing with the British junior international again at the start of March. Wish me luck!

$\spadesuit\heartsuit\diamond\clubsuit\spadesuit\heartsuit\diamond\clubsuit\spadesuit\heartsuit\diamond\clubsuit$

THE RELAY MULTI CUE BID IN ACTION

by Alex Ozanne

Session 13, Board 12
Dealer West; N/S Vul

	\spadesuit K Q J 5 4 2	
	\heartsuit K Q 9 5 2	
	\diamond A	
	\clubsuit 4	
\spadesuit A 10 8 7 6		\spadesuit 9 3
\heartsuit 10		\heartsuit 7 6 4
\diamond 5 4 3		\diamond Q 9 2
\clubsuit K J 10 6		\clubsuit A Q 7 5 2
	\spadesuit -	
	\heartsuit A J 8 3	
	\diamond K J 10 8 7 6	
	\clubsuit 9 8 3	

West	North	East	South
Pass	$1\spadesuit$ (1)	Pass	$1\spadesuit$ (2)
X (3)	XX(4)	$2\clubsuit$	$2\diamond$
Pass	$2\heartsuit$ (5)	Pass	$3\heartsuit$ (6)
Pass	$4\diamond$ (7)	Pass	$4\spadesuit$ (8)
Pass	$6\heartsuit$ (9)	All Pass	

- (1) 17 + HCP or 5 losers (or better) any shape.
- (2) 3 controls (K = 1, A = 2)
- (3) "Lead directing"
- (4) to play ($1\spadesuit XX + 3 =$)
- (5) Promising 4+ card support (canape style)
- (6) 4+ card support
- (7) the relay MultiCue - showing 1st or 2nd Round controls in spades, clubs and diamonds.
- (8) Cue bid – denies 1st or 2nd round control in clubs
- (9) West is marked with $\spadesuit A$ so partner is showing a void. Has denied a cue bid in clubs so he must have $\heartsuit A$ and $\diamond K$ in which case $6\heartsuit$ is cold.

Received the friendly heart lead as well! Makes on any lead but a club makes this hand difficult. I just played a couple of rounds of hearts, $\diamond A$, heart to the jack, then $\diamond K$, discarding my club, ruff a diamond and it's all over. If diamonds don't split I can just lend $\spadesuit K$ discarding clubs. On a club lead, careful use of trumps allows the establishment of diamonds if no worse than 4 – 2.

$\spadesuit\heartsuit\diamond\clubsuit\spadesuit\heartsuit\diamond\clubsuit\spadesuit\heartsuit\diamond\clubsuit$

Just to say thanks.....

We would like to thank all contributors to the NOT NEWS for your wonderful articles, and Column 8 snippets.

We hope that you have all enjoyed reading the NOT NEWS each day and that it provided humour and insight into some of the play at other venues and events that you would not normally know about.

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Thanks to everyone!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BERMUDA?

The Bermuda Bowl was over after two huge sets by USA1 who won session 5 by 91-4 to lead by 283-117 and won session 6 by 69-11 to lead by 352-128. Session 7: USA 49, Brazil 41. Session 8 USA1 42, Brazil 35.

Bermuda Bowl

After 128 of 160 boards: USA1 443 vs Brazil 204

Venice Cup

After session 4, Board 64, Netherlands 120.75 led USA1 88.25. The margin was whittled away over the next 4 sets: Session 5: USA1 37, Netherlands 27 Session 6: USA1 45, Netherlands 34 Session 7: USA1 33, Netherlands 37 Session 8: USA1 40, Netherlands 25

Netherlands beat 249.75, USA1 249.25 in the final! Only .5 of an IMP difference.

You can test your slam bidding with your partner on these boards from the final. No interference bidding.

Board 65:

Dealer North; Nil Vul

\spadesuit 7 3
\heartsuit 6 5 2
\diamond A 10 6 3
\clubsuit Q 9 3 2

\spadesuit A K Q 10
\heartsuit A K 3
\diamond K Q 8 7 2
\clubsuit 7

\spadesuit 6 5 4
\heartsuit Q J 10 8 7
\diamond -
\clubsuit A 10 8 6 4

\spadesuit J 9 8 2
\heartsuit 9 4
\diamond J 9 5 4
\clubsuit K J 5

Venice Cup: USA1 $6\heartsuit$ +1010, Netherlands $4\heartsuit$ +450

Bowl: Brazil 3NT 430, USA1 $6\heartsuit$ 980

Board 78:

Dealer West; Nil Vul

West	East
\spadesuit A 7	\spadesuit K Q 10 9 5 4 3
\heartsuit J 8 7 4 3	\heartsuit A
\diamond 2	\diamond A
\clubsuit A Q 9 8 7	\clubsuit 10 5 4 2

Cup: Netherlands $6\spadesuit$ +980, USA1 $4\spadesuit$ +480

Bowl: USA $6\clubsuit$ +920, Brazil $4\spadesuit$ +480

Board 80
Dealer West; E-W Vul

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

Now where would you want to be on the N-S cards? 6♦ looks very respectable (failing as the cards lie unless declarer is particularly inspired). Likewise 6NT is sane even though almost certainly failing on this layout.

It takes some talent to find 6♣, whether by scientific means or in swashbuckling style.

For Netherlands	For USA1
North South	North South
The scientists	The swashbucklers
Vriend Van der Pas	Mancuso Quinn
1♣ 1♦	1♣ 1♦
2NT 3♦	2NT 6♣ (1)
3NT 4♣	Pass
4♦ 4♥	(1) Obviously had a plane to catch.
4♠ 5♣	3 off, -150
5♥ 6♣	
Pass	
2 off, -100	

Bowl: USA: 3NT +460
Brazil 6♣ (!): -150

(1) If you play double after a jump raise is takeout, then double here is clearly best, even though 4♥ is on the fringe of success and even though most other tables took a different action.
♠J led, ace; spade ruff; One off, -100
Board 102 (What Would You Bid #1):
Dealer East; E-W Vul

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

USA1 N-S:
West North East South
Van Zwol Mancuso Verbeek Quinn
1♥ Pass
2♣ 2♦ Pass 5♦
6♥ All Pass
♣5 led, 13 tricks, +1460

Netherlands N-S:

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Vriend	Montin	Van der Pas
		1♥	1♠
2♠	4♦!	4♣	4♠
4NT	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♥	6♠	X	All pass

(1) Fit-showing jump. Excellent. After this, there was no way East-West would be allowed to play in slam.
♦3 led, ace; ♠4, ♠K; ♣Q; ♥K. 9 tricks, -500.

Bowl: Brazil played NS 6♠X -500 and EW 7♣ -100.

Board 103: (What would you bid #2)
Dealer South; All Vul

West	East
♠ AK 5 3 2	♠ Q J 6 4
♥ Q J 2	♥ A 8 7 6
♦ AQ 9 3	♦ 6
♣ 6	♣ A 9 7 4

For Netherlands:	For USA1
West East	West East
Van Zwol Verbeek	MeyersMontin
1♠ 2NT	1♠ 4♦
3♣ 3♥	4NT 5♠
3♠ 4♦	5NT 6♠
4♠ Pass	Pass

12 tricks +680

(1) Splinter. Simple and effective.
The play in 6♠: ♣J led, ace; club, ♠2; ♥Q, K, A; ♣7, ♠3; ♠A; ♥J; heart, 10; ♣K, ♠K; 12 tricks, +1430

Bowl: USA1 6♠ +1430, Brazil 6♠ 1430
Board 111:
Dealer South; N-S vul

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

For Netherlands:	For USA1
The swash	The bucklers
West East	West East
Van Zwol Verbeek	MeyersMontin
1♦ 2♦	1NT 2♦
3♦ 3♠	2♠ 3NT (1)
3NT 4♣ (X)	Pass
XX 4NT	13 tricks, +520
5♦ 6NT	♦x 2-1, ♥K outside
Pass	
13 tricks +1020	

(1) Do not know what the USA1 auction means and you would not want to know anyway, would you? Slam is a huge bet opposite lots of hands as soon as West has four diamonds. It is not likely that the Meyers-Montin auction went a long way to discovering the relevant information. Pity that West did not hold ♠ Axx ♥ AKxx ♦ xxxx ♣ Jx so that 3NT would fail and 6♦ makes.

Bowl: USA1 3NT +520, Brazil 6NT 1020

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

A CUNNING PLAN

by Martin Doran

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

Four hearts by South received a small diamond lead won by declarer with the queen. A small trump to the jack and queen followed.

This gave the defenders three tricks – two trumps and the ace of clubs. Clearly a diamond ruff was the most likely source of a fourth defensive trick. But how to get partner in?

The jack of clubs hit the table and declarer won the king. Now surely a spade to dummy, a trump towards the king but won by the ace, and our small club... would declarer rise with the ten to make an unlikely overtrick, or would the carelessly play low and let partner in...