



NOT NEWS

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HOPES DASHED

In the final of the Seniors Teams, Lester Kalmin and John Newman were quite pleased with their score on Board 22 (session 2).

♠ -
♥ K 8 7 6 5 4
♦ A Q 10 8 3
♣ 9 2

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

♠ A K Q J 10 8 4
♥ -
♦ 9 7 2
♣ J 8 4

West	North	East	South
		1♣(1)	3♠
Pass	Pass	X	Pass
Pass	4♣(2)	X	Pass
Pass	XX(3)	Pass	4♦
X	All pass.		

- (1) Precision
- (2) Planning to redouble for rescue
- (3) Pick a red suit please

When Lester Kalmin bid 3♠, he thought he was vulnerable. John Newman decided that there could be a better spot. When the smoke cleared it was +610 to North South. Feels good right?

At the other table. Giselle Varadi opened 1♥, Jim Borin bid 4♠ passed around to Giselle who decided, not unreasonably, to bid 5♣. This was passed around to North, Bill Haghie, who doubled which concluded the auction.

Borin's ♠A was ruffed! by Haughie who switched to the ♥8. Giselle flew with the Ace....OUCH, ruffed, diamond to the Q, the ♥K cashed on which Borin

Saturday Events Results

National Womens Teams Stage 2 Results (6 teams)

The top 2 teams after the round robin will go into the Final today. (there IS a carry forward).

			VP's
1st	1	B TRAVIS, E HAVAS, J COURTNEY, A CLARK, L GODFREY	274
2nd	2	J CORMACK, J ALABASTER, V CUMMINGS, C FEITELSON	274
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3rd	4	D MOIR, H PITT, R NAILAND, J HAY	255
4th	7	J TOBIN, D MCKINNON, V DRESSLER, K JOHNMANN	236
5th	12	L KING, C WRIGHT, R TOBIN, C HERDEN	213
6th	8	G TUCKER, A KEMPTHORNE, L RICHARDS, S COLLINS	209

Australian Open Pairs (74 pairs) Leading Qualifiers

NORTH-SOUTH

1st	KONIG - WALLIS	2256
2nd	DALLEY - LAVINGS	2174
3rd	MARSTON - MAYER	2165
4th	TENCER - GASPAS	2158
5th	CURRY - BRYANT	2155

EAST-WEST

1st	MALACZYNSKI - MILASZEWSKI	2348
2nd	BURGESS - HAUGHIE	2296
3rd	LOWE - ASHWORTH	2099
4th	MARINOS - DAVIS	2081
5th	BOREWICZ - OTVOSI	2071

National Seniors Teams Final Results (74 teams)

OVERALL WINNER

B Haughie, G Lorentz, J Borin, J Lester

MIXED TEAMS

1st	6	G. Varadi, L. Kalmin, J. Newman, L. Varadi	181
		(2nd overall)	

WOMENS TEAMS

1st	44	A. Fitzpatrick, J. Donohoo, R. Ogbourne, B. Madgwick	170
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VETERANS TEAMS

1st	30	J. Thomas, J. Jones, J. Dawkins, L. Wylie	148
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COUNTRY TEAMS

1st	23	E. Vaughan, R. Vaughan, L. Shaw, J. Drake	155
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discarded the ♠K!! (the old humdrum King on King discard) which confirmed the ability and desire to beat dummies 10 of trumps. Haughie obeyed with a third round of hearts..... so that was +1100 to N - S. Kalmin and Newmans hopes of picking up a bunch of Imps on this board were dashed. After the score up of this set the Varadi Team were 95 Imps behind with 24 boards left decided to concede the final. Clearly the bridge gods were not on their side on this hand as on a sunny day 5♣ could be cold.

Peter Jamieson

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

DOUBLE DUMMY

by Jim Borin

Jim Borin sent us this teaser from his bridge column in 'The Age'.

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: All

♠ A 6 5
♥ Q J 7
♦ A 5 4 3
♣ A Q J

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

♠ Q J 10 9 8 7
♥ -
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K 10 8

West	North	East	South
X	1NT	4♥	6♠
	XX	All Pass	

In the 1930's double dummy problems, so named because all four hands are exposed, were a regular feature in the bridge columns carried by most of the leading newspapers.

The above deal is from a series of articles by Ely Culbertson, 'Father of Modern Contract Bridge', published in the Argus in 1936. South is required to make 12 tricks on a heart lead despite having a diamond loser and an apparently unassailable king of trumps.

In commenting on the hand Norman McCance, one of Victoria's greats of

that era, did not mince words. "When a pathetic letter arrives from Sydney contending that Mr Culbertson's problem cannot be done and that the writer will pass sleepless nights until he finds out how to do it, that is a testimonial to the subtlety of the puzzle". The solution is given on page 7.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

MEMORIES OF CANBERRA (2)

by David Stevenson

In most newspaper offices they say "Hold the Front Page" but in the NOT NEWS editorial office I heard "Hold your panties" – very strange.

Having been introduced at the Rydges Hotel to the players by Sean Mullamphy, next day I was at the Hyatt. However, Laurie Kelso was more subtle: he waited until the session when I was in another room to introduce me, and thus could give full rein to his imagination in describing me! Fortunately my spies were present. Actually, Laurie was lucky to be there: when he got in the bus at the Rydges he was the only one. The driver seemed to be waiting for more passengers, and ignoring agonised pleas from Laurie that he was quite important as the man in charge at the Hyatt and he was due to start the event in eleven minutes.

I was asked about lost system cards, so I pointed to a box. "Oh, you mean the box marked 'Lost system car.... Oh'". It takes skill to get the hand dryers in the loos to work: like the lifts (which say up and go down) they have minds of their own here.

Many people put their hands in the air without saying "Caddy" or "Director": one player called "Thingy". "Thingy?" I asked. "I knew you weren't a caddy," he said, "but I could not think of the word for you." That reminds me of the caddy who said she always listened to everyone except Directors – I trust she was joking.

Written bidding is unknown in Europe and interests me a lot: I have played a few boards to fill in, and it seems to have several advantages, though there

are myriads of Insufficient Bids using it.

Finally, there is no need for a Mosher convention: just call your natural overcalls Reverse Forward Transfers: they show the suit above the suit below the one bid.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

FOOD) FOR THOUGHT

by Andrew Struik

Eunice Foo and I started well this morning, but unfortunately I had forgotten to have my 'little lunch' before start of play. With a high metabolic rate, by the middle of the match I could feel that I would wilt before the end, despite a supply of jelly beans.

Being dummy, I asked if I could be excused to go and have a snack. In the ensuing confusion, for which I take full responsibility, poor Eunice revoked and went down as a result. Next time I'll ask for a break between boards. Better still, I'll eat before I think and think before I eat. The good news is that we won 25 – 4 in the end.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

FROM BAD TO VERSE

by Jim Borin

This much tougher problem, largely because of the possible variations appeared a year earlier than Double Dummy in the same paper.

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

Diamonds are trumps and South, with the lead, has to take all the tricks.

Answer page 7

Appeal 3

Event 0-149 Teams
Round 7
Match 125 vs 101

Appeals Chairperson:
 I Dahler

Appeals Committee:
 E Ramshaw
 J Hay
 C Molloy
 M Scudder

Tournament Director:
 J Free

Board 17 Dealer North Nil Vul

♠ A Q J 8 4
 ♥ Q 10 8
 ♦ J 8 7 2
 ♣ 10

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

♠ K 7 6 5 2
 ♥ K J 9 6 2
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ Q

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
2♥ (1)	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

(1) ♥ (5+) and another (5+) weak.

Final Contract and Result:
 5♣ by West, 11 tricks +400

Tournament Director's Report and Decision:

On enquiry, East explained the 2NT call as balanced and strong. E/W are a new partnership and had no agreement (either by discussion or experience) on the meaning of 2NT in the auction. By law 75 the explanation is a mistaken explanation and thus an infraction. Applying Law 16 A1 I determined that the bid of 5♣ could have been based on unauthorised information, and disallowed that call. The contract was reverted to 3NT. By Law 12C2 I ruled that because a spade lead was not at all likely that the ADJUSTED RESULT be 3NT -1. This ruling was reinforced by the obligation of West to volunteer that there had been a mistaken

explanation.

Appellant's Claim:

1. Agreed System Misunderstanding
2. Bidder had a natural two minor which was strong. Rectified to his best holding (6 CARD SUIT) 5 CLUBS. The opposition had bid HEARTS.
3. Reverting the bid to 3NTs why would opposition not lead a heart which gives 10 tricks in no trumps.

Appeals Committee's Decision:

The Appeals Committee ruled that a technical infraction occurred. It was unable to determine clearly any subsequent actions.

The Appeals Committee varied the Director's adjusted score to N/S -100 in order to achieve equity under Law 12C3.

Appeal 4

Event: NWT
Match: 6 v 20

Tournament Director:
 Michael Kent

Players:
 North - J Nicholson
 South - E Windmiller
 East - D Jesner
 West - S Coleman

Appeals Chairperson:
 I Dahler

Appeals Committee:
 E Ramshaw
 M Scudder
 W Lazer
 A Kempthorne

Board: 18; Dealer: East; Vul: N-S;

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

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

♠ A 5 6 2
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ J 9 6 2

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

- (1) 2♦ = Hearts or both black
 (2) 2♥ = single suit

Final Result: 4♥X by East, 8 tricks - 300

Tournament Directors Report and Decision:

At the end of the hand North advsd that the 3NT bid should have been alerted or taken to be showing no heart stopper. West stated that had she known she would have passed 3NT. Due to the failure to alert I adjusted the score to -200. Law 40C.

Appeals Committee's Decision:

It is not eminently clear that the auction is a case of systemic Lebensohl. Even if it were and therefore the failure to alert was an infraction, the damage is not clearly related to the infraction. The Appeals Committee rules that the score be reverted to the score achieved at the table: 4♥X by East. 8 tricks, -300.

Flighted Pairs Final Results

(68 pairs)

Grand & Life

North - South

1st C. Hadaway - R. Melville	270
2nd E. Lim - S. Foldi	245
3rd R. Hills - B. Williams	232

East - West

1st J. Dunstan - K. Brook	245
2nd McCall - C. Miller	242
3rd K. Yang - B. Jaffrey	237

National

North - South

1st D. Leslie - H. Leslie	194
1st R. Tait - R. Mooney	194

East - West

1st J. Hall - D. Munro	202
2nd G. Catt - J. Matthews	199

State

North - South

1st D. Mitchell - A. Virgo	268
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East - West

1st J. Murphy - G. Boyd	243
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Restricted

1st B. Lockwood - A. Lockwood	62
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BERMUDA?

At the end of the 19 qualifying matches in the Bermuda Bowl round-robin, the 8 teams to go to the quarterfinals are:

1 Norway	345
2 USA1	340
3 Poland	334
4 Brazil	330
5 Indonesia	329
6 Italy	324.5
7 USA 2	322
8 Sweden	320

Then came Bulgaria 312.5 and France 306. New Zealand finished = 11th on 268 and Australia = 14th on 253.

In the quarterfinals, Indonesia vs Norway, USA1 vs Italy, Poland vs USA2 and Brazil vs Sweden.

At the end of the 19 qualifying matches in the Venice Cup round-robin, the 8 teams to go to the quarterfinals are:

1 USA 1	360
2 Netherlands	356
3 Austria	349
4 Denmark	348
5 Germany	336
6 France	335
7 China	328.5
8 Canada	316

Then came 9 USA 2 **310**, 10 Australia **289.5** and New Zealand finished 16th on 220.

In the quarterfinals, Canada vs USA 1, China vs Netherlands, Austria vs Germany and Denmark vs France.

After the Senior Teams Qualifying Rounds (double round robin)

1. Poland	189
2. France	162
3. China	147
4. North America	138
5. World Champions	131
6. Australia	127

World Champions beat Australia 130-53 (40 boards) in the playoff for 5th place.

Semi-finals: Poland defeated North America 109-74 (40 boards)
France beat China 145 - 83 (40 boards)

Playoff for third place (40 boards):
China defeated North America 133-80

Final (60 boards): Poland defeated France 229-73

The ultimate k-o results left the teams in exactly the same finishing order as at the end of the qualifying rounds.

In Round 19 of the Bermuda Bowl Italy met Bulgaria with the latter needing a big win to reach the quarter finals. Only small swings peppered the first half of the match. This was the first big swing:

Board 15:
Dealer North, N-S Vul

♠ 10
♥ K 10 7 3 2
♦ A 5 4 3 2
♣ 7 2

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

♠ Q 9 8 7 6 5
♥ Q J 9
♦ 7
♣ K 8 3

Italy N-S:

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

H3 led, HA held off till third round, then D led, North took DA. One off, -50

Bulgaria N-S:

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

♠10 led (no record of play), 9 tricks, +400. 10 IMPs to Italy.

In Australia vs France, both rooms played in 3NT minus 1.

Board 17:
Dealer North Nil Vul

♠ K Q J 10 7 2
♥ K 10 8
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ -

♠ A 4
♥ A Q 6
♦ K J 10 3
♣ A Q 7 2

Italy made 7NT, Bulgaria 7♦. For Australia, Bagchi-Browne bid to 7NT, France to 7♦.

Board 18:
Dealer East N-S Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J 10 6 5
♦ Q 9 2
♣ A 10 3 2

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

♠ A J 7 5 3
♥ 9
♦ 7 5 4
♣ Q 7 6 5

Bulgaria E-W:

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

♣5 led, ducked to the jack; ♥K; ♥A; ♦3 to the ace, ♠6, South grabs ace; ♦4 won by the 10; heart to the ace, ♠K, heart to the jack: ten tricks +450

Italy E-W:

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

♠3 led (no record of play) 7 tricks, -100 11 Imps to Bulgaria.

France was two off in 3NT and Carol & Jessel Rothfield played in 1NT, making two.

LETTER FROM JULIA

It is clear from the NOT News, being read keenly by the Australian contingent in Bermuda, that there is plenty of factual detail being made available to those at the Summer Festival on the progress, or otherwise, of the Australian teams in Bermuda.

As the final match of the qualifying round robin gets underway the women, currently facing Canada who are looking certain qualifiers in 6th place, look likely to finish 11th (hopefully 10th). The final two qualifying spots will come from two of Germany, China and USA2. The mighty USA teams aren't necessarily invincible and USA2's demise was precipitated (or at the very least initiated) by their loss to Australia yesterday morning. They face one of the very strong European teams, Netherlands, in the final match.

The Australians have finished well, even though the team is without Lusk-Tully today as Sue has been hit by the lurgy circulating in these parts. Unfortunately, the weaknesses I delineated in my background piece for NOT News have shown themselves again: that is, slow to start and a failure to beat up on those teams behind us in the standings. The only potential qualifier outside Europe and North America is China - that must say something about the need for constant and consistent competition.

That's all from here - paradise not so perfect today as it is pouring with rain. As the locals all depend on rainwater and there has been a drought for four months, the Bermudians are anything but sorry!

Julia Hoffman

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

DON'T BE GREEDY!

by David Stevenson

You pick up

♠ K Q 10 8 4
♥ A K
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 4 2

and open 1♠: 1NT on your left, 2NT to your right, 3NT to your left, and you make an optimistic double. Partner leads a spade, and you see:

♠ J 7 5
♥ Q 8 7
♦ 10 2
♣ A J 9 7 3

♠ K Q 10 8 4
♥ A K
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 4 2

Aren't you lucky! The ♠J is in dummy, declarer having bid a dreadful modern 1NT with ♠Axx, and wrong-sided 3NT as a result. You clear the spades, and declarer cashes the ♣K, then overtakes the ♣Q and leads the ♣J: your discard?

In the walk-in pairs I saw a ♦ discard at one table: now declarer with ♦AQJxx makes 3NT.

You should not be greedy: you can afford to discard a winner, and at another table the ♥A was duly discarded to beat 3NTx!

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

SOME ACTION FROM THE NATIONAL WOMENS TEAMS STAGE 2

by Peter Jamieson

Having just arrived in Canberra yesterday, I thought I better start getting into the groove and kibitz a few hands. At 5:30 pm I went into the room where the semi-finals of the National Women's Teams was being played and decided to watch a few hands. Here are two that caught my eye.

Board 23 Session 4

In the 4th match the Cormack team was playing the Travis Team. Many of the cognoscenti were predicting these two teams would be in the final.

♠ A Q 8 7 5
♥ 10 8 3
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ 10

♠ 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ J 10 8 7
♣ K 9 7 6 2

♠ K 10 6
♥ J 5 2
♦ K 9 4
♣ J 8 5 4

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ A 6
♣ A Q 3

At one table, South, Babara Travis opened 1NT (14-17) and over Liz Havas's 2♥ transfer, Barbara rebid 3♣, a superaccept showing Club control. Liz bid 3♦ and over Barbara's 3♠, she bid 4♠ which ended the auction.

Jan Alabaster led ♦J. There are many choices for declarer on this hand..... probably too many.

Barbara elected to put in the Q, K from Jan Cormack which was won by the ace. Barbara finessed the SQ losing to the king and after some thought, Cormack exited with the a spade on which Alabaster pitched a small club.

The portents were not good....and so it proved. A third round of trumps followed by the heart Q finesse which lost - diamond exit and in due course declarer emerged with only 9 tricks.

At the other table Val Cummings also opened 1NT and over 2♥ transfer, Val bid 3♦ (superaccept showing a doubleton diamond). Candice Feitelson bid 3♥ (re-transfer to spades) and closed the bidding with 4♠.

The same lead, diamond J was led but Val took the view that ♦K was on her right so she played low in dummy and won her ace. Trump to Q and King and then ♣J exit. Val gave this a long look and correctly decided the ♣K was offside and won her ace.

Two more rounds of trumps ending in dummy (West pitching a club and a heart) and then a LOW diamond from dummy! West won this and exited a diamond which Val ruffed noting the appearance of the king.

Club ruff to dummy, cash ♦Q and now ♥10, J, Q to West's king. Val had angled for ♥9 to be doubleton now (or originally) and it was +620.

I saw +620 in some other matches in the NWT semi-finals. In one match Jillian Hay had an easier time in 4♠ as North when East led the ♦4 at trick 1...alas not the killing lead on this occasion.

The very next board gave Barbara Travis some more headaches.

♠ Q J
♥ 6 4 2
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ A K 5 3

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

♠ 9 8 7 5 3
♥ K Q J 8
♦ 6
♣ Q 10 9

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

(1) Acol

North Liz Havas led ♥4, 3, J ace. Now came five rounds of diamonds and Barbara was in the hot seat. She had to make FOUR discards before seeing her partner's first discard. Moreover her fourth discard had to be made before seeing declarers *first* discard

Its easy when you can see all the hands. At the table it's not so easy. In the event Barbara decided to play her partner for a useful doubleton in spades and a club picture which should lead to 5 tricks for the defence (on a sunny day the defence might even make 6 tricks). So she pitched small spades (and declarer pitched the ♠4). Now when Jan Alabaster cashed ace and king of spades, her spade 2 was good and that was +600 as against 120 at the other table.

I decided that I must have brought bad karma to Barbara and wandered off to meet up with Tina, Sheena and Amy who I could see have done a great job on NOT NEWS issues 1-4.

Peter Jamieson



TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 15/1/00

2067

Top Ten Seeds for the South West Pacific Teams

Rydes Hotel Canberra

- 1 M. Thomson, D. Beauchamp, P. Newman, A. Peake
- 2 B. Noble, T. Brown, G. Bilski, P. Gue, M. Prescott, P. Fordham
- 3 B. Neill, W. Lazer, P. Gumby, A. Walsh, B. McDonald, M. Hughes
- 4 S. Burgess, T. Lloyd, R. Cooper, H. Christie, J. Cormack, J. Alabaster
- 5 S. Konig, J. Wallis, K. Dyke, A. Bach
- 6 B. Travis, J. Travis, E. Havas, R. Harms, J. Courtney, L. Godfrey
- 7 J. Roberts, M. Smart, P. Jamieson, N. Perry, R. Sebesfi, K. Crowe-Mai
- 8 G. Gaspar, T. Seres, Z. Nagy, M. Tencer, B. Tencer
- 9 J. Thompson, E. Ramshaw, L. Beech, R. Gallus, J. Hunt
- 10 E. Dudley, A. Powell, R. Hills, H. Ali, H. Hudson, L. Yu

National Convention Centre

- 1 P. Smith, P. Yovich, D. Lilley, N. Rosendorff, B. Jacobs, B. Thompson
- 2 P. Wyer, P. Marston, M. Mayer, G. Kozakos, J. Haffer, G. Smolanko
- 3 A. Braithwaite, M. Ware, S. Lester, M. McManus, M. Mullamphy, V. Cummings
- 4 M. Borewicz, E. Otvosi, K. Lasocki, M. Milaszewski, W. Malaczynski
- 5 S. Hinge, C. Chua, A. Webb, S. Henbest
- 6 D. Stern, R. Grynberg, P. Buchen, M. Green, A. Sarten, A. Silver
- 7 I. Thomson, R. Brightling, C. Quail, I. Robinson, N. Ewart
- 8 R. Dalley, P. Lavings, G. Jesner, A. Delivera, T. Bourke
- 9 M. Doran, H. Sawicki, G. Kilvington, B. Richman, R. Frenkel, R. Kaplan
- 10 D. Moir, D. Scully, P. Brayshaw, G. Dupont, K. Morrison, M. Chadwick

IS THERE A PROBLEM?

by Tina Zines

This hand appeared on Thursday.

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

Your opening weak notrump is raised to 3. LHO leads ♠10, two, five, king. Your king of hearts is taken by RHO's ace and the jack of spades hits the table. What do you do?

Answer on page 7



POSTSCRIPT

Today was to have been my final update from Bermuda but....

The women had a dashing final match upsetting the fancied Canadians 25-2. And it was all very much centre stage in the VuGraph room as it could have so easily tipped the Canadians out of the final 8. Fortunately for them the USA2 team's poor form of the final two days was continuing and they lost to the Netherlands. This result meant we finished a very comfortable 10th.

Mixed Pairs Top Ten Final Results (38 Pairs)

- | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|------|
| 1st | STERN - GREEN | 2519 |
| 2nd | LACHMAN - NEULANDS | 2433 |
| 3rd | KAHLER - KAHLER | 2427 |
| 4th | KENT - KENT | 2426 |
| 5th | ROBB - WARE | 2405 |
| 6th | HUNTER - THIEN | 2284 |
| 7th | BOLTON - MACHESKI | 2261 |
| 8th | WYNER - LOVELOCK | 2259 |
| 9th | DAWS - SCHWABEGGER | 2248 |
| 10th | MALTBY - RODDY | 2238 |

The Players' Party last night which was up to the normal high standard of the social functions here was the occasion for the release of the Butler results: all the women's pairs finished positive and ranked at 26, 27 and 29 - a dream result for a captain (after all, captains are always seeking "peace in our time").

Today Bermuda is not paradise - lashing wind and sideways rain - but we are off to explore nevertheless.

Cheers, Julia Hoffman

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

A FOUR-FOOT VIEW

by Claire Rasmussen

Hi, I'm a caddy for the 2000 Summer Festival. This is my first year here and I am loving it. Most of the people in Blue Jackets and Caddies that I didn't know already are being really nice and kind. I have now worked at Rydges and the Hyatt, they are fantastic.

In both hotels the restaurants are excellent. At Rydges I recommend the Burley Griffin Restaurant, the food is delicious and the view is amazing. At the Hyatt I think the Promenade Café is good for breakfast because they have a great range of foods.

But most of all I like the wages.

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Men's Pairs Final Results

1. DKYE - BACH	1431
2. ROBERTS - SMART	1426
3. GOLD - EBERY	1408
4. FAULKNER - EGGINS	1362
5. BILSKI - PRESCOTT	1337
6. GRIFFIN - MILOVANOVIC	1328
7. MALACZYNSKI - MILASZEWSKI	1298
8. MARINOS - KAHLER	1297
9. SNASHALL - HILLS	1288
10. KEMPTHORNE - WARD	1279
11. NIXON - KARATSOREOS	1279
12. BURGESS - O'HARA	1262
13. FORDHAM - HUGHES	1250
14. OZANNE - OZANNE	1233
15. KONIG - WALLIS	1231

ANSWER TO 'IS THERE A PROBLEM?'

Not if your opponents are any good. Our declarer ducked, playing LHO for A 10 9 7 6. Curtains! RHO had A J 9 6 5 and casked three more spades to defeat the cold contract. The clue to the correct choice was in the play to trick one. RHO with J 5 only would have unblocked the jack.

by Tina Zines

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

ANSWER TO 'DOUBLE DUMMY'

To bring home the redoubled slam in this problem, South has to come up with a 'smother play', in which a defender's sure trump winner is captured.

After ruffing the opening lead and finessing trumps twice, dummy is entered with the ♦A for another heart ruff. Two high diamonds are followed by three rounds of clubs ending in dummy. The last heart is led, and South discards his losing diamond.

Whatever East now leads, South ruffs. If West overruffs with the king, dummy's ace wins. Otherwise North discards and West's king is felled at the last trick.

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ANSWER TO 'FROM BAD TO VERSE'

By Andrew Mill

To plunder all, first lead the club
If east covers its easy grub
Cash club, pitch spade and ruff spade low
Heart ten now gives west some woe
Cover or not as they will
Winning second heart in north fits the bill
East and west are now in fits
As they underuff the last two tricks

When west ducks the opening lead
Slot low heart and watch west bleed
If they duck, the eight wins for sure
And the plan proceeds as before
If they rise to block that tack
South now changes plan of attack
Simplicity is now our aim
Pitch spade on club, draw trumps and claim

REPORT FROM DEEP THROAT AT THE HYATT HOTEL

Is this the 1st score of 2000 in the year 2000?

Session 1 of the Mens Pairs qualifying, Board 9

♠ K 9 6 3
♥ A 10 9 2
♦ 9 2
♣ K 7 6

♠ A Q J 10 5 4
♥ J 8 7 4 3
♦ 6
♣ 5

♠ 2
♥ K Q
♦ A Q 10 5 3 2
♣ A J 9 4

♠ 8 7
♥ 6 5
♦ K J 8 7
♣ Q 10 8 3 2

Contract: 6NT X by East. 5 tricks, -2000.

N - S were Anthony Newman - Peter Wilsmore. E - W were David Ferris and Kevin Deeves

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

Walk In Results

Saturday 15/1 afternoon session

Yellow

N/S

1. S. Johnston & Y. Schneider	259
2. M. Ahrens & E. Pelly	248
3. P. Henniker & D. Pryde	246

E/W

1. M. Genet & L. Milman	275
2. B. Williams & R. Hills	259
3. Bisa & L. Hockings	248

White

N/S

1. W. Saleeba & D. Saleeba	264
2. G. Atkinson & J. Atkinson	263
3. T. Brown & D. Lawrence	255

E/W

1. Z. Slotwinski & J. Abel	278
2. N. Waizer & E. Kowalczyk	225
3. Kohen & A. Sterling	218

COLUMN 8 (NOT)

Did anyone notice the two brave ladies playng in the Mens Pairs? They not only play well and bring some order to the men, but they beat their husbands!



Kalamunda Bridge Club in WA hold a yearly congress which includes a **flicht** and the married couple who win receive a **flicht** (*ed – we assume this means a side of bacon*). They also have a book which was presented to them relating to this event, in England, re its origin.



A difficult hand to play is rather like finding your way around Canberra. You can see bloody clearly the landmark you're aiming for, but it's a nightmare working out which road to take.



Column 8 Y2K OK? Are you sick of it yet?

- ♣ As Keith Garsee, of Caringbah, passed through Fiji International Airport on the way to Los Angeles at the weekend, he noted this sign on an information screen: This Airort is is Y2K Compliant. "Guess the millenium bug has an appetite for peas," he says.
- ♣ The parking meters at Mrs Macquaries Chair on Sunday were showing various dates in 1900, says David Miller, of Lidcombe, "What's the parking rate for horse and cart?"
- ♣ David Hawley, of Oatlands, received a parking ticket at St Leonards last week. "It gives the date of offence as 05/01/20. I don't understand how the inspector knows I will be parking illegally in 20 years' time, or that I had a car 80 years ago.
- ♣ Want to make your New Beetle look like an Old Beetle? The answer is simple: the stick-on Brezelfenser from MLM in Germany makes a brand newie almost indistinguishable from a pre-1954 split-window model. The only problem is getting a New Beetle. It's going to arrive here most likely in 2000. That makes it a Millennium Bug!



The hippogriff is not half horse, half eagle. The creature's father is a griffin and mother a filly.

from the Greek:

hippos - horse
grifo - griffin

I believe that it was originally a symbol of love.

The gryphin (also gryphon or griffon) is the fabled offspring of a lion and an eagle.



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