



# NOT NEWS

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## HOW WE GOT ON IN CANBERRA

### THE UNDER ONE-FORTY-NINERS.

Our team contained a Melbourne member, two members from Phillip Island and myself from the small town of Leongatha in Gippsland. Four women. We had a total between us of around 330 MPS and figured that the maximum for more experienced teams must be around 596. So we were not unduly confident about our chances.

It was a great experience....frustrating, funny, sad and enriching. Frustrating because we stayed in a tiny cabin unaware that one of us was a snorer. The first night I shook her gently awake (having suffered in silence till 3.40 a.m.) and politely asked her to please turn over. But by the last night one of us had a broomstick with which she regularly prodded the offender awake (it avoided having to get out of bed to wake her)...and I had become an army sergeant shouting "STOP MAKING THAT BLOODY NOISE".

The culprit herself was politely penitent but on the last night she had a room to herself. Even so, we managed to remain friendly. Quite a miracle of feminine tolerance really...I have never, ever, ever, been so sleep deprived. On the last part of my journey home my head kept landing on my knees. The suburban train jerked it up again at each station and at the terminus someone kindly shook me awake.

Funny moments. The charming Italian gentleman who answered a query with "Two week".....er...."Weak two.....sorry I sink in Eetalian". Later he gave a huge sigh of relief when I went off doubled in six clubs. "If you had got seex clubs I would have had to SOO-I-CIDE". The thrills of reporting home when a particularly ladylike member of our team, on an adrenalin high after a most

## SWPT Top Ten after 3 rounds

### National Convention Centre

|      |     |   |    |
|------|-----|---|----|
| 1st  | 29  | K. Daws, C. Shugg, M. Callader, C. Schwabegger<br>C. Watson, S. Reed        | 67 |
| 2nd  | 10  | D. Moir, D. Scully, P. Brayshaw, G. Dupont<br>K. Morrison, M. Chadwick      | 67 |
| 3rd  | 7   | I. Thomson, R. Brightling, C. Quail, I. Robinson<br>N. Ewart                | 66 |
| 4th  | 3   | A. Braithwaite, M. Ware, S. Lester, M. McManus<br>M. Mullanphy, V. Cummings | 65 |
| 5th  | 1   | P. Smith, P. Yovich, D. Lilley, N. Rosendorff<br>B. Thompson, B. Jacobs     | 65 |
| 6th  | 17  | R. Crichton, P. Crichton, N. Church, M. Flynn<br>S. Mendick, R. Roworth     | 65 |
| 7th  | 11  | G. Finikiotis, J. Chan, K. Hocking, J. Hewitt                               | 64 |
| 8th  | 23  | W. Burrows, M. Genc, M. Perley, S. Coleman                                  | 64 |
| 9th  | 77  | C. Evans, A. Stralow, K. Billik, A. Swider                                  | 64 |
| 10th | 101 | J. De Ravin, L. Lovelock, J. Wyner, P. Flynn<br>D. Neumann                  | 64 |

### Rydges Canberra

|      |    |   |    |
|------|----|---|----|
| 1st  | 25 | T. Lim, S. Gerdan, E. Kaplan, S. Foldi,<br>R. Blutstein, S. Arber                         | 72 |
| 2nd  | 1  | M. Thomson, D. Beauchamp, P. Newman, A. Peake   | 72 |
| 3rd  | 19 | L. Knight, E. Quittner, B. Weyburne, J. Weyburne<br>D. McLean                             | 72 |
| 4th  | 8  | G. Gaspar, T. Seres, Z. Nagi, M. Tencer, B. Tencer  | 71 |
| 5th  | 3  | B. Neill, W. Lazer, P. Gumby, A. Walsh, B. McDonald<br>M. Hughes                          | 66 |
| 6th  | 4  | B. O'Hara (npc), S. Burgess, T. Lloyd, R. Cooper<br>H. Christie, J. Cormack, J. Alabaster | 65 |
| 7th  | 57 | M. Dey, G. Eustace, B. Krishan, T. Carr   | 65 |
| 8th  | 44 | E. Vaughan, R. Vaughan, L. Shaw, B. Freeman   | 64 |
| 9th  | 11 | C. Snashall, R. Nixon, K. Taylor, B. Howe, S. Hurley<br>G. Rieszko                        | 64 |
| 10th | 39 | T. Swainston, F. Swainston, J. Millar, M. Millar  | 63 |

successful round, phoned her husband on the mobile and said "Dahl...we just kicked a—"

The four of us middle aged ladies behaving like schoolgirls shopping after midnight so we could provide breakfast and prepare lunch in our little cabin. The music that the dripping shower made to accompany the rattle of the fridge

and the wheezes from our culprit.

Sad when one opposition member actually wept having had a bit of a drubbing. Fortunately it was not at my table or I may have been inclined to award her the match, which would have made me most unpopular with my team mates.

Enriching when a friend took us to a local tradesmen's Union Club where the meals enriched our (already substantial) outlines...what HUGE meals. And also enriching because I bought some raffle tickets there and won \$50. And of course most enriching because we observed some fine play, storing away little strategies for future use...and because we met some lovely people and were protected in our bridge business from those seeking money prizes.

Even enriching when I felt impelled to appear before the Appeals Committee...the director's decision was allowed to stand, unfortunately for us...but at least I can relish the memory of him saying to me "Don't be nervous when you appear before the Committee" and replying "I am not nervous...I am ANGRY".....which was the absolute truth. The highest court in the land would have intimidated me not one whit.....such are the transforming powers of the fascinating game of bridge.

Bye Canberra. Hope we make it again next year.

Alice Curtis.

## TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 17/1/00

# 3295

## LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

Session 1 SWPT

Board 4 All Vul Dealer W

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

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

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

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

| West   | North | East | South    |
|--------|-------|------|----------|
| 2♠ (1) | X     | 4♠   |          |
| Pass   | Pass  | X    | All Pass |

(1) 2♠ was a weak 2 in spades.

Before the opening lead, North asked 'What was the double of 2♠?' 'Penalties' was the answer!

South, Michael Smart, had assumed it was a takeout double. After all, when was the last time you encountered a penalty double of a weak 2 bid? In the play John Roberts made 10 tricks with a less than precise defence.

Peter Jamieson

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

## TWO BLACK KINGS

by Nick Fahrer

Eds: NOT NEWS received several reports of the ♣K squash play, but we liked this report the best.

Local player, Judith Tobin, will be keeping her eye on the black kings for the rest of the week after they contributed to two good results in rounds

1 and 3.  
Session 1 Board 16

Dealer West, E/W Vul

♠ A J  
♥ A J 10 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ A 8 6 4 3

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

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

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

On lead to 3NT after North had opened a Precision 2♣, Judith reasoned that her partner could not hold much. Needing to set up her best source of tricks, clubs, she hoped that Declarer's clubs were only ace high and that someone held the singleton queen. Her hopes materialised when dummy was placed on the table. Down 1.

In round 2, Judith and her sister Ruth bid aggressively to 6♥ which single-dummy looks doomed.  
Session 2 Board 3

Dealer South, E/W Vul

♠ A 8 5 4  
♥ A 10 6 4  
♦ A 8 4 2  
♣ A

♠ Q J 7 3 2  
♥ 3  
♦ J 9 7  
♣ 10 9 7 5

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

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

International George Bilksi, however, led the Spade queen. Judith ducked, hoping for either a singleton King or the count to be rectified for a possible squeeze.

When East covered with the King perforce, Judith was able to claim a few tricks later on the spade finesse. +1430.

Look out for those black kings!

## WHEN DESPERATE, TRY THE PSEUDO SQUEEZE!

In Session 2 SWPT, there was another heart slam. Most of you played in a boring 6♥.

Board 14 Dealer E Nil Vul

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

After a 1♥ opening, 2♣ response, 2♠ reverse by East, all auctions (sorry, most auctions) zoomed upwards and subsided in 6♥.....except one table at Rydges where the contract was 7♥. So what's the story you say? Down 1...boring.....not at the NOT.

Declarer won the heart lead, ruffed a spade and cashed all his major suit winners, pitching a deceptive ♣J on the 5th heart. In the 4-card ending, both North and South came down to a stiff club honour and 3 diamonds. OOPS! The ace of clubs revealed all. Plus 1510!!! The happy declarer was Peter Kahler of the Canberra.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

## COINCIDENCE

In the somewhat nostalgic mood forced even on those of us determined to resist the illogicality of millennium media hype, I was perusing a 1980 issue of *Australian Bridge* and came across an article 'On Tour in the USA' by npc of the Australian team in the Bermuda Bowl, Wally Scott. It describes Wally's brief appearance (on his way to the Far East Championships in Taiwan) on the US bridge circuit, playing with none other than Jessel Rothfield, also in Bermuda at present. They played in all four major events in the Nationals in Florida and managed to tie for first in the Men's Teams.

Tina Zines

## MONSTER RAFFLE!

In case you didn't know, the ANC in July 2001 is being held in the National Capital. To help defray expenses, the local bridge gang has organized a raffle to raise some dollars.

First Prize is a \$2000 share portfolio (you can choose your own stocks) courtesy of Ord Minette via one of their bridge playing executives.

Second prize is one dozen fine boutique wines from Madew winery of Lake George.

Third prize is a luxury hamper of fine foods.

If you don't buy a few tickets then may all your trumps break 5-0 !!

Tickets are \$2 each and are on sale all week between 2pm and 2:45 pm at both SWPT venues. Raffle ticket sellers can be found at the nominated time each day near the hospitality desk in each venue. The raffle will close at 2:59 pm Friday January 21st 2000 and will be drawn at 3pm Friday 21/1/00 in the Rydges playing area.

You've gotta be in it to win it!

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

## THE BEER CARD COMP

For those who need to know.

If you win the trick at T13 with the ♦7 in a making contract you score 1 point.

If you are in a doubled contract you score 2 points.

If you are in a XX contract you score 4 points.

If you are defending a contract and win the 13<sup>th</sup> trick with the ♦7 you score 2 points.

If you do this in a doubled contract it's worth 4 points.

If you are in a redoubled contract you score EIGHT BIG points.

## INACTIVE ETHICS

by Tina Zines

In the top row of the last round of the Swiss Pairs, where adherence to the rules of bridge is to be expected and the practice of active ethics to be devoutly wished, came this hand:

Session 8 Board 32

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

| West   | North  | East | South    |
|--------|--------|------|----------|
| 1♣ (1) | 2♦ (2) | Pass | 4♥       |
| Pass   | 5♦ (3) | X    | All Pass |

- (1) Strong – miscounted his hand. It was the last round!
- (2) Alerted by South as the majors, and thus giving North unauthorized information.
- (3) Bid with exasperation and most improperly

-1100 was justice. Had North taken the punishment for partner's forgetting their system they would have played 4♥ undoubled for one or two off.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

DID YOU BID 3NT N/S ON BOARD 11 IN SESSION 2?

This board was a swing for our team. Kieren Crowe-Mai played in 3NT which proved to be very comfortable.

At our table South was in 4♠. Neil Perry found the killing ♦A lead, followed by the diamond ruff.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BERMUDA?

After 64 boards of the 96-board quarter-finals the scores were:

## Bermuda Bowl

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Norway 213.5 | d Indonesia 205 |
| USA1 198.5   | d Italy 190     |
| USA2 165     | d Poland 161    |
| Brazil 221   | d Sweden 191    |

## Venice Cup

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| USA1 239        | d Canada 184  |
| Netherlands 217 | d China 191   |
| Austria 177     | d Germany 166 |
| Denmark 260     | d France 183  |

The Poland vs USA2 Viewgraph match for the final 16-board session produced a nail-biting finish. With 6 boards left on Viewgraph, the scores were 130-130. Boards 95-96 had already been played in the Open Room but the Closed Room results were not yet in. This was Board 89:

### Dealer North E-W Vul

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

### Closed Room

| West    | North    | East   | South    |
|---------|----------|--------|----------|
| Stansby | Pcyszola | Martel | Kwiecien |
|         | Pass     | 1NT    | Pass     |
| 3NT     | All Pass |        |          |

Lead: ♠2. No details of play, 6 tricks, three down, minus 300.

It's easy enough to see how declarer might go three down by misguessing diamonds. Spade lead ducked till the third round; heart to dummy; diamond to the king and ace; spade cashed; club switch . . . East takes ♣A, cashes hearts, takes diamond finesse . . . depending on discards, the defence comes to three spades, two diamonds and two clubs.

### Viewgraph:

| West   | North     | East      | South |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Jassem | Rosenberg | Tuszynski | Zia   |
|        | Pass      | 1NT       | Pass  |
| 3NT    | All Pass  |           |       |

♠4 led, jack wins; ♠6 returned, ♠K wins; ♠2, ace wins; ♠2 to the queen; ♠6 - ♦4 - ♦7 - ♦A; ♠Q; 9 tricks, +600. 14 Imps to Poland.

Poland 144 US2 130.

On Board 90, Poland picked up 6 Imps on a partscore swing.

Poland 150, USA2 130.

This was Board 91:

### Dealer South Nil Vul

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

### Closed Room

| West    | North    | East   | South    |
|---------|----------|--------|----------|
| Stansby | Pcyszola | Martel | Kwiecien |
|         | Pass     | Pass   | 2♠ (1)   |
| X       | 3♣       | 4♣     | XX       |
| Pass    | All Pass |        | Pass     |
| 4♠      |          |        |          |

(1) Weak pre-empt, any suit 12 tricks, +480.

### Viewgraph

| West   | North     | East      | South    |
|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Jassem | Rosenberg | Tuszynski | Zia      |
|        | 3♦        | 4♦        | 2♦       |
| X      | Pass      | 4NT       | Pass     |
| 4♠     | Pass      | 6♠        | Pass     |
| 5♠     | Pass      |           | All Pass |

♦J led, taken by the ace; ♠4 to the ace (♠Q would have been better, allowing a heart play at trick 3); ♠2 to the ♠Q; ♥5, king wins; ♣4 to the ace; ♥10, ace wins; ♣3, king wins.

### This was the ending:

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| ♠ 10 9 |  |
| ♥ J    |  |
| ♦ 6    |  |
| ♣ 10 8 |  |

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| ♠ J 6   | ♠ A 8 3 |
| ♥ -     | ♥ Q 7 3 |
| ♦ 9 7 3 | ♦ -     |
| ♣ 7     | ♣ -     |

|          |
|----------|
| ♠ -      |
| ♥ 6      |
| ♦ K Q 10 |
| ♣ 9 6    |

Declarer now played ♠J, spade to the ace and was home when hearts were 3-3. +980, 11 Imps to Poland.

Unless declarer knew hearts were breaking, this line was risky. Assuming South for the weak 2♦ opening will not have four hearts, imagine North in the above diagram has ♥J-6 and ♣10 left. Now declarer's line leads to one off while D ruff first, then ♥Q makes easily when hearts are 3-3. When North began with four hearts, continue after ♥Q with heart ruff, club ruff and a high cross-ruff for the last two tricks.

Poland 161, USA2 130

The result for Board 15 comes in, 6 Imps to USA2 on a partscore.

Poland 161, USA2 136. Three boards to go.

### Board 92 Dealer West N-S Vul

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

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

|               |
|---------------|
| ♠ A K Q 7 4 2 |
| ♥ 5 4 3       |
| ♦ -           |
| ♣ A K 8 7     |

### Closed Room

| West     | North    | East   | South    |
|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Stansby  | Pcyszola | Martel | Kwiecien |
| 1NT      | Pass     | Pass   | 4♠       |
| All Pass |          |        |          |

# EIN SOMMER-BRIDGEFEST IM JANUAR

13 tricks, +710.

Viewgraph

**West North East South**

*Jassem Rosenberg Tuszynski Zia*  
 1♦ Pass Pass 2♦  
 X 3♣ Pass 4♣  
 Pass 5♠ Pass 6♣  
 Pass 6♥ Pass 6♠  
 All Pass

♦K led, ruffed; ♠A; ♥4: - 8 - 10 - 6; ♠9 to the king. 13 tricks, +1460. 13 Imps to USA2.

Had the ♥10 lost at trick 3, declarer was planning to ruff a club in dummy and then run trumps for a double squeeze (♦A on left, club guard on right).

Poland 161, USA2 149.

The result for Board 96 comes in, a flat 3NT. Two boards to go.

*Board 93 Dealer North Both Vul:*

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

Closed Room

**West North East South**

*Stansby Pczszola Martel Kwiecien*  
 1♥ X 2♦  
 2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
 4♠ All Pass

♦ lead, 11 tricks, +650.

Viewgraph

**West North East South**

*Jassem Rosenberg Tuszynski Zia*  
 2♥ X Pass  
 2♠ All Pass

♥Q, ace; ♣6, king; ♦2, queen wins; ♦J,

ace; ♦10, ♠10, ♠K over-ruffs; ♥10, ♠3; ♣9, ace; 9 tricks, +140, 11 Imps to USA2. Poland 161, USA2 160.

Last board (with apologies to the Old Master) . . .

Try to imagine the emotions and the Viewgraph audience scenes as this hand unfolds . . .

*Board 94 Dealer East Nil Vul:*

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

Closed Room

**West North East South**

*Stansby Pczszola Martel Kwiecien*  
 1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass  
 2♥ (1) X (2) Pass Pass  
 3♣ All Pass

(1) Artificial, poor hand

1. ♥A lead, 9 tricks, +110.

(2) Luckily for North's peace of mind, the double of 2♥ did not make a difference. 3♣ has fair chances to go one down on any but a heart lead.

Viewgraph

**West North East South**

*Jassem Rosenberg Tuszynski Zia*  
 1♣ (1) Pass  
 1♦ (2) 1♥ 1NT 2♥  
 3♠ All Pass  
 Lead: ♥Q - king - ace; ♥7, jack; ♥9, ♠3, ♠9; ♦10, ♦A; ♥8, ♠8, ♠K. Two down, -100.

5 Imps to USA2.

USA2 win by 4 Imps.

Poland 161, USA2 165.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

*Dr Robert Herr, a visitor to Australia last January, wrote an article on his Antipodean experiences for the German magazine 'Bridge'. I thought you might like to know how we are reported in Europe, even if it suggests that the ABF deserves bouquets rather than the brickbats we seem to love to hurl at them. Thanks to Ron Osborne for the translation – my knowledge of German is even worse than his understanding of bridge, and so it was an amusing struggle to extricate meaning from descriptions of play! I have spared you our efforts there but a few more general comments are reproduced below.*

'By German standards the number of participants and tournaments which took place in the ballrooms of the two largest hotels and in the public rooms of the National Convention Centre was unimaginable.

'Proof of the attraction of this large tournament is the number of foreign visitors, including not only forty-five New Zealanders, six Indonesians and four Poles, but also a player from each of Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Latvia and the United States.

'Foreign participants could not only marvel at the perfect organization ( for example, each received a daily bulletin of 4-8 pages with notes of the computer-dealt hands and the average scores of the first twenty tables), but they also had the opportunity of personally meeting key male and female Australian players at a reception given by the Australian Bridge Federation.

## Perfekte Organisation, schwierige Hande!

*'Coming to terms with non-accredited Gold Points is easy. Were the flight to Australia shorter, I don't know what could keep us from participating in this wonderful tournament in greater numbers.'*

Tina Zines

## 7NT, 2 FINESSES TO GUESS, EASY GAME!

Session 2 of SWPT served up at least 10 boards with SERIOUS SWING POTENTIAL. How does NOT NEWS 2000 know this you ask? Well this year, both your Editors are playing in 6 person teams, so we get to have face to face contact with the ABF's diabolical (but fun) computer dealt hands.

Board 10 was Dealer E All Vul

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

♠ 7 5  
♥ 8 2  
♦ 10 6 5 3  
♣ J 8 7 5 2

♠ Q 9 4 2  
♥ Q 9 6  
♦ Q J 7 4  
♣ 10 4

♠ A J 8  
♥ A 10 5 4 3  
♦ A K 8  
♣ K 3

At one table Tim Seres opened 1H. George Gaspar responded 1♠, Seres rebid 2NT (19-20) after which Gaspar took BIG BERTHA out of the golf bag and moments later the bidding subsided, but only just in 7NT. Tim Seres obviously had the right stuff for breakfast for he guessed both major suit queens correctly – No problem! Most N/S's were in 4♥ or 6♥.

One South in 6♥ had consumed a bottle of fine Canberra District (actually Jeir Creek of Murrumbateman) Cab Merlot for lunch (or was it two bottles?) and failed to plan the play properly and proceeded to take two losing major suit finesses for down 1!! True story... no names ... no pack drill.

## NICE SLAM

In Session 1 John Hanks and Tim Davis of the ACT had a nice smooth auction to 6♦ on board 20. Tim opened 1♣ (Precision) and in due course the diamond fit was established and 6♦ rolled home. Some pairs playing natural systems had trouble with this hand and languished in game. The Precision club system is very efficient in finding thin but good slams.

Peter Jamieson

## Summer Festival 2000 Wine

Cabernet-Shiraz, Chardonnay and Port

\$13 per bottle

Each style has its own distinctive Summer Festival label, a real collector's item. Surprise the players at your next social bridge event by serving this souvenir.

Orders with prepayment may be placed at the book-stall at Rydges. Delivery will be at the end of the afternoon session each day.



## HOW ARE YOUR CARDS DEALT?

Demonstrations of computer dealing, using the Duplimate â dealing machine can be seen in the foyer, first floor, at the National Convention Centre during the break on Wednesday from 1.30pm, and on Thursday from 9.30 am.

Also see the latest on bidding boxes and scoring. Will scoring in the future be scanned rather than

manual data processing?

Visit the All About Cards stand at the Convention Centre for ASE scoring information as well as some great gift ideas. Come and chat with Carole and John.

PS A Duplimate machine dealt all the SWPT hands

## NOT Rydges Datums

| BD | Rnd 1 | Rnd 2 | Rnd 3 |
|----|-------|-------|-------|
| 1  | +420  | +240  | -20   |
| 2  | +310  | +400  | -270  |
| 3  | +80   | +350  | +280  |
| 4  | +80   | -630  | +70   |
| 5  | -120  | +580  | -130  |
| 6  | +20   | +370  | -70   |
| 7  | +150  | +110  | -80   |
| 8  | -20   | +120  | +450  |
| 9  | +510  | -1270 | -630  |
| 10 | +10   | +1440 | -70   |
| 11 | +320  | +150  | +620  |
| 12 | +60   | +240  | +510  |
| 13 | -50   | -110  | -180  |
| 14 | +110  | -980  | +510  |
| 15 | -340  | +120  | -470  |
| 16 | +220  | 0     | +360  |
| 17 | +380  | -280  | +430  |
| 18 | +50   | -80   | +30   |
| 19 | +430  | +460  | +420  |
| 20 | +1050 | -60   | +90   |

## NOT NCC Datums

| BD | Rnd 1 | Rnd 2 | Rnd 3 |
|----|-------|-------|-------|
| 1  | +380  | +250  | +40   |
| 2  | +390  | +400  | -250  |
| 3  | +70   | +280  | +190  |
| 4  | -120  | -580  | +140  |
| 5  | -110  | +460  | -180  |
| 6  | -60   | +380  | +20   |
| 7  | +120  | +30   | -270  |
| 8  | +40   | +100  | +330  |
| 9  | +600  | -1210 | -430  |
| 10 | +120  | +1290 | -30   |
| 11 | +390  | +40   | +540  |
| 12 | -40   | +140  | +520  |
| 13 | -50   | -120  | -540  |
| 14 | +130  | -930  | +510  |
| 15 | -240  | +280  | -480  |
| 16 | +110  | +20   | +430  |
| 17 | +280  | -340  | +420  |
| 18 | +50   | -200  | +60   |
| 19 | +420  | +470  | +420  |
| 20 | +930  | -130  | +140  |

## 2000 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH PAIRS

The two-day Pairs Championship attracted 16 pairs, with players from all States except Queensland and NT. The winning pair of David Wiltshire (SA) and Joshua Wyner (NSW) was arranged with the organisers' help in December - they did not know each other at the time! Here's Joshua's first, but not last, double squeeze, from the Pairs:

Dir S, All Vul

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

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

♠ A 9 6 3  
♥ A K 9 4 3  
♦ 3  
♣ Q 4 3

| West         | North | East          | South |
|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| <i>David</i> |       | <i>Joshua</i> |       |
|              |       |               | 1♥    |
| Pass         | 2♦    | 2♠            | Pass  |
| Pass         | 3♣    | Pass          | 3NT   |
| All Pass     |       |               |       |

The scratch partnership had difficulty extracting a top from East's youthful and ill-advised overcall, mainly because South's double of 2♠ would be for penalties, and North wasn't sure about a double from his seat.

♠10 lead was ducked, as was ♠K. A third spade was won by declarer, as West discarded a heart. ♣Q and a club to the king was followed by ♥10 losing to the "safe" hand - West's jack.

West exited ♣J (a diamond is better. Joshua now ran off his heart winners, retaining a spade and a diamond in his hand. After 11 tricks, West had to reduce to either "two diamonds" or 'a club and a diamond'. When he chose the latter, dummy discarded a club to keep ♦AQ, and East had to retain his spade winner, so ♦K was bared - and duly dropped, a 100% certain play. Note that a flashy

declarer might have shown off unnecessarily by the cost-free discard of ♦Q from dummy, in order to retain ♦Ax.

This reminds me of a famous comment attributed to Warren Lazer some years ago and no doubt misquoted by me, that "you can tell if the opponents have been double squeezed, because each defender is telling his partner that they have discarded wrongly" (for the uninitiated, there is no defence to a double squeeze).

## HELMAN KLINGER AWARD

The inaugural Helman Klinger Awards for 1999 have just been announced. They will be presented to the selected leading Australian Youth Players at the end of the National Open Teams round-robin on Friday. The winners are:

\$400 to Mark Abraham of Tasmania. The guidelines in selecting Mark as the winner involved ability, achievement, sportsmanship, attitude, contribution and commitment to bridge. The seven finalists were, alphabetically: Mark Abraham, Paul Brayshaw, Christy Bridgland, Nic Croft, Leigh Gold, Hakan Lyngsjo and Kylie Robb.

\$200 to Leigh Gold for the Most Masterpoints in 1999, with 339.09 masterpoints.

Rabbi Helman must be thanked for his generous donation which has led to the Award, which honours the outstanding contribution of Ron Klinger to bridge in Australia.

Ron has always helped Youth Bridge, most notably with his free week of lessons for youngsters, which was how many of Sydney's leading youths and ex-youths, such as Kylie Robb, Tim Posney, Danielle Stern and Daniel Krochmalik, learnt bridge.

Ron's latest involvement in Youth Bridge was to provide a free seminar a few months ago to the bridge clubs of Trinity Grammar School and Sydney Girls' High, following an interschool match between the two schools. With resources such as Ron's time available so freely, one would think that the rest

of us would have been able to produce more youngsters playing bridge.

## HILLS HURLEY TROPHY

Richard Hills has kindly donated the Hills-Hurley Trophy for partnership commitment. For 1999, it will be awarded at the same ceremony to Nic Croft and Luke Matthews of Adelaide.

Nic and Luke had a remarkable year, with good performances in the Youth Butler, the NOT, the ANOT, the Pacific Asia Championships, the World Juniors and the Interstate Youth Teams.

This Trophy is not intended to be awarded to the best pair, but to the pair that best demonstrates that bridge is a partnership game, and that success follows if a pair develops a detailed Bidding System and works on their partnership.

In due course further details of each Award will appear on the ABF Youth Website at [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au).

## HERO TOURNAMENT

Kylie Robb, Tony Nunn, Paul Brayshaw and Matt Raisin came 19<sup>th</sup> of 25 countries in the world's biggest Youth bridge tournament in Holland in early January. More details, including a hand or two, will be included in a future Youth Page in NOT News.

## ATTENDANCE

This year, players from 6 Australian States and New Zealand travelled to Canberra for the Australian Youth Championships. The 41 participants, excluding the Under 16 section, come from:

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Victoria          | 4  |
| Tasmania          | 2  |
| South Australia   | 7  |
| Western Australia | 4  |
| New South Wales   | 11 |
| ACT               | 8  |
| New Zealand       | 5  |

## COLUMN 8 (NOT)

On commiserating with the No 1 place getter in last year's Swiss Teams, I was told they'd done 3 times as well this year! Their position was 111.



A Top Team is playing in the first round of the SWPT. Top Team Player 1 opens 2♠, alerted and explained as at least 5-5 in two suits of the same colour.

'Oh,' says his LHO, 'it must be the reds. I have the blacks.'

'Oh shit,' says TTP2.

'Director! He can't use that sort of language at the table.'



### Overheard In Cahoots Bar at Rydges Hotel on Sunday evening:

"Did you hear about X (a well known, sardonic player who is not in Canberra this year) . He decided to enter Australian Bridge Magazine's free subscription competition. He got a pen out and went through the top 20 seeds in the SWPT crossing out teams that he decided could not win. When this exercise finished, **ALL** 20 teams were crossed out ! he decided to try again Try again using a highlighter pen. Result....the same!! He has supposedly not entered the competition"



South made five diamonds doubled.

When West mildly asked East why he had doubled, the charming reply was:

'I wanted declarer to finesse the wrong way.'



Having been benched for Round 1, Nick Fahrer decided to kibbitz promising juniors Michael Wilkinson and Mark Abrahams. Late in the match at the conclusion of another long relay sequence. Elaine Cassidy asked, " So who's playing this?"

"South" was the answer offered by the other three players.

Oh good she commented. "He doesn't have a very good track record so far!"



THINK PINK

If anyone is wondering where Juanita the Bunny is, her owner had to leave Sydney in a rush.

Urgent phone calls were made and she will arrive by air express today.

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