



# NOT NEWS

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## INTERVIEW

*Youth Convenor, Peter Gill interviewed John Whyte, a 14 year old bridge player from Tonga.*

**PG:** How did you become the first Tongan to play in the Summer Festival?

**JW:** Khokan Bagchi and Lynleigh Evans taught me bridge ten months ago in Tonga. Khokan contacted the Australian organisers of the Summer Festival and some Australian sponsors kindly offered to pay my airfare. A few days later I was on a plane to Australia.

**PG:** Was there any bridge in Tonga before Khokan and Lynleigh moved from Sydney to Tonga?

**JW:** The bridge club had been running for about eight years before they arrived. However the numbers have increased dramatically due to their teaching.

**PG:** What bridge events have you played in since you've been here, and how did you do?

**JW:** The Under 16 Pairs (4<sup>th</sup>), Under 16 Teams (1<sup>st</sup>), Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge (2<sup>nd</sup> with French Polynesian and Australian team mates), Youth Pairs, Youth Teams (won Under 20 section), Youth Speedball, Youth Board-A-Match Teams, Mixed Pairs on Saturday, Swiss Pairs (169<sup>th</sup> out of 278) and the South West Pacific Teams.

**PG:** Which has been the best?

**JW:** The SWPT, because the competition has been a lot better.

**PG:** How have you been going in the SWPT?

**JW:** We've won five of our first six matches.

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## SWPT Top Thirteen after 12 rounds

### Rydges Lakeside Hotel

1st	<b>LAVAZZA</b> (Lavazza, Bocchi, Lauria, Versace, Duboin, Ferraro)	256
2nd	<b>WILSMORE</b> (Wilsmore, Grosvenor, Courtney, Gill, Horton, Peake)	245
3rd	<b>THOMPSON</b> (Thompson, Jacobs, Nagy, Seres, Smolanko, Middleton)	225
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6th	<b>BEECH</b> (Beech, Bourke, Oshlag, Wignall, Scott, Ramshaw)	217
7th	<b>EVANS</b> (Evans, Buchen, Gaspar, Tencer)	215
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9th	<b>SARTEN</b> (Sarten, Watts, De Ravin, Baker, Kiss)	210
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11th	<b>NUNN</b> (Nunn, Robb, Croft, Matthews)	208
11th	<b>LUONI</b> (Luoni, Jurelait, McLeod, Aldridge)	208
13th	<b>BRAITHWAITE</b> (Braithwaite, Ware, Lester, McManus, Klinger, Haughie)	207

### Hyatt Hotel Canberra

1st	<b>BURGAY</b> (Burgay, Mariani, Balicki, Zmudzinski, Malaczynski)	260
2nd	<b>MARSTON</b> (Marston, Thomson, Lorentz, Lester, Del'Monte, Erichsen)	255
3rd	<b>SMITH</b> (Smith, Yovich, Haffer, Reynolds, Lusk, Moir)	228
4th	<b>HURLEY</b> (Hurley, Brown, Askew, Powell)	216
4th	<b>NOBLE</b> (Noble, Brown, Prescott, Fordham, Bilski, Gue)	216
6th	<b>REINER</b> (Reiner, Borewicz, Doran, Sawicki, Wyer)	213
7th	<b>BEAUCHAMP</b> (Beauchamp, Chadwick, Lazer, Gumby)	212
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9th	<b>SMYTH</b> (Smyth, Cherry, Horowitz, Lorimer)	207
9th	<b>JESNER</b> (Jesner, Dalley, Lavings, Lee, Chan, Delivera)	207
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12th	<b>ROTHFIELD</b> (Rothfield, Rothfield, Browne, Brightling, Cummings, Feitelson)	206
12th	<b>NAGY</b> (Nagy, Jappe, Haugh, Mill)	206

**PG:** Any chance of a whole Tongan team in the SWPT one day?

**JW:** It is possible but we would need sponsorship.

**PG:** What is next for you at bridge?

**JW:** I'm playing in the Zone 7 International Playoff in Christchurch over Easter.

**PG:** Tell me a bit about the Tongan team.

**JW:** It consists of two Tongan nationals, one English expatriate, two New Zealand expatriates (my partner and me), one Swedish expatriate and Khokan Baghi as non-playing captain.

**PG:** How are you paying for the trip to Christchurch?

**JW:** I am seeking sponsorship. Before I came to Australia I was doing jobs for people and selling writing cards to tourists. If anyone would like Tongan writing cards please come and see me in Team 139 at the Hyatt.

**PG:** Finally, tell me a little bit about life in Tonga.

**JW:** Life is very hot and sticky throughout the year. I have done my schooling by correspondence from New Zealand during my three years in Tonga.

## KNOW THINE ENEMY

by Phil Gue

It pays to know who you are playing against.

NSP, Session 8, Board 28  
Dealer West, N/S Vulnerable

♠ 86	♠ A5432
♥ 82	♥ AQ
♦ 74	♦ A982
♣ AKJ8643	♣ T7
♠ KJT9	♠ Q7
♥ 9654	♥ KJT73
♦ JT	♦ KQ653
♣ Q52	♣ 9

George Bilski (East) and I (West) were pitted against a visiting New Zealand (Wellington) pair. North opened 3♣. George chose to pass, showing his conservative nature, rather than venture 3♠ and that was the end of the bidding. George got off to the good lead of ♠A and then another, leaving me the decision of how to take this contract down.

Partner is marked with at least one of the red aces, and two if declarer has good trumps. If that is the case we

have only four side-suit winners and must get a trick with ♣Q. The most obvious way to do that is to get rid of dummy's ♣9, so that declarer cannot take the club finesse. So at trick three I tempted declarer with a ruff and discard and returned a spade. Declarer took the bait and threw a heart from hand and ruffed in dummy. Our side still took the two red-suit aces and my club queen scored the setting trick.

Now it shows how important it is to know your opponent. Perhaps in our ordinary club games we get the gifts of ruff and discards quite frequently. We think nothing of it. If my opponent had asked herself why I was giving her that defensive gift, she may have seen through the trap and ruffed in hand. She would then cross to dummy with a diamond to take the successful trump finesse.

Similarly, if I had been up against an opponent whom I knew would see through such a "defensive" ploy (say Bobby Richman), then I would have had to resort to a different ploy, such as leading a trump at trick three, giving him a chance of a free finesse. Why would West do that? Perhaps East has the doubleton ♣Q and West is trying to encourage a finesse. So declarer goes up with the ace and plays for the drop. You should always weigh up your opponent and play and defend accordingly.

## TEAM EFFORT

by Mark Abraham

The Fahrer team (Rydgges team 80) extracted the maximum from their opponents on this board:

SWPT, Session 3, Board 12  
Dealer W, Vul NS

♠ A763	♠ 942
♥ 98732	♥ J4
♦ J43	♦ KT65
♣ 5	♣ KJ97
♠ Q	♠ KJT85
♥ 65	♥ AKQT
♦ 9872	♦ AQ
♣ QT6432	♣ A8

After a strong 2♣ auction that doesn't

### SWPT Rydgges Datums

BD	Rnd10	Rnd11	Rnd12
1	-310	-180	-170
2	370	510	840
3	100	-630	360
4	40	20	720
5	360	70	10
6	250	460	-60
7	-490	210	80
8	180	-50	-150
9	340	-260	-160
10	530	-170	-1210
11	-30	-410	-240
12	-340	120	350
13	-220	410	80
14	30	-10	-710
15	110	-340	-70
16	-170	-30	450
17	-260	-310	-400
18	-120	110	-930
19	0	-540	-100
20	-150	-190	-150

### SWPT Hyatt Datums

BD	Rnd10	Rnd11	Rnd12
1	N	-100	-50
2	o	510	1050
3		-640	310
4	D	20	650
5	a	80	-50
6	t	500	60
7	u	110	70
8	m	-20	-220
9	s	-270	-120
10		-200	-1130
11	R	-430	20
12	o	110	310
13	u	510	-10
14	n	-10	-610
15	d	-210	-20
16		-120	450
17	T	-330	-350
18	e	140	-940
19	n	-550	-120
20		-140	-120

bear repeating, Judith Tobin elected to play 7NT to avoid a ruff in one of the major suits. Dummy was not as jewel-studded as she expected, but there is no alternative to the diamond finesse and 2220 was duly entered on the scoresheet.

American visitor Josh Sher recently visited New Zealand where he learned from Mike Ware, the master of T-Rex and the psyche.

In third seat at favourable vulnerability, Josh sat East and peeked at his opponents' convention card. Joy of joys they used DONT as their defence to a weak notrump and so their double would show a single-suited hand. Brimming with confidence, he opened 1NT on his bristling 8-count. Poor South doubled and could only manage 3♠ after the opponents bid to 3♣.

+2220 and -230 gave 1990 for the board and 18 IMPs. Anybody ever scored that before?

## K IS FOR KLEVER

by Hilda Lirsch

SWPT, Session 7, Board 1  
Dealer N, Vul Nil

Stephen White	
♠ 2	
♥ AT86	
♦ QJ63	
♣ QJ43	
♠ KJ8	♠ AT53
♥ K3	♥ 974
♦ T9542	♦ 7
♣ K97	♣ A8652
Klavs Kalejs	
♠ Q9764	
♥ QJ52	
♦ AK8	
♣ T	

After two passes, Klavs Kalejs opened 1♠. His partner, former Australian Junior International representative, Stephen White, responded 2♣. Klavs rebid 2♥, and Stephen optimistically leapt to 4♥, knowing that Klavs would give the play of the contract thoughtful consideration.

West led the ♦9, which Klavs let run around to his Ace. He now tried the Queen of trumps covered by the King and Ace and played a heart to the Jack.

Klavs saw that there were not enough

tricks available if he drew the outstanding trump. He therefore switched to his ♦K.

East pounced on this with his last trump. (Had East deduced Klav's intention with this play of a "Trojan Horse", he could have defeated the contract by discarding on the run of the diamond suit, then leading his trump after winning one of his black aces.

East cashed ♠A and ♣A and then hopefully led another club. But Klavs' two remaining trumps were just sufficient to ruff out West's ♣K, for +420.

At the other table declarer went one off in 4♥, and the 10 IMPs, gained assisted Klavs Kalejs' team to a 20-10 VP win over their seeded opponents.

## THOSE DEVILISH, DASTARDLY DIAMONDS AGAIN!

OR

## DIAMONDS ARE NOT THIS GIRL'S BEST FRIEND

by Lilli Allgood

SWPT Session 11, Board 19  
Dealer S, Vul EW

♠ T75	
♥ AK5	
♦ K765	
♣ KT9	
♠ J9	♠ AKQ82
♥ J6	♥ QT92
♦ AT9432	♦ J
♣ A87	♣ QJ2
♠ 643	
♥ 8743	
♦ Q8	
♣ 6543	

West	North	East	South
P	1D <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>	P
P!! <sup>3</sup>	P <sup>4</sup>		

- (1) Seems harmless enough.
- (2) Takeout
- (3) My favourite contract!!
- (4) Where do I go now?

Lead ♣J. North thinks, on seeing South's collection of tram tickets, that three off is a superb sacrifice.

Unfortunately for North, there was absolutely no way to avoid going down four!

*Editor's note: Good to see that bidding is never dull at the Allgood table.*

## SQUEEZE WITHOUT THE COUNT

By John Brockwell

This hand was well handled by John Ashworth in 6NT by South.

SWPT, Session 8, Board 13  
Dealer N, Vul ALL

♠ AQ92	
♥ KJ83	
♦ 92	
♣ 873	
♠ 865	♠ 743
♥ 7654	♥ T92
♦ T76	♦ K543
♣ Q92	♣ AT4
♠ KJT	
♥ AQ	
♦ AQJ8	
♣ KJ65	

At first glance the contract seems easy because the cards lie so well. At second glance, dummy needs three entries, to lead diamonds twice and clubs once, but only has two.

Declarer won the heart lead in hand, unblocked his other heart, cashed a high spade, overtook a high spade and finessed the ♦Q. Then he re-entered dummy with a spade and cashed some major-suit winners, leaving the position at trick nine:

♠ —	♠ —
♥ J	♥ —
♦ 9	♦ K54
♣ 873	♣ AT
immaterial	
♠ —	
♥ —	
♦ AJ8	
♣ KJ	

On the lead of ♥J, East had a nasty decision and chose to bare his ♣A. Ashworth read the cards accurately and played a club, end-playing East for the last three tricks.

# APPEAL 4

**Event:** South West Pacific Teams  
**Session:** 6  
**Director:** Laurie Kelso

**Appealing Pair:** G Gaspar, B Tencer (E/W)

**Opposing Pair:** D Weston, K Crowe-mai (N/S)

Board 1  
 Dealer: N  
 Vul: Nil

♠ 74	
♥ Q87	
♦ 9765	
♣ KJ53	
♠ AKT63	♠ —
♥ AKJ2	♥ T653
♦ K84	♦ QJT32
♣ 4	♣ Q976
	♠ QJ9852
	♥ 94
	♦ A
	♣ AT82

West	North	East	South
	P	P	1♠
X	1NT	2♦	2♠
X	P	3♣	3♠
X	All pass		

**Final contract:** 3♠X N/S

**Result:** - 500

**Director's Report and Ruling:** I was called at the conclusion of play.

When 3♣ was passed around to South, he enquired about the nature of West's first two doubles. East explained that the first double was take-out and that the second double showed a much stronger hand, also being for take-out.

At the conclusion of play, South questioned West's actions. West said that he had intended the second double to be for penalties. East was insistent that both doubles were take-out.

I ruled that there existed doubt regarding the nature of West's second double (based on West's comments) and ruled mistaken explanation (Law 75 and footnote).

**Director's Adjusted Score:** E/W +130

**Appellant's Claim:** Boris' (East)

explanation at the table was 100% correct!. The second double showed a stronger hand and a willingness to play hearts, etc. In 12 years of competition bridge, I have never appealed against a director's decision.

## Appeals Committee Composition:

I Dahler (Chairperson)  
 B Thompson  
 M Scudder  
 P Evans  
 J Ashworth

**Appeals Committee Ruling:** The committee feels that, at worst, West's second double was a mis-bid. East's explanation was the standard meaning and seems to be, on reflection, what E/W expected to be playing.

Score adjusted back to the table result:  
 N/S -500

# APPEAL 5

**Event:** South West Pacific Teams  
**Session:** 4  
**Director:** Tony Howes

**Captain Appealing:** Val Mace

**Opposing Captain:** N Guira

Board 12  
 Dealer: W  
 Vul: N/S

♠ K654	
♥ A9732	
♦ 5	
♣ K64	
♠ Q7	♠ 32
♥ KQ	♥ 865
♦ A762	♦ QJT84
♣ 98752	♣ QT3
	♠ AJT98
	♥ JT4
	♦ K93
	♣ AJ

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

**Final contract:** 3NT S

**Result:** -100

**Director's Ruling:** South called me to the table claiming that East's psychic call of 2♠ had damaged N/S in both the auction and the play of the hand. After

consultation with the senior director I ruled that under Law 40A there had been no infraction and that the result stand.

**Appellant's Claim:** In itself it is not the psyche we object to but the control procedure that may be available to E/W. Both East and West bids were limited, which means that the auction could not run away from them. The control aspect reduces greatly the risks inherent in any psyche. Should West have had three spades and the same hand maximum for his bid should he have not bid 3♠ over the 2♠.

As we were playing against "forcing pass" we didn't have time to discuss all aspects of defence to their bidding\* and we feel that such a psyche takes unfair advantage of the complexity of their system.

\*We took 45 minutes before the start of play to try to cover any eventuality.

**Opposing Pair's Response:** No dispute of the facts.

- (1) The cause of the bad score was South's decision to play BOTH opponents to have psyched.
- (2) This is the first event EW have played together in 15 years. This type of psyche had not occurred before and had not been discussed. (Now we have a "history", we have agreed to adjust our explanations of these auctions.)
- (3) By bidding 2♠, East risked a raise to 3♠, 2NT, a double of their 3NT, or a disastrous lead against 3NT. It was lucky that North's transfer allowed South to redirect the lead.
- (4) This psyche is similar to 3♦(X) 3♠ to steal their suit, or 1♥(X) 1♠ with heart support. Partner has no control method available.
- (5) The rights of players of yellow systems is protected under Law 40D.

## Appeals Committee Composition:

Bruce Neill (Chairperson)  
 Julia Hoffman  
 Ian Thomson  
 Ted Chadwick  
 Charlie Snashall

**Appeals Committee Ruling:**

- (1) Result stands



# A TRUMP TOO LATE

by Sue Lusk

SWPT Session 9, Board 9  
Dealer N, Vul EW

♠ J973  
♥ 832  
♦ 65  
♣ K543

♠ Q82  
♥ KJT96  
♦ K82  
♣ 76

♠ AT65  
♥ 7  
♦ QJ943  
♣ JT2

♠ K4  
♥ AQ54  
♦ AT7  
♣ AQ98

This tale would not be told, either in this bulletin or in BridgeOn.net, if West had led a trump after this auction.

West	North	East	South
P	P	P	1NT <sup>1</sup>
P	P	X	XX
P	2H <sup>2</sup>	P	P
X	All pass		

- (1) Intended just to show strength.  
(2) Thinking partner has shown good hearts.

Alas for the defence, he chose the ♦2 which went to the Jack and Ace. Another diamond was led which East was allowed to win but still the trump lead did not come. Instead, East tried a low spade. Unerringly, declarer rose with ♠K – no “Greek Gifts” here – then ruffed a diamond in dummy and led a low spade off the board. East rose with the ♠A and at last led a trump. Declarer rose with the ♥A, cashed the ♠A, and ♣K and ruffed a spade. With seven tricks already in hand, she now played the ♣Q which West, perforce had to ruff and was end-played to concede a trick to declarer’s remaining ♥Qx.

It would not have helped if East had led the trump instead of the spade when he was first in, since declarer can still come to the same tricks.

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# MASTER OF THE BLACK JACK

by Peter Grant

Among the many fine cards my partner Roger Curnow has played this week, his two best both involved the same card in the same situation: singleton ♠J in defence at trick two, against a low-level spade contract, doubled and vulnerable.

SWPT Session 3, Board 20  
Dealer W, Vul ALL

♠ AK86  
♥ T9652  
♦ T8  
♣ AJ

♠ J  
♥ AKJ43  
♦ AJ53  
♣ T72

♠ QT95  
♥ —  
♦ KQ942  
♣ KQ98

♠ 7432  
♥ Q87  
♦ 76  
♣ 6543

West	North	East	South
1♥	X	XX	1♠
P	P	X	All pass

Confident that his partner would be short in hearts, Roger led a top heart in order to inspect dummy’s wares. Mere seconds later he produced that marvelous singleton – ♠J – to force a top trump from dummy. Declarer was now without resort, as East could easily clear the remaining trumps when in with his top diamonds or clubs. Result: 1♥X, down 4, +1100

SWPT, Session 7, Board 13  
Dealer N, Vul ALL

♠ T  
♥ KJT43  
♦ KT7642  
♣ 6

♠ J  
♥ A97  
♦ A983  
♣ AQ932

♠ A962  
♥ Q862  
♦ Q5  
♣ K74

♠ KQ87543  
♥ 5  
♦ J  
♣ JT85

West	North	East	South
X	2♠ <sup>1</sup>	P	P
	All pass		

(1) Two-suiter, reds or blacks, less than opening values.

Lead: ♥2

Winning the opening trick with the ♥A, Roger paused to consider his options. Placing partner with four spades for his pass of the double, and alert to the risk of a club ruff by declarer, he once again produced that devastating singleton in order to remove declarer’s solitary trump. His ♠J having been allowed to hold, the way was now clear for Roger to cash three top clubs, give partner a club ruff, cash ♦A and wait for partner to make his Ace of trumps.

Result: 2♠X, down 3, +800

It’s true that, on both of these boards, E/W had a relatively easy 3NT games themselves, but give me the excitement of a vulnerable game doubled contract any day – especially with a partner who can defend like that!

♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥

# RIGHT LEAD WRONG REASON

by Julian Foster

SWPT Session 11, Board 7  
Dealer S, Vul ALL

♠ JT64  
♥ J987  
♦ 5  
♣ AQT3

♠ 2  
♥ 653  
♦ AJT962  
♣ KJ6

♠ AQ95  
♥ QT2  
♦ K8  
♣ 8752

♠ K873  
♥ AK4  
♦ Q743  
♣ 94

My partner Sartaj Hans found a special lead that paid dividends in ways he wasn’t expecting on this board.

West	North	East	South
P	1♥	1♠	1♦ <sup>1</sup>
	All pass		2♥

(1) Precision Style

Sartaj in the East seat led ♦8, no doubt

## PROPOSED BUS SCHEDULE - FRIDAY 26 JANUARY

Bus No	Dep Rydges	Arr Hyatt	Dep Hyatt	Arr Rydges
ABF			09:00	09:05
R1	08:55	09:05	09:10	09:15
R2	09:05	09:15	09:20	09:25
ABF	09:15	09:25	09:30	09:35
R1	09:25	09:35	09:40	09:45
R2	09:35	09:45	09:50	09:55
ABF	09:45	09:55		
ABF			12:30	12:35
R1	12:30	12:40	12:40	12:45
ABF	12:50	13:00		
ABF			13:25	13:30
R1	13:25	13:35	13:45	13:50
ABF	13:45	13:55		
ABF			16:30	16:35
ABF	16:40	16:45	16:50	16:55

hoping to put declarer to an early diamond guess. He did but not quite as he'd imagined. I carefully worked out it must be right to play  $\diamond A$  since declarer either had stiff King or King-five doubleton. When the  $\diamond 5$  appeared I happily played back  $\diamond J$  to signal I could ruff spades.

To my surprise declarer started thinking and eventually pitched  $\spadesuit 4$ ! In with  $\diamond K$  partner had no trouble in playing  $\spadesuit A$  and giving me a spade ruff. I returned  $\diamond T$  and poor declarer found her  $\heartsuit 7$  being over-ruffed! Another spade ruff and a diamond ruff with the  $\heartsuit Q$  was 2 off and an enjoyable +200.

## IT'S A LONG HARD ROAD TO 2IMPS!

by Greg Quittner

Using a new convention in a partnership is like playing with a new toy. You just cannot resist the temptation to fiddle with it. Sitting West on Board 12 of Round 3 you pick up:  $\spadesuit Q$ ,  $\heartsuit 65$ ,  $\diamond 9872$ ,  $\clubsuit QT6432$ . You are not vulnerable versus vulnerable and have agreed to play RCO two openings. The temptation is too great! You open  $2\heartsuit$  and the bidding proceeds:

West	North	East	South
$2\heartsuit$	P	P	x
?			

Now is not the time for bravery. So you pass hoping for better things. They soon happen. North passes and partner now bids  $2\spadesuit$ !! This is doubled to you. Trust partner and pass! What else? The defence proceeds to take the first eleven tricks so you end up with -1400. On analysis we see the N/S can make  $7\spadesuit$  and  $7\heartsuit$  with the diamond finesse. Maybe this board will be a big pick up.

Back to the table we go to find that our partners were in  $6\spadesuit$  for +1460. A two IMP pickup after a lot of nervous energy! Maybe you should re-think your timing of this bid in future. Oh, by the way, the full hand:

Dealer W, Vul NS

$\spadesuit A763$   
 $\heartsuit 98732$   
 $\diamond J43$   
 $\clubsuit 5$

$\spadesuit Q$   
 $\heartsuit 65$   
 $\diamond 9872$   
 $\clubsuit QT6432$

$\spadesuit KJT85$   
 $\heartsuit AKQT$   
 $\diamond AQ$   
 $\clubsuit A8$

Your mother used to tell you how dangerous it could be playing with new toys. Maybe you should have listened to her.

## WALK IN RESULTS

25 January 2001

### Morning session

N/S

- 1 F Taglietti, S Potts
- 2 NB Littmann, J Jones
- 3 M Duffy, E Seaborn

E/W

- 1 I Pallos, M Woods
- 2 G Brook, B Knight
- 3 P Waizer, S Waizer

### Afternoon session

N/S

- 1 F Hay, A Braund
- 2 F Taglietti, S Potts
- 3 NB Littmann, J Jones

E/W

- 1 B Spurrier, A Mellings
- 2 S Waizer, P Waizer
- 3 B Knight, Partner

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Check out is 11.00am, late check outs can be arranged at a cost of \$10 per hour. Please contact reception by phoning "4".

## THE VITAL NUMBERS

At this time there is often a lot of speculation in the bar as to what is needed to qualify. We asked Ishmael Del'Monte of the Marston team (Hyatt 2nd seeds) as to what he thought the qualifying mark would be at the two venues. Ish predicted 241 at the Hyatt might get in. At Rydges you may need a little more (245) for the Captain's Meeting at Rydges.

**COLUMN 8 (NOT)**

Did you get to read Len Dixon's article on the Summer Festival in yesterday's Canberra Times (Page 4) which included a photo of our distinguished visitors, the Lavarra team? Did you notice anything odd about the photo?

The hand, which is being displayed by Maria Teresa in the photo, has a somewhat rare 4-7-3-0 distribution. A local wag was heard to remark: "No wonder they win all the time – they play with 14 cards".



Congratulations to South Australians, Ian and Jeanette Sando who were married last Saturday and are visiting Canberra on their honeymoon trip. They are bridge players and decided to look in on the NOT and check out how their fellow club members were doing. They were soon playing in the walk-in pairs, Ian saying that this would really nark his regular partner.

Our anonymous correspondent asks how many other partners chose to play in a bridge tournament on their honeymoon. And in case you are wondering, Ian and Jeanette were not permanently scarred by the experience. As they left the Hyatt, they reassured their friends that they planned to stay married.



It is pleasing to learn that the NOT News is being read by a wider audience through the Internet. Dorothy Jesner was contacted by a school teacher in Rockhampton a couple days ago seeking advice on how to start up youth bridge in Central Queensland. The teacher's enthusiasm was sparked by the coverage given to Youth Bridge in the early editions of NOT News.



There has been a good response to John Scudder's invitation to express a view about a proposal to introduce a European style playing schedule in 2002 with sessions starting at 10am, 2pm and 5pm (see NOT News #7). As one might expect, the responses have been mixed. At this stage, the majority of responses favour a change, courtesy of a petition circulated at the Hyatt. As John Scudder indicated in his article, the festival organisers will need to look at the different options rather carefully before reaching a decision.



It seems that the double game swing on Board 7 of Round 3 reported by Eva Hardy in NOT News #8 was by no means unique to Eva's match. Max Wigbout did slightly better than Eva when his team achieved a swing of 17 IMPs on the board. Max and his partner were doubled in 4H on the E/W hands after Max was forced to bid 2H with his 2-count in response to partner's take-out double. His team ended up winning the match by 10 IMPs.

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