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JOHN BROCKWELL A.M.

The award of Member of the Order of Australia to John Brockwell will delight his many friends in the bridge world where he is recognised as the "father" of the Summer Festival, which at his suggestion found a permanent home in Canberra in the middle 1970's.

For the next 20 years or so John was convener of the Festival which quickly developed into the largest bridge event in the Southern Hemisphere.

Not merely this but he served for several years as President of the Australian Bridge Federation and in recognition of his service to bridge administration over some 30 years or so was made a Member of the ABF's Committee of Honour.

He had a distinguished career as a player winning several Australian titles including the Australian Swiss Pairs and the National Seniors Teams title (twice).

In addition he has captained Australian international teams and represented Australia in the Seniors event in Bermuda 2000.

But it should be noted that in the real world John is a scientist of repute specialising in agricultural research which has won him international recognition and awards.

All in all it is entirely fitting that he may now add the initials "A.M." after his name.

NJ Moses



SWPT Top Thirteen Final Standings

Rydges Lakeside Hotel

1st	LAVAZZA (Lavazza, Bocchi, Versace, Duboin, Ferraro Russo)	281
2nd	WILSMORE (Wilsmore, Grosvenor, Courtney, Gill, Horton, Peake)	271
3rd	THOMPSON (Thompson, Jacobs, Nagy, Seres, Smolanko, Middleton)	268
4th	ZIGGY (Konig, Wallis, Bach, Dyke, Burgess, Richman)	257
4th	HINGE (Hinge, Markey, Chua, Hughes)	257
6th	CARTER (Carter, Atkinson, Cahn, Hayes)	247
7th	NUNN (Nunn, Robb, Croft, Matthews)	245
7th	BRAITHWAITE (Braithwaite, Ware, Lester, McManus, Klinger, Haughie)	245
7th	BEECH (Beech, Bourke, Oshlag, Wignall, Scott, Ramshaw)	245
10th	WESTLAKE (Crowe-Mai, Stark, Weston, Mann, McDonald, Gurfinkiel)	243
11th	CORMACK (Cormack, Clark, Rogers, Havas, Courtney, Alabaster)	241
12th	KAHLER (Kahler, Kahler, Collins, Klofa, Blutstein)	240
13th	EVANS (Evans, Buchen, Gaspar, Tencer)	239

Hyatt Hotel Canberra

1st	BURGAY (Burgay, Mariani, Balicki, Zmudzinski, Malaczynski)	310
2nd	MARSTON (Marston, Thomson, Lorentz, Lester, Del'Monte, Erichsen)	303
3rd	SMITH (Smith, Yovich, Haffer, Reynolds, Lusk, Moir)	271
4th	BEAUCHAMP (Beauchamp, Chadwick, Lazer, Gumby)	245
4th	WESTWOOD (Westwood, McKinnon, Johnman, Goodyer)	245
6th	NOBLE (Noble, Brown, Prescott, Fordham, Bilski, Gue)	244
7th	REINER (Reiner, Borewicz, Doran, Sawicki, Wyer)	243
8th	PRENT (Prent, West, Dollan, Prent)	241
9th	ROTHFIELD (Rothfield, Rothfield, Browne, Brightling, Cummings, Feitelson)	240
10th	ROBERTS (Roberts, Neill, Hughes, Griffin, Walsh, McDonald)	239
11th	LUSK (Lusk, De Luca, Lasocki, Maddison, Mortimer)	238
12th	GRAHAME (Grahame, Grahame, Hancock, Hancock, Grant, Curnow)	236
13th	KROCHMALIK (Krochmalik, Feiler, Wiltshire, Lovelock, Liss)	234

APOLOGY

The report of the decision of the Appeals Committee headed "APPEAL 1" on page 4 of NOT News #5 contained a statement referring to the pair of C. Hadaway / A. Small as follows:-

"Given that the appellant's history of this kind of problem...."

which suggested that evidence of previous occurrences of this kind was given at the hearing of the appeal.

This was not the case and the Committee accepts that this statement was completely unfounded and unreservedly withdraws any suggestion that this pair has any "problem" of this kind.

Keith McDonald
ABF President

TWO TWO-WAY FINESSES

by Hilda Lirsch

♠ K9876
♥ AQ
♦ AT
♣ AT97

♠ QT3
♥ KJ8
♦ J72
♣ Q532

In session 14 of the SWPT, you declare 4♠ as North, after an uncontested auction. East leads the ♥T. Which way do you finesse for the Jack of trumps?

The superior line is to play West for the trump Jack, since it can be picked up even when West started with four spades.

So you win the ♥A at trick one, lead a spade towards the Queen at trick two (Just in case East holds AJ doubleton in trumps). West wins the ♠A and shifts to ♦K.

You win the ♦A, cash two hearts to discard your diamond loser and

then you run the ten of trumps. However East wins the Jack.

A diamond is continued to the Jack, Queen and ruff. The last trump is drawn (West has it).

♣A is cashed, East following with ♣4 and ♣6 from West. Declarer now plays ♣9 and East play ♣8.

How do you guess the clubs?

Superficially it seems you can use the same logic for the two-way club finesse as you used for the two-way trump finesse. That is, if the club suit is 3-2 then you toss a coin. But if East started with ♣KJxx, running the nine is necessary.

Stop! Have you noticed the club pips? East held the ♣8. If East started with ♣KJ8x, then a cover of the ♣9 with the Jack or King would guarantee the contract's defeat.

Hence clubs must be 3-2, and it is time for you to toss that coin.

The coin lands on its edge. You remember that the auction was uncontested by the opponents. West has already revealed holding the ♠A and ♦KQ. If East held ♣K as well, it is likely that West would have opened the bidding. Therefore you should play ♣Q.

This is the winning play as the full hand shows:

SWPT Session 14, Board 19
Dealer S, Vul EW

♠ K9876
♥ AQ
♦ AT
♣ AT97

♠ A52
♥ 765
♦ KQ983
♣ J6

♠ J4
♥ T9432
♦ 654
♣ K84

♠ QT3
♥ KJ8
♦ J72
♣ Q532

SWPT Rydges Datums

BD	Rnd13	Rnd14
1	20	-30
2	-180	30
3	430	10
4	-340	310
5	-110	520
6	-420	-590
7	-170	-430
8	-470	230
9	-660	130
10	-180	950
11	-40	-30
12	-310	-70
13	40	230
14	-10	-310
15	-330	-520
16	-260	-10
17	-230	-160
18	580	-350
19	40	370
20	-10	510

SWPT Hyatt Datums

BD	Rnd13	Rnd14
1	120	-50
2	-120	30
3	450	-260
4	-380	560
5	-130	440
6	-620	-460
7	-160	-620
8	-480	420
9	-650	120
10	50	1130
11	50	-70
12	-130	-100
13	0	520
14	70	-380
15	-460	-370
16	-300	70
17	-450	-20
18	620	-510
19	40	350
20	-60	590

ROUND OF SIXTEEN RESULTS

The final standings in the South-West Pacific Teams appear on the front page of this issue of NOT News. The three-way tie for sixth place at Rydges was resolved in a tense 3-way playoff for two positions in the last sixteen.

NUNN won both their 2 board matches comfortably, while BRAITHWAITE defeated BEECH by 1 IMP to join NUNN in the Round of Sixteen.

At the Hyatt, the Westwood team which finished in equal fourth position elected to non-contend for the NOT. Their position in the Round of Sixteen was taken by Rothfield who finished ninth.

The Captain's meeting was held in Room 1320 shortly after the conclusion of the playoff at Rydges.

BURGAY had first choice and elected to play against NUNN. LAVAZZA were next to choose and asked for help from the room, in the end choosing PRENT.

MARSTON chose CARTER, WILSMORE chose ROTHFIELD, SMITH chose HINGE and THOMPSON chose BEAUCHAMP.

This left NOBLE to play BRAITHWAITE and ZIGGY to play REINER. To the left are the positions in all the matches after 20 of 40 boards.

THE SAFETY PLAY

by Seamus Browne

"24" said Adrian

"I always go for 25" said Neil.

"We're both wrong" said Sneaky Sam.

"The perfect score on the first round of the NOT is 22. You miss all the top teams, you miss the good teams who had an accident and dropped a victory point, and you usually get a low seed – someone around the thirties or forties – who

Team Name	1-10	11-20	Total
LAVAZZA	43	51	94
PRENT	17	0	17
BRAITHWAITE	44	10	54
NOBLE	8	17	25
THOMPSON	33	4	37
BEAUCHAMP	9	20	29
CARTER	12	5	17*
MARSTON	25	51	76
WILSMORE	28	21	49
ROTHFIELD	16	29	45
HINGE	10	50	60
SMITH	10	1	11
ZIGGY	12	14	26
REINER	7	30	37
NUNN	29	1	30
BURGAY	28	41	69

* CARTER conceded their match to MARSTON overnight.

had a biggish win against someone in the low hundreds."

The others nodded sagely. Nobody argued for long against Sneaky Sam when it was a question of tactics.

As usual, Sam gave his team the riding instructions for the first match. "No close slams, because that way you could even lose. No doubled part-scores, and if you're really well up going into the last five drop a game on the floor."

Boards 1 to 10 passed profitably, but without significant incident at Sam's table. On board 11, however his opponents bid a grand slam – one down when the trump King was off-side. "We really should switch to keycard." The next board they doubled Sam in 2♠, and he wrapped up three on a trump end-play.

The next board his opponents bid a tight 3NT and Sam's partner doubled for the lead, +1100. The next board the opponents seemed to lose their nerve a little, and played their real grand slam in 4♦. Sam counted 55 IMPs on those four hands alone – and the next four unavoidably yielded at least another 30 IMPs Sam's way.

Staring down the barrel of a huge maximum, Sam slipped out to the toilet as his partner declared a part-score on board 18. He turned on his phone and rang his mother.

"Mum, would you mind ringing me back in a few minutes – thanks a lot."

Sam sauntered back to his table, a lazy grin on his face. It looked pretty much like 22VPs were in the bag.

OH! WHAT A FEELING!

by E. Shaw

SWPT Session 9, Board 20

Dealer W, Vul ALL

♠ AT3	
♥ K972	
♦ AT53	
♣ 82	
♠ 742	♠ Q9865
♥ QT63	♥ AJ5
♦ J9874	♦ 6
♣ A	♣ QT73
♠ KJ	
♥ 84	
♦ KQ2	
♣ KJ9654	

Contract: 3NT N

Small spade lead. Now pray and How! As fortune favours the brave and lack of entries to hand play small ♣ - Ace comes up, heart return to Jack, spade return to King. KQ of diamonds finesse 10 then Ace. ♠A and small club to Jack +600, +200 from the opposition. And a silent thank you.

♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥

WHEN (NOT) TO OBEY HUSBAND

by Anonymous

SWPT Round 10, Board 1

Dealer N, Vul Nil

♠ JT	
♥ K73	
♦ Q9	
♣ A95432	
♠ A9876	♠ KQ543
♥ —	♥ AQJ84
♦ KJT872	♦ 6
♣ Q6	♣ K8
♠ 2	
♥ T9652	
♦ A543	
♣ JT7	

West	North	East	South
	P	1♠	P
3♠	P	4♣ ¹	P
4♥	X ²	4♠	P
6♠	All pass		

(1) Ace ask (Gerber)
(2) Lead directing

What to lead?

South asked about the bidding. 4♥ showed one Ace. Husband asked for a heart lead. But it sounds like the opponents are missing two Aces. Maybe West has found another Ace. But if partner has ♥KQ, then a heart lead is imperative before the ♦A is knocked out.

At the table, South, wife of North decided to lead a heart – OUCH! The only lead to allow 6♠ to make!

(Editor's comment: Not quite. If you really are puzzled what to lead, you could try a trump. Leading a heart is more attractive because it means you will win the post-mortem.)

AN ENJOYABLE DEFENCE.

by Ross Crichton

SWPT, Session 6, Board 7

Dealer S, ALL VUL

♠ T742		
♥ Q973		
♦ 62		
♣ A32		
♠ J63	♠ AKQ8	
♥ J854	♥ K62	
♦ K853	♦ Q97	
♣ T8	♣ Q65	
♠ 95		
♥ AT		
♦ AJT4		
♣ KJ974		

West	North	East	South
			1♣
P	1♥	X	2♣
P	P	X(!) ¹	P
2♦	All pass		

1. Unlikely to be duplicated at other tables. The punishment was severe.

T1. ♣A, 5, 7, 8
T2. ♣2, 6, J, T
T3. ♣K, ♥4, 3, Q
T4. ♠9, 3, 2, ♠Q
T5. ♦7, 4, K, 2
T6. ♦3, 6, 9, T
T7. ♦A, 5, ♥3, ♦Q
T8. ♦J, 8, ♥7, ♥2
T9. ♣9, ♥5, ♠4, ♠8
T10. ♣4, ♠3, ♠7, ♠K
T11. ♠5, ♠6, ♠T, ♠A
T12. ♥6, T, ♥J, ♥Q
T13. ♥9, ♥K, ♥A, 8

Declarer made three tricks, for five down vulnerable. 2♣ made nine tricks (110) in the replay, a 9 IMP pickup to the Crichton team playing at the Hyatt. West remained unfazed throughout.

♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥

Another interesting play hand to appeal to the analysts.

TRUMP REDUCTION DISCLOSURE PLAY

by Ian McKinnon

SWPT, Session 9, Board 3

Dealer S, Vul EW

♠ AK85		
♥ 742		
♦ Q95		
♣ T62		
♠ T92		♠ QJ763
♥ T		♥ J963
♦ T76		♦ AK2
♣ KQJ93		♣ A
♠ 4		
♥ AKQ85		
♦ J843		
♣ 875		

West	North	East	South
			P
P	P	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	All Pass

Lead: ♥K

South erred by switching to ♦3 at trick two, whereas clearing trumps

would have isolated the club suit in dummy.

Seeing that there was now a chance to make this contract, declarer won $\diamond A$, played $\clubsuit A$ and ruffed a heart. He discarded $\diamond 2$ and $\heartsuit 3$ on the top clubs and crossed to $\diamond K$ to ruff $\heartsuit J$. The position was now:

<p>\spadesuit AK85 \heartsuit — \diamond 9 \clubsuit —</p>	<p>\spadesuit QJ763 \heartsuit — \diamond — \clubsuit —</p>	<p>\spadesuit T \heartsuit — \diamond T \clubsuit J94</p>
<p>\spadesuit 4 \heartsuit A8 \diamond J8 \clubsuit —</p>	<p>\spadesuit AJ9 \heartsuit KJ2 \diamond A \clubsuit KJ9543</p>	<p>\spadesuit Q32 \heartsuit 9 \diamond JT9653 \clubsuit Q82</p>

He now played $\spadesuit T$ hoping that trumps split 3-2 or the $\spadesuit 8$ was singleton. No such luck – one off.

A better line of play would have been for declarer to ruff the third club (instead of discarding a heart) and then cash $\diamond A$, ruff a heart, ruff $\diamond T$. The position would be:

<p>\spadesuit AK85 \heartsuit — \diamond — \clubsuit —</p>	<p>\spadesuit QJ7 \heartsuit J \diamond — \clubsuit —</p>	<p>\spadesuit T \heartsuit — \diamond — \clubsuit J94</p>
<p>\spadesuit 4 \heartsuit A8 \diamond 8 \clubsuit —</p>		

Declarer now ruffs $\heartsuit J$. North with only spades left has no answer since North is marked with 3 or 4 spades and is odds on to hold $\spadesuit 8$.

Editor: I would be interested in any thoughts on this one. I still think that the actual line chosen is best provided that declarer ruffs $\diamond T$ before playing on trumps. This would give declarer a finessing option when North wins and returns a trump although I think it would be a guess provided that South follows with $\diamond J$ when the diamond is ruffed.

MISTAKES I HAVE MADE

by Kinga Moses

“Just as well that I did not bid 6 \heartsuit ”, said DH (Despairing Husband) as he made eleven tricks in 5 \heartsuit , playing against the Beech team, with John Wignall (East) and Bob Scott (West).

SWPT Session 12, Board 2
 Dealer E, Vul NS

<p>\spadesuit Q32 \heartsuit 9 \diamond JT9653 \clubsuit Q82</p>	<p>\spadesuit KT5 \heartsuit AT6543 \diamond K742 \clubsuit —</p>	<p>\spadesuit 8764 \heartsuit Q87 \diamond Q8 \clubsuit AT76</p>
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West	North	East	South
P	2NT ²	P	2 \diamond ¹
P	4NT ⁴	P	4 \heartsuit ³
P	5 \heartsuit ⁶	All pass	5 \diamond ⁵

- (1) 6-10 with 6 card heart suit or a number of strong hands
- (2) Enquiry
- (3) Maximum weak 2 \heartsuit
- (4) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (5) One key card

Lead $\diamond J$

“In six I will make 12 tricks”, I claimed.

“How?” he said, “if you mis-pick the spade finesse!”

“Ah, but in 6 \heartsuit , I set up a club trick!”

“But John Wignall ducked the first club trick”.

“However, he considered the play for some time and so I can now drop the $\clubsuit Q$ to three.”

The sequence of plays are:

- 1: $\diamond J$ to $\diamond A$
- 2: Low club (hesitation by East) ruffed
- 3: Trump to King
- 4: $\clubsuit K$, $\clubsuit A$, ruffed.
- 5: Diamond ruffed low
- 6: Club ruffed (Q drops)
- 7: Diamond ruffed.

Now if the diamond is over-ruffed, then the last club is ruffed high and trumps are drawn. On the other hand if East discards, then spade to King, play trump Ace, over to spade King followed by a good club. East can take the Queen of trumps whenever.

“Well”, DH said, “You should have bid 6 \heartsuit over 4NT, showing a useful void and one key card!!”

Postscript: John Wignall played nine contracts in this match, almost card perfect, to inflict a big loss on us.

ANC 2001 RAFFLE

This raffle drawn on Friday, the results being:

1 st prize – Oil painting	
Ticket No: 1948	Grant Kilvington
2 nd prize – Dozen bottles of wine	
Ticket No: 1207	Lindy Ward
3 rd prize - A gourmet hamper	
Ticket No: 0747	Quentin Mitchell

TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 26/1/01

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TOP THREE IN SOUTH WEST PACIFIC TEAMS CATEGORIES

South West Pacific Team - Grand Slam Trophy

BURGAY (L Burgay, C Mariani, C Balicki, A Zmidzinski, W Malaczynski) 310

Womens Teams

1st CUMPSTONE (K Cumstone, J Hay, K Yule, E Blackham) 231
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3rd PETTITT (J Pettitt, J Pettitt, T Hutton, H Hutton) 234

Seniors Teams – Eva Hardy Trophy

1st WESTWOOD (W Westwood, I McKinnon, P Johnman, T Goodyer) 245
2nd COWAN (R Cowan, M Foster, C Goodyer, S Robinson) 226
3rd SLOBOM (R Slobom, K Johnson, R Steinwedel, L Steinwedel) 224

Veterans Teams

1st WILLIS (P Willis, N Willis, P Jamieson, J Speed) 211
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Country Teams

1st HURLEY (E Hurley, J Brown, M Askew, W Powell) 233
2nd WILLIAMS (B Williams, R Misior, D Robinson, L Blizzard) 233
3rd SEAR (B Sear, J Pritchard, A Kelly, K Dawson) 228

Youth Team – Neil Mathiesen Trophy

1st GUARINO-WATSON (A Guarino-Watson, A Greenwood, T Johnson, J Wyner) 218

Novice Teams

1st GALLAGHER (R Gallagher, P Waight, G Hutchins, A Marshall, L Cowlshaw, V Holbrook) 224
2nd CLARKE (M Clarke, D Clarke, J Selleck, K Crough) 204
3rd FOLEY (B Foley, P Rodden, R Riedel, R Riedel) 185

Local Teams – Lew Thomson Trophy

1st GRAHAME (D Grahame, J Grahame, T Hancock, A Hancock, P Grant, R Curnow) 236
2nd ABRAHAM (M Abraham, N Jonsson, R Hills, H Ali) 226
3rd GALLAGHER (R Gallagher, P Waight, G Hutchins, A Marshall, L Cowlshaw, V Holbrook) 224

COLUMN 8

I sometimes get the feeling that Column 8 must be the most widely read part of the NOT News. If we slip up in Column 8, our devoted NOT News readers are quick to let us know. Apologies to our honoured guests and Maria Teresa Lavazza in particular for the mis-spelling of her name in NOT News #10. How could we have got it wrong since the name, Lavazza, has featured prominently on Page 1 of NOT News for all of the last week as the leading qualifier in the Rydge's segment of the SWPT?



In the preparing this edition of NOT News, we reviewed the final placings for the various trophy categories in the South West Pacific Teams Championship. The winner of the Brian Rawson Trophy for first in the Mixed Teams category was the KAHLER team and not the GRAHAME team as announced at the presentations of trophies that occurred last night. Congratulations to the KAHLER team and apologies to the GRAHAME team for the error. We point out that the GRAHAME team was a worthy winner of the Lew Thomson Trophy for best placed ACT team.



Thanks to Juliet Pettit for mentioning that she and John spent their honeymoon at the 1974 NOT at the Hotel Canberra (now the Hyatt). Juliett fondly remembers one particular hand in their first match when she dropped John in a cue bid on their way to 7H which makes if played from the right side. John handled the contract in a 3-2 trump fit with considerable skill to notch up +130. It proved to be a pick-up with their opponents failing in 7H on a ruff.

All of that occurred 27 years ago and they are still playing bridge together. What a record!



One of our correspondents is proposing to have a Funny Bunny Award. The proposed qualifications for this award are:

1. On the last two days, improve your position 80 places;
2. Win the last five matches; and
3. Finish in the top thirty.

The Captain of Team 89, Alan Steggles from Ohio in the USA had high hopes of being an inaugural winner of the Award but slipped up in the last match to lose it by 3 IMPS. He says, however, that there is no funny bunny award in the US.

It has been pointed out to us that Alan's name did not appear in the list of International Visitors in NOT News #7 – an oversight on our part. We have been told that this is Alan's second NOT – the second of many we hope.



We have received many suggestions for all kinds of records at this year's NOT. One correspondent reckons that Herbert Lachs should receive an honourable mention for his efforts in playing 13 of the 20 boards as the East player in Round 13. In our match, my partner only managed to be declarer for 10 of the boards. As West, I declared in 6 contracts, failing in two slam contracts (one of which was hopeless), a 3NT contract and a 5D contract (doubled). Maybe if I had let partner try to beat Herbert's record, we might have won the match!



One particular pair of aggressive bidders was reviewing their efforts in reaching a low level contract. The unsuccessful declarer bleated plaintively: "What is the best contract?" Quick as a flash, his partner responded: "Passed in".

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