



# NOT NEWS

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## THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Youth Pairs Championship was played on Monday and Tuesday at the Burton and Garran Hall at ANU. The following are the results:

### First Place:

Tony Nunn (NSW)

Kylie Robb (NSW)

### Second Place:

Nick Croft (SA)

Luke Matthews (SA)

### Third Place:

Gabby Feiler (NSW)

Daniel Krochmalik (NSW)

Third place winners also won the category of Under 20 years of age.



### Walk In Pairs - 17/1/01

#### Morning session

N/S

1 P Lilly, L Lilly 58.1%

2 K Colbert, N Bugeia 54.4%

3 M Jefferson, T Wheatley 47.5%

#### E/W

1 A Delivera, R Hills 65.6%

2 C Treloar, B Treloar 52.5%

3 H Brooksbank, M Brennan 51.3%

#### Afternoon session

1 A Delivera, R Hills 61.1%

2 P Havlicek, B Knight 59.5%

3 T Wheatley, M Jefferson 52.4%

#### Evening session (teams match)

1 T Davis, T Marinos 43 VPs

2 D Kennedy, R Polya 37 VPs

3 B Knight, P Havlicek 23 VPs

4 J Date, A Glasson 17 VPs



## TOP 10 after 3 rounds

### National Womens Teams (80 teams)

			VP's
1st	1	B TRAVIS, E HAVAS, J COURTNEY, A CLARK, J CORMACK, D MOIR	66
2nd	6	G TUCKER, M MILLAR, R CLAYTON, A KEMPTHORNE	64
3rd	8	R JAMIESON, A POWELL, K JOHNMANN, V DRESSLER	63
4th	2	L BEECH, M BOURKE, F BEALE, D SMART, S LUSK T TULLY	62
4th	26	J BROWN, M ASKEW, R VAUGHAN, E BERGER	62
6th	9	K NEALE, C WRIGHT, L KING, C HERDEN	61
7th	3	V CUMMINGS, C FEITELSON, L STERN, B FOLKARD, K YULE, J HAY	60
7th	12	M GOYEN, B DEWHURST, A OSBORNE, P CROWE	60
9th	7	S BIRD, N CHURCH, K CREET, J HOFFMAN, J TOBIN	59
9th	16	L ABBENBROEK, B MENZIES, J MCLENNAN, C AIKIN	59

### National Seniors Teams (74 teams)

1st	1	B HAUGHIE, J BORIN, J LESTER, G LORENTZ, A WALSH, R KLINGER	73
2nd	13	S KLOFA, C SCHWABEGGER, A MEYDAN, D WHITE	64
2nd	4	G RIDGWAY, A ROBBINS, V MUNTZ, D HAPPELL	64
4th	2	B EVANS, T MOSS, D ZINES, B TENCER	63
5th	21	K LUIKER, P MATHESON, J HARRIS, B PRIESTLEY	62
6th	10	B HOFFEINS, P HOFFEINS, M WIGHOUT, J WALDVOGEL	60
7th	16	H ALI, G RISZKO, B KRISHAN, T SKINNER	59
8th	7	G VARADI, L VARADI, E AUERBACH, R HUTCHISON	58
9th	25	R ALLGOOD, L ALLGOOD, A IVANYI, J IVANYI	57
10th	9	L KNIGHT, J WOODFIELD, G FREEMAN-GREEN, D MCLEAN	55

### National 0-149 Teams (28 teams)

1st	111	J HILTON, T CHAN, E CHAN, D CUNNINGHAM	65
2nd	112	G LYNGA, C LANDAU, S FILLER, M COPPING	65
3rd	105	A STEPHENS, J DALY, S SCERRI, A SCERRI, G MCALARY, M WEDDELL	62
4th	114	E RUSHFORTH, S WATERS, L MOSS, B ROBINSON	60
5th	103	P THRESHER, A CURTIS, Y MEARS, T STEWART-UDEN	58
6th	128	A BALDWIN, G GRAY, K GULLAN, C BEATON	56
7th	116	D PRYDE, V TOTTERDELL, K BLACK, M HENNIKER	54
8th	110	J PUSKAS, K LINN, B WING, J WIECZOREK	51
9th	109	A STRUIK, T MARKER, R HILL, D TOAKLEY	49
10th	107	J SEAR, E MOENS, R CUNLIFFE, D HATCHER	46

# SERES IS BACK!

by David Bird

My wife and I were invited to attend the NOT a few years ago and my most lasting memory is of a session that I spent watching Tim Seres. For many decades, tales of his masterful cardplay had filtered through to the backwoods of Chandlers Ford in Hampshire, England, where we live. Now I had the chance to watch the great man in action. At the age of seventy-plus was he past it? Not at all, as I was to discover. His team smashed all-star opponents, including Ron Klinger and Phillip Alder (USA), by over 60 IMPs.

The good news for everyone attending this year's NOT is that Tim is back! Not all of you will be favoured with the chance to play against him, but if you have the chance to watch him make sure that you take it. It is an experience you will not easily forget.

Here is a memorable deal played by Tim some twenty years ago.

Dir N; Vul All

♠ K76  
♥ K976  
♦ AQ  
♣ T963

♠ Q4  
♥ JT83  
♦ J752  
♣ KJ7

♠ J85  
♥ Q54  
♦ K986  
♣ Q84

♠ AT932  
♥ A2  
♦ T43  
♣ A52

West	North	East	South
			Seres
---	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

The 1NT response was a game force and the rest of the bidding was natural. Seres won the ♥J lead with the ace and finessed the ♦Q, losing to the king. At this stage any normal human being would see three further losers: one trump (barring a miracle) and two clubs.

Seres does not believe in miracles, except of his own making. He ducked East's club return to the jack and won the ♣K with the ace. The ♥K, the ♦A and a heart ruff were followed by a

diamond ruff and a further heart ruff (it would not assist East to ruff in, either high or low). This position had been reached:

♠ K7  
♥ ---  
♦ ---  
♣ T9

♠ Q4  
♥ ---  
♦ J  
♣ 7

♠ J85  
♥ ---  
♦ ---  
♣ Q

♠ AT9  
♥ ---  
♦ ---  
♣ 5

Seres now exited with a club to East's queen. The low trump return went to the 10, queen and king. A finesse of the trump 9 then landed the seemingly impossible contract.

Will you witness anything like that if you manage to watch Tim in play at the NOT this year? I wouldn't bet against it!

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**Editor's Note:** We are delighted to have this article from David Bird and hope to see David and his wife back in Australia soon.

## Have you had a fabulous meal out in Canberra this year?

We want to know. You will have received in your satchels a Canberra Restaurant guide.

If you would like to add to this list (or remove!) you can drop your recommendations in our pink NOT NEWS contribution boxes located at all venues. We will make sure that these gastronomic suggestions will be taken into account in the development of future guides.

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## TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 17/1/00

# 579

♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥♠♥

### Womens Teams Datums

BD	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1	200	-120	420
2	-30	-70	1060
3	100	20	130
4	310	160	30
5	-50	580	70
6	80	430	-150
7	130	20	40
8	40	-440	20
9	230	-60	-50
10	-350	0	-60
11	-450	-70	-360
12	80	430	-230
13	40	-630	1320
14	450	320	-40
15	0	0	30
16	200	-510	-10
17	140	240	640
18	480	-390	-410
19	-510	-250	30
20	1130	410	-70

### Seniors Teams Datums

BD	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1	180	-90	410
2	-90	0	830
3	50	20	-20
4	250	130	130
5	20	640	-150
6	100	430	-40
7	130	-180	20
8	40	-440	10
9	160	-40	30
10	-370	-30	-190
11	-450	50	-380
12	-60	480	-200
13	40	-620	1440
14	400	330	-50
15	-60	110	10
16	240	-600	-20
17	0	150	490
18	320	-420	-440
19	-420	-130	150
20	770	260	-170

# 5 YEARS AGO – THE POWER OF ONE- OPENINGS REVISITED

by Earl Dudley

Each NOT qualifying round has its special bridge memories. A particular feature of the 1996 NOT was round 6 of the qualifying rounds, which generated many stories for the first ever NOT News edited by Jon Hunt. It provided six slams for the NS pairs (5 in clubs including one grand). None of the slams were easy to bid. For example, we expected a loss on Board 17 when we stopped in 5♣ with ♠–♥AQ532 ♦AK62 ♣A986 facing ♠QT863 ♥4 ♦9 ♣QJT752 but were pleasantly surprised when our opponents rested in 1♥ just making.

Ron Klinger contributed an interesting (albeit, slightly tongue in cheek) article entitled *The power of one-openings* urging readers to consider opening the bidding with 1Suit for one-suited hands where a pre-emptive is a possible alternative. He illustrated his point with

Board 7 of Round 6:Dir S; Vul All

♠ J86	
♥ 2	
♦ AJT3	
♣ K7653	
♠ T7432	♠ AQ95
♥ J7	♥ 963
♦ Q64	♦ K92
♣ QJ4	♣ A98
♠ K	
♥ AKQT854	
♦ 875	
♣ T2	

The South players who opened 4♥ normally came a cropper on the Q♣ lead. A bit unlucky maybe but even if the ♣A is well placed, you will probably need to find West with one of the top diamond honours as well in order to succeed in 4♥. I recall feeling pleased about this hand because we play NAMYATS and I opened 4♣ (goodish heart pre-empt). This made North declarer thus protecting the club suit from immediate attack and allowing declarer to work on the diamond suit to set up the 4<sup>th</sup> diamond for a discard of a black suit loser. However, Ron in his article

notes that this would not have sufficed against accurate defence. On the first lead of diamonds, the expert play is to rise with Q♦ to ruin communications. If West sleepily withholds Q♦, East can shine by ducking when declarer plays J or T♦.

3NT is a superior contract for NS, which can be bid if South opens 1♥ and raises North's 1NT response to 3NT. While 3NT is beaten on a spade lead if West started with A♠ and East the Q♠, it has better prospects than 4♥. It is not iron clad on the actual distribution but only the lead of A♠ followed by a heart lead guarantees to beat it.

Single suited hands such as South's are somewhat deceptive. The temptation is to look for game in hearts but the difficulty is that the normal method of snatching extra tricks in a trump contract (ruffing losers with the short trumps) is unlikely to be available. To secure the required 10 tricks you will need to generate three extra tricks outside of trumps. In 3NT you require only two tricks and there is an additional chance you will score a cheap trick on the opening lead.

Round 12 came around and with no one vulnerable and first to speak I held ♠943 ♥7 ♦Q4 ♣AKQ7653. You are never going to get to a marginal 3NT by opening 3♣ and so ever the optimist I chose to open a nervous 1♣. If the opponents stayed out of the auction (a big ask), then it was just possible the bidding might proceed 1♣ 1Major: 2♣ 2NT: 3NT. No such luck! The full hand:

Brd. 11; Vul Nil; Dir S

♠ AK752	♠ 6
♥ T9862	♥ AQJ543
♦ 8	♦ J76532
♣ J9	♣ ---
♠ QJT8	
♥ K	
♦ AKT9	
♣ T842	
♠ 943	
♥ 7	
♦ Q4	
♣ AKQ7653	

The bidding was short and sweet (for our opponents): 1♣ P 1♠ 2♣: 3♣ 6♦ X. On the J♣ lead, declarer wrapped up all 13 tricks. I was astonished at the time that West found the 6♦ bid but on reflection it is a reasonable gamble.

East figures to have a goodish two-suited take-out since an overcall of 1NT or 2♣ (if not a natural bid) could have been used with a weaker hand.

Note that a 3♣ or 3NT opening would have caused just enough interference to deflect EW from the par spot. It is probable that EW will get to 4♥, which is cold despite the foul trump split (Ruff the club, play a diamond to A, overtake K♥ and cash two more trumps).

So much for the power of one-openings.

## AUSTRALIAN COLTS BRIDGE TEAM TO HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND

The ABF Youth Committee has resolved to send an Under 20 (born on or after 1/1/81) to Hamilton to compete against New Zealand in a test match and (optional) to play in the New Zealand National Championships (for which their entry fee will be paid by the NZCBA).

Dates: Test Match - June 28-29, 2001; NZ Nationals - June 30 - July 7, 2001.

There is no guarantee of a subsidy for this team, as the ABF will be committed to the World Junior Championships and the Pacific Asia Bridge Federation Championships in 2001.

Eligible players are invited to express their interest in participating. All nominations must be by pairs.

Pairs who provide expressions of interest are requested to make clear that either:

- 1) they are prepared to attend regardless of subsidies; **or**
- 2) they are prepared to attend, but would require a subsidy to do so.

Expressions of interest must be brought to the attention of David Lusk by email on or before February 16, 2001. (lusk@chariot.net.au)

# TRANS TASMAN YOUTH CHALLENGE

by Earl Dudley

The Australian National University in Canberra was the setting for the 2001 Trans Tasman Youth Challenge held on 13 and 14 January. The event featured four teams:

**New Zealand:** Jillian Hay (npc), Martijn Prent, Jonathon West, Christiaan Prent, Mike Dollan;

**Australia A:** David Lusk (npc), Luke Matthews, Nicholas Croft, Paul Brayshaw, Greg Dupont;

**Australia B:** John Maddison (npc), Gabby Feiler, Daniel Krochmalik, Leigh Gold, Tim Johnson; and

**Oceania:** Peter Gill (npc), Stephane Parisis (French Polynesia), Cecile Ambrois (French Polynesia), John Whyte (Tonga), David Wiltshire (Australia), Joshua Wyner (Australia).

The event boasted a number of firsts. Stephane and Cecile were the first ever French Polynesians to contest a youth bridge event in Australia and John the first Tongan. At age 14, John is the youngest contestant to play international bridge in Zone 7 history, a record previously held by Ben Hutchinson. It is also believed that Jillian may have been the youngest non-playing captain in the Zone's history.

On Saturday, New Zealand squared off against Australia A over 40 boards for the Trans Tasman Challenge trophy while Oceania took on Australia B. The results were:

	<b>Bds 1-10</b>	<b>Bds 11-20</b>		<b>Bds 21-30</b>		<b>Bds 31-40</b>	<b>Total</b>
New Zealand	9	31	40	8	48	23	71
Australia A	6	39	45	26	71	42	113
	<b>Bds 1-10</b>	<b>Bds 11-20</b>		<b>Bds 21-30</b>		<b>Bds 31-40</b>	<b>Total</b>
Australia B	48	34	82	43	125	29	154
Oceania	11	23	34	43	77	26	103

Both teams in the New Zealand - Australia A match started nervously. The score after 10 boards suggests tight bridge but the reality was missed opportunities duplicated at both tables. The second set was a wild affair, which we have come to expect from youth bridge. The Australians did their cause no good by bidding two failing slams (one missing two cashing aces) but had the better of most of the other hands. They asserted an edge over their Trans Tasman rivals in the second half of the match to run out comfortable winners. In the second match, Oceania looked to be headed for a thrashing after 10 boards but fought back magnificently over the remaining 30 boards to keep their more fancied opponents largely at bay but failed to peg back the early lead of the locals.

On the Sunday, the teams played a round robin qualifying tournament with the two top qualifying teams playing a 20 board final. The results were as follows:

## Qualifying

	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Round 2</b>		<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rank</b>
New Zealand	20	16	36	3	39	4
Australia A	11	18	29	25	54	1
Australia B	19	14	33	8	41	3
Oceania	10	12	22	22	44	2

In the final 20 board play off. Australia A defeated Oceania by 47 IMPs to 38 IMPs with New Zealand winning the play-off for third place. And now for some hands.

Brd 6; Dlr E; Vul. EW

♠ QJ975

♥ 75

♦ A98

♣ 875

♠ ---

♥ K

♦ KQJT53

♣ AQT643

♠ AK864

♥ 9864

♦ 76

♣ J9

♠ T32

♥ AQJT32

♦ 42

♣ K2

First board out of the slot had the kibitzers salivating. The bidding was brief at one table. South opened a somewhat heavy 2♦ (weak two in either major) and West dismissed the possibility of slam by overcalling 4NT leading to a 5♣ contract by East. The spotlight was now on the opening lead. Most of us have had the experience of leading an Ace from AQ in a high level contract only to find that this sets up the K in declarer's hand and is the only lead to present declarer with his contract. Nevertheless, I think it is best here where the priority is to snatch whatever tricks are available in dummy's short suits. The result would have been extremely gratifying on this occasion. A heart continuation traps declarer in dummy and the K♣ is the setting trick. The defender in the South seat thought differently and led a spade. After a slower auction at the other table saw West declare in 5♦. A spade lead was again found for a flat board.

Brd. 7, Dlr S; Vul All

	♠ 83	
	♥ QT32	
	♦ 763	
	♣ AT65	
♠ 65		♠ AT942
♥ 876		♥ J9
♦ KQT52		♦ 98
♣ 943		♣ KQJ8
	♠ KQJ7	
	♥ AK54	
	♦ AJ4	
	♣ 72	

The contract was 4♥ in both rooms. The West defender at the table I was watching led a trump rather than K♦. With the sight of all four hands, the winning declarer player seems simple enough - set up the spades, draw trumps and in the fullness of time ruff a diamond in dummy. There is a trap though which a resourceful defender can exploit. Say, declarer wins with A♥, crosses to Q♥, plays a spade to K♠, returns to T♥ and leads a second spade, the contract is defeated if East ducks the second spade. Declarer can counter this defence by delaying drawing the third round of trumps, using A♣ as an entry to lead the second spade.

Declarer chose an alternative line of play at the table. He won the opening lead in hand and ducked a club paving the way for a dummy reversal. A diamond switch at this point might have caused some embarrassment but declarer can counter by ducking a round. East however pursued trumps. A spade to K followed and then Q♠ to knock out A♠. A 4-3 split in spades would now see declarer home. The bad news was that spades were 5-2 but the good news was that West slipped up by failing to ruff J♠. +620. At the other table, the K♦ was led followed by a switch and East rose with A♠ on the first lead of the suit in order to continue the attack on diamonds. Flat board!!

The following hand from the second set shows fine bidding judgment by the Australian pair for a handsome pick-up.

Brd 18; Dlr E; Vul. NS

	♠ J	
	♥ KJ843	
	♦ K984	
	♣ Q83	
♠ K97		♠ AT853
♥ 6		♥ A72
♦ AJT2		♦ 8753
♣ AT752		♣ J
	♠ Q842	
	♥ QT98	
	♦ Q	
	♣ K984	

The bidding was as follows:

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

To win at teams, you need to take maximum advantage of the opponent's errors. On this hand, I suspect that few bridge players would find the cue raise by South of the 1♥ overcall. The raise to 4♥ showed a lack of discipline. The final penalty double with a hand such as East's will backfire occasionally but figures to return a useful profit in the long-term. The defence was imprecise and declarer escaped for -500 but this was still a big pick-up with 4♠ failing at the other table.

The matches were played in a friendly spirit. I was impressed with how the players conducted themselves at the table. The occasional mistake was dealt with a brief "sorry". There were no boring post mortems and the opponents were treated with the utmost respect and courtesy. Very refreshing.



# A CHAMPION HAND

By Tim Bourke

Victor Champion is one of the legendary figures of Australian Bridge. From the early 1930s until the end of World War II, he was regarded as the best player in Australia. After that, the emergence of Tim Seres as Australia's best and the lack of a challenge in Melbourne may have taken an edge off his game. Still, he was the dominant player in Melbourne until he retired from serious competitions in the early 1960s.

My own recollections of him are as a true gentleman at the table who was an absolute delight to kibitz. A striking feature of his game was that when he declared you could not tell whether the contract was good or bad; he always greeted dummy with the same calmness and methodical attention. Perhaps my favourite memories of him are of my own good fortune to play with Champ, as both a team mate and partner, even those opportunities were rare.

A sad thing is that very few examples of his skill as a card player are known, something I have been on the lookout to correct. Imagine how delighted I was when I found this hand, from a 1941 game of Rubber Bridge, recently:

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

	West	North	East	South Champion
				1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥	
Pass	6♥	All pass		

The auction looks crude by our standards but the final contract was reasonable. As West did not want to broach either major, he chose an unfortunate nine of diamonds that was covered by the jack,

queen and king. As West's lead suggested that if anyone were long in trumps it would be him, Champ played the ace and queen of trumps. If trumps had been 3-2, thanks to the lead, the play would have been a doddle.

When trumps prove to be four-one, Champ switched his attention to spades, playing the ace and king then taking a spade ruff. After he finessed the ten of trumps and drew the last trump with the king, these cards remained:

<p>♠ J ♥ - ♦ 4 ♣ 7 5 2</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ - ♦ A 3 2 ♣ A</p>
<p>♠ - ♥ - ♦ 8 6 ♣ J 10 8</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ - ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ K Q</p>

There were several possible routes home from here but they required either diamonds to be three-three (West *could* have led top-of-nothing) or that East guard both minors. In any event, it could not hurt to cash the queen of spades.

As the cards lay, East had no winning discard. A diamond would allow Champ to duck a diamond and then run the suit. In practice East threw the queen of clubs, hoping that his partner held the jack of clubs, but this proved to be another losing option.

Champ threw the eight of clubs from hand, cashed dummy's ace of clubs and then led a low diamond. East rose with the ten and returned the suit but the eight of diamonds and the jack of clubs were the eleventh and twelfth tricks.

You may have noted that in the above ending that Champ could have played a low diamond *before* cashing the queen of spades. East would rise with the ten and return a club to leave these cards outstanding:

<p>♠ J ♥ - ♦ - ♣ 7 5</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ - ♦ A 3 ♣ -</p>
<p>♠ - ♥ - ♦ 8 ♣ J 10</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ - ♦ 10 7 ♣ Q</p>

Now the queen of spades overcomes declarer's diamond blockage once more. He will throw the ten of clubs from hand while East is in the familiar dilemma; a diamond discard will allow that suit to run whereas parting with the queen of clubs will see the eight of diamonds used as an entry to the good jack of clubs.

*The NOT NEWS will be keeping you all up to date on the latest appeals from the Summer Festival.*

**Appeals Committees**

**(Chairperson Ivy Dahler)**

**National Women's and 0-149ers Teams:**

J Cormack, V Cummings  
P Evans, E Havas  
J Hoffman, S Lusk  
M Scudder, L Stern  
G Tucker

**National Senior's Teams:**

R Evans, R Folkard  
T Goodyer, R Klinger  
J Lester, J Mottram  
V Muntz, E Ramshaw  
G Ridgway

**Please Note:** *If you wish to make an appeal against a director's ruling tell the director, who can advise you of the process. Appeals do not need a monetary deposit BUT, beware... appeals deemed to be frivolous may result in a reduction in the appellants' score.*

# SYDNEY BRIDGE FESTIVAL

Thursday 13 to Sunday 16  
September 2001

The Festival will comprise two new events PLUS new format for The Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs. **All events carry Gold Masterpoints**

## Sydney Seniors Swiss Teams

**European Style Format** (no evening sessions) Starting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> with 2-days of Qualifying Rounds. Saturday semi-finals and Sunday FINAL

**Playoff Qualifying Points** are available for the finalists. Prize money available for the finalists  
SPONSOR: **NSW Department of Sport & Recreation**

**Eligibility:** Must be born before 13/9/1946.

## Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, New format with a 1-day Qualifying SWISS PAIRS event with separate North/South and East/West fields. (Removes the luck factor of sitting in the wrong seats at the wrong time.)  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> FINAL

**Playoff Qualifying Points** are available for the top place-getters. Prize money available for the finalists. SPONSOR: **The Sydney Morning Herald**

## Safilo Swiss Teams

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, SWISS Teams, Format 7 x 8 board matches. Generous prizes for top place-getters.  
SPONSOR: **Safilo**

**Venue:** Hakoah Club, 61 Hall St. BONDI

**Conveners:** Valerie Cummings (02-9959-4946) and John McIlrath (02-9922-3644)

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# HYATT HOTEL CANBERRA FOOD & DRINK FACILITIES

*Hyatt Hotel Canberra would like to extend a very warm welcome to all players in the 2001 Summer Festival of Bridge. We hope you'll find that we provide the appropriate 'deck' in which to play that winning card! If you have a chance to relax, please take advantage of your time here at Hyatt Hotel Canberra and enjoy our venues, as outlined below.*

## The Promenade Café

**Before the bridge take a walk along our Promenade!** Our Promenade Café's lavish buffet is sure to delight with an impressive array of dishes on offer. For lunch the subtle flavours of the cool gourmet salads await you, with a hot selection to complement.

In the evening, you'll find a stylish choice of hot dishes and a fresh and tempting cold buffet, with succulent seafood offered on Friday and Saturday evenings; perfect for a warm Summer evening. Toast the games ahead with a glass of red, white or sparkling wine, and finish with a fine coffee and a decadent dessert.

The Promenade Café is open daily from 7.00am to 10.30pm. We have a special early bird buffet on offer for all the participants in the 2001 Festival of Bridge from 6pm – 8pm for the price of \$27.00 from Sunday – Thursday and on Friday and Saturday evenings for \$35.50.

**For inquiries or bookings, please call extension 8810.**

## The Tea Lounge

Should you be having a break from play, a refreshing drink may in be order in our Tea Lounge, or perhaps it is time for that cappuccino corner conversation with your bridge partner. If you have time to relax, High Tea is served from 2.30pm – 5.00pm every day. You'll find many a delightful delicacy, including warm fluffy white scones laden with homemade jam and cream.

### The Tea Lounge Opening Hours are:

9.30 am - 10 pm Monday - Thursday  
9.30 am - 12 pm Friday & Saturday  
9.30 am - 8 pm Sunday

## Speaker's Corner Bar

To celebrate that winning card, why not enjoy a cool refresher or a Summertime cocktail in the cool calm of the Rose or Lavender courtyards. Or **Speaker's Corner Bar** offers a comfortable and intimate atmosphere for that well deserved drink.

### Speaker's Corner Bar Opening Hours:

3 pm - 12 pm Sunday - Thursday  
3 pm - 1 am Friday & Saturday

## Food & Beverage Retail Outlet

In the Atrium, located right outside your tournament venue, you will find a food & beverage retail outlet serving refreshments, soft drinks and light snacks, including lamintons, Anzac cookies, doughnuts, muffins, sandwiches, meat pies, confectionery, tea, coffee, champagne, beer and wine.

Opening hours: 10am – 10.30pm

*apart from the following dates:*

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 12.30pm – 10.30pm  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 12.30pm – 10.30pm  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 9.00am – 4.00pm

# SENIOR MAGIC

by Earl Dudley

I was almost thrown out of the playing area of the National Seniors Teams Championship on the grounds of not meeting the age criterion. I explained that I was only there to kibitz and that despite my youthful appearance I was not all that far away from the double 5. I chose to watch the top seeds and parked myself at the table in which Bill Haughie and Jim Borin sat North/South. The first board of the major competition for the 2001 Summer Festival was a beauty. Bill and Jim made it clear to me that they were here to bid.

Brd. 1; Dlr N; Vul Nil

♠ AK65	♠ 32
♥ 5	♥ J743
♦ J9864	♦ Q75
♣ K65	♣ AT73
♠ QJT74	♠ 98
♥ KQ986	♥ AT2
♦ 3	♦ AKT2
♣ 32	♣ QJ84

The bidding proceeded:

1♦	2NT
3♣	3♥
3♠	4♥
4♠	6♦

2NT was a game forcing raise in diamonds and 3♣ and 3♥ stoppers while 3♠ was a cue with some slam interest since North could have bid 3NT to show a spade control. A slam with a combined 25 HCP in the two hands. But look at those controls and there are no wasted values. Still Bill had to locate the Q♦ to bring home his contract. This was no problem for Bill. He finessed after cashing one round. No doubt he was encouraged to take this line by the aggressive opening lead of A♣. Tough luck for those pairs at other tables who

bid to 3NT only to discover that they had to find the Q♦ to avoid going more than one off in their contract.

Bill and Jim were at it again on Board 7.

Brd. 7; Dlr S; Vul All

♠ K875	♠ QT2
♥ 632	♥ A9
♦ AT93	♦ KQ65
♣ K9	♣ QJ43
♠ J6	♠ A943
♥ KQT5	♥ J874
♦ 8742	♦ J
♣ 765	♣ AT82

Bill chanced a threadbare 1♠ opening in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat, ostensibly showing a 5+ suit. Jim had no hesitation in forcing to game via a 4♦ splinter. On this occasion, Bill had no trouble giving up on any hopes of reaching slam. It is by no means clear what East should choose as an opening lead against the 20 point game. The A♥ will sink the contract in quick time while the K♦ is probably good enough but takes longer. East's choice of a club was unlucky since it gave Bill a cheap club winner in order to park a losing heart. +620

Not everything went Bill and Jim's way. Their less fancied opponents got the better of them on this deal.

Brd. 5; Dlr N; Vul NS

♠ KJT9	♠ Q86
♥ —	♥ K942
♦ AT742	♦ K9
♣ K753	♣ AT98
♠ 432	♠ A75
♥ QJT875	♥ A53
♦ Q5	♦ J863
♣ QJ	♣ 642

East chose a somewhat conservative

pass over Bill's 1♦ opening but West came to life over Jim's 1NT response with a cheeky 2♥ overcall. Bill's attempt to muddy the waters with a rebid of 3♣ was treated with disdain by East who jumped to 4♥. Jim who no doubt was buoyed by his success on Board 1 tried 5♦ but East was not to be denied and produced the penalty double. With 4♥ having no play, the score of +500 was particularly welcomed.

## COLUMN 8

We are still keen to have a few stories for Column 8. Humorous articles, witty remarks (but not slanderous, please) and some good new stories about good experiences at the table. Can you help please?

We are thinking about doing a special feature on Board 10 of Round 3. We are interested in finding out about some of the auctions that occurred at your table. Just write them out and drop them in the NOT NEWS contributions box at your venue.

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## DO YOU NEED SOME HELP?

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